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(2012)

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA)

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

SECTION ONE
ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE FOR BIDS
(2012)

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, a Municipal Corporation, in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, 2201 University Boulevard, on the 16th day of October, 2013, until 2:00, p.m., local time, and then publicly opened and read for the furnishing of all labor and material (where required) and equipment for performing a public works project according to the plans, details, specifications and Contract Documents.

Award of the contract will be made within forty-five (45) calendar from the date of the bid opening.

1. The Project:

A. The Project shall be known as Fire Station No. 4 and the general character of said public works project shall consist of the following:

A single story building with metal stud and concrete block walls. Engineered metal trusses with copper penny roof panels. The exterior façade is made up of stucco and hard tile. The site will consist of one large parking lot. Landscaping and irrigation will cover the building and parking lot areas.

B. The approximate quantities of said Project are as follows:

Lump Sum Contract for each Trade Contractor bid package

C. Special instructions are as follows:

Trade Contractor Bid Packages FS4-1 Sitework, FS4-2 General Works, FS4-3 Drywall/Acoustical/Plaster/Painting & EIFS, FS4-4 Flooring, FS4-5 Fire Protection, FS4-6 HVAC, FS4-7 Plumbing, FS4-8 Electrical

D. The City will furnish the following:
Refer to Contract Documents and Documents and Specifications

E. Time of Construction: From the date stated in the Notice to Proceed, the Project time of construction is 365 consecutive calendar days.

2. Plans and Specifications:

Plans and specifications and all related Contract Documents are open for public inspection at Tuscaloosa Blueprinting, located at 1926 University Boulevard Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and may be obtained from Tuscaloosa Blueprinting at the addressed noted above.

A. Plans, specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at the above location upon the deposit of $ 200.00 , which amount does not exceed twice the cost of printing, reproduction, handling and distribution of each set of such documents. Deposits by prime Contractor bidders are refundable in full upon return of all documents in reusable condition within ten (10) days of bid opening. Additional sets of bid documents for prime Contractor bidders, subcontractors, vendors or dealers may be obtained upon payment of the same deposit. Such deposits will be refunded, less the cost of printing, reproduction, handling and distribution, if all the documents are returned in reusable condition within ten (10) days of bid opening.

B. All eligible refunds of deposits for plans and specifications will be made by Tuscaloosa Blueprinting within twenty (20) days of bid opening.

3. Qualification of Bidders:

A. All bidders must be responsible, meeting the criteria and requirements set forth in the Instructions to Bidders and bid proposal.

B. Prequalification of Bidders IS _____ ; IS NOT __X____ required.

If prequalification of bidders is indicated to be required by the preceding sentence, then written prequalification information is available for review at the same office where plans, specifications and Contract Documents are available.

C. The attention of all bidders is called to the provisions of State law governing "general Contractors," as set forth in Ala. Code §34-8-1, et seq. (1975), and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

D. If a construction manager is being utilized and this contract is one of a multiple of trade contracts, then the bidder shall be fully licensed for the trade, as determined by applicable law.

E. The City may not enter into a contract with a non-resident corporation or entity which is not qualified under State law to do business in the State of Alabama.

F. All bidders shall possess all other licenses and/or permits required by applicable law, rule or regulation for the performance of the work.

G. All bidders must submit with their proposal, Contractor's license number and a copy of the license. State law, Ala. Code §34-8-8(b), requires all bids to be rejected which do not contain the General Contractor's current license number.

H. The City reserves the right to reject all bids and/or reject and rebid the Project should it determine the same is in the best interest of the City.

4. Construction Manager: WAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

__X__ If the preceding blank is marked with an affirmative indication, it means that this contract involves the use of a construction manager and this contract is one of

several multiple trade and/or multiple prime contracts for work on the Project. Bidders attention is called to the supplemental conditions attached to the General Conditions of the Contract Documents regarding this topic.

5. Bid Bonds: Each bidder must submit with its bid a cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank or a fully executed bid bond on the form that is contained in the Contract Documents executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make bond in the State of Alabama. All bonds, sureties and/or cashier checks will be made payable to the City for an amount not less than 5 percent of the City's or its engineers or architects estimated cost of the Project or of the total bid in the proposal, but in no event more than $10,000.00.

6. Sales and Use Tax Savings: Alabama Department of Revenue Rule 810-6-3.69.02(2010) exempts certain payment of state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes by the contractor or subcontractor on tangible personal property to be incorporated into the realty pursuant to a contract with a municipal corporation such as the City of Tuscaloosa. All bidders shall bid the work on the project in accordance with said law by not including the payment of such taxes where applicable. All successful contractors and subcontractors of bidders shall be required to enter into a Purchasing Agent Appointment Agreement. All tax exempt purchases shall be in accordance with the laws of this state and the Alabama Department of Revenue. It is the sole responsibility of the successful contractor to make the necessary inquiries and determinations as to what materials or items of tangible personal property to be incorporated into the project qualify as tax exempt in the opinion of the Alabama Department of Revenue.

In the event the City elects to utilize a Purchasing Agent Appointment agreement in conjunction with this contract, the Contractor will be required to execute such an agreement and perform in accordance therewith.

7. Pre-Bid Conference: A Pre-Bid Conference IS _____ IS NOT ___X___ required for this Project. If a conference is required, see attachment for specific instructions.

NOTE: **All bidders are advised to carefully read the Instructions to Bidders contained in the Contract Documents, which provisions and requirements are adopted herein by reference.**

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA,
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Walter Maddox, Mayor

[END ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID—OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY]

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

SECTION TWO
INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS
(2012)

***NOTE*: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS IMPORTANT BIDDING AND CONTRACTING INFORMATION. ALL POTENTIAL BIDDERS SHOULD READ IT THOROUGHLY**

1. Intention: The Advertisement for Bids, Instruction to Bidders, Contract Agreement, any modifications or supplemental conditions to the Contract Agreement, Bid Proposal, and the Plans and Specifications are interrelated and apply to the complete work to which they relate.

2. Definitions: Where the following words, or the pronouns used in their stead, occur herein, they shall have the following meaning:

"Awarding Authority" shall mean the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

"Bidder" shall mean any person, firm or corporation, that is responsible, submitting a responsive bid for the Project contemplated by the contract documents, who meets the requirements set forth in the contract documents, maintains a permanent place of business, has adequate forces and equipment to perform the work on the Project properly and within the time limit that is established, has sufficient experience in the type work provided for in the contract documents and has adequate financial status and resources to meets its obligations contingent to the work.

"City" or "Owner" shall mean the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, as the awarding authority or its authorized and legal representatives.

"Construction Manager" shall mean that person or entity employed by the City to provide Construction Manager services on the work or Project, who shall be the City's representative on the Project.

"Contractor" shall mean initially the successful or probable low bidder and then the party of the first part to the construction agreement or the legally authorized representatives of such party, including a trade contractor.

"Engineer/Architect" shall mean an Engineer or Architect responsible for design and related services on the Project, and if no Construction Manager is employed, then the Engineer is the representative of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on the Project. References to the "Engineer" shall mean the Construction Manager, if the City has employed such services, to the extent such services are applicable to construction management activity as set forth in the agreement between the City and the Construction Manager, and the context herein indicates that it would relate to services traditionally and customarily performed by a Construction Manager; otherwise, "Engineer" shall refer to the Engineer or Architect.

"Force Account Work" work paid for by reimbursing for the actual cost for labor, materials and equipment usage incurred in the performance of the work, as directed, including a percentage for overhead and profit where appropriate.

"Gender": a word importing one gender shall if appropriate extend to and be applied to the other gender. The masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Inspector" shall mean a representative of the Engineer/Architect, Construction Manager or the City, as the case may be.

"Non-Resident Contractor" shall mean a contractor which is neither (a) organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama nor (b) maintains its principal place of business in the State of Alabama. A non-resident contractor which has maintained a permanent branch office within the State of Alabama for at least five (5) continuous years shall not thereafter be deemed to be a non-resident contractor so long as the contractor continues to maintain a branch office within Alabama.

"Project" shall mean the Public Work to which these Contract Documents relate, including the labor, materials and all work to be done by Contractor that is the subject of the bid, plans, specifications and contract documents.

"Public Property" Real property which the awarding authority owns or has contractual right to own or purchase, including easements, rights-of-way, or otherwise.

"Public Work(s)" shall mean a Project consisting of the construction, repair, renovation, or maintenance of public buildings, structures, sewers, water works, roads, bridges, docks, underpasses and viaducts, as well as any other improvement to be constructed, repaired or renovated or maintained on public property to be paid, in whole or in part, with public funds or with financing to be retired with public funds in the form of lease payments or otherwise.

"Responsible Bidder" shall mean a bidder who, among other qualities determined necessary for performance, is competent, experienced and financially able to perform the contract.

"Responsive Bidder" shall mean a bidder who submits a bid that complies with the terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, including plans, drawings, specifications and other provisions of the contract documents.

"Retainage" shall mean that money belonging to the Contractor which has been retained by the awarding authority conditioned upon final completion and acceptance of all work in connection with the Project.

"Singular/Plural" the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Trade Contracts" "Trade contracts" or "multiple prime contracts" are multiple but separate contracts with the City on the same Project that represent significant construction activities performed concurrently with and closely coordinated with construction activities performed on the Project under other trade contracts.

"Unbalanced Bid" Unbalanced bids may be considered non-responsive and may be subject to rejection. An unbalanced bid includes but is not limited to one which results in a substantial advance payment to the contractor.

3. Work to be Performed: The City contemplates the construction of a public works project as generally described in the Advertisement for Bid and as more particularly described, shown and depicted on the plans, specifications, drawings and in the contract documents.

4. Bidding, Generally:

A. All bids must be made upon the bid proposal forms contained in the contract documents, shall state the amount bid for each item as shown therein and all blanks shall be properly filled in and bid proposal executed as required.

B. Any bidder may withdraw his or its bid, either personally or by telegraphic or written request (not by facsimile), at any time prior to the scheduled opening time for receipt of bids. Except as provided in Ala. Code §39-2-11(b)(c)(d), no bid may be withdrawn after opening of bids prior to the time of returning bid bonds as provided for herein.

C. Any unauthorized conditions, limitations or provisos attached to the bid proposal, except as otherwise provided herein, will render a bid proposal informal and may cause its rejection. Unbalanced bids may be subject to rejection. Bids without the General Contractor's license number and a copy of the license will be rejected.

D. All bids will be opened in public at the time and date specified in the Notice of Advertisement for bids, unless otherwise altered by addendum. All bidders are invited to be present at the opening of bids. No bids will be received after the time established for the opening of bids.

E. All bids are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the City of Tuscaloosa, P. O. Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and/or hand delivered to the City Clerk, 2201 University Boulevard, City Hall, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. All bids are to be marked to indicate clearly the Project to which it applies and include the following language: "Bid Enclosed" and "Attention City Clerk."

NOTE: Bidders current General Contractor's license number must be displayed on the bid and the sealed envelope.

5. Responsible, responsive bidders: The City reserves the right to reject any bid that is submitted by a bidder that is determined by the City to not be a responsible bidder or whose bid proposal is not responsive.

In determining whether a bidder or bid is responsible and/or responsive, the City reserves the right to also request and consider the following factors:

A. Types or kinds of materials or items best suited to the City's needs for the Project.

B. A current financial statement of the bidder and/ or bonding capability or limits.

C. An accurate inventory of equipment to be used on the Project for a list of key personnel to be used on the Project and detailed histories of their experience.

D. A list of similar work performed by any person, firm, or corporation with the same name as the name or any of the names in the bidder's proposal within the last five (5) years.

E. A list of five (5) references familiar with the bidder's competence, experience, capabilities, skill and integrity.

F. A statement of bidder pertaining to bankruptcies, judgments, liens or litigation within the last five (5) years. Such statement shall also apply to each company, officer and the key personnel on the Project.

G. The General Contractor's State license number and class.

H. Bidder's performance and prosecution of past projects for the City.

I. An unbalanced bid.

J. Other information supplied in the bid proposal.

The City may make such investigations as he deems necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work, and the Bidder shall furnish to the City all such information and data for this purpose as the City may request. The City reserves the right to reject any Proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the City that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Contract and complete the work contemplated therein.

6. Bid Bonds: Each bidder must submit with its bid, a cashiers check drawn on an Alabama bank, made payable to the City of Tuscaloosa or a fully executed bid bond on the form that is contained in the contract documents, executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make bond in the State of Alabama. All bonds and/or cashiers check will be made payable to the City of Tuscaloosa for an amount not less than five (5) percent of the City's or its engineers or architects estimated cost of the Project or of the total bid in the proposal, but in no event more than $10,000.00. The purpose of said bid bond is to insure that the successful bidder will enter into a written contract with the City for the Project on the form included in the contract documents and furnish a performance bond and payment bond executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make such bond in the State of Alabama, in the amount required and provide evidence of insurance as required by the bid documents within time specified or if no time is specified, within thirty (30) days after the forms have been presented to the successful bidder for signature. Provided; however, if extenuating circumstances prevail, the City may grant an extension of time not exceeding five (5) days for the return of the contract bonds and evidence of insurance.

The price or cost of all items bid shall remain in effect for a period of fifty (50) days after Notice of Award.

7. Return of Bid Bonds: All bid bonds, except those of the three lowest bona fide bidders, will be returned immediately after bids have been checked, tabulated and the relation of the bids established. The bid bonds of the three lowest bidders may be retained and if so will be returned as soon as the contract bonds and the contract documents of the successful bidder have been approved and properly executed.

In the event it is necessary to defer a contract award for longer than fifteen (15) days, after opening of bids, then all bid bonds, except that of the potential successful bidders will be returned.

Award of the contract will be made within the time specified after the opening of bids. In the event no award is made within such time, all bids may be rejected and all bonds returned.

Provided; however, the potentially successful bidder may enter into a written agreement with the City for an extension of time for consideration of its bid, in which case, the bidder's bond shall remain in full force and effect or the City may permit said bidder to substitute a satisfactory surety for the cashier's check if submitted as a guaranty to the bid bond.

8. Forfeiture of Bid Bonds: Should the successful bidder or bidders to whom a contract is awarded fail to execute a contract(s) and furnish acceptable contract securities and evidence of insurance, as required, within thirty (30) days after the prescribed forms have been presented to him/her, the City may retain from the proposal guaranty, if it is a cashier's check or recovered from the principal or the sureties, if the guaranty is a bid bond, the difference between the amount of the contract as awarded, and the amount of the proposals of the new lowest bidder. If no other bids are received, the full amount of the proposal guaranty may be so retained and recovered as liquidated damages for such default. Any sum so retained or recovered shall be the property of the awarding authority.

9. Consideration of Bid Proposals:

A. Generally: The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, unless the City determines that all the bids are unreasonable or that it is not in the best interest of the City to accept any of the bids.

   Award of the contract will be made on the basis of the lowest actual bid amount for the contract, which is defined as the total of the bid and/or extended total amounts for unit price items, plus requested and accepted additive or deductive alternates, pursuant to the provisions hereof.

   The City reserves the right to reject all bids and/or reject and rebid the Project should it determine the same is in the best interest of the City.

B. Minor irregularities as determined by the City or its representatives, will not cause a bid to be non-responsive and may be waived by the City.

C. Bidder must posses all licenses and permits required by applicable law, rule or regulation for the performance of the work prior to bidding.

D. Where the City elects to prequalify contractors prior to bidding, it shall be understood that such prequalification may be general in nature and shall not limit the City's right to revoke such prequalification pursuant to Ala. Code §39-2-4(d) (1975).

E. Joint ventures shall not generally be considered acceptable bids without special waiver from the City, which must be requested in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to bid opening.

F. Additive and/or Deductive Alternates: If the City has elected to request bids for additive and/or deductive alternates, then the following procedure shall be the basis for calculating such bids:

   1) <u>Deductive Alternates</u>: Any deductive alternate from the base bid shall constitute cumulative deductions from the base bid; and in determining the lowest bidder, if the City elects to consider any deductive alternates, the City

will proceed to consider the bids upon the basis of the base bids of all qualified bidders minus the respective deduction stated for the first alternate. If the City determines that it wishes to proceed to consider additional deductive alternates, it may do so sequentially and in like manner throughout the deductive alternates the City elects, so that the base bids of all qualified bidders shall be calculated minus the respective number of deductive alternates in sequence the City has elected to consider. The lowest responsible responsive bid will be the lowest actual base bid of a qualified bidder less the selected sequential deductive alternates.

2) Additive Alternates: To determine additive alternates, any additive alternate shall constitute cumulative additions to the base bid; and in determining the lowest bidder if the City elects to consider any additive alternates, the City will proceed to consider the bids upon the basis of the base bid of all bidders plus the respective addition stated for the first alternate. If the City determines that it wishes to proceed to consider additional additive alternates it may do so sequentially, and in like manner, throughout the additive alternates, the City elects, so that the base bids of all qualified bidders shall be calculated plus the respective number of additive alternates in sequence the City has elected to consider. The lowest responsible responsive bid will be the lowest actual base bid of a qualified bidder plus the selected sequential additive alternates.

Once the City has determined the lowest responsible responsive bidder as set forth herein, then it may award the contract on the basis of accepting and/or rejecting any additive and/or deductive alternates of that bid as it determines is in the best interest of the City.

G. No Bids or Only One Bid: In the event no bid proposals or only one bid proposal is received in response to the City's Advertisement for Bids at the time stated for the opening of bids, the City may elect at its discretion, any of the following options:

1) Advertise for and seek other competitive bids.

2) Direct that the work shall be done by force account under its direction and control.

3) Negotiate for the work through the receipt of informal bids. Provided; however, where only one responsible and responsive bid has been received, any negotiation for the work shall be for a price lower than that bid.

H. An unbalanced bid.

10. Materials and Work: All materials, which the engineering plans specify or are required, will be installed as they are shown on the drawings, plans and/or specs.

A. Brand names, catalog numbers, weights, etc., are used to indicate levels of quality only and are not intended to restrict the bidding. If bidding on an item of another brand or manufacturer than that specified, bidder's proposal should be accompanied by brochures or other pertinent literature giving detailed specifications of the item(s) on which the proposal is being made. Bids or proposals received without sufficient

literature to determine equal quality may not be considered. Final determination as to equal quality will be made by the City.

B. Quantities: The quantities shown in the proposal shall be considered by the contractor as the quantities required to complete the work for the purpose of bidding. Should the actual quantities required in the construction of the work be greater or less than the quantities shown, an amount equal to the difference of quantities at the unit prices bid for the items will be added to or deducted from the contract total.

C. Adjustment Items: During the course of work, the prices bid for adjustment items may be used by the City to increase or decrease the total cost for the work if the quantity of work exceeds or is less than the amount shown on plans.

D. The attention of all bidders is called to the fact that all or a portion of this Project may be federally funded and if so, the special conditions of a federally funded contract including federal labor standard provisions, the minimum wage rates included in the contract documents, plans and specifications must be followed.

E. Construction Crews: The Contractor will be required to furnish at least one separate construction crew during the work as set forth in the contract. Unless waived by the City, the Contractor shall perform on the sites and with his own organization and equipment, at least fifty percent of the total amount of the work to be performed under this Contract. The Contractor may only subcontract a maximum of fifty (50%) percent of the work without City consent. If, during the progress of the work hereunder, the Contractor requests a reduction of such percentage, and the City representative determines that it would be to the City's advantage, the percentage of the labor required to be performed by the Contractor's own organization may be reduced; PROVIDED prior written approval of such reduction is obtained by the Contractor from the City.

NOTE: Bidders are advised to carefully review all other elements of the contract documents for more details concerning requirements for performing work on the Project.

F. In the event the City elects to utilize a Purchasing Agent Appointment agreement in conjunction with this contract, the Contractor will be required to execute such an agreement and perform in accordance therewith.

11. Execution of Contract, Notice to Proceed: Award of the contract will be made within the time specified after the opening of bids.

The bidder to whom award is made shall enter into a written contract for the Project with the City on the forms provided in the contract documents, furnish the required performance and labor and material bonds with proper surety and furnish the evidence of insurance as required, all within thirty (30) days of presentation of the prescribed forms to the bidder. If extenuating circumstances prevail, the City may grant an extension of time not exceeding five (5) days for the return of the contract, required bonds and evidence of insurance.

Within twenty (20) days after presentation by the bidder to the City, the City shall review the bonds, surety and evidence of insurance to ascertain whether they meet the requirements of the contract documents, and if such requirements have been met the City shall complete the execution of the contract.

A notice to proceed order will be issued by the City or its representatives within fifteen (15) days after final execution of the contract by the City. The Contractor shall begin work on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed.

12. Labor, Material and Performance Bonds: Within thirty (30) days after the prescribed forms have been presented, the successful bidder shall execute a performance bond with good and sufficient surety from a company duly authorized and qualified to make such bond in the State of Alabama, a performance bond made payable to the City of Tuscaloosa, with a penalty equal to 100 percent of the amount of the contract price and in addition thereto, another bond with good and sufficient surety by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make such bond in the State of Alabama, payable to the City of Tuscaloosa, in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract price with an obligation that such contractor shall promptly make payments to all persons supplying it or them with labor, materials or supplies for or in prosecution of the Project provided for in such contract and for the payment of reasonable attorneys fees incurred by any successful claimants or plaintiffs in civil actions on said bond, pursuant to the provisions of Ala. Code §39-1-1 (1975).

13. Surety and Insurer Qualifications: All certificates of insurance and bonds (furnished in connection with the work to be performed under this contract) shall be countersigned by a licensed agent residing and engaged in doing business in the State of Alabama. The surety and insurer shall be licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Alabama. The surety companies on bonds shall be rated A- or better by A. M. BEST and listed on the United States Treasury Department 570 list.

14. Power-of-Attorney: The attorney-in-fact (resident agent) who executes the performance bond and/or payment bond on behalf of the surety must attach a notarized copy of his or her power-of-attorney as evidence of his authority to bind the surety of the date of execution of the bonds. Certification by a resident agent authorized to do business in Alabama is required.

15. Insurance: The successful contractor shall file with the City, at the time of delivery of the signed contract, satisfactory evidence of insurance, the requirements as set forth in the contract agreement. Satisfactory evidence of insurance shall include at a minimum, the insurers standard "Certificate of Insurance" (modified pursuant to insurance requirements of the contract agreement) and the agents verification of insurance as required by Section 26. If the City deems that additional evidence or clarification, etc., of insurance is appropriate, the bidder shall promptly furnish the same to the City upon request.

16. Examination of Contract Documents and of the Site of the Project: Before submitting a bid proposal for the Project, each bidder shall carefully examine the Contract Documents, including but not limited to plans, drawings, specifications, contract, etc., visit the site, and satisfy itself as to the nature and location of the Project, and the general and local conditions, including weather, the general character of the site or building, the character and extent of existing work within or adjacent to the site, any other work being performed or proposed thereon at the time of submission of their bids. It shall obtain full knowledge as to transportation, disposal, handling, and storage of materials, availability of water, electric power, and all other facilities in the area which will have a bearing on the performance of the Project for which they submit their proposals. The submission of a proposal shall be prima facie evidence that the bidder has made such examination and visit and has judged for and satisfied himself as to conditions to be encountered regarding the character, difficulties, quality, and quantities of work to be performed and the material and equipment to be furnished, and as to the contract

requirements and contingencies involved. It shall be the Bidder's obligation to verify for himself and to his complete satisfaction, all information concerning site and surface conditions.

17. Subsurface Reports: Prior to Bid opening, the City will make available to prospective Bidders, upon request, any information that it may have as to subsurface conditions and surface topography at the work site. Investigations of subsurface conditions were made for the purpose of study and design, and neither the City nor its consultants that performed such testing assume any responsibility whatsoever in respect to the sufficiency or accuracy of borings, or of the logs of test borings, or of other investigations that have been made, or of the interpretations made thereof, and there is no warranty or guarantee, either expressed or implied, that the conditions indicated by such investigations are representative of those existing throughout such area, or any part thereof, or that unforeseen developments may not occur.

Logs of test borings, geotechnical reports, or topographic maps showing a record of the data obtained by the investigations of surface and subsurface conditions that are made available shall not be considered a part of the Contract Documents, and are available only for the convenience of the Bidders. Such logs and reports represent only the opinion of the Engineer/Architect or Consultant as to the character of the materials encountered by him in his investigations of the test borings.

Information derived from inspection of logs of test borings, or pits, geotechnical reports, topographic maps, or from Drawings showing location of utilities and structures will not in any way relieve the Contractor from any risk, or from properly examining the site and making such additional investigations as he may elect, or from properly fulfilling all the terms of the Contract Documents.

The City shall not be responsible for any interpretations or conclusions drawn from any subsurface exploration reports or borings. Each bidder is to base his bid upon his determination of the subsurface conditions and of the types and quantities or material to be encountered or needed. Additional tests or other exploratory operations may be made at no cost to the City.

18. Interpretation of Plans and Specifications: If any bidder contemplating submitting a bid for the proposed contract is in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of plans, specifications, or other proposed contract documents, he may submit to the Engineer/Architect or Construction Manager, as the case may be, a written request for an interpretation thereof at least ten (10) days prior to bid opening. The bidder submitting the request will be responsible for its prompt delivery. Any interpretation of the proposed documents will be made only by written addendum duly issued and a copy of such addendum will be mailed or delivered to each person receiving a set of such documents. The City, Construction Manager or Engineer/Architect will not be responsible for any other explanations or interpretations of the proposed documents.

19. General Contractor's Permit or License: The attention of all bidders is called to the provisions of the State law governing general contractors as set forth in Ala. Code §34-8-1 et seq. (1975), particularly in regard to the need for and evidence of a State general contractor's license. The provisions of said statute are adopted herein by reference and form a part of the Contract with the selected bidder should this Project be awarded.

