

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION



**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
AND  
SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

FOR

**ISLA VISTA TRASH CAPTURE  
EL COLEGIO ROAD HDS UNIT  
PROJECT  
IN THE 2ND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT**

UNDER:

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**Bid Book dated 5/15/2024**

**Standard Specifications dated 2023**

**Project Plans approved 05/15/2024**

**Standard Plans dated 2023**

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**COUNTY PROJECT NO. 56STC  
FEDERAL-AID NO. 56STC**

**BID OPENING LOCATIONS:**

[PlanetBids](https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/43874/bo/bo-detail/117647)

<https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/43874/bo/bo-detail/117647>

**BID OPENING TIME AND DATE:**

**2:00 PM on June 10, 2024**

**Electronic Advertising Contract**

**CHRISTOPHER SNEDDON  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

# NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

**ISLA VISTA TRASH CAPTURE EL COLEGIO ROAD HDS UNIT PROJECT IN THE 2ND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT**

**COUNTY PROJECT NO. 56STC**

**FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. 56STC**

The Special Provisions contained herein have been prepared under the direction of the following Registered Persons.



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JOSE AVINA  
REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER

4/23/2024

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REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER

4/23/2024

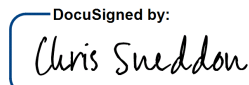
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## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

**NOT USED**

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids open at **2:00 PM** on **Monday, June 10, 2024** for:

ISLA VISTA TRASH CAPTURE PROJECT

COUNTY PROJECT No. **56STC**, FEDERAL AID PROJECT No. 56STC

General project work description: Trash Capture HDS Unit Installation on Colegio Road, Isla Vista

The Plans, Specifications, and Bid Book are available at  
<https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/43874/bo/bo-detail/117647>

The Contractor must have either a Class A license or any combination of the following Class C licenses which constitutes a majority of the work: A, C-8, C-12

The DBE Contract Goal is 10%.

For the Federal Training Program, the number of trainees or apprentices is 0.

Submit sealed bids to the web address above. Bids will be opened and available at the web address above immediately following the submittal deadline.

Complete the project work within **20 Workings Days**.

The estimated cost of the project is \$ 371,000

There is no mandatory pre-bid job walk.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of PCC Section 4104, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code (LAB) Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 7029.1 or by PCC Section 10164 or 20103.5 provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to LAB Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

Prevailing wages are required on this Contract. The Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations determines the general prevailing wage rates. Obtain the wage rates at the DIR website <https://www.dir.ca.gov/>.

The federal minimum wage rates for this Contract as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor are available at <https://www.wdol.gov/>. Copies are also available at the office of the Department of Public Works – Engineering Division, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

If the minimum wage rates as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor differs from the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors must not pay less than the higher wage rate. The Department does not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the federal minimum wage determinations. This includes helper, or other classifications based on hours of experience, or any other classification not appearing in the federal wage determinations. Where federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors must not pay less than the federal minimum wage rate that most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications, or estimate must be submitted as a bidder inquiry by 2:00 PM on **06/03/2024**. Submittals after this date will not be addressed. Questions pertaining to this Project prior to Award of the Contract must be submitted via PlanetBids Q&A tab.

Bidders (Plan Holders of Record) will be notified by electronic mail if addendums are issued. The addendums, if issued, will only be available on the County's PlanetBids website.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara this project was authorized to be advertised on or after 04/23/2024.

Christopher Sneddon  
Director of Public Works

## COPY OF BID ITEM LIST

#	F	Item Code	Description
1		130300	Water Pollution Control Plan
2		066074	Traffic Control
3		000001	Pothole Existing Utilities
4	F	000002	ACP Demo & Restoration
5		000003	Temporary Flow Diversion & Dewatering
6		000004	8' Diversion MH & Piping
7		000005	10' HDS Unit Installation
8	F	000006	Site Restoration

## COUNTY PROVISIONS

The work provided herein must be performed in accordance with the *Caltrans Standard Specifications, dated 2023*. The *Standard Specifications* are incorporated herein by reference.

## MODIFICATIONS TO STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

### DIVISION I GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 1 GENERAL

**Replace or add the following terms to section 1-1.07B:**

**CMIS:** Content Management Interoperability Services (C-MIS.com)

**County:** The County of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California.

**County Clerk:** The County Clerk of the County of Santa Barbara.

**Department:** The County of Santa Barbara acting by and through its Department of Public Works; its authorized representatives.

**Director:** Director of Public Works of the County of Santa Barbara, or the Director's duly authorized representative.

**Engineer:** Any duly authorized representative of the Director of Public Works of the County of Santa Barbara.

**holiday:** Holidays are shown in the following table:

<b>Holidays</b>	
Holiday	Date observed
Every Sunday	Every Sunday
New Year's Day	January 1st
Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	3rd Monday in January
Washington's Birthday	3rd Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	June 19th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Veterans Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Day after Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day	December 25th
County Furlough Days	December 26th through January 1st

If January 1st, June 19th, July 4th, or November 11th falls on a Sunday, the Monday following is a holiday. If January 1st, June 19th, July 4th, November 11th, or December 25th falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday is a holiday. No work allowed on County Furlough Days.

**State:** The State of California and its political subdivisions, including the County of Santa Barbara.

**Supplemental Work:** Change Order Work.



**Add to section 1-1.11:****Websites, Addresses, and Telephone Numbers**

Reference or agency or department unit	Website	Address	Telephone number
Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Rates	<a href="https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html">https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html</a>		
Caltrans, Division of Design	<a href="https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design">https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design</a>		
PlanetBids	<a href="https://home.planetbids.com/">https://home.planetbids.com/</a>		
County Municipal Code	<a href="https://www.municode.com/library/CA/Santa_Barbara_County">https://www.municode.com/library/CA/Santa_Barbara_County</a>		
County Project Manager		PROJECT MANAGER Cathleen Garnand 123 E. Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101	(805) 568-3561

**Delete the row for Office Engineer in the table of section 1-1.11.**

**Replace section 1-1.12 with:**

**1-1.12 MISCELLANY**

Make checks and bonds payable to the County of Santa Barbara.

**2 BIDDING**

**Replace 2-1.04 with:**

**2-1.04 PREBID MEETING**

Section 2-1.04 applies if a mandatory prebid meeting is shown on the *Notice to Bidders*.

Each bidder must attend the entire meeting. The bidder's representative must be a company officer, project superintendent, or project estimator. For a joint venture, one of the parties must attend the mandatory prebid meeting.

A sign-in sheet will be used to identify the attendees. Each bidder must include the name and title of the company representative attending the meeting. The sign-in sheet must be signed before the meeting start time. A County representative will announce the start and end of the meeting.

The Department does not accept a bid from a bidder who did not sign the sign-in sheet before the meeting started, or did not attend the entire meeting.

The Department may hold a single prebid meeting for more than one contract. Sign the sign-in sheet for the contract you intend to bid on. If you are bidding on multiple contracts, sign each sign-in sheet for each contract you intend to bid on. The sign-in sheets, with the names of all companies in attendance at each prebid meeting, will be made available at the website shown on the *Notice to Bidders* for bidder inquiries.

The meeting will provide small businesses, including DVBEs and DBEs, the opportunity to meet and interact with prospective bidders in an effort to increase their participation in the performance of contracts.

The successful bidder is required to report each small business hired to work on this Contract as a result of the meeting.

**Replace section 2-1.06A with:**

**2-1.06A General**

The *Bid Book* includes bid forms and certifications.

The Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions, Bid Book, project plans, and any addenda to these documents are available at [County's PlanetBids website](#).

Caltrans Standard Specifications, Standard Plans and Revised Standard plans are available at State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Design website.

**Replace section 2-1.06B with:**

**2-1.06B Supplemental Project Information**

The Department makes supplemental information available as specified in the special provisions.

If an *Information Handout* or sections are available, you may view them at [County's PlanetBids website](#).

**Add after the 1st paragraph in section 2-1.12A:**

Take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBEs have the opportunity to participate in the contract (49 CFR 26).

**Replace section 2-1.15 with:**

**2-1.15 DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

Not Used

**Replace section 2-1.18 with:**

**2-1.18 SMALL BUSINESS AND NON-SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR PREFERENCES**

Not Used

**Replace section 2-1.27 with:**

**2-1.27 CALIFORNIA COMPANIES**

Not Used

**Replace section 2-1.33A with:**

**2-1.33A General**

Complete the forms in the *Bid Book*. Include required forms for each proposed subcontractor.

