

*Rhodine Road North
Community Development District*

Meeting Agenda

October 15, 2025

AGENDA

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

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October 8, 2025

Board of Supervisors Meeting Rhodine Road North Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the **Rhodine Road North Community Development District** will be held on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025**, at **1:30 PM** at the **Hampton Inn Plant City, 2702 Thonotosassa Rd, Plant City, FL 33563**.

Zoom Video Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88437429117>

Call-In Information: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 884 3742 9117

Following is the advance agenda for the meeting:

Board of Supervisors Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment Period (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes each)
3. Approval of Minutes of the July 10, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting
4. Consideration of Notice of Boundary Amendment
5. Consideration of Resolution 2026-01 Setting a Public Hearing Expressing the District's Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting, and Enforcing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments on Boundary Amendment Lands
6. Consideration of Assignment of a Construction Contract with QGS for Ridgcrest South Phase 2 Site Work
7. Approval of Construction Contract Assignment
8. Consideration of Construction Funding Agreement
9. Presentation of Memo Regarding Amendments to District Rules of Procedure
 - A. Consideration of Resolution 2026-02 Setting a Public Hearing on the Adoption of Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure for the District
10. Consideration of Resolution 2026-03 Spending Authorization Resolution
11. Ratification of Audit Services Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2025 Audit
12. Staff Reports
 - A. Attorney
 - B. Engineer
 - C. Field Manager's Report
 - D. District Manager's Report
 - i. Approval of Amenity Policy Clarification Regarding Access Card Issuance
 - ii. Approval of Check Register
 - iii. Balance Sheet & Income Statement
13. Other Business
14. Supervisors Requests and Audience Comments
15. Adjournment

MINUTES

**MINUTES OF MEETING
RHODINE ROAD NORTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Rhodine Road North Community Development District was held on **Thursday, July 10, 2025**, at 1:32 p.m. at Fairfield Inn & Suites, Lakeland Plant City, 4307 Sterling Commerce Drive, Plant City, Florida.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Milton Andrade	Chairman
Brian Walsh	Vice Chairman
Garret Parkinson	Assistant Secretary
Kareyann Ellison	Assistant Secretary
Brent Elliott	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Jill Burns	District Manager, GMS
Joel Blanco	Field Manager, GMS
Clayton Smith	Field Manager, GMS
Lauren Gentry <i>by Zoom</i>	District Counsel, Kilinski Van Wyk
Patrick Collins	District Counsel, Kilinski Van Wyk

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

Ms. Burns called the meeting to order. Five Supervisors were present in person, constituting a quorum.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comment Period

Ms. Burns stated there were a couple members of the public present.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Approval of the Minutes of the May 8, 2025,
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Ms. Burns presented the minutes for the May 8, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting and asked for any questions, comments, or corrections from the Board. The Board had no changes to the minutes.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Ms. Ellison, with all in favor, the Minutes of the May 8, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Public Hearing****A. Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget**

Ms. Burns stated that the public hearing had been advertised. She asked for a motion to open the public hearing.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Ms. Ellison, with all in favor, Opening the Public Hearing was approved.

i. Consideration of Resolution 2025-06 Adopting the District's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget and Appropriating Funds

Ms. Burns provided a detailed overview of the budget. She stated that the budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which started October 1, 2025, and would run through September 30, 2026. She added that she would provide a brief review, then open the floor for any public comments. She stated that the budget was attached to the resolution as Exhibit A. She noted that they were not proposing an increase for the platted lots for the current year. She said that the assessment amount in the budget was proposed to stay the same. She added that they had a couple of line items that had increased, such as landscape maintenance, which went up around \$5,000. She said that the janitorial services were increased just for the increased scope. She stated that security services had increased in accordance with the contract awarded at the last meeting. She noted that she would propose changing the pool maintenance line item, currently listed at \$17,986, to \$21,600, based on the proposal for the new vendor. This would then offset the increased amount by lowering the capital reserve. The Board lowered the capital reserve so they could cover the added expenses without raising the O&M assessment. They mentioned that it would probably need to be reinstated next year, but for now, the O&M remained the same unless the Board made changes. Then they opened it up for public comment.

Ms. Burns stated that they had asked for public comments on the budget through Zoom, but no one raised their hand. Ms. Burns added that Mr. Brian Walsh was noted as having joined the meeting. She stated that the Board had reviewed Resolution 2025-06, which adopted the

FY2026 budget and allocated funds. A motion was made to approve it with an amendment to raise the pool maintenance line to \$21,600 and reduce the capital reserve by the same amount.

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-06 Adopting the District's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget and Appropriating Funds, was approved as amended.

ii. Consideration of Resolution 2025-07 Imposing Special Assessments and Certifying an Assessment Roll

Ms. Burns stated that the Board had reviewed Resolution 2025-07, which imposed special assessments and certified the assessment roll. She added that it had confirmed the assessments for collection on the Hillsborough County tax bill, with the roll included in the package. The O&M amount was based on the budget that had just been approved.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Elliott, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-07, Imposing Special Assessments and Certifying an Assessment Roll, was approved.

Ms. Burns asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Ms. Ellison, with all in favor, Closing the Public Hearing was approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Resolution 2025-08
Designation of a Regular Monthly Meeting
Date, Time, and Location for Fiscal Year
2025/2026**

Ms. Burns stated that the Board had considered Resolution 2025-08 to set the regular monthly meeting schedule for FY 2026. She noted that the schedule remained the same. However, since the current space would no longer be available after renovations and the prior location was still closed due to Hurricane Milton damage, they agreed to delegate authority to the Chair to work with staff to find a new meeting location. The motion approved the dates and times, with the Chair handling the location for FY 2026, as well as the already-noticed August and September meetings.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Elliott, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-08 Designation of a Regular Monthly Meeting, Date, Time, and Location for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was approved.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of Resolution 2025-09
Adopting Amended Amenity Rules**

Ms. Burns stated that Resolution 2025-09 was adopted to update the amenity rules. She noted that the only change was to the lakes and ponds policy, where the Board clarified that boats, paddle boards, canoes, and motorized vehicles were not allowed in the stormwater ponds. This had already been implied in the rules, but residents had raised questions, so the Board clarified it more explicitly. All other rules stayed the same.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Walsh, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-09 Adopting Amended Amenity Rules, was approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Goals and Objectives****A. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Goals & Objectives**

Ms. Burns stated that the Board had reviewed the statutory requirement to adopt annual goals and objectives. She noted that for Fiscal Year 2026, they had kept the same goals as the current year. She said that members could make changes if they wanted needed them approved.

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, the Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Goals & Objectives was approved.

B. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2025 Goals & Objectives and Authorizing Chair to Execute

Ms. Burns stated that they had reviewed the 2025 goals and objectives and said the District was on track to meet them all by the end of September. She added that the Board had agreed to let the chair confirm that the goals were met at year-end and sign the form to submit to the state.

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, Accepting the Fiscal Year 2025 Goals & Objectives and Authorizing Chair to Execute was approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Staff Reports****A. Attorney**

Mr. Collins stated that a battery amendment petition had been submitted to the county, and they were waiting for feedback. He also reminded the Board to confirm that Form 1 had been filed and to complete the next required bias training.

B. Engineer

Ms. Burns stated the District engineer is not present today.

C. Field Manager's Report

Mr. Blanco reported that landscaping reviews had been completed throughout the District. Entrance enhancements, stump removal, and tree replacement on Stone Pine Street were finished, with the tree re-strapped after high winds. Irrigation adjustments helped the enhancements thrive, and mulch was added along Downing Birch, Stone Pine, and all Ridgewood North beds. Amenity landscaping beds were also refreshed with brown mulch, ceiling fans were replaced, and 28 pool chairs were sent out for repair; the owner's chairs were returned before July 4th. The vendor expected the remaining chairs to be ready the following week.

i. Consideration of Proposal for Pool Maintenance Services *(to be provided under separate cover)*

Mr. Blanco stated that the Board was informed that the previous pool vendor had closed before July 4th, and West Coast Pools had since taken over, servicing the pool four times per week, including weekends, at \$1,800 a month. He noted that this was a slight increase from the prior three-day service but provided better coverage. The playground shade structure was completed and permitted, and two Endeavor tiles and surrounding pavers were scheduled for replacement. The ponds had been cleaned of trash, the algae bloom behind Downing Birch had begun to diminish with rainfall, and residents had reported outsiders fishing in the large pond, prompting a request for signage.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Walsh, with all in favor, the Proposal for Pool Maintenance Services, was approved.

Mr. Blanco also added that they had confirmed the photos showed the current state. He noted that some sod was missing along the edge and stated that the landscaping vendor was already scheduled to replace it. The Board acknowledged it and moved on to other field report questions.