Bidders are reminded that they will be governed by said statutes insofar as they are applicable. To summarize the above quoted statutes, Ala. Code §34-8-1, et seq. (1975) provides that no one is entitled to bid and no contract may be awarded to anyone who does not possess a valid general contractor's permit or license, including specialty classifications for the

work, as provided by the foregoing sections of the State Code, and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto and that said bid may not be considered without evidence being produced that he is so qualified. Trade contractors must be duly licensed in accordance with applicable law. The City may not enter into a contract with a nonresident corporation that is not qualified under the State law to do business in Alabama.

Bidder MUST include with proposal contractor's current license number and a copy of the license. State law, Ala. Code §34-8-8(b) (1975) requires all bids to be rejected which do not contain general contractor's license number.

20. U. S. Products Preference: The successful bidder (contractor) shall comply with Ala. Code §39-3-1 (1975), shall agree to utilize in the execution of the Project, materials, supplies and products manufactured, mined, processed or otherwise produced in the United States or its territories, if the same are available at reasonable and competitive prices and not contrary to any sole source specifications. It is further stipulated that a breach of the foregoing provision of this agreement by the contractor in failing to utilize domestic products shall result in a downward adjustment in the contract price equal to any realized savings or benefit to the Contractor.

21. Use of Domestic Steel: The attention of all bidders and that of the successful bidder (contractor) is drawn to Ala. Code §39-3-4 (1975), requiring the use of steel produced within the United States for municipal construction projects when specifications in the construction contract require the use of steel and do not limit its supply to a sole source. This provision is subject to waiver if the procurement of domestic steel products becomes impractical as a result of national emergency, national strike or other causes. Violations of the use of domestic steel requirements shall result in a downward adjustment in the contract price to equal any savings or benefit to the Contractor.

22. In State Bidder Preference: Pursuant to Ala. Code §39-3-5 (1975), in the letting of public contracts in which municipal funds are utilized, except those contracts funded in whole or in part with funds received from a federal agency, preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a nonresident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Alabama public contracts only on the same basis as the nonresident bidders' state awards contracts to Alabama contractors bidding under similar circumstances; and resident contractors in Alabama, as defined in Ala. Code §39-2-12 (1975), be they corporate, individuals or partnerships, are to be granted preference over non residents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of the domicile of the nonresident.

Nonresident bidders must accompany any written bid documents with a written opinion of an attorney-at-law licensed to practice law in such nonresident bidder's state of domicile, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that state in the letting of a public contract.

23. Applicable Laws: Each Bidder shall inform himself of, and the Bidder awarded a contract shall comply with, federal, state, and local laws, statutes, and ordinances relative to the execution of the work. This requirement includes, but is not limited to, applicable regulations concerning minimum wage rates, the use of domestic products, U.S. steel and resident labor, non-discrimination in the employment of labor, protection of public and employee safety and health, environmental protection, the protection of natural resources, fire protection, burning and non-burning requirements, permits, fees and similar subjects. Certain statutory requirements are summarized immediately hereinafter. The attention of all bidders is called to the fact that

the work will be subject to compliance with all applicable City building and technical codes and will be subject, in addition to all other inspections, to inspection by a representative of the City of Tuscaloosa Building Inspections Department.

24. SRF/DWSRF Special Requirements. If all or any portion of the Project to which this contract applies is funded in whole or in part by the proceeds of a loan or loans from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) through either a State Revolving Fund for Wastewater or Water (SRF or DWSRF, respectively), additional requirements for the Contractor exist (Requirements). These Requirements relate to Project objectives for utilization of Minority Business Enterprises/Women Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE). The Contractor must document efforts made to utilize MBE/WBE firms and submit to ADEM, with a copy to the City within ten (10) days after contract execution, evidence of the positive steps in accordance with the requirements to utilize small minority and women businesses in the procurement of subcontracts.

Other Requirements relate to Federal Labor Standards, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Clause, Goals and Timetables, compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and Section 107 of Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (PL91-54) which are adopted herein by reference to the extent applicable.

For DWSRF and SRF funded projects, special requirements are also set forth in Supplemental General Conditions. If not attached to the contract documents, Contractors should contact the City representative and/or the City's consulting engineer for a copy of all special requirements and conditions.

25. Special Conditions for Federally Funded Contracts. If all or any portion of the Project to which this contract applies is funded in whole or in part by the proceeds of a grant from an agency of the United States Government, additional requirements for the Contractor exist. A summary of these requirements entitled, "Special Conditions for Federally funded Contracts," is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Bidder should contact the Engineer or City Representative to confirm the applicability of these requirements to the Project.

26. Agent's Verification of Insurance. This form or a letter equivalent from the Insurance Agent should be submitted with each Contractor's Bid, or in the alternative, Contractor may provide a copy of the insurance policy or policies reflecting the coverages required herein.

27. Utilizing Minority Contractors. Contractors are encouraged to utilize the minority contractor data base to identify eligible minority contractors and subcontractors. Bidders should document its efforts to utilize minority contractors for the project and identify the minority subcontractors that the bidder intends to engage on the project. Bidders may obtain database information by contacting LaParry Howell of the City of Tuscaloosa at 205-248-5089. Bidders attention is called to the requested information related to the use of disadvantaged businesses.

28. Compliance with Immigration Law.

By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall

be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom, to the extent allowed by Federal law.

[END INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS—OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY]

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC WORKS
SECTION THREE

PROPOSAL (BID)

(2012)

NOTE TO BIDDER: Use BLACK ink for completing this Proposal form.

To: City of Tuscaloosa

Address: ~~1210 21st Ave~~ 2201 University
Tuscaloosa, Al 35401

Project Title: Fire Station Four Construction

Project No.: A13-0062

Trade: The trade portion of the work for which this Proposal is submitted is:

_____ (if applicable)

Trade Package No.: FS4 - 4 Flooring

BIDDER:

The name of the Bidder submitting this Proposal is Rice Floor & Tile, Inc doing business at 6350 Old Montgomery Hwy Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
Street City State Zip

which is the address to which all communications concerned with this Proposal and with the Contract shall be sent.

Licensed, Class D, Alabama General Contractor No.: 19876 (Attach Copy)

Alabama General Contractor Specialty BC-5: Flooring

Alabama General Contractor License Major Categories:

(1)_____ (2) _____

Bidder's contact person for additional information on this Proposal:

Name: Teresa Rice **Telephone:** 205 750 8163

ADDENDA:

The Bidder hereby acknowledges that he has received Addenda No's. 1 (9/25/13), 2 (10/6/13), 3 (10/14/13), 4 (10/15/13), _____, _____ (Bidder shall Insert No. of each Addendum received) and agrees that all addenda issued are hereby made part of the Contract Documents, and the Bidder further agrees that his Proposal(s) includes all impacts resulting from said addenda.

LUMP SUM:

The Bidder agrees to accept as full payment of the work proposed under this Project, as services are rendered, as herein specified and as shown on the Contract Documents, upon the undersigned's own estimate of quantities and costs, the following lump sum of:

Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars and NO cents
(Amount written in words has precedence)
($ $68,000.00).

ALTERNATES: Attach additional sheets for additive or deductive alternates, if in contract documents. N/A

UNIT PRICES:

Where the Project is bid in unit prices then Bidder agrees to perform the work in the stated quantities of the materials at the unit prices so bid, the cumulative total of which constitutes the base bid set forth below, and to accept as final payment for the work performed under this Project as herein specified the extension of each such unit price for the quantities actually installed in accordance with the following or attached unit price schedule.

An unbalanced bid, as herein defined, may be considered non-responsive. A bid resulting in a substantial advance payment on an item that is for a single lump sum payment may be considered non responsive.

Prices for mobilization and demobilization combined shall not exceed 5% of the total base bid unless a reasonable explanation is provided in writing with the bid and accepted by the Owner. Lump sum payments and unit price bids for a single or lump sum payment may be spread over the course of the period of work until the line item is complete at owner's option.

The Bidder's unit price for materials listed is as including the payment of taxes (See Page 3) where applicable: (Attach additional sheets if required)

	Material	Quantity	Unit Price	TOTAL
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

TOTAL BASE BID $ 68,000.00

AS BUILT DRAWINGS:

The Bidder's Proposal contains $ 68,000.00 for "as built drawings."

BIDDER'S DECLARATION AND UNDERSTANDING:

The undersigned, hereinafter called the Bidder, declares that the only persons or parties interested in this Proposal are those named herein, that this Proposal is, in all respects, fair and without fraud, that it is made without collusion with any official of the City, and that the Proposal is made without any connection or collusion with any person submitting another Proposal on this Contract.

The Bidder further agrees that he has checked and verified the completeness of the Contract Documents and that he has exercised his own judgment regarding the interpretation of subsurface information utilizing all pertinent data in arriving at his conclusions. The Bidder shall be fully responsible for any damages or liability arising out of his or his subcontractors prebid investigations.

The Bidder understands and agrees that if a Contract is awarded, the City may elect to award all schedules under one Contract, lump sum, separately, or in any combination that best serves the interests of the City.

The Bidder further declares that he has carefully examined the Contract documents for the construction of the Project and has checked and verified the completeness of the Contract Documents, that he has personally inspected the site, that he has satisfied himself as to the quantities involved, including materials and equipment, and conditions of work involved. Bidder further declares that he is fully aware of the fact that the description of the work, quantities of work and materials, as included herein, is brief and is intended only to indicate the general nature of the work and to identify the said quantities with the detailed requirements of the Contract Documents. Bidder also declares that this Proposal is made according to the provisions and under the terms of the Contract Documents, which Documents are hereby made a part of this Proposal.

The Bidder declares that he understands and agrees that the quantities shown in the Advertisement for Bids and in the Proposal are approximate only and are subject to either increase or decrease; and that should quantities be decreased, he also understands and agrees that payment will be made on actual quantities installed at the unit bid prices, and will make no claim for anticipated profits for any decreases in the quantities. Actual quantities will be determined upon completion of the work.

START OF CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACT COMPLETION TIME:

The Bidder further agrees to begin work on the date stated in the Notice to Proceed and to fully complete the work, in all respects, within the time specified in the contract documents for completion.

EXPERIENCE OF BIDDER:

Unless advised by the awarding authority in the Advertisement for Bids that the same is not required, the Bidder submits the following list of at least three clients for whom projects involving construction of similar projects have been performed within the past 5 years.

1. Bill Lunsford Construction + Dev 758-3232
Name of Client Telephone Number
1905 Fourth Street Tuscaloosa, Al 35476
Street City
Renovation Tusca. Courthouse $268,000.00 2010
Facility Size Date
William Fitts 759-5792
Name of Engineer/Architect Telephone Number
Fitts Architects, Inc
Name of Engineering Firm

2. Hall-Taylor Const 758-8265
Name of Client Telephone Number
5126 McFarland Blvd East Tuscaloosa, Al 35405
Street City
Tuscaloosa County Board of Education $82,063.00 2013
Facility Size Date
Chandler Overcash 752 4420
Name of Engineer/Architect Telephone Number
Ellis Architects Inc
Name of Engineering Firm

3. Harrison Construction 561-4160
Name of Client Telephone Number
5870 Charlie Shirley Rd Northport, Al 35473
Street City
Wound Care Renovation DCH Hospital 2012
Facility Size Date
Tim Lucy Design Assoc. 205-733-6912
Name of Engineer/Architect Telephone Number
Lucy Design Assoc.
Name of Engineering Firm

PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY CONTRACTOR:

The Bidder shall perform at least 50 percent of the work with his own forces (refer to the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS).

SUBCONTRACTORS:

Unless the same information has been provided in the prequalification statement, the Bidder further certifies that if his bid is accepted, the following subcontracting firms or businesses will be awarded subcontracts for the following portions of the work:

Description of Work N/A

Name

Street, City, State Zip

Description of Work

Name

Street, City, State Zip

Description of Work

Name

Street, City, State Zip

Description of Work

Name

Street, City, State Zip

DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

The City of Tuscaloosa request that this document be submitted at the time of bid opening.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

a. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) for the purpose of this contract shall mean any small business firm that is independently owned and controlled in both substance and form by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged person(s). It is the intent of the City of Tuscaloosa to encourage contractors to utilize Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE).

Towards that intention, the Contractor is requested to complete the questions below:

- Is the Contractor a qualifying Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: ✓
  (If there is a question as to DBE, contact LaParry Howell at (205) 248-5089).

- Are there any potential subcontractors qualifying as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: _____ _____ (if there are potential DBE subcontractors, please list each company name, address, contact person, phone/fax number separately and attach to proposal).

Identify qualifying criteria by checking appropriate area:

	Primary Contractor	Sub-Contractor
Black American		
Hispanic American		
Native American		
SubCont/Asian American		
Non-Minority Women	✓	
Other		

Identify qualifying criteria related to **employees** of primary contractor and Sub-contractor by providing the number of employees related to each area:

	Primary Contractor	Sub-Contractor
Black American	2	
Hispanic American	2	
Native American		
SubCont/Asian American		
Non-Minority Women		
Other	2	

b. The Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract.

SURETY:

If the Bidder is awarded a construction contract on this Proposal, the Surety who provides the Performance Bond and Payment Bond will be:

Auto Owners Insurance whose address is

Lansing, Michigan, _____
Street / City State Zip

Single Job Bond Limit _____ Aggregate Job Bond Limit _____

If Sole Proprietor or Partnership:

IN WITNESS hereto the undersigned has set his (its) hand this _____ day of _____ _____, 20_____.

_____
Signature of Bidder

_____
Title

If Corporation:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned corporation has caused this instrument to be executed, and its seal affixed by its duly authorized officers, this 23rd day of October, 20 13.

(SEAL)

Rice Floor + Tile, Inc
Name of Corporation

By Teresa Rice

President
Title

Attest Shirley J Porter
Secretary

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The Bidder declares that he understands and agrees that the quantities shown in the Advertisement for Bids and in the Proposal are approximate only and are subject to either increase or decrease; and that should quantities be decreased, he also understands and agrees that payment will be made on actual quantities installed at the unit bid prices, and will make no claim for anticipated profits for any decreases in the quantities. Actual quantities will be determined upon completion of the work.

Attached hereto is a (Bid Bond) or (Check) for the sum of $68,000.00 Sixty Eight thousand dollars according to the conditions under "Instructions to Bidders" and provisions therein.

Dated this 23RD day of October, 20 13.

BY: Teresa Rici

President

Title

(NOTE) If the Bidder is a corporation, the Proposal shall be signed by an officer of the corporation; if a partnership it shall be signed by a partner. If signed by others, authority for signature shall be attached.

The full names and residences of persons or parties interested in the foregoing bid, as principals, are as follows:

Teresa Rice / President
6350 Old Montgomery Hwy
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

The name and address of the bidder to whom all notices and other communications may be mailed or delivered as provided herein:

Tura Rice
BIDDER

6350 OLD Montgomery Hwy
ADDRESS
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

[END OF BID PROPOSAL—OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY]

STATE OF ALABAMA

BID LIMIT: D

AMOUNT: 1,000,000.00

LICENSE NO.: 19876

TYPE: RENEWAL

State Licensing Board for General Contractors

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

RICE FLOOR & TILE INC

TUSCALOOSA, AL 35405

is hereby licensed a General Contractor in the State of Alabama and is authorized to perform the following type(s) of work:

BC-S: FLOORING

until **May 31, 2014** when this Certificate expires.

Witness our hands and seal of the Board, dated Montgomery, Ala.,

1st day of **May, 2013**

90043

SECRETARY-TREASURER

CHAIRMAN

BID BOND

The American Institute of Architects.
AIA Document No. A310 (February, 1970 Edition)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.

As Principal, hereinafter called Principal, and Auto-Owners Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, as Surety, hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto The City of Tuscaloosa

As Obligee, hereinafter called Obligee, in the sum of 5% of bid amount not to exceed $10,000

Dollars $ 5% of NTE

For the payment of which sum well and truly to be made the said Principal and the said Surety bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for

Project # A11-0694
Fire Station No. 4 - Tuscaloosa, AL.

NOW, THEREFORE, If the Obligee shall accept the bid of the Principal and the Principal shall enter into a contract with the Obligee, in accordance with the terms of such bid, and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or contract documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such contract and for the payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter into such contract and give such bond or bonds, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in such bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 16th day of October, 2013

Shirley Porter
(Witness)

Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.
(Principal)

Teresa Rice, President
(Title)

Courtney Jarman
(Witness)

Auto-Owners Insurance Company

Richard Hooker Robinson
(Attorney-in-Fact)

Revised to February, 1970
SB 5714b Printed in U.S.A.

DATE AND ATTACH TO ORIGINAL BOND

AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY

LANSING, MICHIGAN

POWER OF ATTORNEY

NO. BD136019

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AT LANSING, MICHIGAN, a Michigan Corporation, having its principal office at Lansing, County of Eaton, State of Michigan, adopted the following Resolution by the directors of the Company on January 27, 1971, to wit:

"RESOLVED, That the President or any Vice President or Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Company shall have the power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof. Signatures of officers and seal of Company imprinted on such powers of attorney by facsimile shall have same force and effect as if manually affixed. Said officers may at any time remove and revoke the authority of any such appointee."

Does hereby constitute and appoint RICHARD H ROBINSON

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, to execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and the execution of such instrument(s) shall be as binding upon the AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AT LANSING, MICHIGAN as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by its regularly elected officers at its principal office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AT LANSING, MICHIGAN, has caused this to be signed by its authorized officer this 2nd day of November, 2012

Kenneth R. Schroeder — Senior Vice President

STATE OF MICHIGAN }ss.
COUNTY OF EATON

On this 2nd day of November, 2012, before me personally came Kenneth R. Schroeder, to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that they are Kenneth R. Schroeder, Senior Vice President of AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument, that they know the seal of said corporation, that the seal affixed to said instrument is such Corporate Seal, and that they received said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of their office pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of Directors of said corporation.

AMANDA LAMP NOTARY PUBLIC COUNTY OF EATON My Commission Expires JANUARY 1, 2014 Acting in the county of _____ STATE OF MICHIGAN

My commision expires January 1st, 2014.

Amanda Lamp — Notary Public

STATE OF MICHIGAN }ss.
COUNTY OF EATON

I, the undersigned First Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the authority to issue a power of attorney as outlined in the above board of directors resolution remains in full force and effect as written and has not been revoked and the resolution as set forth are now in force.

Signed and sealed at Lansing, Michigan. Dated this 16th day of October, 2013

AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE CO. Seal LANSING, MICH.

William F. Woodbury, First Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

STATE OF ALABAMA)
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA)

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

SECTION FIVE
CONTRACT AGREEMENT
(2012)

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 25th day of ~~October~~ November, 2013, by and between Rice Floor & Tile, Inc., hereinafter sometimes called the CONTRACTOR, as party of the first part, and the CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, Alabama, a Municipal Corporation, hereinafter sometimes called the CITY or OWNER, as party of the second part,

W-I-T-N-E-S-S-E-T-H:

In consideration of the amounts herein named and of the mutual agreements and provisions herein contained, the Contractor and the City agree in regard to a public works project (hereinafter either the "work" or the "Project") as described in the Advertisement for Bids.

The Contractor will perform the work and/or construct the Project as well as furnish at his own cost and expense all labor, tools, equipment and transportation as are herein and in the Contract documents required to be furnished by the Contractor, and shall perform all the work in a manner and form required to construct the Project described in and shown on the contract documents as the same are hereinafter more specifically described and as provided by the plans, specifications and documents which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, as if fully set out herein and addenda together with all plans and drawings on file in the office specified below.

ARTICLE I. GENERALLY

A. **Contract Documents:** As used throughout the documents constituting the contract, the term "Contract Documents" shall mean and include the following: Advertisement for Bids, Addenda (if issued), the Instructions to Bidders, the Bid Proposal, the General Specifications, the Detail Specifications, Supplemental and Special Conditions (if attached), together with this Contract Agreement and any modifications, including change orders, if made, and the drawings, plans and profiles that are now on file in the office referred to in the advertisement, the Performance Bond and the Labor and Material Bond, executed by the Contractor in connection with this Contract and insurance requirements and certificates.

All such documents hereinabove enumerated are adopted herein by reference and constitute the Contract between the parties to the same extent as if each were set out in full in this agreement.

B. **Independent Contractor:** The Contractor enters into this Contract with the City as an independent contractor and, as such, agrees that neither the City nor its officers, agents, employees or inspectors shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of the Contractor, or any subcontractor, or any of the Contractor's or subcontractor's agents or employees, or any other persons performing any of the work pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for controlling construction manner, means and techniques consistent with the contract documents, plans and specifications.

C. **Order of Precedence:** Should there be a direct conflict between the various elements of the contract documents to the extent that the same cannot be reconciled to be read *in para materia,* then precedence shall be given the same in the following order:

1. Subsequent modifications (change orders or amendments) to contract agreement after execution
2. Addenda (if issued)
3. Supplemental general conditions and special conditions (if included)
4. The Contract Agreement
5. General and technical specifications
6. Large Scale Drawings (if included)
7. Enlarged Plans (if included)
8. Plans (if included)
9. Instructions to bidders
10. Advertisement for bids
11. Proposal (Bid)
12. Purchasing Agent Appointment Agreement (if utilized)

Where more than one document relates to the same matter if both can be given reasonable effect both are to be retained. Written specifications will take precedence over drawings.

D. **Integration; Contract Terms and Construction:**

1. Integration: This Agreement, together with all documents which constitute the "Contract Documents," constitute the entire agreement of the parties, as a complete and final integration thereof with respect to its subject matter. All understandings and agreements heretofore had between and among the parties are merged into this Agreement, which alone fully and completely expresses their understandings. No representation, warranty, or covenant made by any party which is not contained in this Agreement or expressly referred to herein has been relied on by any party in entering into this Agreement.

2. Amendment in Writing: This Agreement may not be amended, modified, altered, changed, terminated, or waived in any respect whatsoever, except by a further agreement or change order, in writing, properly executed by all of the parties.

3. Binding Effect: This Agreement shall bind the parties and their respective personal representatives, heirs, next of kin, legatees, distributees, successors, and assigns.

4. Captions: The captions of this Agreement are for convenience and reference only, are not a part of this Agreement, and in no way define, describe, extend, or limit the scope or intent of this Agreement.

5. Construction: This Agreement shall be construed in its entirety according to its plain meaning and shall not be construed against the party who provided or drafted it.

6. Mandatory and Permissive: "Shall," "will," and "agrees" are mandatory; "may" is permissive.

7. Governing Laws: The laws of the State of Alabama shall govern the validity of this Agreement, the construction of its terms, the interpretation of the rights, the duties of the parties, the enforcement of its terms, and all other matters relating to this Agreement.

8. Ownership of Contract Documents: The Contract Documents, and copies of parts thereof, are furnished and owned either by the City or the design professional. All portions of the Contract Documents, and copies of parts thereof, are the instruments of service for this Project. They are not to be used on other work and are to be returned to the City on request at the completion of the Project. Any reuse of these materials without specific written verification or adaptation by the City will be at the risk of the user and without liability or legal expense to the City or Engineer/Architect. Such user shall hold the City and Engineer/Architect harmless from any and all damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees, from any and all claims arising from any such reuse. Any such verification and adoption shall entitle the City to further compensation at rates to be agreed upon by the user and the City.

E. Rules of Construction: For the purposes of this contract, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

1. Words of masculine, feminine or neuter gender include the correlative words of other genders. Singular terms include the plural as well as the singular, and vice versa.

2. All references herein to designated "articles," "sections," and other subdivisions or to lettered exhibits are to the designated articles, sections and subdivisions hereof and the exhibits annexed hereto unless expressly otherwise designated in context. All article, section, other subdivision and exhibit captions herein are used for reference only and do not limit or describe the scope or intent of, or in any way affect this agreement.

3. The terms "include," "including," and similar terms shall be construed as if followed by the phase, "without being limited to".

4. The terms "herein," "hereof," and "hereunder," and other words of similar import refer to this agreement as a whole and not to any particular article, section, other subdivision or exhibit.

5. All recitals set forth in, and all exhibits to, this agreement are hereby incorporated in this agreement by reference.

6. No inference in favor of or against any party shall be drawn from the fact that such party or such party's counsel has drafted any portion hereof.

7. All references in this agreement to a separate instrument are to such separate instrument as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time pursuant to the applicable provisions thereof.

F. **Construction Manager - Multiple Trade Contracts**: If indicated in the Advertisement for Bids, the City has elected to engage the services of a Construction Manager for the work on this Project. If so, the same will be indicated in the bid packages and special supplemental conditions will be attached in regard to trade contracts. Contractor, as one of the multiple trade contractors on the Project shall adhere to all terms and conditions of the contract documents, particularly the supplemental conditions regarding multiple trade or multiple prime contractors. Any provision of the general conditions in direct conflict with the supplemental conditions is superseded to the extent of the conflict. If using a Construction Manager format, then this shall be a multiple trade or multiple prime contract agreement subject to the supervision and direction of a Construction Manager, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Construction Manager's agreement with the City, which agreement is adopted herein by reference.

G. **Coordination of Plans, Specifications, etc.:** The specifications, the plans, drawings and all supplementary documents are essential parts of the Contract, and requirements occurring in one are as binding as though occurring in all. They are intended to be comprehensive to describe and provide a complete work. In case of discrepancy, figured dimensions shall govern.

H. **Corrections of Plans, etc.:** Should any portions of the plans, specifications or drawings be obscure or in dispute, they shall be referred to the Engineer/Architect and he shall decide as to the true meaning and intent. The Engineer/Architect shall also have the right to correct any errors or omissions at any time when such corrections are necessary for the proper fulfillment of said plans and specifications.