Use the forms provided by the Department except as otherwise specified for a bidder's bond.

Submit *Bid Book* forms and copies of the forms as instructed in the *Notice to Bidders*.

Submit *Bid Book* DBE Commitment, Confirmation, and Good Faith Efforts (DBE forms) to the County Project Manager under section 2-1.33B.

For a contract with a DBE goal, as shown on the Notice to Bidders, DBE forms are required.

For a contract without a DBE goal, as shown on the Notice to Bidders, DBE forms are optional.

Failure to submit the forms and information as specified will result in a nonresponsive bid.

**Add to section 2-1.33B(1):**

Remove bid forms that are due after the time of bid if you choose not to submit the information on those forms at the time of bid.

**Replace section 2-1.34 with:**

**2-1.34 BIDDER'S SECURITY (PUB CONTRACT CODE § 20129(a))**

Submit one of the following forms of bidder's security equal to at least 10 percent of the bid:

1. Cash
2. Cashier's check made payable to the County
3. Certified check made payable to the County
4. Signed bidder's bond by an admitted surety insurer made payable to the County

Submit bidder's security with the *Bid Book* before the bid opening time.

If using a bidder's bond, you may use the form in the *Bid Book*. Bidder's bond bearing original signatures must be received by Project Manager before expiration of the following day.

If the bid schedule includes alternative or additive items or additive groups, the bid bond must equal at least 10% of the bid plus all alternatives and additives.

**Add to section 2-1.43:**

If the project has additive bid items or additive groups, the lowest responsible bidder will be determined in accordance with Public Contract Code Division II, Part 3, Chapter 1, Section 20103.8, Subdivision (c) and as follows:

1. The project funding amount will be disclosed before the first bid is opened.
2. The lowest responsible bidder will be determined on the basis of the Total Base Bid plus Total Additive Items or Total Base Bid plus Total Additive Groups, if any.
3. In the event that all bids including Total Base Bid plus Total Additive Items or Total Base Bid plus Total Additive Groups exceeds the project funding amount, the lowest bid will be determined on the basis of the Total Base Bid plus those additive items or Total Base Bid plus those additive groups that, when taken in numerical order from the additive list, and added to the Total Base Bid are less than or equal to the funds available.

**Add to section 2-1.46:**

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to waive technical errors and discrepancies if it determines it is in the public interest to do so.

### **3 CONTRACT AWARD AND EXECUTION**

**Replace section 3-1.02B with:**

**3-1.02B Tied Bids**

The Department breaks a tied bid with a coin toss.

**Replace section 3-1.04 with:**

**3-1.04 CONTRACT AWARD**

Submit any bid protest before 5:00 p.m. of the 10th business day following bid opening to the Department. Include the name, address, and telephone number of your designated representative with a complete statement for grounds of the protest. The protest must refer to the specific portion of the document that forms the basis for the protest.

If the County awards the contract including additive items or additive groups, total bid shall include Total Base Bid plus those additive items or Total Base Bid plus those additive groups used in determining the lowest responsible bidder.

If the County awards the contract, the award is made to the lowest responsible bidder within 65 days. If the lowest responsible bidder refuses or fails to execute the contract, the Director may award the contract to the second lowest responsible bidder. Such award, if made, will be made within 80 days after the opening of bids. If the second lowest responsible bidder refuses or fails to execute the contract, the Director may award the contract to the third lowest responsible bidder. Such award, if made, will be made within 95 days after the opening of bids. The periods of time specified above within which the award of contract may be made shall be subject to a time extension as may be agreed upon in writing between the Department and the bidder concerned.

**Replace section 3-1.05 with:**

**3-1.05 CONTRACT BONDS (PUB CONT CODE § 20129(b) AND CIV CODE § 9554)**

The successful bidder must furnish 2 bonds:

1. Payment bond to secure the claim payments of laborers, workers, mechanics, or materialmen providing goods, labor, or services under the Contract. This bond must be equal to at least 100 percent of the total bid. The payment bond must also contain provisions which automatically increase amounts thereof and/or time of completion or both for all change orders, extensions and additions to the work provided pursuant to this Agreement.
2. Performance bond to guarantee the faithful performance of the Contract. This bond must be equal to at least 100 percent of the total bid.

You may provide alternative securities for monies withheld to ensure performance per the terms of Public Contract Code § 22300.

The County furnishes the successful bidder with bond forms.

Both the payment and performance bonds must be executed by one and only one surety. That Surety must be admitted and listed in the Insurance Organizations Authorized By The Insurance Commissioner To Transact Business Of Insurance In The State Of California for the current year, and must be further authorized by the commissioner to issue surety insurance.

**Replace section 3-1.08 with:**

**3-1.08 SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION REPORT**

Not Used

**Replace section 3-1.11 with:**

**3-1.11 PAYEE DATA RECORD**

Not Used

**Replace section 3-1.18 with:**

**3-1.18 CONTRACT EXECUTION**

The successful bidder must sign the County Agreement (Contract) and deliver to the County the following documents:

1. Two (2) copies of the County Agreement (Contract) bearing your original signatures.
2. Two (2) copies of the Performance and Payment Bonds bearing your original signatures.
3. Executed Certificate of Insurance Transmittal form.
4. Insurance Certificates.
5. Executed Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (IRS Form W-9) and Withholding Exemption Certificate (CA Form 590).
6. A copy of your Injury and Illness Prevention Program.
7. A copy of your policy on drugs and alcohol.

The County must receive these documents by 4:00 pm on the 8th business day after the bidder receives the unexecuted Contract and Certificate of Insurance Transmittal form.

The bidder's security may be forfeited, and a successful bidder may be prohibited from participating in future bidding on the project, for failure to execute the contract within the time specified.

**Add to section 3-1.19 with:**

In accordance with Public Contract Code § 20129, upon an award to the lowest bidder(s), the security of an unsuccessful bidder must be returned in a reasonable period of time, but in no event will that security be held by the County beyond sixty (60) days from the time the award is made.

The person to whom the contract is awarded must execute a bond to be approved by the board for the faithful performance of the contract.

## **5 CONTROL OF WORK**

**Replace last paragraph of section 5-1.01 with:**

Contract administration forms are available at the State's website for your use.

**Add to the beginning of section 5-1.09A:**

Section 5-1.09 applies if there is a bid item for *Partnering*.

**Replace the 4th item of the 4th paragraph in section 5-1.13B(2) with:**

4. Listed DBE fails or refuses to perform the work or furnish the listed materials. Failing or refusing to perform is not an allowable reason to remove a DBE if the failure or refusal is a result of bad faith or discrimination.

**Replace sections 5-1.13C and 5-1.13D with:**

**5-1.13C-5-1.13D Reserved**

**Add to section 5-1.17:**

You must implement a policy on drugs and alcohol conforming to 49 CFR Part 40.

Submit a copy of your policy.

**Replace the 3rd paragraph of section 5-1.23A with:**

Submit action and informational submittals to the Engineer through the County's construction management portal at Content Management Interoperability Services (C-MIS.com)

The County provides access to C-MIS.com system:

1. Accounts and user identification to your assigned representatives
2. CMIS is available to train upon request - after a representative has received training

Each representative must maintain a unique password.

**Replace the 2nd item in list in the 4th paragraph of section 5-1.23A with:**

- 2 Federal Project Number, if any

**Replace the introductory paragraph for the 2nd paragraph in section 5-1.27B with:**

For at least 4 years after the later of these, retain cost records, including records of:

**Replace the 2nd through 4th paragraphs of section 5-1.27E with:**

Submit change order bills to Engineer.

**Add to section 5-1.37A:**

Nothing in this section relieves you from the requirements of section 5-1.36.

**Replace section 5-1.37B(1) with:**

Size and weight limitations in Veh Code Div 15 may not be exceeded for any bridges open to traffic without prior approval of the Engineer. In addition, County maintains structures that are load rated. You must verify that you do not exceed the load carrying capacity of the structures you intend to cross, or you have obtained a valid County Transportation Permit. You may be required to strengthen, or to provide testing and/or calculations satisfying integrity and safety of the structure under the proposed loading. The County's Bridge Permit Load Restriction List is available at [https://www.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/pwd/Content/Roads/2020\\_Bridge\\_Permit\\_Restriction.pdf](https://www.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/pwd/Content/Roads/2020_Bridge_Permit_Restriction.pdf).

**Replace section 5-1.43 with:**

**5-1.43 POTENTIAL CLAIMS**

You must comply with Pub Cont Code § 9204 to pursue a potential claim.