D. District Manager's Report

i. Approval of Check Register

Ms. Burns presented the check register included in the agenda package for review and asked for questions.

On MOTION by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Walsh, with all in favor, the Check Register, was approved.

ii. Balance Sheet and Income Statement

Ms. Burns stated the financial statements for May are included in the package for review. No action is necessary.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Other Business

Ms. Burns stated there was no further business

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisors' Requests and Audience Comments

Ms. Burns stated that they would do the final audience comments. She asked if anyone on the Zoom line could use the raised-hand feature to be called on.

Resident (Megan Smith) thanked the Board for the landscaping and shade structure, saying both looked much better. She asked why chairs were being sourced from an Orlando vendor instead of using a local supplier and suggested that the Tampa office might keep a closer eye on vendor performance. Ms. Smith also inquired about fishing in the ponds, provided the condition was catch and release.

A resident asked about fishing signs. The Board agreed to allow fishing, but with restrictions. They wanted the signs to say that fishing was for CDD residents or patrons only, to ensure that outsiders weren't coming in. They also planned to add "catch and release only," a general safety warning about being careful near the water, and "do not feed the alligators." Ms. Burns suggested including a QR code that linked to the full amenity rules.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

Ms. Burns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Andrade, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.
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Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairman / Vice Chairman

SECTION IV

This instrument was prepared by
and upon recording should be returned to:

Lauren Gentry, Esq.
Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

**NOTICE OF BOUNDARY AMENDMENT OF THE
RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 7, 2025, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (“County”) adopted Ordinance No. 25-47, effective October 7, 2025, amending the boundaries of the Rhodine Road North Community Development District (“District”). The legal description of the lands encompassed within the District, after amendment, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Rhodine Road North Community Development District was established by the County’s Ordinance No. 18-35, which became effective on December 12, 2018. The District is a special-purpose form of local government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. More information on the powers, responsibilities, and duties of the District may be obtained by examining Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, or by contacting the District’s registered agent as designated to the Florida Department of Commerce in accordance with Section 189.014, *Florida Statutes*.

THE RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE AND LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS, OR BOTH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, ON THIS PROPERTY. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAY THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT AND ARE SET ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE IN ADDITION TO COUNTY AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Notice has been executed on this 15th day of October 2025, and recorded in the Official Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

[Signature page follows.]

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Milton Andrade, Chairperson

Witness

Witness

Print Name
Address: 3020 S. Florida Ave, Suite 101
Lakeland, Florida 33503

Print Name
Address: 3020 S. Florida Ave., Suite 101
Lakeland, Florida 33503

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this ____ day of October 2025, by Milton Andrade, as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of the Rhodine Road North Community Development District.

(Official Notary Signature)

Name: _____

Personally Known _____

OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification _____

[notary seal]

Exhibit A

District Legal Description, as Amended

DESCRIPTION:

PARCEL A

A parcel of land being all of RIDGEWOOD, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 137, Pages 149 through 164 and all of RIDGEWOOD WEST, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 138, Pages 9 through 14 of the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida, lying in Section 33, Township 30 South, Range 20 East, of Hillsborough County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at the Southeast corner of said RIDGEWOOD, run thence along the South and West boundary thereof the following fourteen (14) courses: (1) N.89°33'23"W., a distance of 1001.80 feet; (2) N.00°05'10"E., a distance of 290.86 feet; (3) N.89°38'46"W., a distance of 150.16 feet; (4) S.00°03'16"W., a distance of 290.63 feet; (5) N.89°33'23"W., a distance of 844.02 feet; (6) N.89°48'44"W., a distance of 0.15 feet; (7) N.00°08'40"E., a distance of 755.07 feet; (8) N.89°51'08"W., a distance of 135.55 feet; (9) S.00°09'37"W., a distance of 658.98 feet; (10) S.24°19'41"W., a distance of 105.20 feet; (11) N.89°49'04"W., a distance of 31.51 feet; (12) N.24°59'11"E., a distance of 105.58 feet; (13) N.00°10'37"E., a distance of 1780.95 feet; (14) S.89°58'19"W., a distance of 166.00 feet to a point on the East boundary of said RIDGEWOOD WEST; thence along the East, South and West boundary thereof the following three (3) courses: (1) S.00°10'45"W., a distance of 1876.16 feet; (2) N.89°48'44"W., a distance of 331.49 feet; (3) N.00°12'30"E., a distance of 2268.92 feet to the Northwest corner of said RIDGEWOOD WEST; thence along the North boundary of said RIDGEWOOD WEST and the North boundary of said RIDGEWOOD, N.89°58'19"E., a distance of 661.07 feet to the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 33; thence continue along said North boundary of RIDGEWOOD, N.89°42'42"E., a distance of 1650.55 feet to the Northeast corner of said RIDGEWOOD, thence along the East boundary of said RIDGEWOOD the following three (3) courses: (1) S.00°00'10"W., a distance of 1170.50 feet; (2) N.89°49'30"E., a distance of 338.04 feet; (3) S.00°05'08"E., a distance of 1125.70 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

Containing 119.370 acres, more or less.

TOGETHER WITH

PARCEL B

A parcel of land being all of RIDGEWOOD SOUTH, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 144, Pages 19 through 28 of the public records of Hillsborough County, Florida and the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 20 East, Hillsborough County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at the Northeast corner of said RIDGEWOOD SOUTH, run thence along the East and South boundary thereof the following two (2) courses: (1) thence S.00°33'55"W., a distance of 2670.70 feet; (2) N.89°56'09"W., a distance of 1319.33 feet to the Southwest corner of said RIDGEWOOD SOUTH; thence along the West boundary of said RIDGEWOOD WEST and the West boundary of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, N.00°25'01"E., a distance of 2061.63 feet to the Northwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4; thence along the North boundary thereof, S.89°33'23"E., a distance of 662.39 feet to a point on the West boundary of said RIDGEWOOD SOUTH; thence along said West boundary and the North boundary of said RIDGEWOOD SOUTH the following two (2) courses: (1) N.00°29'51"E., a distance of 617.80 feet; (2) S.89°33'23"E., a distance of 662.96 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

Containing 71.831 acres, more or less.

Total of 191.201 acres.

SECTION V

RESOLUTION 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RHODINE ROAD NORTH DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EXPANSION PARCEL AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 197.3632, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Rhodine Road North (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government duly organized and existing pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended (“**Act**”), located entirely within Hillsborough County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida adopted Ordinance No. 25-47, effective October 7, 2025, further amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 18-35, effective December 12, 2018, as amended by Ordinance No. 19-18, effective August 15, 2019, and Ordinance No. 21-27, effective July 21, 2021, amending the external boundaries of the District to include an additional 10.57 acres of land, more or less (“**Expansion Parcel**”)

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, is authorized to levy, collect, and enforce certain special assessments, which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the District’s Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) to levy, collect, and enforce special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District previously determined its intent to utilize the Uniform Method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes* (“**Uniform Method**”); and

WHEREAS, the District now desires to use the Uniform Method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments with respect to the Expansion Parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RHODINE ROAD NORTH:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the Uniform Method on **Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn Plant City, 2702 Thonotosassa Road, Plant City, Florida 33563**, for the purpose of hearing comment and objections to the District’s intent to utilize the Uniform Method with respect to the Expansion Parcel.

SECTION 2. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SECTION VI

AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (STIPULATED PRICE)

RIDGEWOOD SOUTH PHASE 2

This Agreement is by and between Clayton Properties Group, Inc., dba Highland Homes ("Owner") and QGS Development, Inc. ("Contractor").

Terms used in this Agreement have the meanings stated in the General Conditions and the Supplementary Conditions.

Owner and Contractor hereby agree as follows:

WORK

1.01 Contractor shall complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents. The Work is generally described as follows: All labor, materials, equipment, services, and documentation necessary to construct the Ridgewood South Phase 2 site development improvements (the "Project"). The Work may include related services such as testing (except geotechnical testing, which will be performed by the Owner), start-up, and commissioning, all as required by the Contract Documents.

THE PROJECT

2.01 The Project, of which the Work under the Contract Documents is a part, is generally described as follows: Earthworks, paving-concrete, storm system, water system, and sanitary sewer.

ENGINEER

3.01 The Owner has retained Absolute Engineering, Inc., ("Engineer") to act as Owner's representative, assume all duties and responsibilities of Engineer, and have the rights and authority assigned to Engineer in the Contract.

3.02 The part of the Project that pertains to the Work has been designed by Engineer.

CONTRACT TIMES

4.01 *Time is of the Essence*

A. All time limits for Milestones, if any, Substantial Completion, and completion and readiness for final payment as stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Contract. The Work to be performed under this Agreement shall be commenced no later than ten (10) calendar days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, from the date of the Notice to Proceed.