I. **Taxes and Charges:** Except to the extent the City and the Contractor are utilizing a "Purchasing Agent Appointment agreement," Contractor shall withhold and pay all sales and use taxes and all withholding taxes, whether local, state or federal and pay all Social Security taxes and also all State Unemployment Compensation taxes, and pay or cause to be withheld, as the case may be, any and all taxes, charges, or fees or sums whatsoever, which are now or may hereafter be required to be paid or withheld under any laws. Pursuant to Ala. Code §39-1-3 (1975), Contractor shall be reimbursed for any additional severance, sales or uses taxes incurred as a result of an increase in such taxes during performance of the contract.

J. **Shop Drawings and Submittals.** The Contractor shall submit shop drawings, samples and submittals depicting or representing the construction of portions of the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications to the Engineer/Architect and if there is no Engineer or Architect on the Project, to the City representative. The Contractor shall pay for or the cost may be withheld from payments to the Contractor for more than two (2) reviews of the shop drawings, samples or submittals or similar element of work by the Engineer, Architect or City representative.

K. **Alabama Immigration Law.**

By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom, to the extent allowed by Federal law.

ARTICLE II. PAYMENTS, CLAIMS AND CHARGES, ETC.

A. **Contract Price:** The City will pay and the Contractor will accept in full consideration for the performance of the work/Project, subject to additions and deductions (including but not limited to liquidated damages) as provided in the contract documents and herein, the sum of Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars ($ 68,000.00) and/or in unit prices as shown in Bidder's schedule for the base bid amount of $_____, being the amount of the Contractor's bid as awarded by the City.

B. **Estimated Quantities and Unit Prices:** If award was made in whole or in part based upon unit prices, the Contractor agrees that the prices given in the Proposal are unit prices. The estimated quantities as stated in the Advertisement for Bids and in the Proposal and as indicated on the plans or in other places are approximate only, are subject either to increase or decrease and are only for the purpose of comparing on uniform basis the bids offered for the Project under this contract. The Contractor further agrees that should the quantities of any of the items of the work be increased, he will do the additional work at the unit prices set out in the Proposal and should the quantities be decreased, payment will be made on actual quantities at the unit prices and he will make no claim for anticipated profits for any decrease in the quantities. Actual quantities will be determined upon completion of the Project.

C. **Overtime Work by Contractor:** If the Contractor for his convenience and at his own expense should desire to carry on his work at night or outside regular hours, he shall submit written notice to the Engineer/Architect and he shall allow ample time for satisfactory arrangements to be made for inspecting the work in progress. At no time shall the notice be given less than 24 hours before such overtime work is started. The Contractor must obtain, through the Engineer/Architect, the City's approval for work at night, on Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays. The Contractor shall light the different parts of the Project as required to comply with all applicable federal and state regulations and with all applicable requirements of the City.

Overtime hours shall be considered any hours worked by the Contractor on Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays, which in the Engineer/Architect's opinion requires the Engineer/Architect's resident observers' presence to observe such overtime work. Overtime hours requiring the presence of City inspectors shall be considered any hours worked by the Contractor in excess of eight (8) hours during any working day and/or in excess of forty (40) hours from Monday through Friday and/or any time on Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. In general, it should be expected that the Engineer/Architect's resident observer(s) or City's inspectors will be present at all times that the Contractor is working.

If the Contractor elects to schedule and perform overtime work, the Contractor shall pay the City for the City's resident inspector's salary plus costs for each hour of overtime work. Overtime shall be rounded up to the nearest whole hour. This amount shall include the

inspector's salary at overtime rate, labor additive, which includes insurance, social security, workmen's compensation, sick pay, paid holidays, vacation pay and his vehicle and equipment. Payment to the City shall be made by a deduction from the Contractor's monthly payment invoice for any overtime worked.

D. **Payments on Account/Payments Withheld/Retainage:** Upon presentation of a verified application for payment, which shall include a "Contractor's Affidavit of Payment of Debts and Claims," AIA Form G706 or equivalent, then usually by the fifteenth (15th) day of each calendar month or as soon thereafter as is practical, as the Project progresses, the City shall make partial payments to the Contractor of the billable work performed less payments already made and less deductions for any incomplete, unaccepted or defective work. In making partial payments to the Contractor, there shall be retained five (5%) percent of the estimated amount of work done and value of materials stored on the site or suitably stored and insured off-site. Provided; however, after fifty (50%) percent of the Project has been satisfactorily completed, no further retainage will be withheld.

Retainage shall be held until final completion and acceptance of all work covered by the Contract Documents unless escrow or deposit arrangements are agreed to by the City. When maintenance periods are included in the Contract Documents covering highways, bridges or similar structures, such period shall be considered a component part of the contract and retainage will be held until the expiration of such periods.

On completion and acceptance of each separate building, public work or other separately identifiable and complete division of the Project in regard to which a separate price has been stated in the Contract Documents or can be separately ascertained, payment may be made in full including retainage but less deductions. Provided; however, the City will not consider making such payment on any such item of work if it is an integral part of a complete project.

All materials and work covered by partial payments as provided for herein shall become the sole property of the City; provided, however, the Contractor shall not be relieved from the sole responsibility for the care and protection of materials and work upon which payments have been made and for the restoration of any damaged work.

The City may also withhold from time to time from payment to the Contractor such an amount or amounts as may be necessary to pay and fully satisfy all claims and demands for labor and services rendered in and about the Project, including any such amount or amounts due to be paid to or by any subcontractor or supplier, amounts for City's or Engineer/Architect's observers or inspectors for contractors' overtime as herein provided, or for engineering or design services associated with Contractor initiated change orders or submittals in excess of that permitted herein. The Contractor hereby authorizes the City as its agent, to apply such amounts so withheld to the payment of any amount so due to be paid and all other just and lawful claims other than claims for damages for tort. In case of disagreement with reference to any such claim or claims, the City may keep such amounts so withheld on account of such claim or claims until such disagreement is finally settled and determined.

In addition, the City may also withhold payment of the whole or any part of a verified or approved application for payment from the Contractor to such an extent as may be necessary to protect itself from loss on account of any of the following causes discovered subsequent to its verification or approvals:

1. Defective work.

2. Evidence indicating probable filing of claims by other parties against the Contractor.
3. Failure of the Contractor or subcontractor to promptly make payments to subcontractors or for materials, labor, food stuffs and supplies.
4. Damage to another contractor under separate contract with the City.
5. Assessment of liquidated damages.

When the above grounds are removed, applications for payment will then be verified and/or approved for amounts not previously verified and approved because of them.

The Contractor shall not attempt to withdraw at any time during the term of this contract or any extensions thereof, without the expressed written consent of the City, the whole or any part of the amounts so retained by the City from payments due the Contractor by the establishment of an escrow account or by depositing securities in lieu thereof, pursuant to Ala. Code §39-2-12(e) or (f), or any amendments thereto or any equivalent law, ordinance or regulation. It is expressly agreed between the parties hereto that should the City elect not to consent to the same, then the Contractor shall not elect to, attempt to or in any manner endeavor to withdraw such retained amounts.

E. **Claims for Extra Cost:** If the Contractor claims that any instructions by drawings or otherwise involve extra cost or any extension of time, he shall notify the City in writing within ten (10) days after the receipt of such instructions and in any event before proceeding to execute the Project. Thereafter, the procedure shall be the same as that for change orders. No such claim shall be valid unless made in accordance with the terms of this section. There shall be no damages for delay.

Except as otherwise herein provided, no charge for any extra work will be allowed unless the same has been duly authorized in writing by the City and the price stated in such order.

F. **Differing Site Conditions:** If, in the performance of the Contract, subsurface or latent conditions are found to be materially different from those indicated by the plans and specifications, or unknown conditions of an unusual nature are disclosed differing materially from conditions usually inherent in work of the character shown and specified, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Engineer/Architect in writing regarding such conditions but in no event later than forty-eight (48) hours after discovery of such conditions by the Contractor.

The written notice shall describe the conditions, and other pertinent information, in no event shall such notice be later than forty-eight (48) hours before such conditions are disturbed. Upon such notice, or upon such observation of conditions, the Engineer/Architect will promptly make such changes in the plans and/or Specifications as he finds necessary (if any are necessary) to conform to the different conditions, and any increase or decrease in the cost of the Project resulting from such changes may be adjusted as provided under Change Orders or Claims for Extra Cost as set forth in the Contract documents.

G. **Change Orders:** Change orders shall be allowed only under the following conditions: 1) Minor changes for a total monetary amount less than that required for competitive bidding; or 2) Changes for matters incidental to the original contract necessitated by unforeseeable circumstances arising in the course of work under the contract; or 3) Changes due to emergencies; or, 4) Changes provided for in the original bidding and original Contract Documents as alternates; 5) Changes of relatively minor items not contemplated when the plans and specifications were prepared and the Project was bid and which are in the public interest and generally do not exceed 10 percent of the Contract Price, subject to Alabama Bid Law exceptions.

The Contractor or successful bidder is expected to complete the Project as bid and specified within the financial parameters stated therein. However, if it shall be determined that a change order condition possibly exists in any given case during the performance of the contract, the Contractor shall promptly notify in writing the representative of the City and shall not implement such change until having notified the representative of the City. If the change is minor in the opinion of the representative of the City and does not involve, 1) an adjustment in the contract sum or construction bid price, or 2) result in extension of the contract time, or 3) a material change in the contract scope of services, then the City representative may authorize the change in writing to the Contractor. The Contractor shall not perform such change until receipt of such written change order.

In the event the change order requested by the Contractor involves, 1) an increase in the contract sum or construction bid price, 2) extend the contract time, or 3) materially change the Contractor's scope of work or services, then the Contractor shall request a change order in writing and present the same to the City representative. The representative of the City, shall determine whether this is a change order which can be allowed and, if so, what exception it would fall under. The representative of the City shall then document the same, attach the same to the Contractor's request for a change order and submit the same with his recommendation to the City Council at its next or any subsequent regularly scheduled Council meeting for approval.

The City reserves the right to institute change orders as the Owner pursuant to the aforesaid terms and conditions.

In no event is a change order to be executed by the Contractor prior to approval thereof by the City, except for emergencies.

H. **Determination of Adjustment of the Contract Sum:** The adjustment of the Contract Sum resulting from a change in the Work shall be determined by one of the following methods as determined by Owner:

1. By mutual agreement to a lump sum based on or negotiated from an itemized cost proposal from the Contractor.

2. Additions to the Contract Sum shall include the Contractor's direct costs plus a maximum 15% markup for overhead and profit. Where subcontract work is involved, the total mark-up for the Contractor and a subcontractor shall not exceed 25%. No allowance for overhead and profit shall be figured on a change which involves a net credit to the Owner. For the purposes of this method of determining an adjustment of the Contract Sum, "overhead" shall cover the Contractor's indirect costs of the change, such as the cost of bonds, superintendent and other job office personnel, watchman, job office, job office supplies and expenses, temporary facilities and utilities, and home office expenses.

I. **Construction Schedule and Periodical Estimates:** Immediately after execution and delivery of the contract and before the first partial payment is made, the Contractor shall deliver to the City and Engineer/Architect and Construction Manager, a construction schedule in a form satisfactory to the City or Construction Manager, which may include CPM for all major trades, showing the proposed dates of commencement and completion of each of the various activities, of work required under the Contract documents, the interrelationship of each activity, sequences, resources for each and the anticipated amount of each monthly payment that will

become due the Contractor in accordance with the progress schedule. The Contractor shall also furnish (1) a detailed estimate giving a complete breakdown on the contract price and (2) periodical itemized estimates of the work done for the purpose of making partial payments, however the same will not be considered as fixing a basis for additions to or deductions from the contract price. Scheduling is particularly critical if Contractor is a trade contractor and adherence to the Construction Manager progress schedule is required.

NOTE: Depending upon the complexity of the work the City may require CPM or equivalent meeting all criteria above.

J. Sales and Use Tax Savings: In the event the parties have executed a Purchasing Agent Appointment Agreement (Alabama Department of Revenue Form ST: PAA1) materials and supplies will be ordered and/or paid for in accordance therewith.

ARTICLE III. TIME

A. **Time for Completion/Delays:** The Contractor hereby agrees to commence work under this contract on the date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" of the Engineer/Architect or thirty (30) days from the date of contract execution if no notice is issued, and to fully complete the Project within 365 consecutive calendar days thereafter. If this is a trade contract, then the Contractor shall perform within the time periods and at the times as established by the Construction Manager's approved construction schedule for the project. The Contractor further agrees to pay to the City, liquidated damages for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as hereinafter provided. Time is of the essence and a material element to this agreement.

NOTE: When maintenance periods are included in the contract for highways, bridges or similar structures, such periods shall be considered component parts of the contract. To the extent the construction schedule contains "float," the parties agree that the same belongs to the Project and may be utilized by either party.

Delay: If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of work by any of the following causes, the Contractor may be entitled to a reasonable extension of time as determined by the City in which to complete the Project. Provided, however, no such delay nor the extension of time if granted shall be grounds for a claim by the Contractor for damages or for additional cost, expenses, overhead or profit or other compensation:

1. Fires, abnormal floods, tornadoes or other cataclysmic phenomenon of nature.
2. Strikes, embargoes, lockouts, war, acts of public enemy.
3. Change orders.
4. Acts of performance or delays in performance by other contractors employed by the City or their subcontractors.
5. Causes beyond the control of the Contractor.

Provided further, that the Contractor shall immediately give notice in writing to the City and follow extension of time procedures as provided for herein. The City expressly disclaims any liability to Contractor for any cost, expense or damage caused by other contractors, subcontractors or suppliers, including those engaged by the City. The City shall not be liable for damages or cost to the Contractor sustained due to any interference from utilities or appurtenances or from the operations of relocating the same.

B. **Extensions of Time:** All written requests for extensions of time must be submitted to Engineer/Architect within ten (10) days after the occurrence of the cause for delay. The Engineer/Architect shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay and shall recommend to the City Council whether it should extend the time for completing the Project. Any extension of time shall be in writing and processed as a change order.

For change orders requesting extensions of time due to rain, wind, flood or other natural phenomenon, the Contractor's written request must be accompanied, at the City's request, by a detailed report of weather at this site for the last ten (10) years with averages showing means and statistical deviations from mean averages to support request for extension.

No extension shall be made for delays due to rain, wind, flood or other natural phenomenon of normal intensity for the locality.

In the event any material changes, alterations, or additions are made as herein specified, which in the opinion of the Engineer/Architect will require additional time for execution of any work under the contract, then in that case, the time of the completion of the Project may be extended through change order. No extensions of time shall be given for any minor changes, alterations or additions. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any reparation or compensation on account of such additional time or extensions of time. To the extent that the construction schedule contains "float," the parties agree that the same belongs to the Project and may be utilized by either party.

C. **Right of the City to Terminate Contract:** If the Contractor should be adjudged as bankrupt, or if it should make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or if a receiver should be appointed for the Contractor or any of its property, or if it should persistently or repeatedly refuse or fail to supply enough properly skilled workmen or if it should refuse or fail to make prompt payment to persons supplying labor for the Project under the Contract, or persistently disregard instructions of the Engineer/Architect or fail to observe or perform any provisions of the Contract documents, or fail or neglect to promptly prosecute or perform the Project in accordance with the contract documents or otherwise be guilty of a substantial violation of any provision of the Contract documents, then the City may, on giving at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the Contractor, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the City in the premises, terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the Project. In such event, the City may take over the Project and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and the Contractor and its sureties shall be liable to the City for any and all excess cost occasioned to the City thereby, including attorney's fees; and in any such case, the City may take possession of and utilize in completing the Project such appliances and plant of the Contractor or its subcontractors as may be on the site work and necessary or useful thereof. In the event of termination, the same shall not relieve the Contractor nor any of its sureties of their obligation pursuant to this agreement. In the event it becomes necessary for the City to maintain any legal action against the contractor, to enforce its rights herein, the Contractor shall pay the City all expenses associated therewith including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Owner may at any time and for any reason terminate Contractor's services and work at Owner's convenience. Upon receipt of such notice, Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work and placing of orders for materials, facilities and supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Upon such termination, Contractor shall be entitled to payment only as follows: (1) the actual cost of the work completed in conformity with this Agreement; plus, (2) such other costs actually incurred by Contractor as are permitted by

the prime contract and approved by Owner; (3) plus ten percent (10%) of the cost of the work referred to in subparagraph (1) above for overhead and profit.

D. **Liquidated Damages:** Should the work under this contract not be completed within the time specified, scheduled or as extended, it is understood and agreed that there may be deducted by the City or Engineer/Architect from the partial and/or final payments to the Contractor or otherwise charged to the Contractor, a sum computed at the rate of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) per day beginning from the stated or extended date of completion and continuing for so long as the Project remains incomplete. It is understood and agreed that the above deduction is not a penalty, but money due to reimburse the City/Owner for inconvenience and damage to the general public, due to the delay in the completion of the Project and is reasonable. The collection of liquidated damages by the City shall not constitute an election or waiver by the City of recovery of additional delay or non-delay related damages from the Contractor, and the City expressly reserves the right to recover actual damages for other harms resulting from delay. The provisions of the liquidated damage clause shall apply and continue to apply even if the Contractor terminates or abandons the Project prior to the scheduled completion dates.

The amounts of such liquidated damages and actual damages incurred by reason of failure to complete the work stipulated in the Contract are hereby agreed upon as reasonable estimates of the costs which may be accrued by the City. It is expressly understood and agreed that these amounts are not to be considered in the nature of penalties, but as damages which have accrued against the Contractor. The City shall have the right to deduct such damages from any amount due, or that may become due the Contractor, or the amount of such damages shall be due and collectible from the Contractor or Surety.

ARTICLE IV. WORK AND MATERIALS

A. **Cooperation of Contractor:** The Contractor shall have available on the job site, at all times, at least one (1) copy of the plans and specifications if prepared for the Project.

He shall give the Project the constant attention necessary to facilitate the progress thereof and shall cooperate with the City, Engineer/Architect and with other Contractors in every way possible. The Contractor shall at all times have a superintendent, capable of acting as his agent on the Project, who shall receive communications from the Engineer/Architect or his authorized representatives or the City's authorized representative. The superintendent shall have full authority to give and execute orders relating to the Project without delay and to promptly supply such tools, plant equipment, materials and labor as may be required.

The City reserves the right to utilize its own forces on the site or those of another contractor and to communicate through its representative directly with the Contractor.

B. **Coordination - Trade Contractors:** If the supplemental conditions are attached to these general conditions indicating that this Project involves the use of multiple trade or multiple prime contractors under the supervision and direction of a Construction Manager employed by the City, then each such trade contractor shall cooperate and coordinate its construction activities and operations with those of other trade contractors and other entities involved in the Project and included under different sections of the specifications that are dependent upon each other in any manner for proper and correct installation, connection and operation, to assure efficient, prompt, orderly and proper installation of each part of the Project.

When utilizing trade contractors and/or multiple prime contractors under the supervision of Construction Manager cooperation and coordination of activities is extremely important. Refer to the provisions of the supplemental conditions for detailed requirements.

C. **Superintendence:** The Contractor shall assign to and keep at the Project site competent supervisory personnel. The Contractor shall designate, in writing, before starting work, an authorized representative who shall be an employee of the Contractor and shall have complete authority to represent, to receive notice for, and to act for the Contractor. The Contractor shall not permit or allow any work to be conducted upon the Project site without the presence of supervisory personnel. The Engineer/Architect shall be notified in writing prior to any change in superintendent assignment. Using his best skill and attention, the Contractor shall give efficient supervision to the Project. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, and procedures, for providing adequate safety precautions, and for coordinating all portions of the Project under the Contract. It is specifically understood and agreed that neither the Engineer/Architect nor the City shall not have control or charge of and shall not be responsible for the construction means, methods, techniques, or procedures, or for providing adequate safety precautions in connection with the Project under the Contract.

D. **Contractor's Tools and Equipment:** The Contractor's tools and equipment used on the Project shall be furnished in sufficient quantity and of a capacity and type that will adequately and safely perform the work specified, and shall be maintained and used in a manner that will not create a hazard to persons or property, or cause a delay in the progress of the Project.

E. **Furnishing Labor and Equipment:** The Contractor shall furnish and pay for all equipment, labor and supervision, and all such materials as required to be furnished in the Notice to Bidders and as may other-wise be necessary to the completion of the Project and the operation of each construction crew required.

F. **Employees:** The Contractor shall employ only competent, skillful workers on the Project, and whenever any person shall appear to be incompetent or to act in a disorderly, unsafe improper manner, such person shall promptly be removed from the Project by the Contractor.

G. **Materials and Appliances:** Unless otherwise stipulated, the Contractor shall provide and pay for all other materials, water, heating, lighting, fuel, power, transportation, machinery, appliances, telephone, sanitary facilities, temporary facilities and other facilities and incidentals necessary for the execution and completion of the Project.

The Contractor warrants to the City and the Engineer/Architect that, unless otherwise specified, all materials and equipment furnished under this contract shall be new, and both workmanship and materials shall be of good quality, free of faults and defects, and in conformance with the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall, if required, furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials. In selecting and/or approving equipment for installation in the Project, neither the City nor Engineer/Architect assume responsibility for injury or claims resulting from failure of the equipment to comply with applicable federal, state, and local safety codes or requirements, or the safety requirements of a recognized agency, or failure due to faulty design concepts, or defective workmanship and materials. Material and/or equipment damaged by flooding or other causes during the construction period shall be subject to rejection by the Engineer/Architect; reconditioning and/or repairing material and/or equipment is not acceptable.

H. **Asbestos and Hazardous Materials:** Unless specifically authorized and instructed to the contrary by the City, the Contractor shall not permit, allow, place, install or incorporate into the Project or upon the work site, any hazardous material(s), including, but not limited to, any products or materials that contain asbestos in any quantity. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to inspect all materials and products delivered for incorporation or installation in the Project to ensure that they contain no hazardous materials or asbestos. Where the Contractor or any subcontractor has or should have a reasonable suspicion that any product or material contains asbestos or other hazardous material, the Contractor shall immediately inspect the material or product, obtain a product or material data sheet, and notify the City's representative prior to installation or incorporation of the same into the Project. Any product or material determined to contain asbestos or other hazardous material shall be removed from the Project immediately and properly disposed of as required by law. Products or material to which the contractor should pay particular attention to avoid the presence of asbestos incorporated therein include, but are not limited to the following: concrete, batt insulation, roof insulation, building felts, mastics, water proofing products, adhesives, resilient flooring products, ceiling tiles, interior coatings, exterior coatings, roofing, pipe installation, duct installation and pre-assembled items of equipment.

At the completion of the Project, the Contractor shall submit a duly executed Asbestos Affidavit in the form as attached hereto prior to final payment.

The Contractor is responsible for insuring that all of its employees and subcontractors are adequately trained to handle hazardous materials in accordance with 49 CFR §172(g).

I. **Protection of Work and Property:** The Contractor shall furnish and install all necessary temporary works for the protection of the Project. The Contractor shall at all times adequately maintain, guard and protect his own work from damage, and safely guard and protect private, commercial, industrial, the City's and others' property from injury or loss arising in connection with this Contract. He shall make good any such damage, injury or loss, except such as may be directly due to errors in the plans or specifications or caused by agents or employees of the City.

The Contractor shall protect all existing vegetation such as trees, shrubs, and grass on or adjacent to the site which are not required to be removed or do not unreasonably interfere with construction, as may be determined by the Engineer/Architect, and be responsible for all cutting or damaging of trees and shrubs or grassed areas, including damage due to careless operation of equipment, stockpiling of materials or equipment.

Care shall be taken by the Contractor in felling trees that are to be removed to avoid any unnecessary damage to vegetation or other trees that are to remain in place. Any limbs or branches unavoidably broken during such operations shall be trimmed with a clean cut and painted with an approved tree priming compound. The Contractor may be required to replace or restore at his own expense all vegetation not protected and preserved, as above required, that may be destroyed or damaged.

The Contractor shall provide and maintain all passageways, guard fences, lights, and other facilities required for protection by federal, state or municipal laws and regulations or local conditions.

The Contractor shall comply with local and state regulations governing the operation of premises which are occupied and shall perform the contract in such a manner as not to interrupt or interfere with the operation of other facilities.

The Contractor shall store his apparatus, materials, supplies, and equipment in such orderly fashion at the site of the Project as will not unduly interfere with the progress of his work or the work of any other contractor.

Necessary crossings of curbings, sidewalks, roadways or parkways shall be protected against damage and any damage shall be repaired by or at the expense of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall not place upon the Project or any part thereof, loads inconsistent with the design or safety of that portion of the Project.

The Contractor shall provide and maintain access to all public and private properties at all times and be responsible for any damage caused by his operation to existing driveways, yards, streets, parking lots, utilities, railroads, etc., and such damage shall be corrected at the Contractor's expense. Roadways authorized closed by State or Local authorities shall be maintained to provide access to all fire, police, and other emergency vehicles and all individuals having private property in the closed area. The Contractor shall notify at least 24 hours in advance the Fire, Police, and Transportation Departments having local jurisdiction, the Owner and any other individuals, businesses, or agencies that may be affected.

J. **Protection of Existing Utilities**. Contractor shall be responsible for any damage to existing structures or the interruption of any utility services which shall be repaired or restored promptly by and at the expense of the Contractor.

To that extent, the Contractor shall provide whatever measures are necessary to properly protect and maintain all existing utilities encountered in the course of the work. The Contractor shall be exclusively responsible to the utility owner for any and all damages to the various utilities caused by the Contractor's actions or lack of actions to adequately protect the same.