## **6 CONTROL OF MATERIALS**

**Replace the 3rd paragraph in section 6-1.02 with:**

The Engineer orders the return and disposal of surplus Department-furnished material.

**Replace the 2nd paragraph of section 6-1.05 with:**

Submit a substitution request no later than the 4th business day following bid opening.

**Replace 6-1.06 with:**

**6-1.06 Reserved**

**Replace the 5th paragraph of section 6-2.01A with:**

The Department's independent assurance program is described in the County's Quality Assurance Program dated August 2019. For the program go to:

<https://cosantabarbara.box.com/s/9amrlhz5z21pim1sb7wlvmyyu6mvt8lv>

**Replace sections 6-2.01E and 6-2.01F with:**

**6-2.01E — 6-2.01F Reserved**

**Replace the 1st paragraph of section 6-2.02D with:**

Submit 1 copy of each authorized QC plan.

## **7 LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC**

**Add to section 7-1.02I with:**

**7-1.02I(3) Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 2, Article XIII**

**Sec. 2-94. - Exceptions.**

The provisions of this article shall not apply to contracts or agreements for the acquisition, exchange or disposition of real property or interests therein, nor to contracts or agreements with the State of California, or its political subdivisions, or with the United States of America.

**Sec. 2-95. - Prohibition of unlawful discrimination in employment practices.**

The County of Santa Barbara reserves the right to terminate forthwith each and every written contract and agreement (except purchase orders) respecting real property, goods and/or services entered into by the County of Santa Barbara including but not limited to concessions, franchises, construction agreements, leases, whether now in effect or hereinafter made if the County finds that the Contractor is discriminating or has discriminated against any person in violation of any applicable state or federal laws, rules or regulations which may now or hereafter specifically prohibit such discrimination on such grounds as race, religion, sex, color, national origin, physical or mental disability, Vietnam era veteran/disabled, age, medical condition, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, or other legally protected status. This right of termination extends to contracts entered into by the County of Santa Barbara or by its joint powers, agencies or agents so long as the County obtains the consent of those parties.

Such finding may only be made after Contractor has had a full and fair hearing on notice of thirty days before an impartial hearing officer at which hearing Contractor may introduce evidence, produce witnesses and have the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses produced by the County. Further, any finding of discrimination must be fully supported by the facts developed at such hearing and set forth in a written opinion; and in addition, Contractor may move in the appropriate court of law for damages and/or to compel specific performance of a Contractor or agreement if any of the above procedures are not afforded to the Contractor. If Contractor is not found to have engaged in unlawful discriminatory practices, County shall pay all costs and expenses of such hearing, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to Contractor in accordance with current Santa Barbara County Superior Court schedule of attorneys' fees for civil trials. If Contractor is found to have engaged in such unlawful discriminatory employment practices, Contractor shall pay all such costs, expenses and attorneys' fees.

Whether or not a contract or agreement is still in existence at the time of final determination of such unlawful discrimination, the Contractor shall forthwith reimburse the County for all damages directly stemming from such discrimination; however, those damages shall not exceed and are not reimbursable in an amount which exceeds amounts paid to Contractor under the terms of the contract or agreement.

Nothing in this section 2-95 shall directly or by interpretation give a private cause of action to any third party (not a signatory to the contract or agreement) including employees past or present, or applicants for employment to Contractor, it being the sole purpose of this clause to administratively assure compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses contained herein.

With respect to employment discrimination, employment practices shall include, but are not limited to, employment, promotion, demotion, transfer, recruitment and advertising for recruitment, layoff or other termination, rate of pay, employee benefits and all other forms of compensation or selection for training and apprenticeship and probationary periods.

Contractor shall permit access at all reasonable times and places to all of its records of employment, advertising, application forms, tests and all other pertinent employment data and records, to the County of Santa Barbara, its officers, employees and agents for the purpose of investigation to ascertain if any unlawful discrimination as described herein has occurred or is being practiced, provided that such records are relevant to a complaint of an unlawful discriminatory practice which has been forwarded to Contractor reasonably prior to the time Contractor is asked to make such records available. In addition, all such records shall be deemed "Confidential" by the officers, employees and agents of the County. No records or copies of such records may be removed from the premises of Contractor, and no disclosure, oral or written, of such record may be made to third parties except as provided within the agreement. Provided, however, that in the event of a hearing to determine whether or not Contractor is engaging in unlawful discrimination in employment practices as defined herein, the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County may issue subpoenas to require that certified copies of such records be made available to the hearing.

Failure to fully comply with any of the foregoing provisions shall be deemed to be a material breach of any contract or agreement with the County of Santa Barbara. All persons contracting with or who have contracts for goods or services with the County shall be notified that this chapter applies to their contract or agreement with the County of Santa Barbara.

**Sec. 2-95.5. - Exceptions.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions in this article, any party contracting with the County of Santa Barbara having an affirmative action program which has been approved within twelve months from the date of the contract by an agency of the federal government shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions of this article upon furnishing documentary evidence of such approval satisfactory to the County Affirmative Action Officer. Loss of such approval shall be immediately reported by such party to the County Affirmative Action Officer.

**Sec. 2-96. - Purchase orders.**

Purchase orders shall contain the following clause as grounds for termination of such purchase order.

"If complaint is made that seller is engaging in discriminatory employment practices made unlawful by applicable state and federal laws, rules or regulations, and the State Fair Employment Practice Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunities Commission determines that such unlawful discrimination exists, then the County of Santa Barbara may forthwith terminate this order."

**Sec. 2-97. - Affirmative Action Officer.**

At the discretion of the County Affirmative Action Officer, he or she shall promptly and thoroughly investigate, or cause to be investigated reports and complaints from whatever source, that any party contracting with the County of Santa Barbara is engaging, or during the term of a contract or agreement with the County of Santa Barbara has engaged, in any unlawful discriminatory employment practices as described in section 2-95 of this Code. If the investigation discloses reason to believe such unlawful discrimination does exist or has existed and the conditions giving rise thereto have not been changed so as to prevent further such unlawful discrimination, and the said party shall not forthwith terminate such unlawful discrimination, take all appropriate steps to prevent a recurrence of such or other unlawful practices, and compensate the person or persons unlawfully discriminated against for any and all loss incurred by reason of such unlawful discrimination, all to the satisfaction of the Affirmative Action Officer, then the Affirmative Action Officer shall cause the matter to be presented for action to the State Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, or both, and to any other concerned state or federal agencies or officers.

If and when it has been finally determined by the Affirmative Action Officer, County Counsel, or state or federal regulatory agencies that such unlawful discriminatory employment practice has in fact so occurred or are being carried on, then the Affirmative Action Officer shall forthwith present the entire matter to the Board of Supervisors of the County, together with all damages, costs and expenses related thereto and



incurred by County, for appropriate action by the Board of Supervisors in accord with the intent and purposes of this article and of the affirmative action program of the County of Santa Barbara.

**Sec. 2-98. - Youth group anti-discrimination.**

- (a) Neither the County of Santa Barbara, nor any of its agencies, departments, affiliates, or political subdivisions over which it exercises jurisdiction, shall:
- (1) Deny any youth group equal access to, or fair opportunity to conduct meetings or other events at, or otherwise utilize any public facility;
  - (2) Deny any youth group use permits or licenses regarding, or otherwise withhold from any youth group permission to use, any public facility; or
  - (3) Otherwise discriminate against any youth group; on the basis of the membership or leadership criteria of such youth group.
- (b) For purposes of this section, a public facility shall include any public forum, limited public forum, public property, or public area including any public building, park, beach, campground, or any other area controlled or operated by the County of Santa Barbara.
- (c) For purposes of this section, a youth group means any group or organization intended to serve young people under the age of twenty-one.

**Replace the 2nd paragraph of section 7-1.02K(2) with:**

The general prevailing wage rates and any applicable changes to these wage rates are available on the California Department of Industrial Relations website.

**Replace the 5th and 6th paragraphs of section 7-1.02K(3) with:**

Submit certified payroll to CMIS.

Each submission must:

1. Include a signed Statement of Compliance form with each weekly record.
2. Be received by the Department by close of business on the 15th day of the month for the prior month's work.

**Add to section 7-1.02K(5):**

Working hours will normally be between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., excluding Saturdays, and holidays. If the Contractor desires to work during periods other than above, the Contractor must make a request to the Engineer three (3) working days in advance. If County inspection forces are reasonably available, the Engineer may authorize the Contractor to perform work during periods other than normal working hours/days; however, if County inspectors are required to perform in excess of their normal working hours/days solely for the benefit of the Contractor, the actual cost of inspection at overtime rates will be charged to the Contractor. These adjustments to the Contract price may be made periodically as authorized. If certain operations require extended or non-standard working hours, those operations and hours will be specified in the 'Technical Provisions' of the Contract.