4.02 *Contract Times: Dates*

~~A. The Work will be substantially complete on or before _____, and completed and ready for final payment in accordance with Paragraph 15.06 of the General Conditions on or before _____.~~

4.03 Contract Times: Days

- A. The Work will be substantially complete within **One Hundred Thirty (130)** days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run as provided in Paragraph 4.01 of the General Conditions, and completed and ready for final payment in accordance with Paragraph 15.06 of the General Conditions within **One Hundred Forty-One (141)** days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run.

ALL CALENDAR DAY DURATIONS STATED ABOVE SHALL BE INCLUSIVE OF TIME NECESSARY FOR SHOP DRAWING PREPARATION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL, AND PROCUREMENT, FABRICATION, AND DELIVERY OF ALL MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

4.04 ~~Milestones~~

- A. ~~Parts of the Work must be substantially completed on or before the following Milestone(s):~~

- ~~1. Milestone 1 [event & date/days]~~
- ~~2. Milestone 2 [event & date/days]~~
- ~~3. Milestone 3 [event & date/days]~~

4.05 Liquidated Damages

- A. Contractor and Owner recognize that time is of the essence as stated in Paragraph 4.01 above and that Owner will suffer financial and other losses if the Work is not completed ~~and Milestones not achieved~~ within the Contract Times, as duly modified. The parties also recognize the delays, expense, and difficulties involved in proving, in a legal or arbitration proceeding, the actual loss suffered by Owner if the Work is not completed on time. The Owner and Contractor agree that an assessment of actual damages as of the date of this Agreement would be uncertain, and the amount of liquidated damages set forth herein is reasonable. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof of actual damages, Owner and Contractor agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty):
1. *Substantial Completion:* Contractor shall pay Owner \$1,000 for each day that expires after the time (as duly adjusted pursuant to the Contract) specified above for Substantial Completion, until the Work is substantially complete.
 2. *Completion of Remaining Work:* After Substantial Completion, if Contractor shall neglect, refuse, or fail to complete the remaining Work within the Contract Times (as duly adjusted pursuant to the Contract) for completion and readiness for final payment, Contractor shall pay Owner \$1,000 for each day that expires after such time until the Work is completed and ready for final payment.
 - ~~3. *Milestones:* Contractor shall pay Owner \$[number] for each day that expires after the time (as duly adjusted pursuant to the Contract) specified above for achievement of Milestone 1, until Milestone 1 is achieved, or until the time specified for Substantial Completion is reached, at which time the rate indicated in Paragraph 4.05.A.1 will apply, rather than the Milestone rate.~~
 4. Liquidated damages for failing to timely attain ~~Milestones~~, Substantial Completion, and final completion are not additive, and will not be imposed concurrently.
- B. ~~If Owner recovers liquidated damages for a delay in completion by Contractor, then such liquidated damages are Owner's sole and exclusive remedy for such delay, and Owner is~~

~~precluded from recovering any other damages, whether actual, direct, excess, or consequential, for such delay, except for special damages (if any) specified in this Agreement.~~

- C. ~~*Bonus:* Contractor and Owner further recognize the Owner will realize financial and other benefits if the Work is completed prior to the time specified for Substantial Completion. Accordingly, Owner and Contractor agree that as a bonus for early completion, Owner shall pay Contractor \$[number] for each day prior to the time specified above for Substantial Completion (as duly adjusted pursuant to the Contract) that the Work is substantially complete. The maximum value of the bonus will be limited to \$[number].~~

~~4.06 — Special Damages~~

- A. ~~Contractor shall reimburse Owner (1) for any fines or penalties imposed on Owner as a direct result of the Contractor's failure to attain Substantial Completion according to the Contract Times, and (2) for the actual costs reasonably incurred by Owner for engineering, construction observation, inspection, and administrative services needed after the time specified in Paragraph 4.02 for Substantial Completion (as duly adjusted pursuant to the Contract), until the Work is substantially complete.~~
- B. ~~After Contractor achieves Substantial Completion, if Contractor shall neglect, refuse, or fail to complete the remaining Work within the Contract Times, Contractor shall reimburse Owner for the actual costs reasonably incurred by Owner for engineering, construction observation, inspection, and administrative services needed after the time specified in Paragraph 4.02 for Work to be completed and ready for final payment (as duly adjusted pursuant to the Contract), until the Work is completed and ready for final payment.~~
- C. ~~The special damages imposed in this paragraph are supplemental to any liquidated damages for delayed completion established in this Agreement.~~

CONTRACT PRICE

- 5.01 Owner shall pay Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, the amounts that follow, subject to adjustment under the Contract:

- A. For all Work other than Unit Price Work, a lump sum of **One Million, Six Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$1,652,178.93).**

All specific cash allowances are included in the above price in accordance with Paragraph 13.02 of the General Conditions. Change orders shall be based on the unit pricing provided by the Contractor, subject to Article 11 of the General Conditions.

- B. **EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED HEREIN OR IN ANY ADDENDA, CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT CONTRACT PRICE SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO FLUCTUATIONS IN MARKET COSTS FOR TOOLS, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, FUEL OR LABOR.**

- B. ~~For all Unit Price Work, an amount equal to the sum of the extended prices (established for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work by multiplying the unit price times the actual quantity of that item).~~

Unit Price Work					
Item No.	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
				\$	\$
				\$	\$
				\$	\$
				\$	\$
				\$	\$
Total of all Extended Prices for Unit Price Work (subject to final adjustment based on actual quantities)					\$

The extended prices for Unit Price Work set forth as of the Effective Date of the Contract are based on estimated quantities. As provided in Paragraph 13.03 of the General Conditions, estimated quantities are not guaranteed, and determinations of actual quantities and classifications are to be made by Engineer.

- C. ~~Total of Lump Sum Amount and Unit Price Work (subject to final Unit Price adjustment) \$[number].~~
- D. For all Work, including additions or changes to the Work, payment shall be made in accordance with at the prices stated in Contractor's Bid, attached hereto as an exhibit. Unit Pricing, as shown in the Contractor's Bid attached hereto, shall only be used in connection with pricing for change orders.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

6.01 Submittal and Processing of Payments

- A. Contractor shall submit Applications for Payment in accordance with Article 15 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by Engineer as provided in the General Conditions.

6.02 Progress Payments; Retainage

- A. Owner shall make progress payments on the basis of Contractor's Applications for Payment ~~on or about the [ordinal number, such as 5th] day of each month during performance of the Work as provided in Paragraph 6.02.A.1 below, provided that such Applications for Payment have been submitted in a timely manner and otherwise meet the requirements of the Contract.~~ All such payments will be measured by the Schedule of Values established as provided in the General Conditions (and in the case of Unit Price Work based on the number of units completed) or, in the event there is no Schedule of Values, as provided elsewhere in the Contract. Five percent (5%) of the amount of each progress payment shall be withheld as retainage until final completion of the Work, acceptance of the Work by the Owner, satisfaction of all punch list requirements, and submission of all documents required under Paragraph 15.06 of the General Conditions, subject to any offsets to which the Owner is entitled.
1. ~~Prior to Substantial Completion, progress payments will be made in an amount equal to the percentage indicated below but, in each case, less the aggregate of payments~~

~~previously made and less such amounts as Owner may withhold, including but not limited to liquidated damages, in accordance with the Contract.~~

- a. ~~[number] percent of the value of the Work completed (with the balance being retainage).~~

~~If 50 percent or more of the Work has been completed, as determined by Engineer, and if the character and progress of the Work have been satisfactory to Owner and Engineer, then as long as the character and progress of the Work remain satisfactory to Owner and Engineer, there will be no additional retainage; and~~

- b. ~~[number] percent of cost of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work (with the balance being retainage).~~

- B. ~~Upon Substantial Completion, Owner shall pay an amount sufficient to increase total payments to Contractor to [number] percent of the Work completed, less such amounts set off by Owner pursuant to Paragraph 15.01.E of the General Conditions, and less [number] percent of Engineer's estimate of the value of Work to be completed or corrected as shown on the punch list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment.~~

6.03 *Final Payment*

- A. Upon final completion and acceptance of the Work, in accordance with Paragraph 15.05 and 15.06 of the General Conditions, and subject to final acceptance by Hillsborough County and/or the local utility provider, as applicable, Owner shall pay the remainder of the Contract Price as recommended by the Engineer and in accordance with Paragraph 15.06 of the General Conditions.

6.04 *Consent of Surety*

- A. Owner will not make final payment, or return or release retainage at Substantial Completion or any other time, unless Contractor submits written consent of the surety to such payment, return, or release.