The Contractor shall determine the exact location of all existing utilities before commencing work and agrees hereby to be fully responsible and liable for any and all damages which might occur by his failure to exactly locate and/or preserve the location of any and all underground or overhead utilities. The Contractor shall be solely and directly responsible to the utility owner for any and all damages to the various utilities, caused by the Contractor's actions or lack of actions to adequately protect such utilities. If any utilities are to be affected during the course of construction, the Contractor shall so notify the owners thereof at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to any such construction activity. The Contractor shall fully cooperate and coordinate with all utility owners in the event of an interruption to any utility service. The cost for locating, uncovering and protecting underground and/or overhead utilities is included within the Contractor's bid price for various other items of work.

The Contractor shall maintain all storm sewers, drains and/or ditches so that flow is not disturbed or impeded. The Contractor shall protect storm drains, inlets and/or ditches, lawns, landscaping and other facilities, from damage during the testing, and flushing.

K. **Limiting Exposures:** The Contractor shall prosecute the work on the Project to insure that no part of the construction, complete or in progress, is subject to harmful, dangerous, damaging,

or otherwise deleterious exposure during the construction period. Where applicable, such exposures include, but are not limited to the following:

Excessive static or dynamic loading
Excessive internal or external pressures
Excessively high or low temperatures
Thermal shock
Excessively high or low humidity
Air contamination or pollution
Water or ice
Solvents
Chemicals
Light
Puncture
Abrasions
Heavy traffic
Soiling, staining & corrosion
Bacteria
Rodent and insect infestation
Combustion
Electrical current
High speed operation
Improper lubrication
Unusual wear or other misuse
Contact between incompatible materials
Destructive testing
Misalignment
Excessive weathering
Unprotected storage
Improper shipping or handling
Theft
Vandalism

The Contractor shall minimize dust and air pollution through the use of water or other devices, require the use of properly operating combustion emission control devices and by encouraging the shutdown of construction vehicles when not in use.

L. **Safety:** The completed Project shall include all necessary permanent safety devices, such as machinery guards and similar ordinary safety items as may be appropriate or required by law. Further, any feature of the Project (including City-furnished or City-selected equipment) subject to such safety regulations shall be fabricated, furnished, and installed in compliance with these requirements. Contractors and manufacturers of equipment shall be held responsible for compliance with the requirements included herein. Contractors shall notify all equipment suppliers and subcontractors of the provisions of this Article.

In selecting and/or accepting equipment for installation in the Project, neither the City nor Engineer/Architect assume responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or any other damages or claims resulting from failure of the equipment to comply with applicable safety codes or requirements, or the safety requirements of a recognized agency, or failure due to manufacturer's faulty design concepts, or defective workmanship and materials. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the City, Program Coordinator, and Engineer/Architect harmless against any and all liability, claims, suits, damages, costs, or expenses without limitation arising out of the installation or use of such equipment.

The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of employees on the Project and shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and municipal safety laws and building codes to prevent accidents or injury to persons on or about or adjacent to the premises where the Project is being performed. He shall erect and properly maintain at all times, as required by conditions, and progress of the Project, all necessary safeguards for the protection of workmen and the public, and shall post danger signs warning against the hazards created by features of construction and the site.

Machinery, equipment and all hazards shall be guarded or eliminated in accordance with the State Accident Prevention in Construction provisions to the extent that such provisions are not in contravention with applicable laws.

The Contractor shall do whatever work is necessary for safety and be solely and completely responsible for conditions of the jobsite, including safety of all persons (including but by no

means limited to the public, site personnel, visitors, or employees) and property during the Contract period. The contract period shall include any subsequent warranty or other period associated with Project deficiency or repair and all hours including, and in addition to, normal working hours.

Safety provisions shall conform to the Federal and State Departments of Labor and the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and all other applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, codes, the requirements set forth herein, and any regulations that may be specified in other parts of these Contract Documents. Where any of these are in conflict, the more stringent requirement shall be followed. The Contractor's failure to thoroughly familiarize himself with the aforementioned safety provisions shall not relieve him from compliance with the obligations and penalties set forth therein.

The Contractor shall at all times provide proper facilities for safe access to the work by authorized government officials (federal, state, county and local) and representatives of the Owner.

M. **Traffic Control:** The Contractor shall be responsible for traffic control, including plan and devices to the extent the same is required due to work in, upon or in proximity to public right-of-way, streets, roads or vehicular traffic. The traffic control plan and all traffic control devices shall conform at a minimum to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, Latest Edition, Federal Highway Administration. A copy of which is on file in the office of the City of Tuscaloosa Director of the Department of Transportation for examination. Copies may be obtained from the Alabama Department of Transportation. Should the appropriate public authority determine a greater degree of traffic control is required, then the Contractor shall promptly provide same. The Contractor shall submit a plan to the City Engineer for approval before commencing construction.

Reasonable means of ingress and egress by vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic to property adjacent to the Project shall be maintained at all times. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the City harmless for any claims or causes of action including but not limited to those for inverse condemnation and/or lost profits arising out of or in any manner associated with access to or the restriction or prevention thereof to adjoining property. Traffic control and erosion control is of paramount importance during the construction of this Project and the terms and conditions in the contract documents in regard to these matters must be strictly adhered to.

N. **Responsibility to Act in Emergency:** In case of an emergency which threatens loss or damage to property, and/or safety, the Contractor shall act, without previous instructions from the City or Engineer/Architect, as the situation may warrant. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer/Architect thereof immediately thereafter. Any claim for compensation by the Contractor, together with substantiating documents in regard to expense, shall be submitted to the City through the Engineer/Architect. The claim will be handled in accordance with the provisions for extra work. However, if the emergency is created or aggravated by the Contractor, he shall be liable for the resulting damages. If the Contractor fails to take necessary action as required by such an emergency, the City may assign another Contractor or use his own forces to perform the emergency work. Costs or damages arising from the failure of the Contractor to act in an emergency may be deducted from the Contractor's request for payment.

O. **Sanitary Regulations:** The Contractor shall provide and maintain such sanitary accommodations for the use of his employees and those of his subcontractors as may be necessary to comply with the requirements and regulations of the local and State Department of

Health. At a minimum, necessary sanitary conveniences for the use of the laborers on the work shall be erected and maintained by the Contractor, in such a manner and at such points as shall be approved by the Engineer/Architect. Their use shall be strictly enforced. In the Construction Manager format, the City may provide sanitary accommodations through the Construction Manager.

P. **Cutting, Patching, etc.:** Unless otherwise stated in the contract documents, the Contractor shall do all necessary cutting, fitting and patching of the Project that may be required to properly receive the work, to make its several parts join together properly, receive and provide for the work of various trades, and be received by the work of other contractors, or as required by drawings and specifications to complete the Project. After such cutting, he shall replace or restore or repair and make good all defective or patched work as required by the Engineer/Architect. He shall not cut, excavate or otherwise alter any work in any manner or by a method or methods that will endanger the Project, adjacent property, workmen, the public or the work of any other contractor. The Contractor shall check the location of all sleeves, openings, slots, etc., for the piping, ducts, breeching, conduits, louvers, grills, fans, etc., as they are laid out on the job.

Provisions for openings, holes and clearances through walls, beams, floors, ceilings and partitions shall be made and checked by the Contractor and/or his subcontractor in advance of constructing such parts of the Project and unnecessary, superfluous or dangerous cutting shall be avoided.

Pipes passing through concrete or masonry walls shall be protected by pipe sleeves two sizes larger than the pipe, plus its installation to provide free movement.

Under no condition shall structural, framing or other parts or members subjected to computed stress be cut or disturbed without the approval of the Engineer/Architect. Any plates, studs or joists, and/or rafters that are approved to be cut to execute necessary work shall be securely strapped and braced to restore their strength by approved methods.

Unless otherwise indicated in Supplemental Conditions, all road crossings and/or driveways cut by the Contractor during the performance of the Project shall be returned to service as soon as possible and replaced or repaired within seven (7) calendar days.

All major thoroughfares must be repaired the same day as cut. The Contractor shall be responsible for the safety and welfare of the traveling public while construction work is being done and until the City accepts the Project.

The Contractor will replace at his own expense, all pipe and accessories that may be broken, damaged, stolen or lost and all materials that may become damaged, lost, stolen or misused.

The Engineer/Architect's approval shall be obtained before cutting or drilling holes in concrete or masonry that tend to damage or weaken the load capacity.

Q. **Trailers:** With the approval of the City or Engineer/Architect, the Contractor may park trailers or other structures for housing men, tools, machinery and supplies, but they will be permitted only at approved places and their surroundings shall be maintained at all times in a sanitary and satisfactory manner by the Contractor. On or before the completion of the Project, all such trailers or structures shall be removed, unless the City authorizes their abandonment without removal, together with all rubbish and trash, at the expense of the Contractor.

R. **Construction Staking:** If necessary, the Engineer or the City will furnish initial lines and grades to establish the initial horizontal and vertical control points and define the beginning and ending points of the Project. The Contractor is responsible for engaging the services of a qualified Engineer or land surveyor to replace and/or re-establish in accordance with the construction plans and/or specs, all construction stakes that are disturbed, displaced or destroyed during construction.

If the Contractor finds any errors or discrepancies with the construction staking or the criteria upon which it is based, he/she shall promptly notify the Owner's representative.

S. **Periodic Cleanup**: The Contractor shall periodically, at least weekly, or as requested during the progress of the Project, clean up and remove from the premises, all refuse, rubbish, scrap materials and debris caused by its employees or its subcontractors resulting from its work, to the end that all times the premises are sanitary, safe, reasonably clean, orderly and workmanlike. Trash and combustible materials shall not be allowed to accumulate inside buildings or elsewhere on the premises. At no time shall any rubbish be thrown from window openings, except during renovations with adequate precautions and into proper receptacles. The Contractor shall comply with all municipal litter and construction site ordinances.

Before the Project is considered as complete, all rubbish created by or in connection with the construction must be removed by the Contractor and the premises left in a condition by the Contractor satisfactory to the City. Street, curbs, crosswalks, pavements, sidewalks, fences and other public and private property disturbed shall be restored to their former condition or better, and final payment will be withheld until such work is finished by the Contractor.

Contractor shall conduct cleaning and disposal operations to comply with local ordinances and anti-pollution laws. No burning or burying of rubbish or waste materials is permitted on the Project site. The Contractor shall dispose of any hazardous material in a safe manner, off site, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and shall not dispose of volatile or hazardous waste in storm or sanitary sewer drainage ditches, streams or waterways.

Contractor shall periodically wet down dry materials and rubbish to lay dust and prevent blowing dust; and shall provide adequate and approved containers for collection and disposal of waste material, debris and rubbish, removing grease, dust, dirt, stains, labels, fingerprints and other foreign materials from exposed and semi-exposed surfaces.

T. **Termite Control.** If the Project involves construction of a building or if otherwise specifically required by the City, then the Contractor shall provide soil treatment for termite control under all interior slabs on grade and foundation walls, and as herein specified. Contractor shall also comply with manufacturer's instructions and recommendations for work, including preparation of substrate and application and shall engage a professional pest control operator, licensed in accordance with regulations of governing authorities for application of soil treatment solution and doing business in the state where the Project is located for a minimum of five (5) years.

Contractor shall not apply soil treatment solution until excavating, filling and grading operations are completed, except as otherwise required in construction operations. To insure penetration, the soil treatment will not be applied to frozen or excessively wet soils or during inclement weather. Contractor shall comply with all handling and application instructions of the soil toxicant manufacturer. The type of materials to be used for soil poisoning shall first be submitted to the City for approval.

The soil treatment solution shall be an emulsible concentrate insecticide for dilution with water, specially formulated to prevent infestation by termites. Fuel oil will not be permitted as a dilutant.

Contractor shall strictly comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) rules and regulations governing chemicals and their use. Only soil treatment solutions which are not injurious to planting shall be used. Other solutions may be used as recommended by Applicator when acceptable to the EPA, local governing authorities, and the Engineer/Architect.

Contractor shall comply with the following requirements when applying the soil treatment solution:

1. Surface Preparation: Remove foreign matter which could decrease effectiveness of treatment on areas to be treated. Loosen, rake, and level soil to be treated, except previously compacted areas under slabs and foundations. Toxicants may be applied before placement of compacted fill under slabs if recommended by toxicant manufacturer.

2. Under slab-on-grade structures, treat soil before concrete slabs are placed using either power sprayer or tank type garden sprayer.

   (A) Apply 4-gallons of chemical solution per 10 linear feet to soil in critical areas under slab, including entire inside perimeter inside of foundation walls, along both sides at interior partition walls, around plumbing pipes and electric conduit penetrating slab, and around interior column footings.

   (B) Apply one gallon of chemical solution per 10 sq. ft. as an overall treatment under slab and attached slab areas where fill is soil or unwashed gravel. Apply 1-1/2 gallons of chemical solution to areas where fill is washed gravel or other coarse absorbent material.

   (C) Apply 4 gallons of chemical solution per 10 linear feet of trench for each foot of depth from grade to footing, along outside edge of building. Dig a trench 6" to 8" wide along outside of foundation to a depth of not less than 12". Punch holes to top of footing at not more than 12" o.c. and apply chemical solution. Mix chemical solution with the soil as it is being replaced in trench.

3. Post signs in areas of application warning workers that soil poisoning has been applied. Remove signs when areas are covered by other construction.

4. Reapply soil treatment solution to areas disturbed by subsequent excavation or other construction activities following application.

U. Erosion Control.

1. **To the extent there has been issued by the City Engineer a land development permit in accordance with applicable ordinances, the Contractor shall conform to and abide by all terms and conditions of such permit.**

2. **Erosion control measures shall be performed on all disturbed areas in accordance with the BMPP included in the Notice of Intent and with Section 665, Alabama Highway Department Specifications. The CONTRACTOR will perform all erosion control measures necessary to prevent silt and soil from leaving construction area and entering private property or the "Waters of the State." Erosion control measures shall be in strict accordance with <u>Alabama Non Point Source Management Program Document and EPA Storm Water Pollution Prevention for Construction Activities</u>.**

3. **In accordance with Section 665 of Alabama Highway Department Specifications, temporary erosion control work shall involve the construction of temporary berms, dikes, drains, fences, dams, etc. with the use of temporary seeding, mulching, erosion control netting, hay bales, sandbags, check dams, etc., as necessary in order to prevent silt and soil from leaving rights-of-way and entering private property or from washing into drainage structures located on State or County rights-of-way. CONTRACTOR shall mow grassed areas as required during the construction phase of the contract.**

4. **Erosion control measures shall be maintained by the CONTRACTOR through the warranty period of the contract. If additional measures are required to correct problems which might occur, these shall be performed by the CONTRACTOR at no additional cost to the OWNER.**

5. **Materials used for erosion control measures shall be in accordance with Section 665.02 of Alabama Highway Department Specifications and shall include hay bales, sandbags, silt fencing rip rap, crushed stone, mulch or other materials necessary in order to accomplish erosion control.**

V. **Wastewater Containment and Management Plan.** In accordance with ADEM Consent Order, NPDES permit NO. AL0022713, Tuscaloosa WWTP, Tuscaloosa County (125) dated September 8, 2009 and the "City of Tuscaloosa, Water and Sewer Department Engineering Report and Compliance Plan", December 2009; to the extent that construction activity by the Contractor involves any wastewater infrastructure or construction activities in close proximity to any wastewater infrastructure and/or to any City sanitary sewer assets the Contractor shall submit to the City Engineer, prior to commencing construction, a wastewater containment and management plan (the "Plan"). The Plan shall adequately address the means, methods and techniques to be employed by the Contractor for containing and transporting wastewater in a sanitary manner without, at any time, permitting the discharge of wastewater into the environment or creating the necessity of a State required sanitary sewer overflow report. The Plan shall be submitted by the Contractor to the Office of City Engineer for review and approval before commencing any construction activity. The City Engineer may waive the requirement of submitting a Plan if he/ she determines that the construction activity to which the Plan would relate does not involve any potential for the discharge of wastewater into the environment or creating the potential for the necessity of a State required sanitary sewer overflow report.

W. **Environmental Clause/Covenant.** Contractor shall not allow any toxic, hazardous or contaminated substances or gases (including, but not limited to, asbestos and raw materials which include hazardous constituents or any other similar substances or materials which are included under or regulated by any local, state, or federal law, rule or regulation pertaining to environmental regulations, contamination, clean-up or disclosure such as, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"); the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 7401 et seq.); the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.); the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq.); and the Toxic Substances Control Act (42 U.S.C. §2601 et seq.) or state environmental clean-up or disclosure acts and statutes as all such acts and statutes exist now or are hereafter amended (such acts and statutes referred to herein as "Environmental Laws")(such substances or gases referred to herein as 'Hazardous Substances') to be stored, located, or discharged on the premises without specific prior written consent of the City. Contractor shall comply with all Environmental Laws affecting the premises. Contractor covenants to hold the City, its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any loss, costs, damage or expenses (including attorney's fees and expenses) arising out of the presence of Hazardous Substances (as hereinbefore described) on or about the premises or the violation of any Environmental Laws with respect thereto, the occurrence of which Hazardous Substances on the premises or the violation of any Environmental Laws shall have arisen solely from the acts or omissions of Contractor, its subcontractors, agents, invitees and employees. This indemnity shall survive the termination of this contract and shall inure to the benefit of the City of Tuscaloosa, its successors and assigns.

ARTICLE V. INSURANCE, LIABILITY, ETC.

A. Contractor's Insurance (Generally):

1. Insurance Required. The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until it has obtained all insurance required by the Contract documents and such insurance has been accepted by the City. The Contractor shall maintain the required insurance during the term of the contract including any extensions of the term.

Insurance shall be written in comprehensive form by insurance companies rated A- or better by A. M. BEST and shall protect the Contractor and the City against claims for injuries to members of the public (including City employees) or damages to property of others (including City property) arising out of any act of the Contractor or any of its agents, employees or subcontractors and shall cover both on-site and off-site operations under this contract and insurance coverage shall extend to any motor vehicles or other related equipment, irrespective of whether the same is owned, non-owned or hired.

The obtaining and maintaining by Contractor and subcontractors of the insurance required herein does not relieve the Contractor of any responsibilities, obligations or duties to the City pursuant to this contract.

2. Additional Insurance. The Contractor shall have an insurance professional review the Contractor's activities in regard to the performance of this contract and the Contractor shall obtain any further or additional insurance or greater limits as recommended by the insurance professional.

3. Insurance Limits. Neither the setting of insurance limits or requirements nor the acceptance or approval of the same by the City imply or represent that the limits or the

insurance carrier is sufficient or that such insurance actually has been obtained, that being the responsibility of the Contractor.

4. Subcontractors. The Contractor shall require all subcontractors to take out and maintain the type of insurance required herein to the extent of their involvement in the Project so as to be adequate to protect against liability. In the event any work under this Contract is performed by a subcontractor(s), the Contractor shall remain responsible for any liability directly or indirectly arising out of the work performed under this Contract, regardless of whether or not such work is covered by the subcontractor's insurance. The Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on the project until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained. All subcontractors shall maintain required insurance during the term of the contract including any extensions of the term.

5. City's Right to Review Coverage. The City shall have the right to inspect and approve Contractor's insurance coverage herein required. Should the City deem it advisable to modify the coverage in any way, it shall so request of the Contractor in writing and should the Contractor fail to modify the coverage, then the City may pay the cost of any increased coverage or take credit for any decreases as may be appropriate. Review or acceptance of insurance by the City or representatives of the City shall not relieve or decrease the responsibility of the Contractor hereunder.

6. Waiver of Subrogation. To the extent that the Contractor is required to maintain insurance coverage for loss or damage to property or bodily injury, including Builders Risk All Risk insurance, the insurance must waive and the Contractor hereby waives subrogation of claims against the City, its officers, agents and employees.

7. City as Additional Insured. The City shall be named as additional insured , for ongoing and completed operations for up to two (2) years, on the Contractor's and any subcontractor's policies for any claims arising out of work performed under this Contract. The Contractor shall provide the City with a Certificate of Insurance naming the City as an additional insured using ISO for CG 2010 1185 (or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage) or on the combination of ISO forms CG 20 10 07 04 or CG 20 33 07 04 and CG 20 37 07 04 (or a substitute or ISO form providing equivalent coverage) naming the City as an additional insured , giving all parties a 30 notice of cancellation or intent not to renew the insurance, a waiver of subrogation and list any and all exclusions.. The coverage available to the City as an additional insured shall not be less than $1,000,000 Each Occurrence, $2,000,000 General Aggregate (subject to a per project general aggregate applicable to the project,), $2,000,000 Products/completed Operations Aggregate, and $1,000,000 Personal and Advertising injury limits. Additional insured coverage shall apply as primary, non contributory, insurance with any other insurance afforded to the City and the Contractor.

8. Elevators, Hoist and Cranes. If the Contractor or a subcontractor will utilize in connection with the performance of the work pursuant to this contract an elevator, material hoist, crane or other equipment, or conveyor, then the Contractor shall take out and maintain or require the subcontractor to take out and maintain insurance that shall protect the Contractor and the City against claims for injuries to members of the public (including City employees) or damages to property of others (including City property) arising out of any act of the Contractor or any of its agents, employees or subcontractors resulting from the operation of such elevator, material hoist, crane or other equipment, or conveyor.

B. Insurance:

1. Workmen's Compensation Insurance:

The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the term or any extensions of this contract Workmen's Compensation Insurance as required by Alabama law for all of its employees employed at the site of the Project or off-sites related to the Project and, in case any work is sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor.

In case any class of employees engaged in any work under this contract at the site of the Project is not protected under the Workmen's Compensation statute, the Contractor shall provide, and shall cause each subcontractor to provide, adequate accident insurance for the protection of its employees not otherwise protected.

Water or Navigational Exposure; Where work under this contract may trigger the requirement for Federal Longshoreman's and Harbor worker's Act and Federal Jones Act or insurance required by other applicable law or regulations, the Contractor shall obtain the same if required.

2. Comprehensive Automobile and Vehicle Liability Insurance:

The Contractor shall maintain during the term or any extensions of this contract, comprehensive automobile and vehicle liability insurance.

The limits of liability shall not be less than $1,000,000 combined single limit or equivalent.

3. Commercial General Liability Insurance:

The Contractor shall maintain during the term or any extensions of this contract, Commercial General Liability Insurance, including officers, agents and employees.

The limits of liability shall not be less than $1,000,000 Each Occurrence, $2,000,000 General Aggregate (subject to a per project general aggregate applicable to the project), $2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate, and $1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Limits Combined Single Limit or equivalent.

4. Owner's Protective Insurance:

For projects with a contract amount of $500,000.00 or greater, an Owner's Protective Policy is required in the minimum amount of $1,000,000 each occurrence. Provided; however, the City may require such insurance on projects of lesser amount if an insurance limit amount is stated herein.

5. Umbrella Excess Liability Over Primary Insurance:

The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the term of this contract, and any extensions thereof, Umbrella Excess Liability Insurance. The minimum limits of coverage shall be as follows:

Each Occurrence $ _____
Aggregate $ _____

The coverage shall be over the required general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance as a minimum. There shall be no gaps or sublimit deductibles, etc.

6. Miscellaneous Insurance:

The Contractor shall provide whatever insurance may be required of the City or the Contractor by permits or agreements, etc., with the railroad, highways, or other utilities. The Contractor shall familiarize himself with all insurance requirements contained in easements, permits, and agreements associated with this Project. The Contractor shall provide any Railroad Protective Liability and other General Liability Insurance in the amounts contained in the agreements, permits or easements or in greater amounts if higher limits are appropriate or required elsewhere. The Contractor shall bear the cost of all required insurance and shall include in his bid a sufficient amount to cover the cost of all required insurance. To the extent the City obtains permits or licenses for railroad or highway bores, crossings or other work involved in the Project, the Contractor shall obtain adequate insurance to protect itself and the City.

7. Builders Risk All Risk Insurance:

To the extent applicable to the Project, the Contractor shall secure and maintain during the life of this Contract, Builder Risk All Risk Insurance coverage for 100 percent of the Contract Price. This insurance shall not exclude coverage for earthquake, landslide, tornado, flood, collapse or loss due to the result of faulty workmanship. Such insurance shall also provide for any damages caused by injury to, or destruction of, tangible property, including loss of use resulting therefrom, and shall pay all losses to the Contractor and the City as their interest may appear.

If this is a trade contract under a construction manager format, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply.

8. Proof of Carriage of Insurance:

The Contractor shall furnish the City with satisfactory proof of carriage of the insurance required herein, in the form of an insurance certificate or if the City elects in the form of a policy. Insurance shall be in a form satisfactory to the City.

(A) The Contractor's and any subcontractor's general liability and automobile liability insurance shall endorse the Owner (City of Tuscaloosa), its officers, agents and employees, as additional insured's for any claims arising out of work performed under this contract.

(B) The Contractor's insurance endorsing the Owner and others as additional insured's shall be "primary" and non contributory as to such endorsed insured's.

(C) Cancellation: The certificate and policy, as the case may be, shall state that the City shall be given thirty (30) days' written notice of cancellation or any change in the insurance coverage.

(D) There shall be a statement that the Contractor and any subcontractors waive subrogation as to the City, its officers, agents, employees and Program Coordinator.

(E) There shall be a statement that full aggregate limits apply per job or contract.

(F) Agents verification of Contractor's insurance on form provided by the City or equivalent.

(G) Insurance shall contain no exclusions for x, c or u.

(H) Full aggregate limits must apply per job or contract.

C. No Personal Liability of Public Officials: In carrying out any of the provisions hereof in exercising any authority granted by the Contract, there will be no personal liability upon any public official.