**Add to section 7-1.02K(6)(a):**

Your Injury and Illness Prevention Program must include:

1. Safety manual
2. Jobsite checklist
3. Equipment safety checklist
4. Tailgate safety meetings
5. Permit application and job notification form (Construction, Demolition, Trenches, Excavation, Building, Structures, Falsework, Scaffolding) Form Cal/OSHA S-691, latest edition

**Add to section 7-1.02K:**

**7-1.02K(7) Joint Labor Compliance Monitoring Program**

The Joint Labor Compliance Monitoring Program monitors labor compliance by conducting interviews with construction workers at the job site. You, and all subcontractors, must cooperate in allowing approved Compliance Group Representatives along with a County employee access to the project employees and work site for the purpose of conducting worker interview to ensure compliance with the requirement to pay prevailing wages on County projects. This will be done in order to comply with the Board of Supervisors July 10, 2012 adoption of a Joint Labor Compliance Monitoring Program.

Each Compliance Group Representative will always be accompanied with a County employee for a joint contractor worker interview. The Compliance Group Representative will be issued an identification card by the County at the job site. Compliance Group Representatives must restrict their actions to interviewing workers employed on the project. A copy of the Joint Labor Compliance Monitoring Program and Board Letter adoption from July 10, 2012 is available on request.

**7-1.02K(8) Compliance Monitoring by the Department of Industrial Relations**

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations (Labor Code § 1771.4).

**Replace section 7-1.02M(2) with:**

**7-1.02M(2) Fire Protection**

Obtain the location(s) and phone number(s) of the nearest fire station(s) to the job site(s) from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department. Post the names and phone numbers at a prominent place at the job site.

Inform the nearest fire station of planned schedule of work, including, but not limited to:

1. Project schedule
2. Description of work
3. Specific work components with fire risks such as welding, grinding, and clearing with gasoline-powered machinery

Submit a copy of your fire prevention plan required by Cal/OSHA as an informational submittal before the start of job site activities.

Cooperate with fire prevention authorities in performance of the work.

Immediately report fires occurring within and near the project limits by dialing 911 and to the nearest fire suppression agency by using the emergency phone numbers retained at the job site.

Prevent project personnel from setting open fires that are not part of the work.

Prevent the escape of and extinguish fires caused directly or indirectly by job site activities.

Obtain the emergency phone numbers of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection unit headquarters, United States Forest Service ranger district office, and U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management field offices. Submit these phone numbers to the Engineer before the start of job site activities. Post the agencies names and emergency phone numbers at a prominent place at the job site.

Hydrocarbon-fueled engines, both stationary and mobile, must be equipped with spark arresters pursuant to Pub Res Code § 4442 except for either of the following:

1. Motor trucks, truck tractors, buses, or passenger vehicles
2. Equipment powered by properly maintained exhaust-driven turbo-charged engines or equipped with scrubbers with properly maintained water levels

Each toilet must have a metal ashtray at least 6 inches in diameter by 8 inches deep, half-filled with sand, and within easy reach of anyone accessing the facility.

Locate flammable materials at least 50 feet away from equipment service, parking, and gas or oil storage areas. Each small mobile or stationary engine site must be cleared of flammable material for a radius of at least 15 feet from the engine.

Before clearing and grubbing, clear a fire break at the outer limits of the areas to be cleared and grubbed. Where clearing and grubbing limits allow, use a minimum fire break width of 20 feet. Each area to be cleared and grubbed must be cleared and kept clear of flammable material such as dry grass, weeds, brush, downed trees, oily rags and waste, paper, cartons, and plastic waste.

Cal Fire, USFS, and BLM have established the following adjective class ratings for 5 levels of fire danger for use in public information releases and fire protection signing: “low,” “moderate,” “high,” “very high,” “extreme.” Obtain the fire danger rating daily for the project area from the nearest Cal Fire unit headquarters, USFS ranger district office, or BLM field office. Monitor the National Weather Service daily forecasts for “fire weather watches” and “red flag warnings” covering the project’s locations.

If the fire danger rating is “very high” or a “fire weather watch” is issued, then:

1. Falling of dead trees or snags must be discontinued.
2. No open burning is permitted and fires must be extinguished.
3. Welding must be discontinued except in an enclosed building or within an area cleared of flammable material for a radius of 25 feet.
4. Blasting must be discontinued.
5. Smoking is allowed only in automobiles and cabs of trucks equipped with an ashtray or in cleared areas immediately surrounded by a fire break unless prohibited by other authority.
6. Vehicular travel is restricted to cleared areas except in case of emergency.

If the fire danger rating is “extreme” or a “red flag warning” is issued, take the precautions specified for a “very high” fire danger rating or a “fire weather watch” issuance, except:

1. Smoking is only allowed in automobiles and cabs of trucks equipped with an ashtray.
2. Work of a nature that could start a fire requires that properly equipped fire guards be assigned to such operation for the duration of the work.

The Engineer may suspend work wholly or in part due to hazardous fire conditions. The days during this suspension are non-working days. If field and weather conditions become such that the work is suspended, section 7-1.02M(2) will not be enforced for the period of the suspension.

**Replace section 7-1.02M(4) with:**

**7-1.02M(4) American Medical Response, Santa Barbara County**

For all temporary road closure activities, contact the nearest emergency medical response company for the area, American Medical Response, and provide the project location(s) and road closure schedule. Please see contact information below:

**American Medical Response, Santa Barbara County Contact Information**

	Name	Phone	Email
AMR Main Office	Santa Barbara County	(805) 688-6550	<a href="mailto:amr.santa.barbara@amr.net">amr.santa.barbara@amr.net</a>

**Replace section 7-1.02M(5) with:**

**7-1.02M(5) Sheriff, Santa Barbara County**

For all temporary road closure activities, contact the County of Santa Barbara Sheriff’s office at [dispatchstaff@sbsheriff.org](mailto:dispatchstaff@sbsheriff.org) to provide the project location(s) and road closure schedule.

**Replace section 7-1.02P with:**

**7-1.02P County Ordinance**

**7-1.02P(1) General**

Comply with The Code of the County of Santa Barbara California (the Code) a codification of the County ordinances.

County Ordinances are available at the County Municipal Code website ([https://library.municode.com/ca/santa\\_barbara\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=ADCO](https://library.municode.com/ca/santa_barbara_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=ADCO)) and at County offices located at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 or 620 W. Foster Road Santa Maria, CA 93455.

**7-1.02P(2) Grading**

Comply with sections 13, 17, and 19.

Santa Barbara County Ordinance No. 4766 and Ordinance No. 691 prohibits the dumping of debris or other materials in a watercourse so as to obstruct or impede normal flow of water therein.

**7-1.02P(3) Preservation of Monuments**

Comply with County Ordinance 1491, Sec. 28-49 of the Code.

**Replace section 7-1.05 with:**

**7-1.05 INDEMNIFICATION**

**7-1.05A General**

You must indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County) and hold harmless County and its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, judgments and/or liabilities arising out of this Agreement from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person or entity and for any costs or expenses (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) incurred by County on account of any claim except where such indemnification is caused by the active negligence, sole negligence, or willful misconduct of the County.

**7-1.05B Notification of Accidents and Survival of Indemnification Provisions**

You must notify County immediately in the event of any accident or injury arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. The indemnification provisions must survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**7-1.05C Responsibility to Other Entities**

You are responsible for any liability imposed by law and for injuries to or death of any person, including workers and the public, or damage to property. Indemnify and save harmless any county, city or district and its officers and employees connected with the work, within the limits of which county, city, or district the work is being performed, all in the same manner and to the same extent specified for the protection of the County.

**Replace section 7-1.06 with:**

**7-1.06 INSURANCE**

**7-1.06A General**

You must procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of your work, your agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

**7-1.06B Minimum Scope and Limit of Insurance**

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal & advertising injury, with limits no less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate.
2. **Automobile Liability:** ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), with limit no less than \$2,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

3. **Workers' Compensation:** as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.
4. **Contractors' Pollution Legal Liability and/or Asbestos Legal Liability:** (if project involves environmental hazards) with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, and \$2,000,000 policy aggregate.