6.05 *Interest*

- A. All amounts not paid when due will bear interest at the rate of **12%** percent per annum.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

7.01 *Contents*

- A. The Contract Documents consist of all of the following:
1. This Agreement as modified herein.
 2. Bonds:
 - a. ~~Performance bond (together with power of attorney).~~
 - b. ~~Payment bond (together with power of attorney).~~
 3. General Conditions as modified therein.
 4. Supplementary Conditions Relating to Insurance Requirements, Subsurface Conditions, and Hazardous Conditions.

5. ~~Project Manual, including but not limited to Specifications as listed in the table of contents of the Project Manual (copy of list attached).~~
6. ~~Drawings (not attached but incorporated by reference) consisting of [number] sheets with each sheet bearing the following general title: [title on Drawings].~~
7. Drawings listed on the plans titled “Ridgewood South Phase 2 Site Development Construction Plans” and dated 9/17/25.
8. Exhibits to this Agreement (enumerated as follows):
 - a. Contractor’s Bid and Schedule (Exhibit A), excluding any reference or notations regarding a changes or adjustment to Contractor’s Lump Sum Bid Price or Unit Pricing for tools, materials, supplies, equipment, fuel or labor.
9. The following which may be delivered or issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract and are not attached hereto:
 - a. Notice to Proceed.
 - b. Work Change Directives.
 - c. Change Orders.
 - d. Field Orders.
 - e. Warranty Bond, if any.
- B. The Contract Documents listed in Paragraph 7.01.A are attached to this Agreement (except as expressly noted otherwise above).
- C. There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 7.
- D. The Contract Documents may only be amended, modified, or supplemented as provided in the Contract.

REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND STIPULATIONS

8.01 Contractor’s Representations

- A. In order to induce Owner to enter into this Contract, Contractor makes the following representations:
 1. Contractor has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents, including Addenda, if any.
 2. Contractor has visited the Site, conducted a thorough visual examination of the Site and adjacent areas, and become familiar with the general, local, and Site conditions that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
 3. Contractor is familiar with all Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
 4. Contractor has carefully studied the reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the Site and the drawings of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the Site that have been identified in the Supplementary Conditions, if any, with respect to the Technical Data in such reports and drawings.

5. Contractor has carefully studied the reports and drawings relating to Hazardous Environmental Conditions, if any, at or adjacent to the Site that have been identified in the Supplementary Conditions, with respect to Technical Data in such reports and drawings.
6. Contractor has considered the information known to Contractor itself; information commonly known to contractors doing business in the locality of the Site; information and observations obtained from visits to the Site; the Contract Documents; and the Technical Data identified in the Supplementary Conditions or by definition, with respect to the effect of such information, observations, and Technical Data on (a) the cost, progress, and performance of the Work; (b) the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor; and (c) Contractor's safety precautions and programs.
7. Based on the information and observations referred to in the preceding paragraph, Contractor agrees that no further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the performance of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Times, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract.
8. Contractor is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by Owner and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents.
9. Contractor has given Engineer written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Contractor has discovered in the Contract Documents, and of discrepancies between Site conditions and the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by Engineer is acceptable to Contractor.
10. The Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.
11. Contractor's entry into this Contract constitutes an incontrovertible representation by Contractor that without exception all prices in the Agreement are premised upon performing and furnishing the Work required by the Contract Documents.
12. Contractor is financially solvent, able to pay its debts as they mature and possesses sufficient working capital (subject to payments by Owner required under this Agreement) to complete the Work required to be performed of it under this Contract.
13. Contractor is able to furnish (directly or by subcontract or through vendors) any plant, tools, materials, supplies, equipment, fuel, and labor at the stated Unit Pricing necessary to complete the services required of Contractor under this Contract, and Contractor has sufficient experience and competence to perform the Work under the Contract.
Contractor acknowledges and agrees that there shall be no adjustments in the Unit Pricing or the Lump Sum Bid Price as a result of any increase in cost to Contractor for tools, materials, supplies, equipment, fuel or labor.
14. Contractor is authorized to do business in the State of Florida and is properly licensed (to the extent required by law) by all necessary governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Work.

8.02 *Contractor's Certifications*

- A. Contractor certifies that it has not engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for or in executing the Contract. For the purposes of this Paragraph 8.02:
1. "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value likely to influence the action of a public official in the bidding process or in the Contract execution;
 2. "fraudulent practice" means an intentional misrepresentation of facts made (a) to influence the bidding process or the execution of the Contract to the detriment of Owner, (b) to establish Bid or Contract prices at artificial non-competitive levels, or (c) to deprive Owner of the benefits of free and open competition;
 3. "collusive practice" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Bidders, with or without the knowledge of Owner, a purpose of which is to establish Bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels; and
 4. "coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the bidding process or affect the execution of the Contract.

8.03 *Standard General Conditions*

- A. Owner stipulates that if the General Conditions that are made a part of this Contract are EJCDC® C-700, Standard General Conditions for the Construction Contract (2018), published by the Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee, and if Owner is the party that has furnished said General Conditions, then Owner has plainly shown all modifications to the standard wording of such published document to the Contractor, through a process such as highlighting or "track changes" (redline/strikeout), and/or in the Supplementary Conditions.

MISCELLANEOUS

9.01 Terms

- A. Terms used in the Agreement will have the meanings stated in the General Conditions and the Supplementary Conditions unless otherwise stated herein.

9.02 Assignment of Contract

- A. Unless expressly agreed to elsewhere in the Contract, no assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and, specifically but without limitation, money that may become due and money that is due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents.
- B. The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement may be assigned by Owner to a local unit of special purpose government, and in particular to the Rhodine Road North Community Development District. In the event of such assignment by Owner, Contractor agrees to the

specific terms of this section and to execute such documents as are necessary to effectuate the assignment and to abide by the terms and conditions applicable to public contracts.

9.03 Successors and Assigns

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

9.04 Assignment of Warranties

- A. Contractor shall assign to Owner all warranties extended to Contractor by material suppliers and subcontractors. If an assignment of warranty requires the material supplier and/or subcontractor to consent to same, then Contractor shall secure the material supplier's and/or subcontractor's consent to assign said warranties to Owner.

9.05 Construction Defects

- A. CLAIMS FOR CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE AND CURE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 558, FLORIDA STATUTES.

9.07 Restriction on Removal of Fill Dirt from Work Site

- A. Contractor acknowledges that all suitable soil/fill material shall remain on-site. Fill material shall not be removed from the Project site without the written consent of the Owner.

9.08 Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument.

[Signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner and Contractor have signed this Agreement.

This Agreement will be effective on September 25, 2025 (which is the Effective Date of the Contract).

Owner: Clayton Properties Group, Inc. dba

Contractor: QGS Development, Inc.

Highland Homes

(typed or printed name of organization)

By: _____

(individual's signature)

Date: _____

(date signed)

Name: D. Joel Adams

(typed or printed)

Title: Vice President

(typed or printed)

Attest: _____

(individual's signature)

Title: _____

(typed or printed)

Address for giving notices:

Clayton Properties, Group, Inc.

3020 S. Florida Avenue, Suite 101

Lakeland, Florida 33803

Designated Representative:

Name: _____

(typed or printed)

Title: _____

(typed or printed)

Address: _____

Phone: 863-619-7103

Email: _____

(If [Type of Entity] is a corporation, attach evidence of authority to sign. If [Type of Entity] is a public body, attach evidence of authority to sign and resolution or other documents authorizing execution of this Agreement.)

(typed or printed name of organization)

By: _____

(individual's signature)

Date: _____

(date signed)

Name: _____

(typed or printed)

Title: _____

(typed or printed)

(If [Type of Entity] is a corporation, a partnership, or a joint venture, attach evidence of authority to sign.)

Attest: _____

(individual's signature)

Title: _____

(typed or printed)

Address for giving notices:

QGS Development, Inc.