D. Indemnity: To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall save harmless, indemnify and defend the City, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims and losses, cost, expense or liability including attorney's fees and litigation costs caused by, arising out of, resulting from, or occurring in connection with the performance of the work by the Contractor or any subcontractor, regardless of the fault, breach of contract, or negligence of the City, its officers, agents or employees excepting only such claims or losses that have been adjudicated to have been caused solely by the negligence of the City and regardless of whether or not the Contractor is or can be named a party in a litigation.

Contractor agrees to indemnify and/or reimburse the City for any fines, violations, charges, suits, or sums of money imposed by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or any administrative agency on the City of Tuscaloosa for any sewage or contaminate discharged or Wetlands regulations violation as a result of or arising out of the work by the Contractor pursuant to this agreement.

E. Errors and Omissions. The Contractor does agree to release and hold harmless the City of Tuscaloosa or any of its officers, agents and employees and its Program Coordinator from any damages claimed by the Contractor or subcontractors resulting from or attributable in whole or in part to, errors in or omissions of the plans and specifications, including final drawings of the Engineer/Architect or other design professionals. As to plans, specifications or designs prepared by independent design professionals, the parties agree that any City review or approval thereof was only for overall suitability, maintenance and usability and there are no express or implied warranties by the City as to the adequacy, accuracy, correctness, or code compliance thereof.

F. Exclusion of Contractor Claims: In performing its obligations, the Engineer/Architect and its consultants may cause expense for the Contractor or its subcontractors and equipment or material suppliers. However, those parties and their sureties shall maintain no direct action against the City or its officers, employees, agents and program coordinator for any claim arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the Engineering services performed or required to be performed where such services are performed in good faith to protect the City or the Public.

G. Inadequate Surety/Insurance. It is further mutually agreed between the parties hereto that if, at any time after the execution of this agreement, any of the surety bonds of the Contractor or subcontractors relating to the Project for its faithful performance shall be deemed by the City to be unsatisfactory, or if for any reason such bond(s) ceases to be adequate to cover the

performance of the work or the surety ceases to do business by agent in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, the Contractor shall, at its expense, within five (5) days after the receipt of notice from the City so to do, furnish an additional bond or bonds in such form and amount and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the City. In such event, no further payment to the Contractor shall be deemed to be due under this agreement until such new or additional security for the faithful performance of the work shall be furnished in manner and form satisfactory to the City.

H. Changes. When changes in the scope of work by written order or change orders aggregate in amount equal to 10 percent of the total contract, including the change order or change orders, the insurance coverage included under this heading shall be increased accordingly by the Contractor. Proof of coverage shall be established by endorsement to the original policy or by re-issue of the original policy to include the added coverage, or in accordance with any other acceptable policy with the insuring company for increasing the coverage.

ARTICLE VI. OBSERVATION OF THE PROJECT

A. **Generally:** The Contractor shall furnish the Engineer/Architect and/or the City's observer with every reasonable facility for ascertaining whether or not the work performed is in accordance with the requirements and intent of the Specifications and Contract Documents. No work shall be done without suitable inspection by the Engineer/Architect's Inspector or the City's observer. Payment for work or failure to reject any defective work shall not in any way prevent later rejection when such defect is discovered, nor obligate the City to final acceptance. All work done when not in accordance with the Plans, specifications and contract will be rejected and, without cost to the City, shall immediately be removed and other work done in accordance therewith by the Contractor. If the Contractor fails to remove the work as above ordered, then the Engineer/Architect shall have the right and authority to stop the Contractor and his work at once and the City may correct the work as herein provided at the cost and expense of the Contractor.

Inspection is not acceptance and shall not constitute acceptance by the City.

The work shall also be subject to inspection by representatives of the City of Tuscaloosa Building Inspection Department.

B. **Observation of the Project:** The Engineer/Architect, the City and its observers, agents, any agency having jurisdiction, and their representatives shall have access at all times to the Project for inspection whenever it is in preparation or progress, and the Contractor shall provide proper facilities for such access and inspection. The City or the Engineer/Architect may appoint or assign observers, with designated duties and restricted authority, to inspect the Project as may be directed, or to make special observations requested in advance by the Contractor, and to report progress of the Project, and manner of procedure, quality of the material and workmanship, and compliance with the Contract Documents.

Inspection or observation is not acceptance and shall not constitute acceptance by the City.

All materials, workmanship, equipment, processes of manufacture, and methods of construction, shall be subject to inspection, examination, and test by such persons at any and all places where such manufacture and/or construction are being carried on. The Engineer/Architect shall have the right to reject material, workmanship and/or equipment that are defective or otherwise not in accordance with the drawings and Specifications and require its correction by the Contractor. Rejected workmanship shall be satisfactorily corrected, and rejected material shall be satisfactorily replaced with proper material by the Contractor without

charge therefor, and the Contractor shall promptly segregate and remove the rejected material from the premises. Provided; however, neither the presence or absence of such observers nor the giving or failure to give such advice, direction or instruction shall in any manner relieve the Contractor from any contract requirement.

Upon rejection of material and/or workmanship by the Engineer/Architect or the City, there may be occasion where such deficiencies may be corrected more economically and timely through modification of the design versus removal and replacement. In such instances, the Engineer/Architect shall provide design services on behalf of the City necessary for analysis and correction of the rejected work. Costs associated with hourly fees for these professional services shall be paid by the City and deducted from payment to the Contractor based on the actual costs incurred. Prior to beginning any analysis and accrual of associated professional service fees, the Engineer/Architect shall provide the Contractor and City notice in writing of the intent to begin, summary of the scope of work, estimated time to complete, and estimated total fees. Any costs associated with corrective work performed by the Contractor to remedy such deficiencies shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

Neither the City observers nor the Engineer/Architect, will be authorized to revoke, alter, relax, or waive any requirements of the Contract Documents; to issue instructions contrary to the drawings and Specifications; nor shall they supervise and direct work for the Contractor, nor unreasonably interfere with the Contractor's operations beyond the extent necessary to make certain that the Project is being carried out according to the contract requirements.

Any advice which they may give the Contractor shall not be construed as binding the City in any way, nor as releasing the Contractor from any of the contract requirements.

If the Contractor considers any work demanded of it to be outside the contract requirements, or any ruling of the Engineer/Architect or an inspector to be unfair, it may immediately, upon such work being demanded or ruling made, request written instructions from the Engineer/Architect, or inspector, or within ten days file an appeal to the Engineer/Architect or the City, stating clearly and in detail the basis of its objections. However, pending the decision on such appeal no work shall be done in disregard of the rulings of the Engineer/Architect or inspector or his instructions on items of work affected by such appeal.

The Contractor shall furnish promptly, without extra compensation, all reasonable facilities, labor, and material necessary for safe and convenient access, inspection, and tests that may be required by the Engineer/Architect.

C. **Authority and Duties of Observers:** If City or consultant inspectors, whether for the Engineer/Architect or Construction Manager, are being utilized, they shall be authorized and permitted to inspect all work done. The Inspector shall not be authorized to alter or waive any requirements of the Specifications. He shall have authority to call the attention of the Contractor to failure of the work to conform to the specifications and Contract. He may suspend the Project until any questions at issue can be referred to and decided by the Engineer/Architect or the City.

Neither the Engineer/Architect, Inspector, the City or other representatives for the City shall be responsible in any way for construction means, methods or techniques, nor for the safety of the construction work, progress, or employees of the Contractor or any subcontractors, except as set forth in the Construction Manager contract, if applicable.

The presence of the Inspector shall not in any manner lessen the responsibility of the Contractor pursuant to this agreement.

D. **Defective Work/Correction of Work by the City:** The inspection of the work shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations to fulfill its contract and defective work shall be made good, notwithstanding that such work has been previously inspected by the Engineer/Architect and accepted or estimated for payment. The failure of the Engineer/Architect or inspector to condemn improper workmanship shall not be considered as a waiver of any defect, whether known at the time or discovered later, or as preventing the City at any time subsequently from recovering damages for work actually defective. All work shall be guaranteed by the Contractor against defects in workmanship for a period of one year from date of final payment.

Upon failure and/or neglect by the Contractor to promptly prosecute or perform the work in accordance with the contract documents, including any requirements with respect to the construction schedule, plans or specifications, the City may, without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, correct such deficiencies and may deduct the actual cost thereof from payment, then or thereafter due to the Contractor.

E. **Disagreement:** Should any disagreement or difference arise as to the estimated quantities or classifications or as to the meaning of the drawings or specifications, or any point concerning the character, or acceptability or nature of the several kinds of work, or construction thereof, the decision of the Engineer/Architect shall be final and conclusive and binding on the Contractor.

F. **Stop Work Orders:** During unseasonable weather all work must stop when the Engineer/Architect so directs and all work must be suitably protected by Contractor at all times. However, the Engineer/Architect shall be under no obligation to stop work on the Project. If the Project is stopped, the Contractor shall not be entitled to extra compensation for delays or problems associated with the stoppage.

G. **Progress Meetings:** The Contractor shall conduct regular progress meetings during the course of the Project at least once a month or more often if requested by the City or Engineer/Architect. The meetings shall be held at a site convenient to all parties and if a site cannot be agreed upon, the City will designate a site.

The Contractor or designated representative, the Contractor's Superintendent, all subcontractors, engineers, inspectors, and the City's representative shall attend.

The Contractor shall keep accurate written minutes of the meetings and forward copies thereof to the Engineer/Architect and the City's representative before the next scheduled meeting.

If a trade contract, progress meetings will be conducted by the Construction Manager, who will keep minutes. All trade contractors shall attend unless excused by the Construction Manager.

ARTICLE VII. PROJECT COMPLETION

A. **Substantial Completion:** "Substantial completion" shall be that degree of completion of the Project or a defined portion of the Project, as evidenced by the Engineer/Architect's written notice of Substantial Completion, sufficient to provide the City, at its discretion, the full-time use of the Project or defined portion of the work for the purposes for which it was intended. "Substantial Completion" of an operating facility or operating component of the Project shall be that degree of completion that has provided a minimum of seven (7) continuous days of successful, trouble-free operation in a "fully automatic" manner acceptable to the City and Engineer/Architect and with all redundant systems fully operational. All equipment contained in

the Project, plus all other components necessary to enable the owner to operate the facility in the manner that was intended, shall be complete on the substantial completion date.

When the Contractor considers that the Project, or where acceptable to the City, a designated portion thereof is substantially complete, the Contractor shall prepare and submit to the Engineer/Architect a list of items to be completed or corrected and request an inspection for Substantial Completion. The failure by the Contractor to include any items on such list does not alter the responsibility of the Contractor to complete all work in accordance with the Contract Documents. After inspection and/or if an operating facility, after a minimum of seven (7) continuous days of successful, trouble free operation has been achieved during startup, the Engineer/Architect may, at his sole discretion, issue a written notice of substantial completion for the purpose of establishing the starting date for specific equipment guarantees or warranties, and to establish the date that the City will assume the responsibility for the cost of operating such equipment.

Said notice shall not be considered as final acceptance of any portion of the Project or relieve the Contractor from completing the remaining work, including any remaining performance or acceptance testing, within the specified time and in full compliance with the Contract Documents. Specifically, the issuance of a written notice of Substantial Completion shall not relieve the Contractor of his obligation to promptly remedy any omissions and latent or unnoticed defects in the Project covered by the written Notice of Substantial Completion.

B. **Final Inspection:** Upon notice from the Contractor that its work is complete, the Engineer/Architect and/or other representatives of the City shall make a final inspection of the work or Project and conduct test or tests if applicable. The Engineer/Architect shall notify the Contractor of all apparent and/or visible instances where the Project fails to comply with the plans and specifications and contract documents, as well as any defects he may discover (punch list). The Contractor shall immediately make such alterations as are necessary to make the Project comply with the plans and specifications and to the satisfaction of the Engineer/Architect.

Upon completion of all such repairs in a satisfactory manner, and when the Engineer/Architect has determined that the work or Project is acceptable under the contract, including this provision and after publication of final completion and all other requirements of final payment as provided for in this agreement, then he shall issue a final certificate of payment to the City stating that the balance is due the Contractor, less such amounts as may have been withheld by the City from time to time as provided in the contract documents. In recommending to the City that it make such final payment to the Contractor, the Engineer/Architect shall also issue a certificate of final acceptance wherein he shall recommend to the City that it accept the Project and/or work as final and complete pursuant to the contract documents.

Verification, approval, inspection, final inspection, issuance of final acceptance, issuance of final certificate of payment, action or approval by the City upon the final certificate of payment or final acceptance shall not in any way relieve the Contractor of responsibility for faulty materials or workmanship.

All warranty or guarantee periods shall commence and start to run from the date of substantial completion.

C. **"As Built" Drawings:** Unless waived by the City representative, the Contractor must provide to the City a set of "as built" drawings acceptable to the City as a component part of the Project prior to final payment.

D. **Final Cleanup:** Before final completion and final acceptance, the Contractor shall remove from the City's property or rights-of-ways and from all public and private property, all tools, scaffolding, false work, temporary structures and/or utilities, including the foundations thereof (except such as the City permits in writing to remain); rubbish and waste materials resulting from its operation or caused by its employees; and shall remove all surplus materials, leaving the site clean and true to line and grade, and the Project in a safe and clean condition ready for use and operation. In addition to the above, the Contractor shall be responsible for the following special cleaning for all trades as the Project shall have been completed:

1. Cleaning of all painted, enameled, stained or baked enamel work: removal of all marks, stains, fingerprints and splatters from such surfaces.

2. Cleaning of all glass: cleaning and removing of all stickers, labels, stains and paint from all glass and the washing and polishing of the same on interior and exterior.

3. Cleaning or polishing of all hardware.

4. Cleaning all tile, floor finishing of all kinds; removal of all splatters, stains, paint, dirt, and dust, the washing and polishing of all floors as recommended by the manufacturer or required by the Engineer/Architect.

5. Cleaning of all manufactured articles, materials, fixtures, appliances and equipment; removal of all stickers, rust stains, labels (except instructional and/or safety labels) and temporary covers and cleaning and conditioning of all manufactured articles, materials, fixtures, appliances, electrical, heating and air conditioning equipment as recommended or directed by the manufacturers, unless otherwise required by the Engineer/Architect; blowing out or flushing out of all foreign matter from all dust pockets, piping, tanks, pumps, fans, motors, devices, switches, panels, fixtures, boilers, similar features; and freeing identification plates on all equipment or excess paint and the polishing thereof.

In the case of failure to comply with the above requirements for any part of the Project within the time specified by the Engineer/Architect, he may cause the work to be done and deduct the cost thereof from the contract price on the next or succeeding application for payment, or in the event that the cost exceeds the balance due the Contractor, bill the Contractor for the excess.

E. **Notice of Completion:** The Contractor shall, immediately after the completion of the Project and acceptance by the Owner as provided for herein, give notice as required by Ala. Code §39-1-1(f) by an advertisement in some newspaper of general circulation published within the city or county wherein the Project has been done for a period of four (4) successive weeks. The advertisement shall advise interested parties to contact both the Contractor and the specific City representative. The City's representative shall be named along with his proper mailing address. In no instance shall a final payment be made upon the contract until the expiration of thirty (30) days after the completion of the notice. Proof of publication of said notice shall be made by the Contractor to the City of Tuscaloosa by affidavit of the Publisher and a printed copy of the notice published.

Provided, however, that the requirements hereinabove stated for notice and advertisement shall not apply to contractors performing contracts of less than Fifty Thousand Dollars

($50,000.00) in amount and the governing body of the City of Tuscaloosa so as to expedite final payment, shall cause notice of final completion of such contract to be published one time in Tuscaloosa County and shall post notice of final completion on the City of Tuscaloosa's bulletin board for one (1) week and shall require the Contractor to certify under oath that all bills have been paid in full. Final settlement with such Contractor may be made at any time after the notice shall have been posted for one (1) entire week.

NOTE: When maintenance periods are included in the contract for highways, bridges or similar structures, such periods shall be considered component parts of the contract.

F. **Final Payment:**

Upon completion of the Project by the Contractor and acceptance by the City's representatives of all work required of the Contractor for the Project, but not until thirty (30) days after completion of the notice, the amount due the Contractor pursuant to the Contract Documents shall be paid upon the presentation by the Contractor to the City's representative of the following:

1. A properly executed and duly certified voucher for payment, verified by architect, engineer or other City representative, including therewith evidence that all payrolls and all amounts due for labor and materials, other than claims for damages due to tort, have been fully paid and satisfied and there are no outstanding claims or demands associated with the work on the Project.

2. A release of all claims and claims of lien against the City from the Contractor and all major subcontractors (the City may waive the requirement for subcontractor releases) arising under and by virtue of the contract, on the form attached, duly executed by the Contractor and with the consent of the surety. The Contractor may specifically except claims of the Contractor from the operation of the release if specifically excepted therefrom in stated amounts and the reason therefor.
   The Contractor may with the consent of the City representative, if any subcontractor refuses to furnish such a release, furnish a bond with surety satisfactory to the City representative to indemnify against such claims.

3. Proof of publication of notice of completion including affidavit of publisher and a printed copy of the notice so published, as provided by law.

4. In accordance with Ala. Code §39-2-12(c), a non-resident contractor shall satisfy the City that he or she has paid all taxes due and payable to the State, the City and all applicable political subdivisions.

G. **Acceptance of Final Payment Constitutes Release:** The acceptance by the Contractor of the final payment shall release the City, the Engineer/Architect, as representatives of the City, and their officers, employees, agents, and subconsultants from all claims and all liability to the Contractor for all things done or furnished in connection with the Project, and every act of the City and others relating to or arising out of the work except claims previously made in writing and still unsettled. No payment, however, final or otherwise, shall operate to release the Contractor or his Sureties from obligations under this Contract and the Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and other bonds, warranties and guarantees as herein provided.

ARTICLE VIII. WARRANTY AND GUARANTEES

A. **Warranty and Guarantee:**

1. Warranty: The Contractor warrants to the City and the Engineer/Architect that all materials and equipment furnished under this Contract will be new unless otherwise specified and that all work, materials and equipment will be of good quality, free from fault and defects and in conformance with the contract documents. The work must be safe, substantial and durable construction in all respects. All work, materials and equipment not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, may be considered defective. Warranties shall commence to run from the date of substantial completion.

The work furnished must be of first quality and the workmanship must be the best obtainable in the various trades. The Contractor hereby guarantees the Project and the work on the Project against defective materials or faulty workmanship for a minimum of one (1) year after final payment by the City and shall replace or repair any defective materials or equipment or faulty workmanship during the period of guarantee at no cost to the City.

2. Guarantee: If, within the designated warranty period or if not designated, within one (1) year from the date of substantial completion, any of the work, materials or equipment is found to be defective or not in accordance with the contract documents, the Contractor shall correct it promptly after receipt of written notice from the City to do so, unless the City has previously specifically given the Contractor a written acceptance of such specific condition. This obligation shall survive termination of the Contract. The City shall give such notice promptly after discovery of the condition.

3. Roofing Guarantee: If the Project involves a roof on a building or other structure, then the Contractor shall execute and provide the Roofing Guarantee in the form attached hereto. The guarantee shall be delivered to the City and Engineer/Architect prior to final payment.

4. Termite Warranty: If the Project involves termite treatment as required in Article IV, then the Contractor shall furnish to the City a written warranty certifying that the applied soil poisoning treatment will prevent the infestation of subterranean termites and that if subterranean termite activity is discovered during the warranty period, Contractor shall re-treat the soil and repair or replace any damage caused by termite infestation. The warranty shall be for a period of five (5) years from the date of treatment signed by Applicator and Contractor.

B. **Correction of Defective Work During Warranty/Guarantee Period:** The Contractor hereby agrees to make, at his own expense and no cost to the City, all repairs or replacements necessitated by defects in materials or workmanship, provided under the terms of this Contract, and pay for any damage to other works resulting from such defects, which become evident within 1 year after the date of substantial completion unless substantial completion is established by the Engineer/Architect only for specified items of equipment, or within such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents unless the City has previously given the Contractor a written acceptance of such defects. The Contractor shall promptly correct such defects upon receipt of a written notice from the City to do so. This obligation shall survive the termination of the Contract.

Unremedied defects identified for correction during the warranty period described herein before, but remaining after its expiration, shall be considered as part of the obligations of the warranty. Defects in material, workmanship, or equipment which are remedied as a result of obligations of the warranty shall subject the remedied portion of the Project to an extended warranty period of 1 year after the defect has been remedied.

Repetitive malfunction of equipment shall be cause for equipment replacement and an extension of the guarantee period for the equipment to a date 1 year following acceptable replacement.

The Contractor further assumes responsibility for a similar guarantee for all work and materials provided by subcontractors or manufacturers of packaged equipment components.

The Contractor also agrees to hold the City and the Engineer/Architect and employees harmless from liability or damages, including the Engineer/Architect's and attorneys' fees, and cost and expenses of litigation of any kind arising from damage due to said defects. The Contractor shall make all repairs and replacements promptly upon receipt of written order for same from the City. If the Contractor fails to make the repairs and replacements promptly, or in an emergency where delay would cause serious risk, or loss, or damage, the City may have the defective work corrected or the rejected work removed and replaced, and the Contractor and his Surety shall be liable for the cost thereof. The Contractor during the warranty period shall repair/replace as rapidly as possible any and all equipment, materials, etc., which are found to be defective. Should any items not be repaired/replaced within thirty (30) days from the time it is reported to the Contractor by the City, then the warranty period shall be extended on that item for a period equal to the time that the item has remained defective, incomplete, or inoperable as determined by the City. The Contractor must certify that the item has been corrected.

The City's rights under this Article shall be in addition to, and not a limitation of, any other rights and remedies available by law.

ARTICLE IX. LAWS, PERMITS, ETC.

A. **Laws and Regulations/Royalties, Patents, Copyrights and Permits and Rights-of-Way:** The Contractor shall comply with and keep itself fully informed of all laws, ordinances and regulations of federal, state, City and county in any manner effecting those engaged or employed in the Project, or the materials used in the Project, or in any way affecting the conduct of the Project, and of all orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having any jurisdiction or authority over same. The Contractor shall possess all permits and licenses required by applicable law, rule or regulation for the performance of the Project. If any discrepancy or inconsistency should be discovered in this contract, or in the drawings or specifications herein referred to, in relation to any law, ordinance, regulation, order or decree, it shall forthwith report the same in writing to the Engineer/Architect. It shall at all times, itself, observe and comply with all such existing and future laws, ordinances and regulations.

The Contractor shall protect and indemnify the City, Engineer/Architect, and their respective employees, officers, subconsultants, and agents against any claim or liability arising from or based on the violation of any such laws, ordinances, or regulations. All permits, licenses, and inspection fees necessary for prosecution and completion of the Project shall be secured and paid for by the Contractor, unless otherwise specified.

The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all licenses and permits and shall pay all fees and charges for connection to outside service and the use of property required for the execution and completion of the Project.

The Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and code requirements applicable in or bearing on the conduct of the Project unless in conflict with contract requirements. If the Contractor ascertains at any time that any requirements of the Contract is at variance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or building code requirements, it shall promptly notify the Engineer/Architect and any necessary adjustment of the Contract will be made as herein specified under change in orders.

The Contractor shall pay all applicable federal, state and local taxes and assessments on the Project. Wherever the law of the place of building requires a special tax, consumer, use, occupation, or other tax, the Contractor shall pay such tax.

The Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees. The Contractor shall hold and save the City and its agents and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for or on account of any patented or unpatented invention, process, article or appliance manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the City.

To the extent that the Project has not been permitted or registered by the Engineer or City, the Contractor shall register or obtain any and all necessary National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits required by USEPA or the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) as well as any applicable storm water permits or registration for the construction of the improvements specified in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall abide by all regulations and conditions relative to the permit or registration and attachments to the permit or registration, including but not limited to sampling and monitoring. The Contractor shall fulfill for the City all the requirements made upon the City by the permit(s) or registration.

The Contractor shall be fully responsible for all aspects of erosion and sediment control. The Contractor shall utilize whatever measures are necessary to prevent pollution or siltation due to his activities. As a minimum, the Contractor shall strictly comply with the erosion control methods referenced in the Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee "Alabama Handbook for Erosion Control, Sediment Control, and Stormwater Management on Construction Sites and Urban Areas," latest edition (referred to as the "Alabama Handbook").

If the Contractor has information that any process, article or item specified or delineated by the Engineer/Architect is an infringement of a patent or a copyright, it shall promptly give such information to the Engineer/Architect.

B. **Alabama Department of Transportation Rights-of-Way:** If any portion of the Project involves work upon State right-of-way, the Contractor agrees to provide the Alabama Department of Transportation with a bond or certified check in the amount required, made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation, to guarantee the faithful performance of the provisions of a permit and to guarantee that the Contractor shall maintain the work in a manner suitable to the Alabama Department of Transportation for a period of one (1) year. The Alabama Department of Transportation Bond Form must be used. At the end of one (1) year from the completion of this work, the Department of Transportation will return the certified check or bond to the applicant provided all provisions of this permit have been complied with.

Otherwise, the Department of Transportation shall apply the certified check or bond to the cost of repairing the rights-of-way with State forces.

C. **Tuscaloosa County Right-of-Way:** If any portion of the Project involves work upon County right-of-way, the Contractor agrees to execute an application and file with Tuscaloosa County a bond or certified check in the amount required, made payable to Tuscaloosa County to guarantee the faithful performance of this provision of this work suitable to the County for a period of one (1) year. At the end of one year from the completion of this work, the County will return the certified check or bond to the applicant provided all provisions of this permit have been complied with. Otherwise, the County shall apply the certified check or bond on the cost of repairing the right-of-way with the County forces.