#### 7-1.06C Other Insurance Provisions

The insurance policies must contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured** – COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR'S insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used).
2. **Primary Coverage** – For any claims related to this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR'S insurance coverage shall be primary insurance coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR'S insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Notice of Cancellation** – Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the County.
4. **Waiver of Subrogation Rights** –You agree to waive rights of subrogation which any of your insurer may acquire from you by virtue of the payment of any loss. You agree to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation. **The Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation** in favor of the County for all work performed by you, your employees, agents and subcontractors. This provision applies regardless of whether or not the County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
5. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention** – Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County. At County's option, either: cause the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers; or provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to the County guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses.
6. **Acceptability of Insurers** – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum A.M. Best's Insurance Guide rating of "A- VII".
7. **Verification of Coverage** –You must furnish proof of insurance, original certificates and amendatory endorsements as required by this Agreement. The proof of insurance, certificates and endorsements must be received and approved by the County before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive your obligation to provide them. You must furnish evidence of renewal of coverage throughout the term of the Agreement. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.
8. **Failure to Procure Coverage** – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, County has the right but not the obligation or duty to terminate the Agreement. Maintenance of required insurance coverage is a material element of the Agreement and failure to maintain or renew such coverage or to provide evidence of renewal may be treated by County as a material breach of contract.
9. **Subcontractors** –You must require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and you must ensure that County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors. For CGL coverage subcontractors shall provide coverage with a format least as broad as CG 20 38 04 13.
10. **Claims Made Policies** – If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:

- i. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
  - ii. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of contract work.
  - iii. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, you must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.
11. **Special Risks or Circumstances** – County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other circumstances.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this Agreement. You agree to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of County to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of County.

#### **7-1.06D Enforcement**

The Department may assure your compliance with your insurance obligations. Ten days before an insurance policy lapses or is canceled during the Contract period you must submit to the Department evidence of renewal or replacement of the policy.

If you fail to maintain any required insurance coverage, the Department may maintain this coverage and withhold or charge the expense to you or terminate your control of the work.

You are not relieved of your duties and responsibilities to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees by the Department's acceptance of insurance policies and certificates.

The minimum insurance coverage amounts do not relieve you for liability in excess of such coverage, nor do they preclude the County from taking other actions available to it, including the withholding of funds under this Contract.

#### **7-1.06E Self-Insurance**

Self-insurance programs and self-insured retentions in insurance policies are subject to separate annual review and approval by the County.

If you use a self-insurance program or self-insured retention, you must provide the County with the same protection from liability and defense of suits as would be afforded by first-dollar insurance. Execution of the Contract is your acknowledgment that you will be bound by all laws as if you were an insurer as defined under Ins Code § 23 and that the self-insurance program or self-insured retention shall operate as insurance as defined under Ins Code § 22.

Replace 7-1.11B with:

**7-1.11B FHWA 1273 & ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)**

FHWA-1273 – Revised October 23, 2023

**REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS  
FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
- III. Non-segregated Facilities
- IV. Davis-Bacon and Related Act Provisions
- V. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act Provisions
- VI. Subletting or Assigning the Contract
- VII. Safety: Accident Prevention
- VIII. False Statements Concerning Highway Projects
- IX. Implementation of Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- X. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
- XI. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying
- XII. Use of United States-Flag Vessels

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Employment and Materials Preference for Appalachian Development Highway System or Appalachian Local Access Road Contracts (included in Appalachian contracts only)

**I. GENERAL**

1. Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated in each construction contract funded under title 23, United States Code, as required in 23 CFR 633.102(b) (excluding emergency contracts solely intended for debris removal). The contractor (or subcontractor) must insert this form in each subcontract and further require its inclusion in all lower tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services). 23 CFR 633.102(e).

The applicable requirements of Form FHWA-1273 are incorporated by reference for work done under any purchase order, rental agreement or agreement for other services. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider. 23 CFR 633.102(e).

Form FHWA-1273 must be included in all Federal-aid design-build contracts, in all subcontracts and in lower tier subcontracts (excluding subcontracts for design services, purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services) in accordance with 23 CFR 633.102. The design-builder shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Contracting agencies may reference Form FHWA-1273 in solicitation-for-bids or request-for-proposals documents, however, the Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated (not referenced) in all contracts, subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services related to a construction contract). 23 CFR 633.102(b).

2. Subject to the applicability criteria noted in the following sections, these contract provisions shall apply to all work

performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract. 23 CFR 633.102(d).

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions may be sufficient grounds for withholding of progress payments, withholding of final payment, termination of the contract, suspension / debarment or any other action determined to be appropriate by the contracting agency and FHWA.

4. Selection of Labor: During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not use convict labor for any purpose within the limits of a construction project on a Federal-aid highway unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation. 23 U.S.C. 114(b). The term Federal-aid highway does not include roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors. 23 U.S.C. 101(a).

**II. NONDISCRIMINATION (23 CFR 230.107(a); 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A; EO 11246)**

The provisions of this section related to 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A are applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more. The provisions of 23 CFR Part 230 are not applicable to material supply, engineering, or architectural service contracts.

In addition, the contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following policies: Executive Order 11246, 41 CFR Part 60, 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627, 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26, and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with: the requirements of the Equal Opportunity Clause in 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) and, for all construction contracts exceeding \$10,000, the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications in 41 CFR 60-4.3.

Note: The U.S. Department of Labor has exclusive authority to determine compliance with Executive Order 11246 and the policies of the Secretary of Labor including 41 CFR Part 60, and 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627. The contracting agency and the FHWA have the authority and the responsibility to ensure compliance with 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26, and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The following provision is adopted from 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A, with appropriate revisions to conform to the U.S. Department of Labor (US DOL) and FHWA requirements.

**1. Equal Employment Opportunity:** Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (see 28 CFR Part 35, 29 CFR Part 1630, 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627, 41 CFR Part 60 and 49 CFR Part 27) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140, shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under this contract. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR Part 35 and 29 CFR Part 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

a. The contractor will work with the contracting agency and the Federal Government to ensure that it has made every good faith effort to provide equal opportunity with respect to all of its terms and conditions of employment and in their review of activities under the contract. 23 CFR 230.409 (g)(4) & (5).

b. The contractor will accept as its operating policy the following statement:

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

**2. EEO Officer:** The contractor will designate and make known to the contracting officers an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active EEO program and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

**3. Dissemination of Policy:** All members of the contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action or are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of and will implement the contractor's EEO policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

a. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer or other knowledgeable company official.

b. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the contractor.

c. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minorities and women.

d. Notices and posters setting forth the contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

e. The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

**4. Recruitment:** When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minorities and women in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

a. The contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minorities and women. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority and women applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

b. In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, the contractor is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system meets the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. Where implementation of such an agreement has the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Federal nondiscrimination provisions.

c. The contractor will encourage its present employees to refer minorities and women as applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring such applicants will be discussed with employees.

**5. Personnel Actions:** Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to ensure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

b. The contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

c. The contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

d. The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with its obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action



within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of their avenues of appeal.

#### **6. Training and Promotion:**

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minorities and women who are applicants for employment or current employees. Such efforts should be aimed at developing full journey level status employees in the type of trade or job classification involved.

b. Consistent with the contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the contractor shall make full use of training programs (i.e., apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance). In the event a special provision for training is provided under this contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision. The contracting agency may reserve training positions for persons who receive welfare assistance in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 140(a).

c. The contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.

d. The contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of employees who are minorities and women and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

**7. Unions:** If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use good faith efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minorities and women. 23 CFR 230.409. Actions by the contractor, either directly or through a contractor's association acting as agent, will include the procedures set forth below:

a. The contractor will use good faith efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minorities and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minorities and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to incorporate an EEO clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability.

c. The contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except that to the extent such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the contractor, the contractor shall so certify to the contracting agency and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minorities and women. The failure of a union to provide

sufficient referrals (even though it is obligated to provide exclusive referrals under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement) does not relieve the contractor from the requirements of this paragraph. In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the contracting agency.

**8. Reasonable Accommodation for Applicants / Employees with Disabilities:** The contractor must be familiar with the requirements for and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and all rules and regulations established thereunder. Employers must provide reasonable accommodation in all employment activities unless to do so would cause an undue hardship.