1450 S. Park Road

Plant City, Florida 33566

Designated Representative:

Name: _____

(typed or printed)

Title: _____

(typed or printed)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

License No.: _____

(where applicable)

State: _____

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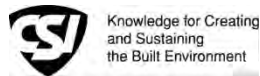
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STANDARD GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

ARTICLE 1—DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

1.01 Defined Terms

- A. Wherever used in the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents, a term printed with initial capital letters, including the term's singular and plural forms, will have the meaning indicated in the definitions below. In addition to terms specifically defined, terms with initial capital letters in the Contract Documents include references to identified articles and paragraphs, and the titles of other documents or forms.
1. *Addenda*—Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Requirements or the proposed Contract Documents.
 2. *Agreement*—The written instrument, executed by Owner and Contractor, that sets forth the Contract Price and Contract Times, identifies the parties and the Engineer, and designates the specific items that are Contract Documents.
 3. *Application for Payment*—The document prepared by Contractor, in a form acceptable to Engineer, to request progress or final payments, and which is to be accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.
 4. *Bid*—The offer of a Bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the Work to be performed.
 5. *Bidder*—An individual or entity that submits a Bid to Owner.
 6. *Bidding Documents*—The Bidding Requirements, the proposed Contract Documents, and all Addenda.
 7. *Bidding Requirements*—The Advertisement or invitation to bid, the project manual and any documents included or referenced therein, including but not limited to Instructions to Bidders, Bid Bond or other Bid security, if any, the Bid Form, and the Bid with any attachments.
 8. *Change Order*—A document which is signed by Contractor and Owner and authorizes an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, or other revision to the Contract, issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract.
 9. *Change Proposal*—A written request by Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, seeking an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times; contesting an initial decision by Engineer concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents or the acceptability of Work under the Contract Documents; challenging a set-off against payments due; or seeking other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract.

10. *Claim*

- a. A demand or assertion by Owner directly to Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, seeking an adjustment of Contract Price or Contract Times; contesting an initial decision by Engineer concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents or the acceptability of Work under the Contract Documents; contesting Engineer's decision regarding a Change Proposal; seeking resolution of a contractual issue that Engineer has declined to address; or seeking other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract.
 - b. A demand or assertion by Contractor directly to Owner, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, contesting Engineer's decision regarding a Change Proposal, or seeking resolution of a contractual issue that Engineer has declined to address.
 - c. A demand or assertion by Owner or Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, made pursuant to Paragraph 12.01.A.4, concerning disputes arising after Engineer has issued a recommendation of final payment.
 - d. A demand for money or services by a third party is not a Claim.
11. *Constituent of Concern*—Asbestos, petroleum, radioactive materials, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), lead-based paint (as defined by the HUD/EPA standard), hazardous waste, and any substance, product, waste, chemical, element, compound, solution, mixture, or other material of any nature whatsoever that is or becomes listed, regulated, or addressed pursuant to Laws and Regulations regulating, relating to, or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning, any hazardous, toxic, or dangerous waste, substance, chemical, element, compound, solution, mixture, or material.
12. *Contract*—The entire and integrated written contract between Owner and Contractor concerning the Work.
13. *Contract Documents*—Those items so designated in the Agreement, and which together comprise the Contract.
14. *Contract Price*—The money that Owner has agreed to pay Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
15. *Contract Times*—The number of days or the dates by which Contractor shall: (a) achieve Milestones, if any; (b) achieve Substantial Completion; and (c) complete the Work.
16. *Contractor*—The individual or entity with which Owner has contracted for performance of the Work.
17. *Cost of the Work*—See Paragraph 13.01 for definition.
18. *Drawings*—The part of the Contract that graphically shows the scope, extent, and character of the Work to be performed by Contractor.
19. *Effective Date of the Contract*—The date, indicated in the Agreement, on which the Contract becomes effective.

20. *Electronic Document*—Any Project-related correspondence, attachments to correspondence, data, documents, drawings, information, or graphics, including but not limited to Shop Drawings and other Submittals, that are in an electronic or digital format.
21. *Electronic Means*—Electronic mail (email), upload/download from a secure Project website, or other communications methods that allow: (a) the transmission or communication of Electronic Documents; (b) the documentation of transmissions, including sending and receipt; (c) printing of the transmitted Electronic Document by the recipient; (d) the storage and archiving of the Electronic Document by sender and recipient; and (e) the use by recipient of the Electronic Document for purposes permitted by this Contract. Electronic Means does not include the use of text messaging, or of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or similar social media services for transmission of Electronic Documents.
22. *Engineer*—The individual or entity named as such in the Agreement.
23. *Field Order*—A written order issued by Engineer which requires minor changes in the Work but does not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times.
24. *Hazardous Environmental Condition*—The presence at the Site of Constituents of Concern in such quantities or circumstances that may present a danger to persons or property exposed thereto.
- a. The presence at the Site of materials that are necessary for the execution of the Work, or that are to be incorporated into the Work, and that are controlled and contained pursuant to industry practices, Laws and Regulations, and the requirements of the Contract, is not a Hazardous Environmental Condition.
 - b. The presence of Constituents of Concern that are to be removed or remediated as part of the Work is not a Hazardous Environmental Condition.
 - c. The presence of Constituents of Concern as part of the routine, anticipated, and obvious working conditions at the Site, is not a Hazardous Environmental Condition.
25. *Laws and Regulations; Laws or Regulations*—Any and all applicable laws, statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and binding decrees, resolutions, and orders of any and all governmental bodies, agencies, authorities, and courts having jurisdiction. Such definitions shall further include, where the context reasonably allows, compliance with any applicable permits and/or other similar approvals issued by governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities.
26. *Liens*—Charges, security interests, or encumbrances upon Contract-related funds, real property, or personal property.
27. *Milestone*—A principal event in the performance of the Work that the Contract requires Contractor to achieve by an intermediate completion date, or by a time prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work.
28. *Notice of Award*—The written notice by Owner to a Bidder of Owner's acceptance of the Bid.
29. *Notice to Proceed*—A written notice by Owner or Engineer to Contractor fixing the date on which the Contract Times will commence to run and on which Contractor shall start to perform the Work.

30. *Owner*—The individual or entity with which Contractor has contracted regarding the Work, and which has agreed to pay Contractor for the performance of the Work, pursuant to the terms of the Contract.
31. *Progress Schedule*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, describing the sequence and duration of the activities comprising Contractor’s plan to accomplish the Work within the Contract Times.
32. *Project*—The total undertaking to be accomplished for Owner by engineers, contractors, and others, including planning, study, design, construction, testing, commissioning, and start-up, and of which the Work to be performed under the Contract Documents is a part.
33. *Resident Project Representative*—The authorized representative of Engineer assigned to assist Engineer at the Site. As used herein, the term Resident Project Representative (RPR) includes any assistants or field staff of Resident Project Representative.
34. *Samples*—Physical examples of materials, equipment, or workmanship that are representative of some portion of the Work and that establish the standards by which such portion of the Work will be judged.
35. *Schedule of Submittals*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, of required submittals and the time requirements for Engineer’s review of the submittals.
36. *Schedule of Values*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, allocating portions of the Contract Price to various portions of the Work and used as the basis for reviewing Contractor’s Applications for Payment.
37. *Shop Drawings*—All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules, and other data or information that are specifically prepared or assembled by or for Contractor and submitted by Contractor to illustrate some portion of the Work. Shop Drawings, whether approved or not, are not Drawings and are not Contract Documents.
38. *Site*—Lands or areas indicated in the Contract Documents as being furnished by Owner upon which the Work is to be performed, including rights-of-way and easements, and such other lands or areas furnished by Owner which are designated for the use of Contractor.
39. *Specifications*—The part of the Contract that consists of written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards, and workmanship as applied to the Work, and certain administrative requirements and procedural matters applicable to the Work.
40. *Subcontractor*—An individual or entity having a direct contract with Contractor or with any other Subcontractor for the performance of a part of the Work.
41. *Submittal*—A written or graphic document, prepared by or for Contractor, which the Contract Documents require Contractor to submit to Engineer, or that is indicated as a Submittal in the Schedule of Submittals accepted by Engineer. Submittals may include Shop Drawings and Samples; schedules; product data; Owner-delegated designs; sustainable design information; information on special procedures; testing plans; results of tests and evaluations, source quality-control testing and inspections, and field or Site quality-control testing and inspections; warranties and certifications; Suppliers’ instructions and reports; records of delivery of spare parts and tools; operations and maintenance data; Project photographic documentation; record documents; and other such documents required by the Contract Documents. Submittals, whether or not

approved or accepted by Engineer, are not Contract Documents. Change Proposals, Change Orders, Claims, notices, Applications for Payment, and requests for interpretation or clarification are not Submittals.