D. **Storm Water Permit and Monitoring:**

1. To the extent that the Project has not been permitted or registered by the Engineer or the City, and the Project is defined as an NPDES Construction Site per ADEM Admin. Code Chapter 335-6-12 (the Rule), the Contractor shall submit to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) a Notice of Registration (NOR) under the Rule for Storm Water Discharges during construction activities.

   The Contractor shall strictly adhere to all requirements of the NOR and the rule regardless of which party has obtained coverage.

2. Compliance with all provisions of ADEM Admin. Code Chapter 335-6-12 and this registration is required, including but not limited to, the preparation and implementation of a Construction Best Management Practices Plan (CBMPP) and any other plans as may be required, the regular maintenance of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) to the maximum extent practicable and the submittal of required reports. As required by the Rule, the Contractor shall retain a Qualified Credentialed Professional (QCP) to prepare the CBMPP and to certify that it was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the "Alabama Handbook" and the Rule.

3. This registration neither precludes nor negates an operator's responsibility or liability to apply for, obtain, or comply with other ADEM, federal, state, or local government permits, certifications, licenses, or other approvals.
4. The Contractor, unless application for registration has already been made, will be furnished a Storm Water NOR application package when the contract is awarded. The Storm Water NOR application package will include the following:

   a. Typical transmittal letter to ADEM.
   b. NOR applications filled out with Project information.
   c. Project area map.
   d. Other data as required by the NOR for Tier 1 waters if applicable.

5. The Contractor will complete or furnish the following items and submit to ADEM within five working days of the receipt of the NOR application provided by the Owner.

a. Information as outlined in the typical letter of transmittal, to the address indicated on the letter of transmittal, by registered mail or hand deliver.

b. The "Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Field Operations Division Storm Water Program" Notice of Registration (NOR); NOR shall be signed by a responsible official who is the operator, owner, the sole proprietor of a sole proprietorship, a general/controlling member or partner, or an executive officer of at least the level of vice-president for a corporation. Additionally, the QCP is required to sign the CBMPP certification part of the NOR.

c. Determine applicable fee per ADEM Fee Schedule F and make check payable to: Alabama Department of Environmental Management for the NOR and submit to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management with the NOR application.

6. Application for the Storm Water Permit shall be made by the Contractor no later than five working days after receipt of application provided by Owner. The Contractor shall not commence any construction activities until ADEM has issued the authorization number for the Project.

7. a. Payment will be made to the Contractor for obtaining the storm water NOR as specified herein for the lump sum amount as shown in the bid schedule. If there is no line item for registration, obtaining the NOR shall be considered a subsidiary obligation of mobilization.

b. Individual erosion and sediment control items shall be paid for at the unit prices as shown in the bid schedule. Routine inspections will be performed by the Owner's representative or Engineer to verify compliance with the CBMPP and the Rule shall be the Contractor's responsibility and shall be incidental to the storm water registration.

c. If no individual erosion and sediment control items are included in the bid schedule the cost of these items shall be incidental to the lump sum amount as shown in the bid schedule for Storm Water Monitoring and Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control and payment shall be made pro rata as the Project progresses.

E. The Contractor shall perform all work in compliance with and as required by any State, Federal or Local registration, permit or license, the terms and conditions of which are adopted herein by reference. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, Engineer, and their respective officers, agents and employees from any fines, penalties, damages, claims, liability or judgment arising out of or in any manner associated with the Contractor's failure to perform work on the Project in strict accordance with all storm water registration, permit or license requirements.

ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS CLAUSES

A. **Notice and Service Thereof:**

1. All notices, demands, requests, change orders, instructions, approvals and claims shall be in writing. Unless expressly otherwise provided elsewhere in this agreement, any election, notice or other communication required or permitted to be given under this agreement shall be in writing and deemed to have been duly given if provided in accordance with the provisions hereof.

2. Any notice to or demand upon the Contractor shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given if addressed to the Contractor at the address stated herein and deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope with sufficient postage prepaid or delivered with charges prepaid to any telegraph company for transmission to the Contractor at such address. It shall also be sufficient if such notice or demand be served upon the Contractor personally or its local representative in charge of the Project or delivered at his local office. The Contractor shall, from time to time, designate to the City in writing any change of address to which such notice or demand shall be sent.

3. Any notice to or demand upon the City shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given if delivered to the office of the City's representative or if addressed to the City representative and deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope with sufficient postage prepaid or delivered with charges prepaid to any telegraph company for transmission to such representative of the City.

B. **City Representative:** The City's representative on this Project is hereby designated as Mr. Clif Penick and whose address is 2201 University Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. All references to Engineer or Architect shall be to the City representative if no Engineer or Architect is involved in the Project.

With a copy to: Timothy H. Nunnally, Esquire
City Attorney
Office of the City Attorney
City of Tuscaloosa
Post Office Box 2089
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35403-208
Telephone: (205) 248-5140
Facsimile: (205) 349-0328

C. **Contractor Representative:** The Contractor's representative on this Project is hereby designated as TERESA Rice and whose address is 6350 Old Montgomery Hwy Tuscaloosa. Al 35405

D. **Capacity:** Each party to this agreement represents and warrants to the other as follows:

1. That it is an individual of the age of majority or otherwise a legal entity duly organized and in good standing pursuant to all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

2. That each has full power and capacity to enter into this agreement, to perform and to conclude the same including the capacity, to the extent applicable, to grant, convey and/or transfer; areas, assets, facilities, properties, (both real and personal), permits, consents and authorizations and/or the full power and right to acquire and accept the same.

3. That to the extent required, each party has obtained the necessary approval of its governing body or board and a resolution or other binding act has been duly and properly enacted by such governing body or board authorizing this agreement and said approval has been reduced to writing and certified or attested by the appropriate official of the party.

4. That each party has duly authorized and empowered a representative to execute this agreement on their respective behalf and the execution of this agreement by such representative fully and completely binds the party to the terms and conditions hereof.

5. That absent fraud, the execution of this agreement by a representative of the party shall constitute a certification that all such authorizations for execution exist and have been performed and the other party shall be entitled to rely upon the same. To the extent a party is a partnership, limited liability company or joint venture, the execution of this agreement by any member thereof shall bind the party and to the extent that the execution of agreement is limited to a manager, managing partner or specific member then the person so executing this agreement is duly authorized to act in such capacity for the party.

6. That each party represents and warrants to the other that there is no litigation, claim or administrative action threatened or pending or other proceedings to its knowledge against it which would have an adverse impact upon this transaction or upon either's ability to conclude the transaction or perform pursuant to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

7. That each party has obtained any and all required permits, approvals and/or authorizations from third parties to enable it to fully perform pursuant to this agreement.

8. **Under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, each party has the power to consummate the transactions contemplated by this agreement;**

9. Each party represents and warrants that the execution and delivery of this agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein will not conflict with, be in violation of, or constitute (upon notice or lapse of time, or both) a default under the laws of the State of Alabama, any resolution, agreement, or other contract agreement, or instrument to which a party is subject, or any resolution, order, rule, regulation, writ, injunction, decree or judgment of any governmental authority or court having jurisdiction over the party.

10. This agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of each party and is enforceable against each party in accordance with its terms, except in so far as the enforceability thereof may be limited by:

    (a) Bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights
    (b) General principles of equity, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered as a proceeding at equity or at law.

11. **Neither party will enter into any agreement to do anything prohibited in this agreement or enter into any agreement or take any action which would in any way impair the ability of the other party to faithfully and fully perform its obligations hereunder.**

12. Under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, each party has the power to consummate the transactions contemplated by this agreement.

E. **Ownership of Contract Documents:** The Contract Documents, and copies of parts thereof, are furnished and owned either by the City or the Engineer/Architect. All portions of the Contract Documents, and copies of parts thereof, are the instruments of service for this Project. They are not to be used on other work and are to be returned to the City on request at the completion of the Project. Any reuse of these materials without specific written verification or adaptation by the City will be at the risk of the user and without liability or legal expense to the City or Engineer/Architect. Such user shall hold the City, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any and all damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees, from any and all claims arising from any such reuse. Any such verification and adoption shall entitle the City to further compensation at rates to be agreed upon by the user and the City.

F. **No Waiver of Rights:** Neither the inspection by the City or the Engineer/Architect or any of their officers, employees, agents, or subconsultants, nor any order by the City for payment of money, nor any payment for, or acceptance of, the whole or any part of the Project by the City or Engineer/Architect, nor any extension of time or change order, nor any possession taken by the City or its employees, or non enforcement of any provision of this agreement by either party shall operate as a waiver of any provision of this agreement, or any power herein reserved to the City, or any right to damages, nor shall any waiver of any breach in this agreement be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. Acceptance or

final payment shall not be final and conclusive with regards to latent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as may amount to fraud, or as regards the City's rights under any warranty.

G. **Subletting or Assigning of Contract:**

1. Limitations: The Contractor shall not sublet, assign, transfer, convey, sell or otherwise dispose of any portion of the agreement, his obligations, right, or interest therein, or its power to execute such agreement, to any person, firm or corporation without written consent of the City and such written consent shall not be construed to relieve the Contractor of any duty or responsibility for the fulfillment of the agreement. A sale, conveyance or transfer of 50% or more of the stock or ownership of the Contractor shall be considered an assignment. Provided; however, in no event shall any portion of this agreement be assigned to an unsuccessful bidder whose bid was rejected because he or she was not a responsible or responsive bidder. Use of subcontracts up to a combined (total) value of 50 percent of the value of all work will not be construed as an assignment. Unless otherwise stipulated in the proposal or general conditions, the Contractor shall perform, with its own organization, work with the value not less than fifty (50) percent of the value of all work embraced in the contract.

2. Subcontractor's Status: A subcontractor shall be recognized only in the capacity of an employee or agent of the Contractor.

H. **Third Party Beneficiaries:** It is the intent of the parties hereto that there shall be no third party beneficiaries to this agreement.

I. **Final Integration**: This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties, as a complete and final integration thereof with respect to its subject matter. All written or oral understandings and agreements heretofore had between and among the parties are merged into this Agreement, which alone fully and completely expresses their understandings. No representation, warranty, or covenant made by any party which is not contained in this Agreement or expressly referred to herein has been relied on by any party in entering into this Agreement.

J. **Force Majeure:** Neither party to this Agreement shall hold the other party responsible for damages or delay in performance caused by acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the other or the other party's employees, agents or contractors.

K. **Amendment in Writing:** This Agreement may not be amended, modified, altered, changed, terminated, or waived in any respect whatsoever, except by a further agreement in writing, properly executed by all of the parties.

L. **Binding Effect:** This agreement shall bind the parties and their respective personal representatives, heirs, next of kin, legatees, distributees, successors, and assigns.

M. **Captions:** The captions of this Agreement are for convenience and reference only, are not a part of this Agreement, and in no way define, describe, extend, or limit the scope or intent of this Agreement.

N. **Construction:** This Agreement shall be construed in its entirety according to its plain meaning and shall not be construed against the party who provided or drafted it.

O. **Mandatory and Permissive:** "Shall", "will", and "agrees" are mandatory; "may" is permissive.

P. **Governing Laws:** The laws of the State of Alabama shall govern the validity of this Agreement, the construction of its terms, the interpretation of the rights, the duties of the parties, the enforcement of its terms, and all other matters relating to this Agreement.

Q. **Liability of the City or City Officials.** Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, the parties agree and acknowledge that the liability and obligations of the City, City officials or City employees as set forth herein are subject to the limitations imposed on municipalities by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama. No present or future official, officer or employee of the City shall ever be personally liable for the performance of any obligations hereunder.

R. **Non Discrimination:** The Contractor agrees that in performing the work and services as required herein under this agreement, not to discriminate against any person on the basis of race color, religion, sex, age or disability. (The Contractor shall fully comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act), the Fair Labor Standards Act and all other applicable laws and regulations).

S. **Fines and Penalties:** The Contractor shall be solely liable for any and all fines or penalties which may be levied by any governmental authority against the Owner and/or Contractor which are related to the Contractor's operations. The Owner shall deduct the amount of the levied fine or penalty from the Contract amount.

T. **Agreement Date/Counterparts:** The date of this Agreement is intended as and for a date for the convenient identification of this Agreement and is not intended to indicate that this Agreement was necessarily executed and delivered on said date. This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

U. **Use of Words and Phrases.** The following words and phrases, where used in this document, shall be given the following and respective interpretations: "Herein," "hereby," "hereunder," "hereof," and other equivalent words refer to this document as an entirety and not solely to the particular portion hereof in which any such word is used.

The definitions set forth in any portion of this Agreement unless the text or context indicates differently shall be deemed applicable whether the words defined are herein used in the singular or the plural. Wherever used herein any pronoun or pronouns shall be deemed to include both singular and plural and to cover all genders.

V. **Severability.** Each provision of this agreement shall be considered to be severable and, if for any reason, any such provision or any part thereof, is determined to be invalid and contrary to any existing or future applicable law, such invalidity shall not impair the operation of or affect those portions of this agreement that are valid, but this agreement shall be construed and enforced in all respects as if the invalid or unenforceable provision or part thereof had been omitted.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, said Contractor has hereto affixed its signature and said City of Tuscaloosa has caused these presents to be executed by Walter Maddox, Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa, and attested by the City Clerk, on the day and year first above written, in

four counterparts, each of which shall, without proof or accounting for the other, be accepted as an original.

PARTY OF THE FIRST PART/CONTRACTOR
Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.

Shirley Porter

Teresa Rice
Principal

BY: Teresa Rice
ITS: President

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION/PARTY OF THE SECOND PART/CITY, OWNER

ATTEST:

Debbie K Clement
Ass. City Clerk

Walter Maddox
Walter Maddox, Mayor

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF TUSCALOOSA)

I, Michelle Gates Mitchell, a Notary Public in and for said State at Large, hereby certify that Teresa Rice, who is named as President, is signed to the foregoing document, and,

- [x] Who is known to me, or
- [ ] Whose identity I proved on the basis of _____, or
- [ ] Whose identity I proved on the oath/affirmation of _____, a creditable witness to the signer of the above document

and that being informed of the contents of the document, he/she, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 6TH day of NOVEMBER, 2013.

Michelle Gates Mitchell
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires:
My Commission Expires
February 11, 2014

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF TUSCALOOSA)

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama, appeared Walter Maddox, Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa and acknowledged that his signature is affixed hereto in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa.

Done this the 25th day of November, 2013.

Vickie Gilliland
Notary Public in and for the
State of Alabama at Large

My Commission Expires:

3/17/15

[END OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY]

Auto-Owners Insurance
Life Home Car Business

Bond Number 66169865

PAYMENT OR LABOR AND MATERIAL BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, RICE FLOOR & TILE INC. of 6350 OLD MONTGOMERY HWY TUSCALOOSA, AL 35405-4172 (hereinafter called the Principal), as Principal, and Auto-Owners Insurance Company a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan and duly authorized to transact business in the State of ALABAMA, (hereinafter called the Surety), are held and firmly bound unto THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, 1210 21ST AVE, TUSCALOOSA AL 35401-2934 (hereinafter called the Obligee), in the full and just sum of one hundred fifty thousand and xx/100 dollars ($150,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said Obligee to which payment well and truly be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that WHEREAS, the Principal has entered into a contract with the said Obligee, dated the 25th day of November 2013 for FIRE STATION NO. 4 - TUSCALOOSA ALABAMA FOR THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA: PROJECT A11-0694 which contract is herein referred to and made a part of as fully and to the same extent as if the same were entirely written herein and

WHEREAS, it was one of the conditions of the award of the said Obligee, pursuant to which said contract was entered into, that these presents should be executed.

AND THE SAID SURETY, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the work to be performed thereunder or the specifications accompanying the same shall in anywise affect its obligations on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the work or to the specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the above Principal shall in all accordance with applicable Statutes, promptly have made payment to all persons supplying labor and material in the prosecution of the work provided for in said contract that may hereinafter be made, notice of which modifications to Surety being waived, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 6th day of November, 2013.

Witness

Principal

RICE FLOOR & TILE INC.

President

Title

Auto-Owners Insurance Company

Amanda Lamp

Amanda Lamp Witness

Jim House Attorney-in-Fact

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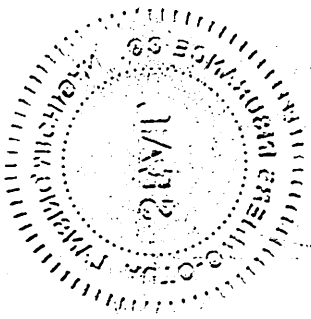

Auto-Owners Insurance
Life Home Car Business

Bond Number 66169865

PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, RICE FLOOR & TILE INC. of 6350 OLD MONTGOMERY HWY TUSCALOOSA, AL 35405-4172 (hereinafter called the Principal), as Principal, and Auto-Owners Insurance Company a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan and duly authorized to transact business in the State of ALABAMA, (hereinafter called the Surety), are held and firmly bound unto THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, 1210 21ST AVE, TUSCALOOSA AL 35401-2934 (hereinafter called the Obligee), in the full and just sum of one hundred fifty thousand and xx/100 dollars ($150,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said Obligee to which payment well and truly be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

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WHEREAS, it was one of the conditions of the award of the said Obligee, pursuant to which said contract was entered into, that these presents should be executed.

AND THE SAID SURETY, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the work to be performed thereunder or the specifications accompanying the same shall in anywise affect its obligations on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the work or to the specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the above Principal shall in all respects comply with the terms and conditions of said contract, and their obligation thereunder, including the specifications therein referred to and made a part thereof, and such alteration as may be made in such specifications, as herein or therein provided for, then this obligation to be void, or otherwise to be and remain in full force, effect and virtue.

Signed and sealed this 6th day of November, 2013.

Witness

Principal

RICE FLOOR & TILE INC.

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Witness

Jim House

Attorney-in-Fact

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Auto-Owners Insurance
Life Home Car Business

Bond Number 66169865

MAINTENANCE BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, RICE FLOOR & TILE INC. of 6350 OLD MONTGOMERY HWY TUSCALOOSA, AL 35405-4172 (hereinafter called the Principal), as Principal, and Auto-Owners Insurance Company a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan and duly authorized to transact business in the State of ALABAMA, (hereinafter called the Surety), are held and firmly bound unto THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, 1210 21ST AVE, TUSCALOOSA AL 35401-2934 (hereinafter called the Obligee), in the full and just sum of one hundred fifty thousand and xx/100 dollars ($150,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said Obligee to which payment well and truly be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that WHEREAS, the Principal has entered into a contract with the said Obligee, dated the 25th day of November, 2013 for FIRE STATION NO. 4 - TUSCALOOSA ALABAMA FOR THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA: PROJECT A11-0694 which contract is herein referred to and made a part of as fully and to the same extent as if the same were entirely written herein and

WHEREAS, said contract has been completed, and was approved on the 25th day of November, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the Principal shall guarantee that the work will be free of any defective materials or workmanship which become apparent during the period of twelve months following completion of the contract, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect, provided, however, any additional warranty or guarantee, whether expressed or implied, is extended by the Principal or Manufacturer only, and the Surety assumes no liability for such a guarantee.

Signed and sealed this 6th day of November, 2013.

Witness

Principal

RICE FLOOR & TILE INC.

President

Title

Auto-Owners Insurance Company

Amanda Lamp

Amanda Lamp — Witness

Jim House — Attorney-in-Fact

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PHILA.

Auto-Owners Insurance
Life Home Car Business

Bond Number 66169865

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY SURETY

STATE OF MICHIGAN

County of Eaton

On this 6th day of November, 2013, before me personally appeared Jim House, known to me to be the Attorney-in-Fact of Auto-Owners Insurance Company, the corporation that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in the aforesaid County, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

AMANDA LAMP
NOTARY PUBLIC
COUNTY OF EATON
My Commission Expires
JANUARY 1, 2014
Acting in the county of
STATE OF MICHIGAN

Amanda Lamp

Amanda Lamp
Notary Public in the State of Michigan
County of Eaton

AMANDA LAMP
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF EATON
My Commission Expires January 1st, 2014
Acting in the County of Eaton

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DATE AND ATTACH TO ORIGINAL BOND

AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY

LANSING, MICHIGAN

POWER OF ATTORNEY

NO. 66169865

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AT LANSING, MICHIGAN, a Michigan Corporation, having its principal office at Lansing, County of Eaton, State of Michigan, adopted the following Resolution by the directors of the Company on January 27, 1971, to wit:

"RESOLVED, That the President or any Vice President or Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Company shall have the power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof. Signatures of officers and seal of Company imprinted on such powers of attorney by facsimile shall have same force and effect as if manually affixed. Said officers may at any time remove and revoke the authority of any such appointee."

Does hereby constitute and appoint Jim House

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, to execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and the execution of such instrument(s) shall be as binding upon the AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AT LANSING, MICHIGAN as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by its regularly elected officers at its principal office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AT LANSING, MICHIGAN, has caused this to be signed by its authorized officer this 2nd day of November, 2012

Kenneth R. Schroeder — Senior Vice President

STATE OF MICHIGAN }ss.
COUNTY OF EATON

On this 2nd day of November, 2012 before me personally came Kenneth R. Schroeder, to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that they are Kenneth R. Schroeder, Senior Vice President of AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument, that they know the seal of said corporation, that the seal affixed to said instrument is such Corporate Seal, and that they received said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of their office pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of Directors of said corporation.

AMANDA LAMP NOTARY PUBLIC COUNTY OF EATON My Commision Expires JANUARY 1, 2014 Acting in the county of STATE OF MICHIGAN

My commision expires January 1st, 2014.

Amanda Lamp — Notary Public

STATE OF MICHIGAN }ss.
COUNTY OF EATON

I, the undersigned First Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the authority to issue a power of attorney as outlined in the above board of directors resolution remains in full force and effect as written and has not been revoked and the resolution as set forth are now in force.

Signed and sealed at Lansing, Michigan. Dated this 6th day of November, 2013

AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE CO. Seal LANSING, MICH.

William F. Woodbury, First Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

MAY 28
CITY OF FINGERLAKES CO. WASHINGTON CO.

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

SECTION SIX
PERFORMANCE BONDS
(2012)

STATE OF ALABAMA)
TUSCALOOSA, COUNTY)

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Rice Floor & Tile, Inc. as principal and _____ (hereinafter called the "Surety"), as surety, do hereby acknowledge ourselves indebted and firmly bound and held unto the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, (hereinafter called the "City") a municipal corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Alabama, for the use and benefit of those entitled thereto, in the penal sum of $68,000.00 for the payment of which well and truly be made in lawful money of the United States, we do hereby bind ourselves, our successors and assigns and personal representatives, jointly and severally, firmly by the presents.

BUT THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION OR BOND IS THIS:

WHEREAS, the City has entered into a certain written contract with said Contractor for the Fire Station No. 4, Trade Package FS4-4 Flooring in accordance with contract documents therefore on file in the Office of the City Engineer _____ at the price of, to-wit: Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars($ 68,000.00) as more fully appears in said written contract bearing the date of _____, 20____, which contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof to the same extent as if set out herein in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Contractor shall fully and faithfully perform all the undertakings and obligations under the said agreement or contract herein before referred to and shall fully indemnify and save harmless the said City from all costs and damages whatsoever which it may suffer by reason of any failure on the part of said Contractor so to do, and shall fully reimburse and repay the said City any and all outlay and expense which it may incur in making good any such default, and shall guarantee all workmanship against defects for a period of one year, this obligation or bond shall be null and void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

And, for value received it is hereby stipulated and agreed that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of said agreement or contract or in the work to be performed thereunder or the specifications accompanying the same shall in any wise affect the obligations of the principal or of the surety under this bond, and notice is hereby waived of any such change, extension of time, alternative of or addition to the terms of the agreement or contract or to the work or to the specifications.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Contractor has hereunder affixed its signature and said Surety has hereunto caused to be affixed its corporate signature and seal, by its duly authorized officers on the _____day of _____, 20_____.

CONTRACTOR: Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.

_____
Principal

By_____
Title

_____
Surety

ATTEST:

By _____

_____

_____
Title

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

SECTION SEVEN
LABOR AND MATERIAL BOND
(2012)

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Rice Floor & Tile, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Contractor") as principal and _____ _____(hereinafter called the "Surety"), as surety, do hereby acknowledge ourselves indebted and firmly bound and held unto the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, (hereinafter called the "City"), a municipal corporation, existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Alabama, for the use and benefit of those entitled thereto, in the penal sum of Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars ($ 68,000.00) for the payment of which well and truly to be made in lawful money of the United States, we do hereby bind ourselves, or successors, assigns and personal representatives, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

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Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars ($ 68,000.00) as more fully appears in said written contract bearing date of _____,20_____, which contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof to the same extent as if set out herein in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, if said Principal and all subcontractors to whom any portion of the work provided for in said contract is sublet and all assignees of said Principal and of such subcontractors shall promptly make payment to all persons supplying him or them with labor, foodstuffs, or supplies for or in the prosecution of the work provided for in such contract, or in any amendment or extension of or addition to said contract, and for the payment of reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the claimant or claimants in suits on said bond, then the above obligation shall be void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, however, that this bond is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) Any person, firm or corporation that has furnished labor, foodstuffs, or supplies for or in the prosecution of the work provided for in said contract, payment for which has not been made, shall have a direct right of action in his or their name or names against the principal and surety on this bond, which right of action shall be asserted in a proceeding, instituted in the county in which the work provided for in said contract is to be performed and in any county in which said Principal or Surety does business. Such right of action shall be asserted in a proceeding instituted in the name of the claimant or claimants for his or their use and benefit against said Principal and Surety or either of them (but not later than one year after the final settlement of said Contract) in which action such claim or claims shall be adjudicated and judgment rendered thereon.