**9. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials and Leasing of Equipment:** The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure nondiscrimination in the administration of this contract.

a. The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors, suppliers, and lessors of their EEO obligations under this contract.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

#### **10. Assurances Required:**

a. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and the State DOT's FHWA-approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program are incorporated by reference.

b. The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Withholding monthly progress payments;
- (2) Assessing sanctions;
- (3) Liquidated damages; and/or
- (4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

c. The Title VI and nondiscrimination provisions of U.S. DOT Order 1050.2A at Appendixes A and E are incorporated by reference. 49 CFR Part 21.

**11. Records and Reports:** The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following the date of the final payment to the contractor for all contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the contracting agency and the FHWA.

a. The records kept by the contractor shall document the following:

(1) The number and work hours of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;

(2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women; and

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minorities and women.

b. The contractors and subcontractors will submit an annual report to the contracting agency each July for the duration of the project indicating the number of minority, women, and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on [Form FHWA-1391](#). The staffing data should represent the project work force on board in all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor will be required to collect and report training data. The employment data should reflect the work force on board during all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July.

### III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of more than \$10,000. 41 CFR 60-1.5.

As prescribed by 41 CFR 60-1.8, the contractor must ensure that facilities provided for employees are provided in such a manner that segregation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin cannot result. The contractor may neither require such segregated use by written or oral policies nor tolerate such use by employee custom. The contractor's obligation extends further to ensure that its employees are not assigned to perform their services at any location under the contractor's control where the facilities are segregated. The term "facilities" includes waiting rooms, work areas, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, restrooms, washrooms, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing provided for employees. The contractor shall provide separate or single-user restrooms and necessary dressing or sleeping areas to assure privacy between sexes.

### IV. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

This section is applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (regardless of subcontract size), in accordance with 29 CFR 5.5. The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. 23 U.S.C. 113. This excludes roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. 23 U.S.C. 101. Where applicable law requires that projects be treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway, the provisions of this subpart will apply regardless of the location of the project. Examples include: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 133 [excluding recreational trails projects], the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway

Projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 117, and National Highway Freight Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 167.

The following provisions are from the U.S. Department of Labor regulations in 29 CFR 5.5 "Contract provisions and related matters" with minor revisions to conform to the FHWA-1273 format and FHWA program requirements.

#### 1. Minimum wages (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Wage rates and fringe benefits.* All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or otherwise working in construction or development of the project under a development statute), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act ([29 CFR part 3](#))), the full amount of basic hourly wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics. As provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of 29 CFR 5.5, the appropriate wage determinations are effective by operation of law even if they have not been attached to the contract. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under the Davis-Bacon Act ([40 U.S.C. 3141\(2\)\(B\)](#)) on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1.e. of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics must be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification(s) of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in paragraph 4. of this section. Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: *Provided*, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.c. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) must be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

b. *Frequently recurring classifications.* (1) In addition to wage and fringe benefit rates that have been determined to be prevailing under the procedures set forth in [29 CFR part 1](#), a wage determination may contain, pursuant to § 1.3(f), wage and fringe benefit rates for classifications of laborers and mechanics for which conformance requests are regularly submitted pursuant to paragraph 1.c. of this section, provided that:

(i) The work performed by the classification is not performed by a classification in the wage determination for which a prevailing wage rate has been determined;

(ii) The classification is used in the area by the construction industry; and

(iii) The wage rate for the classification bears a reasonable relationship to the prevailing wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) The Administrator will establish wage rates for such classifications in accordance with paragraph 1.c.(1)(iii) of this section. Work performed in such a classification must be paid at no less than the wage and fringe benefit rate listed on the wage determination for such classification.

c. *Conformance.* (1) The contracting officer must require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract be classified in conformance with the wage determination. Conformance of an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits is appropriate only when the following criteria have been met:

(i) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(ii) The classification is used in the area by the construction industry; and

(iii) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) The conformance process may not be used to split, subdivide, or otherwise avoid application of classifications listed in the wage determination.

(3) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken will be sent by the contracting officer by email to [DBAconformance@dol.gov](mailto:DBAconformance@dol.gov). The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(4) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer will, by email to [DBAconformance@dol.gov](mailto:DBAconformance@dol.gov), refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(5) The contracting officer must promptly notify the contractor of the action taken by the Wage and Hour Division

under paragraphs 1.c.(3) and (4) of this section. The contractor must furnish a written copy of such determination to each affected worker or it must be posted as a part of the wage determination. The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraph 1.c.(3) or (4) of this section must be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

d. *Fringe benefits not expressed as an hourly rate.* Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor may either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or may pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

e. *Unfunded plans.* If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, *Provided*, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, in accordance with the criteria set forth in § 5.28, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

f. *Interest.* In the event of a failure to pay all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contractor will be required to pay interest on any underpayment of wages.

## 2. Withholding (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Withholding requirements.* The contracting agency may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for the full amount of wages and monetary relief, including interest, required by the clauses set forth in this section for violations of this contract, or to satisfy any such liabilities required by any other Federal contract, or federally assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon labor standards, that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in § 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to Davis-Bacon labor standards requirements and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld. In the event of a contractor's failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice or helper working on the site of the work all or part of the wages required by the contract, or upon the contractor's failure to submit the required records as discussed in paragraph 3.d. of this section, the contracting agency may on its own initiative and after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

b. *Priority to withheld funds.* The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with paragraph

2.a. of this section or Section V, paragraph 3.a., or both, over claims to those funds by:

- (1) A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;
- (2) A contracting agency for its reprocurement costs;
- (3) A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;
- (4) A contractor's assignee(s);
- (5) A contractor's successor(s); or
- (6) A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, [31 U.S.C. 3901-3907](#).

### 3. Records and certified payrolls (29 CFR 5.5)

*a. Basic record requirements (1) Length of record retention.* All regular payrolls and other basic records must be maintained by the contractor and any subcontractor during the course of the work and preserved for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or otherwise working in construction or development of the project under a development statute) for a period of at least 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.

*(2) Information required.* Such records must contain the name; Social Security number; last known address, telephone number, and email address of each such worker; each worker's correct classification(s) of work actually performed; hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in [40 U.S.C. 3141\(2\)\(B\)](#) of the Davis-Bacon Act); daily and weekly number of hours actually worked in total and on each covered contract; deductions made; and actual wages paid.

*(3) Additional records relating to fringe benefits.* Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under paragraph 1.e. of this section that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in [40 U.S.C. 3141\(2\)\(B\)](#) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor must maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits.

*(4) Additional records relating to apprenticeship.* Contractors with apprentices working under approved programs must maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs, the registration of the apprentices, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

*b. Certified payroll requirements (1) Frequency and method of submission.* The contractor or subcontractor must submit weekly, for each week in which any DBA- or Related Acts-covered work is performed, certified payrolls to the contracting

agency. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of all certified payrolls by all subcontractors. A contracting agency or prime contractor may permit or require contractors to submit certified payrolls through an electronic system, as long as the electronic system requires a legally valid electronic signature; the system allows the contractor, the contracting agency, and the Department of Labor to access the certified payrolls upon request for at least 3 years after the work on the prime contract has been completed; and the contracting agency or prime contractor permits other methods of submission in situations where the contractor is unable or limited in its ability to use or access the electronic system.

*(2) Information required.* The certified payrolls submitted must set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under paragraph 3.a.(2) of this section, except that full Social Security numbers and last known addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses must not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead, the certified payrolls need only include an individually identifying number for each worker ( e.g., the last four digits of the worker's Social Security number). The required weekly certified payroll information may be submitted using Optional Form WH-347 or in any other format desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division website at <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHD/legacy/files/wh347.pdf> or its successor website. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide full Social Security numbers and last known addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission by the subcontractor to the contracting agency.

*(3) Statement of Compliance.* Each certified payroll submitted must be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor, or the contractor's or subcontractor's agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons working on the contract, and must certify the following:

(i) That the certified payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under paragraph 3.b. of this section, the appropriate information and basic records are being maintained under paragraph 3.a. of this section, and such information and records are correct and complete;

(ii) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper and apprentice) working on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in [29 CFR part 3](#); and

(iii) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification(s) of work actually performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

*(4) Use of Optional Form WH-347.* The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 will satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(3) of this section.

(5) *Signature.* The signature by the contractor, subcontractor, or the contractor's or subcontractor's agent must be an original handwritten signature or a legally valid electronic signature.

(6) *Falsification.* The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under [18 U.S.C. 1001](#) and [31 U.S.C. 3729](#).