42. *Substantial Completion*—The time at which the Work (or a specified part thereof) has progressed to the point where, in the opinion of Engineer, the Work (or a specified part thereof) is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so that the Work (or a specified part thereof) can be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended. The terms “substantially complete” and “substantially completed” as applied to all or part of the Work refer to Substantial Completion of such Work. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, “Substantial Completion” shall be considered to be on the date which all applicable governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the Work have issued unconditional certificates of completion and have signed off on all final inspections with respect to each portion of the work and the Owner is able to utilize each portion of the Work set forth in the Contract Documents for the intended purpose. Also, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Contractor shall be responsible for providing required testing, as-built plans, surveys, certifications, and other documentation associated with obtaining the final inspections and applicable written approvals from all governmental agencies with jurisdiction with respect to each portion of the Work, and in connection therewith, Owner and Engineer shall comply with all of its obligations required by the issuing authority in order to enable the Contractor to obtain such approvals and certificates.
43. *Successful Bidder*—The Bidder to which the Owner makes an award of contract.
44. *Supplementary Conditions*—The part of the Contract that amends or supplements these General Conditions.
45. *Supplier*—A manufacturer, fabricator, supplier, distributor, or vendor having a direct contract with Contractor or with any Subcontractor to furnish materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work by Contractor or a Subcontractor.
46. *Technical Data*
- a. Those items expressly identified as Technical Data in the Supplementary Conditions, with respect to either (1) existing subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the Site, or existing physical conditions at or adjacent to the Site including existing surface or subsurface structures (except Underground Facilities) or (2) Hazardous Environmental Conditions at the Site.
 - b. If no such express identifications of Technical Data have been made with respect to conditions at the Site, then Technical Data is defined, with respect to conditions at the Site under Paragraphs 5.03, 5.04, and 5.06, as the data contained in boring logs, recorded measurements of subsurface water levels, assessments of the condition of subsurface facilities, laboratory test results, and other factual, objective information regarding conditions at the Site that are set forth in any geotechnical, environmental, or other Site or facilities conditions report prepared for the Project and made available to Contractor.
 - c. Information and data regarding the presence or location of Underground Facilities are not intended to be categorized, identified, or defined as Technical Data, and instead Underground Facilities are shown or indicated on the Drawings.

47. *Underground Facilities*—All active or not-in-service underground lines, pipelines, conduits, ducts, encasements, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels, or other such facilities or systems at the Site, including but not limited to those facilities or systems that produce, transmit, distribute, or convey telephone or other communications, cable television, fiber optic transmissions, power, electricity, light, heat, gases, oil, crude oil products, liquid petroleum products, water, steam, waste, wastewater, storm water, other liquids or chemicals, or traffic or other control systems. An abandoned facility or system is not an Underground Facility.
48. *Unit Price Work*—Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.
49. *Work*—The entire construction or the various separately identifiable parts thereof required to be provided under the Contract Documents. Work includes and is the result of performing or providing all labor, services, and documentation necessary to produce such construction; furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction; and may include related services such as testing, start-up, and commissioning, all as required by the Contract Documents.
50. *Work Change Directive*—A written directive to Contractor issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract, signed by Owner and recommended by Engineer, ordering an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work.

1.02 Terminology

- A. The words and terms discussed in Paragraphs 1.02.B, C, D, and E are not defined terms that require initial capital letters, but, when used in the ~~Bidding Requirements~~ or Contract Documents, have the indicated meaning.
- B. *Intent of Certain Terms or Adjectives*: The Contract Documents include the terms “as allowed,” “as approved,” “as ordered,” “as directed” or terms of like effect or import to authorize an exercise of professional judgment by Engineer. In addition, the adjectives “reasonable,” “suitable,” “acceptable,” “proper,” “satisfactory,” or adjectives of like effect or import are used to describe an action or determination of Engineer as to the Work. It is intended that such exercise of professional judgment, action, or determination will be solely to evaluate, in general, the Work for compliance with the information in the Contract Documents and with the design concept of the Project as a functioning whole as shown or indicated in the Contract Documents (unless there is a specific statement indicating otherwise). The use of any such term or adjective is not intended to and shall not be effective to assign to Engineer any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work, or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility contrary to the provisions of Article 10 or any other provision of the Contract Documents.
- C. *Day*: The word “day” means a calendar day of 24 hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.
- D. *Defective*: The word “defective,” when modifying the word “Work,” refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty, or deficient in that it:
1. does not conform to the Contract Documents;
 2. does not meet the requirements of any applicable inspection, reference standard, test, or approval referred to in the Contract Documents; or

3. has been damaged prior to Engineer's recommendation of final payment (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by Owner at Substantial Completion in accordance with Paragraph 15.03 or Paragraph 15.04).
- E. *Furnish, Install, Perform, Provide*
1. The word "furnish," when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, means to supply and deliver said services, materials, or equipment to the Site (or some other specified location) ready for use or installation and in usable or operable condition.
 2. The word "install," when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, means to put into use or place in final position said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
 3. The words "perform" or "provide," when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, means to furnish and install said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
 4. If the Contract Documents establish an obligation of Contractor with respect to specific services, materials, or equipment, but do not expressly use any of the four words "furnish," "install," "perform," or "provide," then Contractor shall furnish and install said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
- F. *Contract Price or Contract Times*: References to a change in "Contract Price or Contract Times" or "Contract Times or Contract Price" or similar, indicate that such change applies to (1) Contract Price, (2) Contract Times, or (3) both Contract Price and Contract Times, as warranted, even if the term "or both" is not expressed.
- G. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract Documents, words or phrases that have a well-known technical or construction industry or trade meaning are used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meaning.

ARTICLE 2—PRELIMINARY MATTERS

2.01 Delivery of Performance and Payment Bonds; Evidence of Insurance

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

2.02 Copies of Documents

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

2.03 Before Starting Construction

- A. *Preliminary Schedules*: Within 10 days after the Effective Date of the Contract (or as otherwise required by the Contract Documents), Contractor shall submit to Engineer for timely review:
 - 1. a preliminary Progress Schedule indicating the times (numbers of days or dates) for starting and completing the various stages of the Work, including any Milestones specified in the Contract;
 - 2. a preliminary Schedule of Submittals; and
 - 3. a preliminary Schedule of Values for all of the Work which includes quantities and prices of items which when added together equal the Contract Price and subdivides the Work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during performance of the Work. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work.

Such schedules shall be consistent with the documents provided to the Owner as part of the Contractor's Bid.

2.04 Preconstruction Conference; Designation of Authorized Representatives

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

2.05 Acceptance of Schedules

- A. At least 10 days before submission of the first Application for Payment a conference, attended by Contractor, Engineer, and others as appropriate, will be held to review the schedules submitted in accordance with Paragraph 2.03.A. No progress payment will be made to Contractor until acceptable schedules are submitted to Engineer.

1. The Progress Schedule will be acceptable to Engineer if it provides an orderly progression of the Work to completion within the Contract Times. Such acceptance will not impose on Engineer responsibility for the Progress Schedule, for sequencing, scheduling, or progress of the Work, nor interfere with or relieve Contractor from Contractor's full responsibility therefor.
2. Contractor's Schedule of Submittals will be acceptable to Engineer if it provides a workable arrangement for reviewing and processing the required submittals.
3. Contractor's Schedule of Values will be acceptable to Engineer as to form and substance if it provides a reasonable allocation of the Contract Price to the component parts of the Work.
4. If a schedule is not acceptable, Contractor will have an additional 10 days to revise and resubmit the schedule.

Such schedules shall be consistent with the documents provided to the Owner as part of the Contractor's Bid.

2.06 Electronic Transmittals

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

ARTICLE 3—CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: INTENT, REQUIREMENTS, REUSE

3.01 Intent

- A. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is required by one Contract Document is as binding as if required by all.
- B. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete Project (or part thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- C. Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, if there is a discrepancy between the electronic versions of the Contract Documents (including any printed copies derived from such electronic versions) and the printed record version, the printed record version will govern.
- D. The Contract supersedes prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, whether written or oral.
- E. Engineer will issue clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents as provided herein.

- F. Any provision or part of the Contract Documents held to be void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation will be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions will continue to be valid and binding upon Owner and Contractor, which agree that the Contract Documents will be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.
- G. Nothing in the Contract Documents creates:
 - 1. any contractual relationship between Owner or Engineer and any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity performing or furnishing any of the Work, for the benefit of such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity; or
 - 2. any obligation on the part of Owner or Engineer to pay or to see to the payment of any money due any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity, except as may otherwise be required by Laws and Regulations.

3.02 Reference Standards

A. *Standards Specifications, Codes, Laws and Regulations*

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

3.03 Reporting and Resolving Discrepancies

A. *Reporting Discrepancies*

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

report it to Engineer in writing. Contractor shall not proceed with the Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15) until the conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy is resolved, by a clarification or interpretation by Engineer, or by an amendment or supplement to the Contract issued pursuant to Paragraph 11.01.