(b) In addition to any other legal mode of service, service of summons and other process in suits on this bond brought in Tuscaloosa County may be had on the Principal or the Surety in accordance with Title 27, Chapter 3, Section 24 of the Ala. Code (1975) by serving a copy of the summons and complaint or other pleading or process, with the Commissioner of

Insurance of the State of Alabama or his/ her designee and the Principal and Surety agree to be bound by such mode of service above described and consents that such service shall be the same as personal service on the Principal or Surety.

(c) The Surety shall not be liable hereunder for any damages or compensation recoverable under any workmen's compensation or employer's liability statute.

(d) In no event shall the Surety be liable for a greater sum than the penalty of this bond, or subject to any suit, action or proceeding thereon that is instituted later than one year after the final settlement of said contract.

(e) This bond is given pursuant to the terms of Title 39, Chapter 1, Section 1 of the Ala. Code (1975), and all the provisions of law with reference to this character of bond as set forth in said section or as may hereinafter be enacted are hereby made a part hereof to the same extent as if set out herein in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Contractor has hereunder affixed its signature and said Surety has hereunto caused to be affixed its corporate signature and seal, by its duly authorized officers on the _____ day of _____, 20___.

CONTRACTOR: Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.

_____
Principal

By: _____

_____
Title

_____
Surety

ATTEST:

By:_____

_____ _____

STATE OF ALABAMA)
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA)

CONTRACTOR'S RELEASE OF LIENS AND CLAIMS
Project No. A11-0694

THIS Contractor's Release of Liens and Claims is made in accordance with that certain contract between the CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, a Municipal Corporation, (hereinafter the "City") and Rice Floor & Tile, Inc. (hereinafter the "Contractor" or undersigned), for a project known as Fire Station No. 4, Trade Package FS4-4 Flooring in regard to which the undersigned warrants and certifies to the City as follows:

1. That there are no amounts owed by the undersigned or any tier of subcontractor or supplier of the undersigned which could become the basis for a lien or suit against the properties of the Contractor or the property of the City or any funds held by or in the possession of the City in regard to the Project.

2. That the undersigned has satisfied all claims and indebtedness of every nature in any way connected with the work, including (but not limited to) all payrolls, amounts due to subcontractors, accounts for labor performed and materials furnished, incidental services, liens and judgments.

3. In consideration of the receipt by the undersigned from the City of final payment under the above mentioned contract, the undersigned hereby waives and relinquishes all liens and claims of lien which the undersigned may have against the aforesaid property or funds; and further, undersigned also hereby remises, releases and forever discharges the City, its officers, agents and employees, of any and all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever which the undersigned has, might have or could have against the City by reason of or arising out of the above-mentioned contract. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify and hold the City, its officers, agents and employees harmless against any and all claims or demands from subcontractors or suppliers arising out of the aforementioned contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this release this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

CONTRACTOR: Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.

_____

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

I, _____, after being duly sworn, depose and say as follows: That I am the _____of the _____ Corporation and hereby certify that I am duly authorized to execute this Contractor's Release of Liens and Claims.

_____
CONSENT OF SURETY:

_____
SURETY

BY:_____
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR SURETY

STATE OF ALABAMA)
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the
_____ day of _____,
20 _____.

_____
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires:

_____

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC WORKS
ROOFING GUARANTEE
Project No. _____

Name of Project Fire Station No. 4

Location 2710 University Boulevard East, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

Owner City of Tuscaloosa

General Contractor _____

Address _____

Date of Acceptance _____ Date of Expiration _____

1. The General Contractor does hereby certify to the City of Tuscaloosa that the roofing work included in this contract was installed in strict accordance with all requirements of the plans and specifications.

2. The General Contractor does hereby guarantee the roofing and associated work including all flashing, both composition and metal, against leaks due to faulty workmanship for a period of five (5) years and against leaks due to faulty or defective materials for fifteen (15) years, starting on the date of acceptance of the Project by the City.

3. Subject to the terms and conditions listed below, the General Contractor guarantees that during the Guarantee Period he will at his own cost and expense, make or cause to be made such repairs to, or replacements of said work, as are necessary to correct faulty and defective work and materials as are necessary to maintain said work in watertight conditions, and further, to respond on or within three (3) calendar days upon proper notification of leaks or defects by the City or Architect.

A. Specifically excluded from this Guarantee are damages to the work, other parts of the building and building contents caused by:

Lightning, windstorm, hail storm and other unusual phenomena of elements; and, Fire. When the work has been damaged by any of the foregoing causes, the Guarantee shall be null and void until such damage has been repaired by the General Contractor, and until the cost and expense thereof has been paid by the City or by the responsible party so designated.

B. During the Guarantee Period, if the City allows alteration of the work by anyone other than the General Contractor, including cutting, patching and maintenance in connection with penetrations, and positioning of anything on the roof, this Guarantee shall become null and void upon the date of said alterations. If the City engages the General Contractor to perform said alterations, the Guarantee shall not become null and void, unless the General Contractor, prior to proceeding with said work, shall have notified the City in writing, showing reasonable cause for claim that said alterations would likely damage or deteriorate the work, thereby reasonably justifying a termination of this Guarantee.

C. Future building additions will not void this guarantee, except for that portion of the future addition that might affect the work under this contract at the point of connection of the roof areas, and any damage caused by such addition. If this contract is for roofing of an addition to an existing building, then this guarantee covers the work involved at the point of connection with the existing roof.

D. During the Guarantee Period, if the original use of the roof is changed and it becomes used for, but was not originally specified for, a promenade, work deck, spray cooled surface, flooded basin, or other use of service more severe than originally specified, this Guarantee shall become null and void upon the date of said change.

E. The City shall promptly notify the General Contractor of observed, known or suspected leaks, defects or deterioration, and shall afford reasonable opportunity for the General Contractor to inspect the work, and to examine the evidence of such leaks, defects or deterioration.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this instrument has been duly executed this the_____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____
General Contractor's Authorized Signature

_____
Typed Name and Title

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA
ASBESTOS AFFIDAVIT
Project No. A11-0694

DATE: _____

BUILDING OWNER: The City of Tuscaloosa
2201 University Blvd.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

PROJECT: Fire Station No. 4
Trade Package FS4-4 Flooring

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned certifies that to the best of his knowledge, no products containing asbestos have been included in the construction of the captioned Project. Special care was exercised to avoid asbestos-containing products, including reviewing product data sheets, reviewing product labels, and visually verifying products in the field. Special care to avoid asbestos has been used in the selection, purchase, and installation of products, including, but not limited to, the following: concrete, batt insulation, roof insulation, building felts, mastics, waterproofing products, adhesives, resilient flooring products, ceiling tiles, interior coatings, exterior coatings, roofing, pipe insulation, duct insulation, and pre-assembled items of equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

_____
Signature

_____ _____
Typed Name Title

Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.
Firm Name

_____
Address

_____

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the ____
day of _____, 20_____.

_____ _____
Notary Public. County, State

My Commission Expires:

_____

PROJECT NAME: Fire Station No. 4
Trade Package FS4-4 Flooring
PROJECT NO. A11-0694
CONTRACTOR/INSURED
Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)

AGENT'S VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE

This is to certify to the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, a Municipal Corporation, that the Contractor in the above referenced Project does possess a policy or policies of insurance reflected on the Certificate of Insurance issued for the Project by the undersigned agency of which I am an authorized representative. I have read the contract document as it relates to insurance requirements and said Contractor's insurance is effective as of the dates stated in the certificate and meets or exceeds all ratings, limits, and amounts as required by the same.

This the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

AGENCY: _____
_____
_____

BY: _____
ITS: _____

PROJECT NAME: Fire Station No. 4
Trade Package FS4-4 Flooring
PROJECT NO. A11-0694
CONTRACTOR/INSURED
Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)

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This the 6th day of November, 2013.

AGENCY: The Insurance Center
2105 Jack Warner Pkwy.
Tuscaloosa, AL. 35401

BY: [signature]
ITS: V-Pres

ACORD®

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY): 11/6/2013

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER
The Insurance Center
2105 Jack Warner Parkway
Tuscaloosa AL 35401

CONTACT NAME: Courtney Jarman
PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (205) 752-0486 FAX (A/C, No): (205) 759-4505
E-MAIL ADDRESS: courtney@insctr.org

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURER A: Auto Owners Insurance Company	18988
INSURER B: Owners	32700
INSURER C: Alabama Home Builders Self	
INSURER D: Safety National Casualty	
INSURER E:	
INSURER F:	

INSURED
Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.
6350 Old Montgomery Hwy.
Tuscaloosa AL 35405-0000

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: Master 2013-2014 REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
A	GENERAL LIABILITY X COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS-MADE X OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER POLICY X PRO-JECT LOC			38671276-13	6/18/2013	6/18/2014	EACH OCCURRENCE	$ 1,000,000
							DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	$ 300,000
							MED EXP (Any one person)	$ 10,000
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	$ 1,000,000
							GENERAL AGGREGATE	$ 2,000,000
							PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	$ 2,000,000
								$
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY X ANY AUTO ALL OWNED AUTOS SCHEDULED AUTOS HIRED AUTOS NON-OWNED AUTOS			4767127600	6/18/2013	6/18/2014	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	$ 1,000,000
							BODILY INJURY (Per person)	$
							BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	$
							PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	$
							BFCGL	$
A	X UMBRELLA LIAB OCCUR EXCESS LIAB CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION $			4767127601	6/18/2013	6/18/2014	EACH OCCURRENCE	$ 5,000,000
							AGGREGATE	$
								$
C	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? Y/N (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	N/A		06004	1/1/2013	12/31/2013	WC STATU-TORY LIMITS OTH-ER	
							E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	$ 1,000,000
							E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	$ 1,000,000
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	$ 1,000,000
D	Employers Liability			SP4047498	1/1/2013	12/31/2013		1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)
Project: Fire Station No. 4 - Project # A11-0694 - City of Tuscaloosa Public Works
The City of Tuscaloosa (Owner), its officers, agents, and employees are hereby listed as additional insured for the general liability and business auto policies for any claims arising out of work performed under this contract. The insurance is primary and non contributory. Waiver of Subrogation is granted for The City of Tuscaloosa (Owner), its officers, agents, employees and Program Coordinator. Days notice before cancellation, reduction or termination of coverage: 30
Full aggregate limits apply per contract.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER
City of Tuscaloosa
P.O. Box 2089
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

CANCELLATION
SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
Hooker Robinson/JACO

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)

NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL BID AWARD
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

VIA FACSIMILE: _____
TO: _____
_____
_____

Project Name:_____
Project Number:_____
Date:_____

You are here notified pursuant to Ala. Code §39-2-6 (1975), that the City of Tuscaloosa has made a conditional bid award to you in regard to the above-referenced Project based upon your proposal of $_____.

The above bid award ☐ Does ☐ Does Not include the following additive and/or deductive alternates as requested in the bid documents:

Additive Alternates		**Deductive Alternates**	
1._____	($_____)	1. _____	($_____)
2._____	($_____)	2. _____	($_____)
3._____	($_____)	3. _____	($_____)

Pursuant to Ala. Code §39-2-8 (1975), you are required to enter into a written contract on the form included in the proposal, plans and specifications, furnish a performance bond and a payment bond executed by a surety company authorized and qualified to make such bonds in the State of Alabama, in the amount required in the bid documents, and present evidence of insurance also as required by the bid documents, within the period of time stated therein or, if no period of time is stated, within thirty (30) days after the prescribed forms have been presented to you for signature.

Pursuant to Ala. Code §39-2-11 (1975), if you fail to execute the contract and furnish acceptable contract securities and evidence of insurance as required by the bid documents within the period of time as set forth, the awarding authority may retain all or a part of the proposal guarantee and may award the contract to the second lowest responsible responsive bidder. Under such circumstances, the owner will be entitled to consider all rights arising out of its acceptance of your proposal as abandoned.

DONE this _____ day of _____, 20____.

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Post Office Box 2089
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35403-2089

By:_____
City's Representative/Engineer/Architect

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

I, on behalf of the above named contractor, do hereby accept receipt of the above notice of conditional bid award and acknowledge the contents of the same on this the _____ day of _____ 20_____.

CONTRACTOR:

_____

By its:_____

STATE OF ALABAMA)
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA)

NOTICE TO PROCEED WITH PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

Project Name:_____
Project No.: _____
Date: _____

TO: _____

_____

_____

Pursuant to Ala. Code §39-2-10 (1975), you are hereby notified to immediately commence work in full accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents in the above referenced Project, dated _____, 20_____, on or before _____, 20_____, and you are to complete the work within the time specified therein.

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Post Office Box 2089
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35403-2089

By:_____
City's Representative

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

I, on behalf of the above named contractor, do hereby accept receipt of the above notice to proceed with the referenced Project and acknowledge the contents of the same on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

CONTRACTOR:

_____

By Its:_____

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. _____

City of Tuscaloosa, Office of the City Attorney

DATE: _____ **PROJECT:** _____

TO: _____
(Contractor)

TERMS: You are hereby authorized, subject to the provisions of your Contract for this Project, to make the following changes thereto in accordance with the attached Change Order Request and supporting documents and to:

FURNISH the necessary labor, materials and equipment to:

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

TOTAL ADDITION OR REDUCTION TO CONTRACT PRICE:

(Note: Numbers in parentheses are deductions).

ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE	$_____
LESS CONTINGENCY/ALLOWANCE	$_____
NET ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE	$_____
Net total of previous Change Orders	$_____
Previous revised Contract Price	$_____
This Change Order No. _____ ☐Add ☐Deduct	$_____
Revised Contract Price this date	$_____

Extension of time resulting from this Change Order _____ (Indicate number of calendar days).

The amount of this Change Order will be the responsibility of _____

This Contract Modification constitutes full and mutual accord and satisfaction for all time and all cost related to this change. By acceptance of this Contract Modification, the Contractor hereby agrees that the modification represents an equitable adjustment to the Contract, and further, agrees to waive all right to file any further claims or changes arising out of or as a result of this change, or the accumulation of executed Contract Modifications on this Contract.

The Contractor and Owner(s) hereby agree to the terms of this Change Order as contained herein.

CONSENT OF SURETY

_____
(Company)

By: _____

CONTRACTING PARTIES

_____
(Contractor)

By: _____
(Authorized Representative)

RECOMMENDED

By: _____

_____
(Design Engineer or Architect)

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA

By: _____
(Mayor)

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

CHANGE ORDER REQUEST

OWNER: CITY OF TUSCALOOSA

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: Rex Veron Designs, LLC

CONTRACTOR: Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.

PROJECT: Fire Station No. 4, Trade Pkg. FS4-4 Flooring

CHANGE ORDER REQUEST NO. _____ **DATE:** _____

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1. DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:

2. CHANGE ORDER COSTS: _____

Proposal Attached _____ **Cost Estimated/Proposal Required**

Item	*Quantity*	*Material Unit Price*	*Labor (Hours)*	*Labor Unit Price*	*Sub-Total Cost*
a.					
b.					
c.					
d.					
e.					
f.*					
				TOTAL:	

*If more than 6 items, provide attachments.

3. INSTITUTED BY:

4. JUSTIFICATION OF NEED:

5. JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE ORDER VERSUS COMPETITIVE BIDDING:

6. COSTS REVIEW:

7. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL AND IS CLASSIFIED AS THE FOLLOWING TYPE:

- ☐ Minor change of a total monetary value less than required for competitive bidding.
- ☐ Changes for matters relatively minor and incidental to the original contract necessitated by unforeseeable circumstances arising during the course of work.
- ☐ Emergencies arising during the course of work.
- ☐ Change or alternates provided for in the original bidding where there is no difference in price of the Change Order from the original best bid on the Alternate.
- ☐ Change of relatively minor terms not contemplated when the plans and specifications were prepared and the Project was bid and which are in the public interest and do not exceed 10% of the Contract Price.

8. EXTENSION OF TIME REQUESTED: Calendar Days:

RECOMMENDED:

BY:_____
Tuscaloosa's Consulting Engineer/Architect

BY:_____
City Representative

APPROVED:

BY:_____
Contractor: Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.

BY:_____
Owner's Legal Advisor

BY:_____
Owner's Authorized Representative

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF TUSCALOOSA)
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA)

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT
(Over $50,000)

Pursuant to Ala. Code §39-1-1 (1975), notice is hereby given that Rice Floor & Tile, Inc. has completed its contract with
(Name of Company)

the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for the Fire Station No. 4, Trade Package
(Name of Project)

located at 2710 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. This notice will be
(Location of the Project)

published for a period of four (4) successive weeks beginning: _____
(Date)

A final settlement will not be made upon the contract until the expiration of thirty (30) days after completion of notice. Any person or firm having claims on said Project for materials or labor should contact the above contractor at:

6350 Old Montgomery Highway , Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
(Address of Contractor)

in the time and manner as required by law.

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
P. O. BOX 2089
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35403

DATED: _____

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA
SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR
FEDERALLY FUNDED CONTRACTS

I. DEFINITIONS

"Construction Contract" means a contract for construction, rehabilitation, alteration, and/or repair, including painting and decorating.

Contractor" means an entity that has entered into an agreement with the local government for the performance of specific work on a project or activity, the provision of professional services, or for the supply of equipment and/or materials.

"_____" means _____
(Federal Agency).

"Local Government" means the City of Tuscaloosa.

"Program" means the _____
(Federal Program) operated under the provisions of _____
_____

"Projects/Activities" means those undertakings which are included in the Program and are funded wholly or in part by _____
_____

"Project Area" means the corporate limits of the City of Tuscaloosa.

"Subcontractor" means a person, firm or corporation supplying services or labor and materials or only labor or only materials for work at the site of the project, for and under contract or agreement with the Contractor.

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A. Interest of Members of the Local Government. No officer, employee or agent of the local government who exercises any function or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of the program, or any other person who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the program, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this contract, and the Contractor shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.

B. The Contractor agrees that it will incorporate into every subcontract required in writing the following provision: Interest of Contractor and Employees. The Contractor agrees that no person who presently exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the program, has any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this contract. The Contractor further covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or

indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder.

The Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this contract no person having any conflicting interest shall be employed. Any interest on the part of the Contractor or his employees must be disclosed to the City. Provided, however, that this paragraph shall be interpreted in such a manner so as not to unreasonably impede the statutory requirement that maximum opportunity be provided for employment of and participation by low income residents of the area.

C. Provisions of the Hatch Act. Neither the funds provided by this agreement nor the personnel employed in the administration of the agreed upon work shall be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in contravention of Chapter 15 of Title 5, U. S. Code.

III. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY REQUIREMENTS

A. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment, or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensations; and selection of training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

2. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

3. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

4. The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

5. The Contractor will furnish to the local government all information and

reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the local government, HUD, and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules regulations, and orders.

6. In the event of the Contractor's non-compliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this agreement or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this agreement may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further local government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the City, Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

7. The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraph 1 through 6 above in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the local government or the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the City, the Contractor may request the local government to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the local government.

8. The Contractor agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the local government and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the local government and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the local government in the discharge of its primary responsibility for securing compliance.

9. The Contractor further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a Contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order. In addition, the agency agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the local government may take any or all of the following actions: terminate or suspend in whole or in part this contract; refrain from extending any further assistance to the Contractor under the program with respect to which the failure or refusal occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such Contractor.

10. Non-segregated Facilities. The Contractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The Contractor covenants that he will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and

that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. As used in this paragraph, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

11. No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity made possible by or resulting from this contract. The agency and each employer will comply with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

12. The Contractor shall maintain data which records its affirmation action in equal opportunity employment, including but not limited to employment, upgrading, demotions, transfers, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoffs or terminations, pay or other compensation, and selection for training.

IV. LABOR STANDARDS PROVISIONS - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ONLY

A. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

1. Overtime Requirements. No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any laborer or mechanic in any work-week in which he is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in any work-week unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times his basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in any work-week.

2. Violations; Liability for Unpaid Wages; Liquidated Damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph 1, the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable to any affected employee for his
unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the City for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic employed in violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph 1 in the sum of $10 for each calendar day on which such employee was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard work-week of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in subparagraph 1.

3. Withholding for Unpaid Wages and Liquidated Damages. The local government may withhold or cause to be withheld, from any monies payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor, such sums as may administratively be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.

B. Employment of Certain Persons Prohibited. No person under the age of sixteen years and no person who at the time, is serving sentence in a penal or correctional institution shall be employed on the work covered by this contract.

C. Complaints, Proceedings, or Testimony by Employees. No laborer or mechanic to whom the labor standards provisions of this contract are applicable shall be discharged or in any other manner discriminated against by the Contractor or any subcontractor because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceedings or has testified or is about to testify in any proceedings under or relating to the labor standards applicable under this contract.

D. Questions Concerning Certain Federal Statutes and Regulations. All questions arising under this contract which relate to the application or interpretation of the aforesaid Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, pursuant to said Act, or the labor standards provisions of any other pertinent Federal statute, shall be referred, through the City of Tuscaloosa and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to the Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, for said Secretary's appropriate ruling or interpretation which shall be authoritative and may be relied upon for the purpose of this contract.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

A. The Contractor hereby agrees that any facility to be utilized in the performance of any nonexempt contract or subcontract shall not be a facility included on the list of Violating Facilities issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.

B. The Contractor also agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 USC 1857c-8) and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 USC 1318) relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports and information, as well as all other requirements specified in said Section 114 and Section 308, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder.

C. As a condition of the award of the contract, the Contractor agrees to give prompt notice to the City of any notification received from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility utilized or to be utilized for the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

D. The Contractor agrees that it will include or cause to be included the criteria and requirements in subparagraph A through D of this section in every nonexempt subcontract and that it will take such action as the City or the EPS may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

VI. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Contractor shall maintain effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets that are provided for by this agreement. The Contractor shall adequately safeguard all such assets and shall assure that they are used solely for authorized purposes.

A. Ineligible Costs. In addition to any costs that are ineligible under other criteria included herein the following costs are specifically ineligible:

1. Bad Debts. Any loses arising from uncollected accounts and other claims, and related costs.

2. Contingencies. Contributions to a contingency reserve or any similar provisions for unforeseen events.

3. Contributions and Donations.

4. Entertainment. Costs of amusements, social activities, and incidental costs, such as meals, beverages, lodgings, and gratuities, relating to entertainment.

5. Fines and Penalties. Costs resulting from violations of or failure to comply with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

6. Interest and Other Financial Costs. Interest on borrowing (however represented), bond discounts, cost of financing and refinancing operations, and legal and professional fees paid in connection herewith.

7. Legislative Expenses. Salaries and other expenses of local government bodies such as county supervisors, city councils, school boards, etc., whether incurred for purposes of legislation or executive direction.

8. Membership Expenses. Cost of membership in an organization which devotes a substantial part of its activities to influencing legislation.

9. Travel. Costs in excess of those allowed by the Contractor for its equivalent employees. In any case, the difference in cost between first-class air accommodations and less-than-first-class air accommodations are not available and is so documented.

10. Meeting Attendance. Costs of attending meetings which are not open for attendance on a non-segregated basis.

B. Property Management Standards

The Contractor's property management standards for non-expendable personal property acquired under this contract shall include the following procedural requirements:

1. Property records shall be maintained accurately and provide for: a description of the property; manufacturer's serial number or other identification number; acquisition data, cost, and source of property; percentage of Federal funds used in the purchase of property; location, use and condition of the property; and ultimate disposition data including sales price or the method used to determine current fair market value.

2. A physical inventory of property shall be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once each year to verify the existence, current utilization, and continued need for the property.

3. A control system shall be in effect to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft to the property. Any loss, damage, or theft of non-expendable property shall be investigated and fully documented.

4. Adequate maintenance procedures shall be implemented to keep the property in good condition.

C. Procurement Standards

1. The Contractor shall maintain a code or standard of conduct which shall govern the performance of its officers, employees, or agents in contracting with and expending grant funds. Local government officers, employees, or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from Contractors or potential Contractors.

2. All procurement transactions regardless of whether negotiated or advertised and without regard to dollar value shall be conducted in a manner so as to provide maximum open and free competition.

VII. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Retention of Records. All records maintained by the Contractor that pertain to this agreement shall be retained by the Contractor for a period of three years or such longer period as the local government or HUD may require in specific cases.

B. Reports and Information. The Contractor, at such times as the local government may require, shall furnish such statements, reports, records, data and information, as may be requested pertaining to matters covered by this agreement.

C. Audit Requirements. The local government, the Comptroller General of the United States, and/or _____ (Federal Agency), or any of the duly authorized representatives shall have access to all tasks, accounts, records, reports, files and other papers or property of the Contractor pertaining to funds provided under this agreement for the purpose of making surveys, audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The Contractor's financial management system shall be audited at least once a year. Audits may be made at less frequency considering the nature, size and complexity of the activity. The Contractor shall implement a systematic method to assure timely and appropriate resolution of audit findings and recommendations.

D. Breach of Contract Terms and Conditions. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part. Provided, that the right of the Contractor to proceed with this contract shall not be terminated or the Contractor charged with liquidated damages because of delays in the completion of the work due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted, to acts of God, or of the public enemy, acts of the Government, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather or delays of subcontractors due to such causes, if the Contractor shall within ten days from the beginning of any such delay notify the City in writing of the cause of the delay. The City shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay and extend the time for completing the work when, in the City's judgment, the findings of fact justify such an extension, and the City's findings of fact thereon shall be final and conclusive on the parties hereto, subject only to appeal, within thirty days, by the Contractor to the City whose decision on such appeal as to the facts of delay and the extension of time for completing the work shall be final and conclusive on the parties hereto.