(7) *Length of certified payroll retention.* The contractor or subcontractor must preserve all certified payrolls during the course of the work and for a period of 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.

c. *Contracts, subcontracts, and related documents.* The contractor or subcontractor must maintain this contract or subcontract and related documents including, without limitation, bids, proposals, amendments, modifications, and extensions. The contractor or subcontractor must preserve these contracts, subcontracts, and related documents during the course of the work and for a period of 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.

d. *Required disclosures and access (1) Required record disclosures and access to workers.* The contractor or subcontractor must make the records required under paragraphs 3.a. through 3.c. of this section, and any other documents that the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor deems necessary to determine compliance with the labor standards provisions of any of the applicable statutes referenced by § 5.1, available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and must permit such representatives to interview workers during working hours on the job.

(2) *Sanctions for non-compliance with records and worker access requirements.* If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, or refuses to permit worker interviews during working hours on the job, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, owner, or other entity, as the case may be, that maintains such records or that employs such workers, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available, or to permit worker interviews during working hours on the job, may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to § 5.12. In addition, any contractor or other person that fails to submit the required records or make those records available to WHD within the time WHD requests that the records be produced will be precluded from introducing as evidence in an administrative proceeding under [29 CFR part 6](#) any of the required records that were not provided or made available to WHD. WHD will take into consideration a reasonable request from the contractor or person for an extension of the time for submission of records. WHD will determine the reasonableness of the request and may consider, among other things, the location of the records and the volume of production.

(3) *Required information disclosures.* Contractors and subcontractors must maintain the full Social Security number and last known address, telephone number, and email address

of each covered worker, and must provide them upon request to the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, the contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or other compliance action.

#### 4. Apprentices and equal employment opportunity (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Apprentices (1) Rate of pay.* Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship (OA), or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the OA. A person who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the OA or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice, will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform in the first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such a program. In the event the OA or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the OA withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to use apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(2) *Fringe benefits.* Apprentices must be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringe benefits must be paid in accordance with that determination.

(3) *Apprenticeship ratio.* The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification must not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program or the ratio applicable to the locality of the project pursuant to paragraph 4.a.(4) of this section. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated in paragraph 4.a.(1) of this section, must be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under this section must be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

(4) *Reciprocity of ratios and wage rates.* Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than the locality in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyworker's hourly rate) applicable within the locality in which the construction is being performed must be observed. If there is no applicable ratio or wage rate for the locality of the project, the ratio and wage rate specified in the contractor's registered program must be observed.

b. *Equal employment opportunity.* The use of apprentices and journeymen under this part must be in conformity with

the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and [29 CFR part 30](#).

**c. Apprentices and Trainees (programs of the U.S. DOT).**

Apprentices and trainees working under apprenticeship and skill training programs which have been certified by the Secretary of Transportation as promoting EEO in connection with Federal-aid highway construction programs are not subject to the requirements of paragraph 4 of this Section IV. 23 CFR 230.111(e)(2). The straight time hourly wage rates for apprentices and trainees under such programs will be established by the particular programs. The ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeyworkers shall not be greater than permitted by the terms of the particular program.

**5. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements.** The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

**6. Subcontracts.** The contractor or subcontractor must insert FHWA-1273 in any subcontracts, along with the applicable wage determination(s) and such other clauses or contract modifications as the contracting agency may by appropriate instructions require, and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses and wage determination(s) in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in this section. In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate. 29 CFR 5.5.

**7. Contract termination: debarment.** A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

**8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements.** All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

**9. Disputes concerning labor standards.** As provided in 29 CFR 5.5, disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

**10. Certification of eligibility.** a. By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of [40 U.S.C. 3144\(b\)](#) or § 5.12(a).

b. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of [40 U.S.C. 3144\(b\)](#) or § 5.12(a).

c. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Code, Title 18 Crimes and Criminal Procedure, [18 U.S.C. 1001](#).

**11. Anti-retaliation.** It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:

a. Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or [29 CFR part 1](#) or [3](#);

b. Filing any complaint, initiating or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or [29 CFR part 1](#) or [3](#);

c. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or [29 CFR part 1](#) or [3](#); or

d. Informing any other person about their rights under the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or [29 CFR part 1](#) or [3](#).

**V. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT**

Pursuant to 29 CFR 5.5(b), the following clauses apply to any Federal-aid construction contract in an amount in excess of \$100,000 and subject to the overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by 29 CFR 5.5(a) or 29 CFR 4.6. As used in this paragraph, the terms laborers and mechanics include watchpersons and guards.

**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 such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek. 29 CFR 5.5.

**2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1. of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages and interest from the date of the underpayment. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or

mechanic, including watchpersons and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1. of this section, in the sum currently provided in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(2)\* for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph 1. of this section.

\* \$31 as of January 15, 2023 (See 88 FR 88 FR 2210) as may be adjusted annually by the Department of Labor, pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990.

### 3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages

a. *Withholding process.* The FHWA or the contracting agency may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for any unpaid wages; monetary relief, including interest; and liquidated damages required by the clauses set forth in this section on this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in § 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld.

b. *Priority to withheld funds.* The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with Section IV paragraph 2.a. or paragraph 3.a. of this section, or both, over claims to those funds by:

- (1) A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;
- (2) A contracting agency for its procurement costs;
- (3) A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;
- (4) A contractor's assignee(s);
- (5) A contractor's successor(s); or
- (6) A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3901–3907.

4. *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor must insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1. through 5. of this section and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1. through 5. In the

event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and associated liquidated damages and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate.

5. *Anti-retaliation.* It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:

- a. Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) or its implementing regulations in this part;
- b. Filing any complaint, initiating or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under CWHSSA or this part;
- c. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under CWHSSA or this part; or
- d. Informing any other person about their rights under CWHSSA or this part.

## VI. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts on the National Highway System pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116.

1. The contractor shall perform with its own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the contract) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the contracting agency. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635.116).

a. The term "perform work with its own organization" in paragraph 1 of Section VI refers to workers employed or leased by the prime contractor, and equipment owned or rented by the prime contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor, agents of the prime contractor, or any other assignees. The term may include payments for the costs of hiring leased employees from an employee leasing firm meeting all relevant Federal and State regulatory requirements. Leased employees may only be included in this term if the prime contractor meets all of the following conditions: (based on longstanding interpretation)

- (1) the prime contractor maintains control over the supervision of the day-to-day activities of the leased employees;
- (2) the prime contractor remains responsible for the quality of the work of the leased employees;

- (3) the prime contractor retains all power to accept or exclude individual employees from work on the project; and
- (4) the prime contractor remains ultimately responsible for the payment of predetermined minimum wages, the submission of payrolls, statements of compliance and all other Federal regulatory requirements.

b. "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid or propose on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract. 23 CFR 635.102.

2. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(a), the contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of Section VI is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor under the contract provisions.

3. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(c), the contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

4. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the contracting agency has assured that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract. (based on long-standing interpretation of 23 CFR 635.116).

5. The 30-percent self-performance requirement of paragraph (1) is not applicable to design-build contracts; however, contracting agencies may establish their own self-performance requirements. 23 CFR 635.116(d).

**VII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

1. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR Part 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract. 23 CFR 635.108.

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and

health standards (29 CFR Part 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704). 29 CFR 1926.10.

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704).

**VIII. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, Form FHWA-1022 shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR Part 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

18 U.S.C. 1020 reads as follows:

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 11, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."



**IX. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (42 U.S.C. 7606; 2 CFR 200.88; EO 11738)**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts in excess of \$150,000 and to all related subcontracts. 48 CFR 2.101; 2 CFR 200.327.

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal Highway Administration and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II.

The contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of this Section in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements. 2 CFR 200.327.

**X. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more – as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

**1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:**

- a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction. 2 CFR 180.320.
- c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default. 2 CFR 180.325.
- d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.345 and 180.350.

e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900-180.1020, and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction. 2 CFR 180.330.

g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 180.300.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. 2 CFR 180.300; 180.320, and 180.325. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. 2 CFR 180.335. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov>). 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, and 180.325.

i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (f) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default. 2 CFR 180.325.

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**2. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:**

a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.335;

(2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property, 2 CFR 180.800;

(3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, 2 CFR 180.700 and 180.800; and

(4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default. 2 CFR 180.335(d).

(5) Are not a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

(6) Are not a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements).

b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal. 2 CFR 180.335 and 180.340.

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**3. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:**

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders, and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200). 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which

this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.365.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900 – 180.1020, and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated. 2 CFR 1200.220 and 1200.332.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration. 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, 180.330, and 180.335.

h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily

excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment. 2 CFR 180.325.