3. ~~Contractor shall not be liable to Owner or Engineer for failure to report any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy in the Contract Documents unless Contractor had actual knowledge thereof.~~

B. *Resolving Discrepancies*

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

3.04 Requirements of the Contract Documents

- A. During the performance of the Work and until final payment, Contractor and Owner shall submit to the Engineer in writing all matters in question concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents (sometimes referred to as requests for information or interpretation—RFIs), or relating to the acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents, as soon as possible after such matters arise. Engineer will be the initial interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents, and judge of the acceptability of the Work.
- B. Engineer will, with reasonable promptness, render a written clarification, interpretation, or decision on the issue submitted, or initiate an amendment or supplement to the Contract Documents. Engineer's written clarification, interpretation, or decision will be final and binding on Contractor, unless it appeals by submitting a Change Proposal, and on Owner, unless it appeals by filing a Claim.
- C. If a submitted matter in question concerns terms and conditions of the Contract Documents that do not involve (1) the performance or acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents, (2) the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), or (3) other engineering or technical matters, then Engineer will promptly notify Owner and Contractor in writing that Engineer is unable to provide a decision or interpretation. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on resolution of such a matter in question, either party may pursue resolution as provided in Article 12.

3.05 Reuse of Documents

- A. Contractor and its Subcontractors and Suppliers shall not:
 1. have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications, or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of Engineer or its consultants, including electronic media versions, or reuse any such Drawings,

- Specifications, other documents, or copies thereof on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of Owner and Engineer and specific written verification or adaptation by Engineer; or
2. have or acquire any title or ownership rights in any other Contract Documents, reuse any such Contract Documents for any purpose without Owner's express written consent, or violate any copyrights pertaining to such Contract Documents.
- B. The prohibitions of this Paragraph 3.05 will survive final payment, or termination of the Contract. Nothing herein precludes Contractor from retaining copies of the Contract Documents for record purposes.

ARTICLE 4—COMMENCEMENT AND PROGRESS OF THE WORK

4.01 Commencement of Contract Times; Notice to Proceed

- A. The Contract Times will commence to run ~~on the 30th day after the Effective Date of the Contract or, if a Notice to Proceed is given, on the day indicated in the Notice to Proceed.~~ A Notice to Proceed may be given at any time within 30 days after the Effective Date of the Contract. No Work shall be performed before the issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent Contractor begins work without a Notice to Proceed, such Work shall be deemed to be subject to the requirements of this Agreement. In no event will the Contract Times commence to run later than the 60th day after the day of Bid opening or the 30th day after the Effective Date of the Contract, whichever date is earlier.

4.02 Starting the Work

- A. Contractor shall start to perform the Work on the date when the Contract Times commence to run. No Work may be done at the Site prior to such date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should any Work be performed at the Site prior to such date, such Work shall be deemed to have been performed pursuant to this Contract.

4.03 Reference Points

- A. Owner shall provide engineering surveys to establish reference points for construction which in Engineer's judgment are necessary to enable Contractor to proceed with the Work. Contractor shall be responsible for laying out the Work, shall protect and preserve the established reference points and property monuments, and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of Owner. Contractor shall report to Engineer whenever any reference point or property monument is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points or property monuments by professionally qualified personnel.

4.04 Progress Schedule

- A. Contractor shall adhere to the Progress Schedule established in accordance with Paragraph 2.05 as it may be adjusted from time to time as provided below.
1. Contractor shall submit to Engineer for acceptance (to the extent indicated in Paragraph 2.05) proposed adjustments in the Progress Schedule that will not result in changing the Contract Times.

2. Proposed adjustments in the Progress Schedule that will change the Contract Times must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Article 11.
- B. Contractor shall carry on the Work and adhere to the Progress Schedule during all disputes or disagreements with Owner. No Work will be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, or during any appeal process, except as permitted by Paragraph 16.04, or as Owner and Contractor may otherwise agree in writing.

4.05 Delays in Contractor's Progress

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

Contractor must submit any Change Proposal seeking an equitable adjustment in the Contract Times under this paragraph within 15 days of the damaging, delaying, disrupting, or interfering event, or such claim shall be waived. Contractor shall be required to prove that any abnormal weather conditions are in excess of normal rainfall amounts or other normal weather conditions, and must provide such documentation of unusually severe weather as the Engineer deems reasonably necessary. Normal seasonal adverse weather typical for the Project area, including heavy rain not associated with a named tropical storm or hurricane shall not be deemed as causing any delays for the Project.

In no event shall Owner or Engineer be liable to Contractor, any subcontractor, any supplier, or any other person or organization, or to any surety or employee or any agent of them, for damages, including but not limited to all fees and charges of Engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs, arising out of or resulting from:

1. delays caused by or within the control of Contractor (or Subcontractor or Supplier); or
2. delays beyond the control of both Owner and Contractor, including, but not limited to, fires, floods, epidemics, abnormal weather conditions, acts of God, or acts or neglect by utility owners or other contractors performing other work;

Nor shall Owner or Engineer of each of them be liable to Contractor for any claims, costs, losses or damages sustained by Contractor on or in connection with any other project or anticipated project.

Except for an adjustment to the Contract Times, the Contractor shall not be entitled to and hereby waives any and all damages that it may suffer by reason of delay or for any Act of God, and waives all damages that it may suffer by reason of such delay including but not limited to lost profits, overhead, and other consequential damages. No payment of any claim for damages shall be made to the Contractor as compensation for damages for any delays or hindrances that are avoidable by Contractor.

3. where the delivery of materials is delayed, through no fault of the Contractor, as a result of the shortage or unavailability of the material, Contractor shall not be liable for any additional cost or damages associated with such delays, and the Contractor shall receive an equitable adjustment to the contract time. In no event shall such procurement delays trigger liquidated damages.

D. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of Contract Times or Contract Price is limited as follows:

1. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is conditioned on the delay, disruption, or interference adversely affecting an activity on the critical path to completion of the Work, as of the time of the delay, disruption, or interference.
2. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price for any delay, disruption, or interference if such delay is concurrent with a delay, disruption, or interference caused by or within the control of Contractor. Such a concurrent delay by Contractor shall not preclude an adjustment of Contract Times to which Contractor is otherwise entitled.
3. Adjustments of Contract Times or Contract Price are subject to the provisions of Article 11. The Owner, in its sole and absolute discretion, may additionally direct that the Project be delivered in multiple phases rather than all at once. At such time the Contractor may provide any additional impacts to the schedule and Contract for the Owner to review at its discretion.

E. Each Contractor request or Change Proposal seeking an increase in Contract Times or Contract Price must be supplemented by supporting data that sets forth in detail the following:

1. The circumstances that form the basis for the requested adjustment;
2. The date upon which each cause of delay, disruption, or interference began to affect the progress of the Work;
3. The date upon which each cause of delay, disruption, or interference ceased to affect the progress of the Work;
4. The number of days' increase in Contract Times claimed as a consequence of each such cause of delay, disruption, or interference; and

5. The impact on Contract Price, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 11.07.

Contractor shall also furnish such additional supporting documentation as Owner or Engineer may require including, where appropriate, a revised progress schedule indicating all the activities affected by the delay, disruption, or interference, and an explanation of the effect of the delay, disruption, or interference on the critical path to completion of the Work. Such supporting documentation shall include, where appropriate, documentation of abnormal weather conditions and an explanation of their impact on Contract Price and/or Contract Times.

- F. Delays, disruption, and interference to the performance or progress of the Work resulting from the existence of a differing subsurface or physical condition, an Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated by the Contract Documents, or not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy, and those resulting from Hazardous Environmental Conditions, are governed by Article 5, together with the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.
- G. Paragraph 8.03 addresses delays, disruption, and interference to the performance or progress of the Work resulting from the performance of certain other work at or adjacent to the Site.

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

5.01 Availability of Lands

- A. Owner shall furnish the Site. Owner shall notify Contractor in writing of any encumbrances or restrictions not of general application but specifically related to use of the Site with which Contractor must comply in performing the Work.
- B. ~~Upon reasonable written request, Owner shall furnish Contractor with a current statement of record legal title and legal description of the lands upon which permanent improvements are to be made and Owner's interest therein as necessary for giving notice of or filing a mechanic's or construction lien against such lands in accordance with applicable Laws and Regulations.~~
- C. Contractor shall provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment.

5.02 Use of Site and Other Areas

- A. *Limitation on Use of Site and Other Areas*
 - 1. Contractor shall confine construction equipment, temporary construction facilities, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of workers to the Site, adjacent areas that Contractor has arranged to use through construction easements or otherwise, and other adjacent areas permitted by Laws and Regulations, and shall not unreasonably encumber the Site and such other adjacent areas with construction equipment or other materials or equipment. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for (a) damage to the Site; (b) damage to any such other adjacent areas used for Contractor's operations; (c) damage to any other adjacent land or areas, or to improvements, structures, utilities, or similar facilities located at such adjacent lands or areas; and (d) for injuries and losses sustained by the owners or occupants of any such land or areas; provided that such damage or injuries result from the performance of the Work or from other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible.