E. Safety Standards. No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of a construction contract shall require any laborer or mechanic employed in the performance of the contract to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.

F. Lead-based Paint Regulations. The construction or rehabilitation of residential structures with assistance provided under this contract is subject to the HUD Lead-based Paint regulations, 24 CFR part 35. Should this contract include activities involving the construction or rehabilitation of residential structures, the Contractor hereby agrees to comply with the regulations of 24 CFR part 35.

G. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert in any subcontracts all of the terms and conditions set forth in this contract and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these terms and conditions in any lower tier subcontracts which they may enter into, together with a clause requiring this insertion in any further subcontracts that may in turn be made.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
SALES, USE & BUSINESS TAX DIVISION
Purchasing Agent Appointment

PURCHASING AGENT APPOINTMENT

Name and Address of Agent			Name and Address of Governmental Entity or Exempt Organization		
NAME: Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.			NAME: City of Tuscaloosa		
MAILING ADDRESS: 6350 Old Montgomery Highway			MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2089		
CITY: Tuscaloosa	STATE: AL	ZIP CODE: 35405	CITY: Tuscaloosa	STATE: AL	ZIP CODE: 35403
PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 6350 Old Montgomery Highway			PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 2201 University Boulevard		
CITY: Tuscaloosa	STATE: AL	ZIP CODE: 35405	CITY: Tuscaloosa	STATE: AL	ZIP CODE: 35401
			ALABAMA EXEMPTION (NUMBER, ACT, LAW, ETC.):		

Name and Location of Project			Appointment Information
NAME: Fire Station No. 4			EFFECTIVE DATE:
PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 2710 University Boulevard East			Agency appointment will expire on the date of completion of the project.
CITY: Tuscaloosa	STATE: AL	ZIP CODE: 35404	SCHEDULED DATE OF COMPLETION: 365 Calendar Days after Notice to Proceed

IDENTIFY PROJECT: Trade Package S4-4 Flooring

The undersigned governmental entity or exempt organization ("tax-exempt entity") hereby appoints the above-named person or company as its agent to (check the applicable box):

- [X] order materials that will be incorporated into the real estate constituting the construction project identified above; or
- [ ] order and pay for materials that will be incorporated into the real estate constituting the construction project identified above with funds belonging to the tax-exempt entity.

As agent of the tax-exempt entity, the person or company named above (check the applicable box):

- [X] is authorized to appoint subagents of the tax-exempt entity to order materials that will be incorporated into the real estate constituting the project; or
- [ ] is not authorized to appoint subagents of the tax-exempt entity.

By signing this appointment we acknowledge that: the appointment applies only to the purchase of materials after the effective date hereof (which cannot be prior to the date the appointment is signed); the agent has the authority to bind the tax-exempt entity contractually for the purchase of tangible personal property that will be incorporated into the real estate constituting the construction project identified above; payment for the purchases made pursuant to such appointment must be made with funds belonging to the tax-exempt entity; and the agent is required to notify all vendors and suppliers from which tax-exempt purchases are to be made of the agency relationship and that the obligation for payment is that of the tax-exempt entity and not the agent. All purchase orders and remittance devices furnished to these vendors/suppliers shall clearly reflect the agency relationship. The vendor or supplier may rely on the tax-exempt status of purchases made on behalf of the tax-exempt entity by the duly appointed purchasing agent, provided that the criteria in Alabama Department of Revenue Rule 810-6-3-.69.02 and in the attached instructions are followed and the proper documentation exists to confirm compliance with these instructions.

Sign Here [signature] — AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR EXEMPT ORGANIZATION | TITLE: Mayor | DATE: 12-2-13

Print Name: Walter Maddox

APPOINTMENT OF SUBAGENT

Name and Address of Subagent (Subcontractor)			Appointment Information
NAME: Rice Floor & Tile, Inc			EFFECTIVE DATE:
STREET OR OTHER MAILING ADDRESS: 6350 Old Montgomery Hwy			Subagency appointment will expire on the date the subagent completes work on the project by fulfilling the contractual obligation to perform.
CITY: Tuscaloosa	STATE: Al	ZIP CODE: 35405	SCHEDULED DATE OF COMPLETION:
SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY SUBAGENT: Flooring			

The undersigned agent (contractor) hereby appoints the subagent (subcontractor) to act as a purchasing agent of the tax-exempt entity to order, but not to pay for, materials that will be incorporated into the real estate constituting the construction project identified above. In making purchases for the project, the subagent must comply with Alabama Department of Revenue Rule 810-6-3-.69.02 and the attached instructions.

Sign Here [signature] — AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF AGENT (CONTRACTOR) | TITLE: President | DATE: 11/6/2013

Print Name: TERESA RICE

Instructions For Preparation of Form ST: PAA1
Purchasing Agent Appointment

The United States Government, the State of Alabama, counties and incorporated municipalities of the state, and various other entities within the state are specifically exempt from paying state and local sales and use tax on their purchases of tangible personal property. These tax-exempt entities cannot transfer their exempt status to a contractor or developer who is required to purchase and pay for the materials that are to be used pursuant to a construction contract with the tax-exempt entity. However, a tax-exempt entity may appoint as its agent a contractor to act on its behalf to order materials or to order and pay for materials that will be incorporated into real estate pursuant to a construction contract with the tax-exempt entity. Purchases made by the agent on behalf of the tax-exempt entity will be exempt from the payment of state and local sales or use tax provided that the procedures outlined in Alabama Department of Revenue Rule 810-6-3-.69.02 are followed. These procedures include the provisions below. *(Note: This form should not be used to purchase materials for a project that has been granted abatement pursuant to the Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992, Chapter 9B of Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, or for the exemption available to contractors for the purchase of building materials for construction projects with health care authorities organized under Article 11 of Chapter 21 of Title 22 or Chapter 62 of Title 11. Tax-exempt purchases of materials for these types of projects must be made in accordance with the provisions of the applicable sections of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and ADOR Rules.)*

The appointment of the contractor as purchasing agent of the tax-exempt entity must be made in writing and may, but is not required to, take the form of a completed Purchasing Agent Appointment, Form ST: PAA-1. The appointment must be made prior to the contractor's purchase of materials that are claimed to be tax-exempt. In the absence of a written appointment the contractor must pay the sales and use taxes otherwise due. A contractor may not purchase materials, incorporate them into realty prior to obtaining a properly completed and signed Form ST: PAA-1, or other written appointment, and later claim an agency relationship and petition for a refund of sales and use tax paid on the materials. The Form ST: PAA-1 can only be used to appoint the contractor to purchase on behalf of the tax-exempt entity materials that will be incorporated into the real estate constituting the project. However, execution of the Form ST: PAA-1 does not preclude a separate written appointment of the contractor as agent of the tax-exempt entity to purchase other tangible personal property.

Purchases made by the purchasing agent on behalf of the tax-exempt entity are exempt from the payment of sales and use taxes, provided that funds belonging to the tax-exempt entity are directly obligated and payment is made with funds belonging to the tax-exempt entity. When the contractor is also appointed as agent to pay for the materials on behalf of the tax-exempt entity, payment must be made from an account designated for this specific purpose and funded by the tax-exempt entity. It is permissible to use a trust account for multiple projects, provided that the account is funded by the tax-exempt entities and records are maintained to document the source of funds for each project. The contractor may not commingle its own funds with the funds in the account. The contractor may not deposit its own money into the account. The contractor may not pay for materials with its own funds and receive reimbursement from the account.

PENALTY. Any person who makes unauthorized use of this document with the intent to evade payment of tax is liable for any sales and use taxes that may be due, together with interest, and may be assessed additional penalties as provided in Section 40-2A-11, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION. All information requested on the attached Purchasing Agent Appointment, Form ST: PAA-1, must be provided, including by attachments to the form. The project name, location, and description must be included. Tax-exempt organizations must provide their Alabama Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption number, Legislative Act number, or state law by which they are exempt from sales and use tax. The form or other written appointment document must reflect the date the appointment will become effective, which cannot be prior to the date the document is signed. The agency appointment will expire on the date of completion of the project. The scheduled date of completion must be reflected on the appointment document. However, the scheduled date of completion may be extended by approval of the tax-exempt entity when it is determined that the project will not be completed by that date. The agent shall not make any purchases without payment of sales or use taxes under the authority of this appointment before the effective date or after the date of completion of the project. This Purchasing Agent Appointment must be signed by an officer or duly-authorized representative of the tax-exempt entity. The signed original document must be retained by the contractor, and a copy should be retained by the tax-exempt entity. In a subsequent audit, to substantiate the contractor's appointment as agent to purchase on behalf of the tax-exempt entity, the contractor will be required to provide to the auditor upon request a copy of the executed appointment document.

AGENT'S APPOINTMENT OF ONE OR MORE SUBAGENTS. When authorized by the tax-exempt entity, the agent (contractor) may appoint one or more subagents (subcontractors) to act as the purchasing agent of the tax-exempt entity to order, but not to pay for, materials that will be incorporated into the project. For each subagent appointed, the agent (contractor) must document the appointment by completing the section provided on a copy of Form ST: PAA-1, or otherwise document the appointment in writing. The document must include the date the appointment of the subagent will become effective, which cannot be prior to the date the contractor signs the document appointing the subagent. The subagency appointment will expire on the date the subagent's work on the project is completed. The scheduled date of completion of the subagent's work on the project must be reflected on the appointment document. However, the scheduled date of completion may be extended by the contractor (agent) when it is determined that the subcontractor's work on the project will not be completed by that date. The subagent (subcontractor) shall not make any purchases without payment of sales or use taxes under the authority of this appointment before the effective date or after the date the subagent's work on the project is completed. A description of the work to be performed by the subagent must be included. For each subagent appointed, the Appointment of Subagent form or other writing must be signed by the agent (owner, partner, member, corporate officer, or other individual authorized to sign the document). The signed document must be retained by the subagent (subcontractor). A copy of the document must be provided to the tax-exempt entity for their records and a copy must be retained by the agent (contractor). A subagent's purchase of materials on behalf of the tax-exempt entity is exempt from the payment of state and local sales and use taxes provided that the criteria set out above and in ADOR Rule 810-6-3-.69.02 are followed. In a subsequent audit, to substantiate the subcontractor's appointment as agent to purchase on behalf of the tax-exempt entity, the subcontractor will be required to provide to the auditor upon request a copy of the executed subagent appointment document.

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA

BUSINESS LICENSE

EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2013

THIS LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE
OWNERSHIP CHANGE REQUIRES NEW LICENSE
LOCATION CHANGE REQUIRES APPROVAL

ACCOUNT ID: 524800
ISSUE NO: 4387
ISSUE DATE: 02/14/2013

2013

NAICS: 238330
CATEGORY: CONTRACTOR
TYPE: FLOORING

RICE FLOOR & TILE, INC
DBA: RICE FLOOR & TILE, INC.
6350 OLD MONTGOMERY HWY
TUSCALOOSA, AL 35405

LINDA S. MCKINNEY
DIRECTOR OF REVENUE

WALTER MADDOX
MAYOR

RENEW BEFORE FEBRUARY 15TH TO AVOID PENALTIES

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AFFIDAVIT OF ALABAMA IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE BY A SUBCONTRACTOR TO A PUBLIC ENTITY IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

In compliance with Sections 9 (a) and (b) of the BEASON-HAMMON ALABAMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT (the "Act") and Sections 31-13-9 (a) and (b) of the ALA. CODE, this Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance is to be completed and signed by an officer or owner of a subcontractor and notarized. This requirement is a condition for the award of any contract by a contractor to a subcontractor that employs one or more employees in the State of Alabama and is a recipient of funds from any political subdivision of the State of Alabama, or any public funded entity. Subcontractors are to provide notice to their subcontractors of their Alabama Immigration Compliance obligations.

State of Alabama:
County of **Tuscaloosa**:
Before me, a notary public, personally appeared **Teresa Rice** who, is duly authorized by the business entity/employer, which appears below, being sworn, says as follows:

As a condition for being a subcontractor to a contractor or grantee on a project paid for by contract, grant, or incentive by the State of Alabama, or any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity, I hereby attest that in my capacity as **President/Owner** for **Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.**, said subcontractor does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien. Further, subcontractor affirms that it is providing notice to its subcontractors of their Alabama Immigration Compliance obligations.

I further attest that said subcontractor is enrolled in the E-Verify Program and attached to this Affidavit is our E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding confirming such program enrollment. Further, as a direct subcontractor, for those current employees for whom the E-Verify Program may not be used in accordance with applicable federal rules and regulations, subcontractor has reviewed, or had reviewed, the Form I-9s for each of its current employees and has a good faith belief that it has complied with Ala. Code § 31-13-9(c) and (d).

I have read this Affidavit, swear, and affirm that it is true and correct.

Teresa Rice
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6TH day of NOVEMBER, 2013.
I certify that the Affiant is known (or made known) to me to be the identical party he or she claims to be.

Michelle Gates Mitchell
Signature and Seal of Notary Public

My Commission Expires
February 11, 2014

Company ID Number: 532591

THE E-VERIFY PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the points of agreement between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and **Rice Floor & Tile, Inc.** (Employer) regarding the Employer's participation in the Employment Eligibility Verification Program (E-Verify). This MOU explains certain features of the E-Verify program and enumerates specific responsibilities of DHS, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and the Employer. E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms an employee's eligibility to work in the United States after completion of the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (Form I-9). For covered government contractors, E-Verify is used to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees and all existing employees assigned to Federal contracts or to verify the entire workforce if the contractor so chooses.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. § 1324a note). Authority for use of the E-Verify program by Federal contractors and subcontractors covered by the terms of Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification", of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (hereinafter referred to in this MOU as a "Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause") to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts is also found in Subpart 22.18 and in Executive Order 12989, as amended.

ARTICLE II

FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SSA

1. SSA agrees to provide the Employer with available information that allows the Employer to confirm the accuracy of Social Security Numbers provided by all employees verified under this MOU and the employment authorization of U.S. citizens.

2. SSA agrees to provide to the Employer appropriate assistance with operational problems that may arise during the Employer's participation in the E-Verify program. SSA agrees to provide the Employer with names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of SSA representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.

3. SSA agrees to safeguard the information provided by the Employer through the E-Verify program procedures, and to limit access to such information, as is appropriate by law, to individuals responsible for the verification of Social Security Numbers and for evaluation of the E-Verify program or such other persons or entities who may be authorized by SSA as governed

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by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a), the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and SSA regulations (20 CFR Part 401).

4. SSA agrees to provide a means of automated verification that is designed (in conjunction with DHS's automated system if necessary) to provide confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of U.S. citizens' employment eligibility within 3 Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.

5. SSA agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating SSA records as may be necessary) for employees who contest SSA tentative nonconfirmations that is designed to provide final confirmation or nonconfirmation of U.S. citizens' employment eligibility and accuracy of SSA records for both citizens and non-citizens within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to SSA, unless SSA determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, SSA will provide additional verification instructions.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHS

1. After SSA verifies the accuracy of SSA records for employees through E-Verify, DHS agrees to provide the Employer access to selected data from DHS's database to enable the Employer to conduct, to the extent authorized by this MOU:

- Automated verification checks on employees by electronic means, and
- Photo verification checks (when available) on employees.

2. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer appropriate assistance with operational problems that may arise during the Employer's participation in the E-Verify program. DHS agrees to provide the Employer names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of DHS representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.

3. DHS agrees to make available to the Employer at the E-Verify Web site and on the E-Verify Web browser, instructional materials on E-Verify policies, procedures and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify. DHS agrees to provide training materials on E-Verify.

4. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer a notice, which indicates the Employer's participation in the E-Verify program. DHS also agrees to provide to the Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC), Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

5. DHS agrees to issue the Employer a user identification number and password that permits the Employer to verify information provided by employees with DHS's database.

6. DHS agrees to safeguard the information provided to DHS by the Employer, and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification of employees' employment eligibility and for evaluation of the E-Verify program, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security Numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the Immigration and

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Nationality Act (INA) and Federal criminal laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.

7. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that is designed (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) to provide confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within 3 Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.

8. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records as may be necessary) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo non-match tentative nonconfirmations that is designed to provide final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER

1. The Employer agrees to display the notices supplied by DHS in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system.

2. The Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer representatives to be contacted regarding E-Verify.

3. The Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual.

4. The Employer agrees that any Employer Representative who will perform employment verification queries will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before that individual initiates any queries.

A. The Employer agrees that all Employer representatives will take the refresher tutorials initiated by the E-Verify program as a condition of continued use of E-Verify.

B. Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Employer from continued use of the program.

5. The Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:

• If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.2(b)(1)(B)) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.) If an employee objects to the photo requirement for religious reasons, the Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-464-4218.

• If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card) or Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document) to complete the Form I-9, the Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The photocopy must be of sufficient quality to allow for verification of the photo

and written information. The employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo non-matches that are contested by employees. Note that employees retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, documentation to complete the Form I-9. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.

6. The Employer understands that participation in E-Verify does not exempt the Employer from the responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the antidiscrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures, except for the following modified requirements applicable by reason of the Employer's participation in E-Verify: (1) identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 5 above; (2) a rebuttable presumption is established that the Employer has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of any individual if it obtains confirmation of the identity and employment eligibility of the individual in good faith compliance with the terms and conditions of E-Verify; (3) the Employer must notify DHS if it continues to employ any employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, and is subject to a civil money penalty between $550 and $1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment following a final nonconfirmation; (4) the Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A) if the Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation; and (5) no person or entity participating in E-Verify is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the confirmation system. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 and E-Verify system compliance inspections during the course of E-Verify, as well as to conduct any other enforcement activity authorized by law.

7. The Employer agrees to initiate E-Verify verification procedures for new employees within 3 Employer business days after each employee has been hired (but after the Form I-9 has been completed), and to complete as many (but only as many) steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual, or in the case of Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause, the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors. The Employer is prohibited from initiating verification procedures before the employee has been hired and the Form I-9 completed. If the automated system to be queried is temporarily unavailable, the 3-day time period is extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability. Employers may initiate verification by notating the Form I-9 in circumstances where the employee has applied for a Social Security Number (SSN) from the SSA and is waiting to receive the SSN, provided that the Employer performs an E-Verify employment verification query using the employee's SSN as soon as the SSN becomes available.

8. The Employer agrees not to use E-Verify procedures for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use not authorized by this MOU. Employers must use E-Verify for all new employees, unless an Employer is a Federal contractor that qualifies for the exceptions described in Article II.D.1.c. Except as provided in Article II.D, the Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. The Employer understands that if the Employer

uses the E-Verify system for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Employer may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its access to SSA and DHS information pursuant to this MOU.

9. The Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III. below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations, including notifying employees in private of the finding and providing them written notice of the findings, providing written referral instructions to employees, allowing employees to contest the finding, and not taking adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo non-match, the Employer is required to take affirmative steps (see Article III.B. below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.

10. The Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.1(l)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance (indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo non-match, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as evidence, that the employee is not work authorized. In any of the cases listed above, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status (including denying, reducing, or extending work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise subjecting an employee to any assumption that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo non-match or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 or OSC at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD).

11. The Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA, as applicable, by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or, in the case of a protected individual as defined in section 274B(a)(3) of the INA, because of his or her citizenship status. The Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer further understands that any violation of the unfair immigration-related employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-

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Verify. If the Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact OSC at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD).

12. The Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.

13. The Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from SSA or DHS pursuant to E-Verify and this MOU only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as PINS and passwords) to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Employer who are authorized to perform the Employer's responsibilities under this MOU, except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.

14. The Employer acknowledges that the information which it receives from SSA is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and that any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.

15. The Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, including by permitting DHS and SSA, upon reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a timely and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS WITH THE FAR E-VERIFY CLAUSE

1. The Employer understands that if it is a subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it must verify the employment eligibility of any existing employee assigned to the contract and all new hires, as discussed in the Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors. Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Employer, the Employer may not reverify the employee through E-Verify.

a. Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause agree to become familiar with and comply with the most recent versions of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors and the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.

b. Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause agree to complete a tutorial for Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause.

c. Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause not enrolled at the time of contract award: An Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause in E-Verify within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States,

whether or not assigned to the contract. Once the Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within 3 business days after the date of hire. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause, the Employer must initiate verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days from the time of enrollment in the system and after the date and selecting which employees will be verified in E-Verify or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.

d. Employers that are already enrolled in E-Verify at the time of a contract award but are not enrolled in the system as a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause: Employers enrolled in E-Verify for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within 3 business days after the date of hire. Employers enrolled in E-Verify as other than a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause, must update E-Verify to indicate that they are a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause within 30 days after assignment to the contract. If the Employer is enrolled in E-Verify for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within 3 business days after the date of hire. An Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause in E-Verify must initiate verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.

e. Institutions of higher education, State, local and tribal governments and sureties: Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), State or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. The provisions of Article II.D, paragraphs 1.a and 1.b of this MOU providing timeframes for initiating employment verification of employees assigned to a contract apply to such institutions of higher education, State, local and tribal governments, and sureties.

f. Verification of all employees: Upon enrollment, Employers who are Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only new employees and those existing employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Employers must elect to do so only in the manner designated by DHS and initiate E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.

g. Form I-9 procedures for existing employees of Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause: Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause may choose to complete new Forms I-9 for all existing employees other than those that are completely exempt from this process. Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause may also update previously completed Forms I-9 to initiate E-Verify verification of existing employees who are not completely exempt as long as that Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN), complies with

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Article II.C.5, the employee's work authorization has not expired, and the Employer has reviewed the information reflected in the Form I-9 either in person or in communications with the employee to ensure that the employee's stated basis in section 1 of the Form I-9 for work authorization has not changed (including, but not limited to, a lawful permanent resident alien having become a naturalized U.S. citizen). If the Employer is unable to determine that the Form I-9 complies with Article II.C.5, if the employee's basis for work authorization as attested in section 1 has expired or changed, or if the Form I-9 contains no SSN or is otherwise incomplete, the Employer shall complete a new I-9 consistent with Article II.C.5, or update the previous I-9 to provide the necessary information. If section 1 of the Form I-9 is otherwise valid and up-to-date and the form otherwise complies with Article II.C.5, but reflects documentation (such as a U.S. passport or Form I-551) that expired subsequent to completion of the Form I-9, the Employer shall not require the production of additional documentation, or use the photo screening tool described in Article II.C.5, subject to any additional or superseding instructions that may be provided on this subject in the Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a second verification using E-Verify of any assigned employee who has previously been verified as a newly hired employee under this MOU, or to authorize verification of any existing employee by any Employer that is not a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause.

2. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause, its compliance with this MOU is a performance requirement under the terms of the Federal contract or subcontract, and the Employer consents to the release of information relating to compliance with its verification responsibilities under this MOU to contracting officers or other officials authorized to review the Employer's compliance with Federal contracting requirements.

ARTICLE III

REFERRAL OF INDIVIDUALS TO SSA AND DHS

A. REFERRAL TO SSA

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Employer must print the notice as directed by the E-Verify system and provide it to the employee so that the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer must review the tentative nonconfirmation with the employee in private.

2. The Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by the automated system based on a tentative nonconfirmation, and only after the Employer records the case verification number, reviews the input to detect any transaction errors, and determines that the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer will transmit the Social Security Number to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so. The Employer will determine whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives it.

3. If the employee contests an SSA tentative nonconfirmation, the Employer will provide the employee with a system-generated referral letter and instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within 8 Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it

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determines that more than 10 days is necessary. The Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

4. The Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the Social Security Number from the SSA.

B. REFERRAL TO DHS

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer must print the tentative nonconfirmation notice as directed by the E-Verify system and provide it to the employee so that the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer must review the tentative nonconfirmation with the employee in private.

2. If the Employer finds a photo non-match for an employee who provides a document for which the automated system has transmitted a photo, the employer must print the photo non-match tentative nonconfirmation notice as directed by the automated system and provide it to the employee so that the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the finding. The Employer must review the tentative nonconfirmation with the employee in private.
3. The Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation received from DHS automated verification process or when the Employer issues a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo non-match. The Employer will determine whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives it.

4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer will provide the employee with a referral letter and instruct the employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within 8 Federal Government work days.

5. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo non-match, the Employer will provide the employee with a referral letter to DHS. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary. The Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

6. The Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo non-match, the Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551 or Form I-766 to DHS for review by:

- Scanning and uploading the document, or
- Sending a photocopy of the document by an express mail account (paid for at employer expense).

7. If the Employer determines that there is a photo non-match when comparing the photocopied List B document described in Article II.C.5 with the image generated in E-Verify, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS using one of the means described in the preceding paragraph, and allow DHS to resolve the case.

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ARTICLE IV

SERVICE PROVISIONS

SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify, an Employer will need a personal computer with Internet access.

ARTICLE V

PARTIES

A. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties, and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS conduct the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties, or terminated by any party upon 30 days prior written notice to the others. Any and all system enhancements to the E-Verify program by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to the E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes. DHS agrees to train employers on all changes made to E-Verify through the use of mandatory refresher tutorials and updates to the E-Verify User Manual, the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors or the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors. Even without changes to E-Verify, DHS reserves the right to require employers to take mandatory refresher tutorials. An Employer that is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such a circumstance, the Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause must provide written notice to DHS. If an Employer that is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause fails to provide such notice, that Employer will remain a participant in the E-Verify program, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to participants that are not Federal contractors with the FAR E-Verify clause, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.

B. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Employer, or a failure on the part of the Employer to comply with established procedures or legal requirements. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect its performance of its contractual responsibilities.

C. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as they may determine necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.

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D. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Employer, its agents, officers, or employees.

E. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Employer and any other person or entity regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IIRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Employer.

F. The Employer understands that the fact of its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to, Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS and the Employer.

H. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Employer and DHS respectively.