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**4. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Participants:**

a. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals:

(1) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.355;

(2) is a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

(3) is a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability. (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements)

b. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal.

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**XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000. 49 CFR Part 20, App. A.

1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or

cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**XII. USE OF UNITED STATES-FLAG VESSELS:**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, or any other covered transaction. 46 CFR Part 381.

This requirement applies to material or equipment that is acquired for a specific Federal-aid highway project. 46 CFR 381.7. It is not applicable to goods or materials that come into inventories independent of an FHWA funded-contract.

When oceanic shipments (or shipments across the Great Lakes) are necessary for materials or equipment acquired for a specific Federal-aid construction project, the bidder, proposer, contractor, subcontractor, or vendor agrees:

1. To utilize privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to this contract, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-flag commercial vessels. 46 CFR 381.7.

2. To furnish within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, 'on-board' commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section to both the Contracting Officer (through the prime contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Office of Cargo and Commercial Sealift (MAR-620), Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590. (MARAD requires copies of the ocean carrier's (master) bills of lading, certified onboard, dated, with rates and charges. These bills of lading may contain business sensitive information and therefore may be submitted directly to MARAD by the Ocean Transportation Intermediary on behalf of the contractor). 46 CFR 381.7.

**ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS  
PREFERENCE FOR APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT  
HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS  
ROAD CONTRACTS (23 CFR 633, Subpart B, Appendix B)**  
This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid projects funded  
under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor undertaking to do work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work, shall give preference to qualified persons who regularly reside in the labor area as designated by the DOL wherein the contract work is situated, or the subregion, or the Appalachian counties of the State wherein the contract work is situated, except:

a. To the extent that qualified persons regularly residing in the area are not available.

b. For the reasonable needs of the contractor to employ supervisory or specially experienced personnel necessary to assure an efficient execution of the contract work.

c. For the obligation of the contractor to offer employment to present or former employees as the result of a lawful collective bargaining contract, provided that the number of nonresident persons employed under this subparagraph (1c) shall not exceed 20 percent of the total number of employees employed by the contractor on the contract work, except as provided in subparagraph (4) below.

2. The contractor shall place a job order with the State Employment Service indicating (a) the classifications of the laborers, mechanics and other employees required to perform the contract work, (b) the number of employees required in each classification, (c) the date on which the participant estimates such employees will be required, and (d) any other pertinent information required by the State Employment Service to complete the job order form. The job order may be placed with the State Employment Service in writing or by telephone. If during the course of the contract work, the information submitted by the contractor in the original job order is substantially modified, the participant shall promptly notify the State Employment Service.

3. The contractor shall give full consideration to all qualified job applicants referred to him by the State Employment Service. The contractor is not required to grant employment to any job applicants who, in his opinion, are not qualified to perform the classification of work required.

4. If, within one week following the placing of a job order by the contractor with the State Employment Service, the State Employment Service is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the contractor, or less than the number requested, the State Employment Service will forward a certificate to the contractor indicating the unavailability of applicants. Such certificate shall be made a part of the contractor's permanent project records. Upon receipt of this certificate, the contractor may employ persons who do not normally reside in the labor area to fill positions covered by the certificate, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1c) above.

5. The provisions of 23 CFR 633.207(e) allow the contracting agency to provide a contractual preference for the use of mineral resource materials native to the Appalachian region.

6. The contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Attachment A in every subcontract for work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work.

## 8 PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS

### Replace the 1st and 2nd paragraphs of section 8-1.04B with:

Start job site activities within 21 calendar days calendar days after the project has been awarded by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, or the Board of Supervisors' authorized representative, but not before the Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP) is authorized or a Waste Discharger Identification (WDID) number is issued for the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is authorized.

### Replace the table in section 8-1.10A with:

\$500 per day

## 9 PAYMENT

### Replace section 9-1.16F with:

#### 9-1.16F Prompt Payment of Funds Withheld to Subcontractors

The County shall hold five (5) percent retainage from the prime contractor and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by the County, of the contract work, and pay retainage to the prime contractor based on these acceptances. The prime contractor, or subcontractor, shall return all monies withheld in retention from a subcontractor within 30 days after receiving payment for work satisfactorily completed and accepted including incremental acceptances of portions of the contract work by the agency. Federal law (49 CFR 26.29) requires that any delay or postponement of payment over 30 days may take place only for good cause and with the agency's prior written approval. Any violation of this provision shall subject the violating prime contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the Business and Professions Code. These requirements shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to the prime contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the prime contractor, deficient subcontract performance, or noncompliance by a subcontractor.

### Replace section 9-1.16G with:

#### 9-1.16G Prompt Progress Payment to Subcontractor

In the event that there is a good faith dispute over all or any portion of the amount due on a progress payment from the prime contractor or subcontractor to a subcontractor, the prime contractor or subcontractor may withhold no more than 150 percent of the disputed amount. Any violation of this requirement shall constitute a cause for disciplinary action and shall subject the licensee to a penalty, payable to the subcontractor, of 2 percent of the amount due per month for every month that payment is not made.

In any action for the collection of funds wrongfully withheld, the prevailing party shall be entitled to his or her attorney's fees and costs. The sanctions authorized under this requirement shall be separate from, and in addition to, all other remedies, either civil, administrative, or criminal. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors

### Add to section 9-1.17C:

Submit all outstanding extra work billing no later than 15 days after acceptance by the Department.

**Replace section 9-1.17D(3) with:**

**9-1.17D(3) Determination of Claims**

The Department reviews and resolves claims pursuant to Public Contract Code § 9204, which is summarized within this section.

The Contractor shall furnish reasonable documentation to support the claim.

The Department's costs in reviewing or auditing a claim not supported by the Contractor's accounting or other records are damages incurred by the Department within the meaning of the California False Claims Act.

The Department will review the claim and provide a written statement of findings identifying what portions are disputed and undisputed within 45 days from receipt of claim when action by the Department Board of Supervisors is not required. This may be extended by mutual agreement.

For claims requiring action by the Department Board of Supervisors, a written statement will be provided within three days following the next duly publicly noticed meeting of the Board, or 45 days from receipt of claim, whichever is later.

The Contractor may request in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, a meet and confer conference if the Contractor disputes the Department's written response, or if the Department fails to respond to a claim within the time prescribed. The Department shall schedule a meet and confer conference within 30 days of receipt of the request for settlement of the dispute. Within 10 days following the meet and confer conference, the Department shall provide the Contractor a written statement identifying the portion of the claim that remains in dispute and the portion that is undisputed.

Any disputed portion of the claim shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation, with the Department and the Contractor sharing the associated costs equally. The Department and Contractor shall mutually agree to a mediator within 10 business days after the disputed portion of the claim has been identified in writing. If the parties cannot agree upon a mediator, each party shall select and pay the cost for a mediator and those mediators shall select a qualified neutral third party to mediate. If mediation is unsuccessful, the parts of the claim remaining in dispute shall be subject to applicable procedures outside this section.

The Department will make payment of undisputed portion of claim within 60 days of written statement of findings. After 60 days of written statement of findings, the Department pays 7 percent annual interest for unpaid and undisputed portions of claims.

If a subcontractor lacks legal standing to assert a claim due to lack of privity, the Contractor may present a claim on behalf of the subcontractor, and the subcontractor may request in writing that the Contractor present the claim on its behalf, provided that the subcontractor furnishes reasonable document supporting the claim to the Department. Within 45 days of the subcontractor's request, the Contractor shall notify the subcontractor in writing of whether the claim was submitted and state the reasons why it was not submitted if the claim was not submitted.

**Replace section 9-1.22 with:**

**9-1.22 Reserved**

# TECHNICAL PROVISIONS





Discharge Permit for construction dewatering, and performing construction dewatering. Permit prepared by COUNTY and Contractor to submit fee payment. Procurement of all materials is required.

*8' Diversion Manhole & Piping* includes excavation, shoring, excess soils disposal, demolition and disposal of existing storm drain, installation of diversion manhole structure with frames and covers, connection to existing storm drain upstream and downstream of diversion manhole, piping between diversion manhole and HDS unit, structure base material installation and compaction, and backfill installation and compaction. Procurement of all materials is required.

*10' HDS Unit Installation* includes excavation, shoring, excess soils disposal, installation of HDS unit, structure base material installation and compaction, and backfill installation and compaction. HDS unit including manhole frame and cover will be procured by owner and delivered to the site, procurement of all other materials is required.

*Site Restoration* includes site clean up, restoring street median to pre-construction conditions, and thermal striping of lane markings. Procurement of all materials is required.