2. If a damage or injury claim is made by the owner or occupant of any such land or area because of the performance of the Work, or because of other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible, Contractor shall (a) take immediate corrective or remedial action as required by Paragraph 7.13, or otherwise; (b) promptly attempt to settle the claim as to all parties through negotiations with such owner or occupant, or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding, or in a court of competent jurisdiction; and (c) to the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, indemnify, defend and hold harmless Indemnitees (defined in Paragraph 7.18) ~~Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them,~~ from and against any such claim, and against all liabilities, suits, liens, demands, costs, losses, interest, expenses, penalties, fines, judgments, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution fees and costs) whether monetary or otherwise, arising, in whole or in part, out of or relating to any claim or action, legal or equitable, brought by any such owner or occupant against Owner, Engineer, or any other party indemnified hereunder to the extent caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part by, or based upon, Contractor's negligent, reckless or intentionally wrongful performance of the Work, or because of other negligent, reckless or intentionally wrongful actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible.
- B. *Removal of Debris During Performance of the Work:* During the progress of the Work the Contractor shall keep the Site and other adjacent areas free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish, and other debris. Removal and disposal of such waste materials, rubbish, and other debris will conform to applicable Laws and Regulations.
 - C. *Cleaning:* Prior to Substantial Completion of the Work Contractor shall clean the Site and the Work and make it ready for utilization by Owner. At the completion of the Work Contractor shall remove from the Site and adjacent areas all tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery, rubbish, debris, and surplus materials and shall restore to original condition all property not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.
 - D. *Loading of Structures:* Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure, nor shall Contractor subject any part of the Work or adjacent structures or land to stresses or pressures that will endanger them.

5.03 Subsurface and Physical Conditions

- A. *Reports and Drawings:* The Supplementary Conditions identify:
 1. Those reports known to Owner of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the Site ~~that contain Technical Data from which the Engineer prepared the Contract Drawings and Specifications;~~
 2. Those drawings of existing physical conditions at or adjacent to the Site, including those drawings depicting existing surface or subsurface structures at or adjacent to the Site (except Underground Facilities), ~~that contain Technical Data from which the Engineer prepared the Contract Drawings and Specifications;~~ and
 3. Technical Data contained in such reports and drawings, if any.

- B. *Underground Facilities*: Underground Facilities are shown or indicated on the Drawings, pursuant to Paragraph 5.05, and not in the drawings referred to in Paragraph 5.03.A. Information and data regarding the presence or location of Underground Facilities are not intended to be categorized, identified, or defined as Technical Data.
- C. *No Reliance by Contractor on Technical Data*: Contractor may not rely upon the accuracy of the Technical Data expressly identified in the Supplementary Conditions with respect to such reports and drawings, ~~but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. If no such express identification has been made, then Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the Technical Data as defined in Paragraph 1.01.A.46.b. Instead, while the Technical Data is believed to be reliable, the Technical Data was prepared for Owner's benefit by third parties and accordingly, Owner cannot guarantee the quantity, quality, completeness or accuracy of that information. Contractor warrants it has, by careful examination, satisfied itself as to the nature and location of the Work, the character, quality of the materials to be encountered, the character of equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during the prosecuting of the Work. Contractor further warrants that the Contract Price is just and reasonable compensation for all the Work, including all foreseeable and foreseen risks, hazards, and difficulties in connection therewith.~~
- D. *Limitations of Other Data and Documents*: ~~Except for such reliance on Technical Data,~~ Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, with respect to:
1. the completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor's purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
 2. other data, interpretations, opinions, and information contained in such reports or shown or indicated in such drawings;
 3. the contents of other Site-related documents made available to Contractor, such as record drawings from other projects at or adjacent to the Site, or Owner's archival documents concerning the Site; or
 4. any Contractor interpretation of or conclusion drawn from any Technical Data or any such other data, interpretations, opinions, or information.
 5. Contractor warrants it has, by careful examination, satisfied itself as to the nature and location of the work, the conformation of the ground elevation by preliminary topo, the character, quality and quantity of the materials to be encountered as solely determined by the geotechnical soil report listed in the Supplementary Conditions.

5.04 Differing Subsurface or Physical Conditions

- A. *Notice by Contractor*: If Contractor believes that any subsurface or physical condition that is uncovered or revealed at the Site:
1. is of such a nature as to establish that any Technical Data ~~on which Contractor is entitled to rely as provided in Paragraph 5.03~~ is materially inaccurate;
 2. is of such a nature as to require a change in the Drawings or Specifications;

3. differs materially from that shown or indicated in the Contract Documents; or
4. is of an unusual nature, and differs materially from conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the Contract Documents;

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

- B. *Engineer's Review:* After receipt of written notice as required by the preceding paragraph, Engineer will promptly review the subsurface or physical condition in question; determine whether it is necessary for Owner to obtain additional exploration or tests with respect to the condition; conclude whether the condition falls within any one or more of the differing site condition categories in Paragraph 5.04.A; obtain any pertinent cost or schedule information from Contractor; prepare recommendations to Owner regarding the Contractor's resumption of Work in connection with the subsurface or physical condition in question and the need for any change in the Drawings or Specifications; and advise Owner in writing of Engineer's findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- C. *Owner's Statement to Contractor Regarding Site Condition:* After receipt of Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, Owner shall issue a written statement to Contractor (with a copy to Engineer) regarding the subsurface or physical condition in question, addressing the resumption of Work in connection with such condition, indicating whether any change in the Drawings or Specifications will be made, and adopting or rejecting Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, in whole or in part.
- D. *Early Resumption of Work:* If at any time Engineer determines that Work in connection with the subsurface or physical condition in question may resume prior to completion of Engineer's review or Owner's issuance of its statement to Contractor, because the condition in question has been adequately documented, and analyzed on a preliminary basis, then the Engineer may at its discretion instruct Contractor to resume such Work.
- E. *Possible Price and Times Adjustments*
 1. Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, to the extent that the existence of a differing subsurface or physical condition, or any related delay, disruption, or interference, causes an increase or decrease in Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of the Work; subject, however, to the following:
 - a. Such condition must fall within any one or more of the categories described in Paragraph 5.04.A;
 - b. With respect to Work that is paid for on a unit price basis, any adjustment in Contract Price will be subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.03; and,
 - c. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.

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

5.05 Underground Facilities

- A. *Contractor's Responsibilities:* Owner and Engineer do not warrant or guarantee the accuracy or completeness of any information or data regarding underground facilities provided by others. Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplementary Conditions, the cost of all of the following are included in the Contract Price, and Contractor shall have full responsibility for, without additional compensation from the Owner:
 1. reviewing and checking all information and data regarding existing Underground Facilities at the Site;
 2. complying with applicable state and local utility damage prevention Laws and Regulations, including but not limited to notification of and cooperation with utility companies and agencies when the Contractor's operations are close to existing facilities in order to provide time for the utilities to stake the location of their existing facilities. This coordination effort shall be done in compliance with Florida Statutes Chapter 556, "Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act," latest revision.;
 3. locating or verifying the actual location of those Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents as being within the area affected by the Work, by exposing such Underground Facilities during the course of construction;
 4. coordination of the Work with the owners (including Owner) of such Underground Facilities, during construction; and

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

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

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

5.06 Hazardous Environmental Conditions at Site

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

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

B. *No Reliance by Contractor on Technical Data Authorized:* Contractor may not rely upon the accuracy of the Technical Data expressly identified in the Supplementary Conditions with respect to such reports and drawings. ~~but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. If no such express identification has been made, then Contractor may rely on the accuracy of the Technical Data as defined in Paragraph 1.01.A.46.b.~~ Instead, while the Technical Data is believed to be reliable, the Technical Data was prepared for the Owner's benefit by third parties and accordingly, the Owner cannot guarantee the quantity, quality, completeness or accuracy of that information. ~~Except for such reliance on Technical Data,~~ Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, with respect to:

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

- of construction to be employed by Contractor, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
2. other data, interpretations, opinions, and information contained in such reports or shown or indicated in such drawings; or
 3. any Contractor interpretation of or conclusion drawn from any Technical Data or any such other data, interpretations, opinions or information.
- C. Contractor shall not be responsible for removing or remediating any Hazardous Environmental Condition encountered, uncovered, or revealed at the Site unless such removal or remediation is expressly identified in the Contract Documents to be within the scope of the Work.
- D. Contractor shall be responsible for controlling, containing, and duly removing all Constituents of Concern brought to the Site by Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or anyone else for whom Contractor is responsible, and for any associated costs; and for the costs of removing and remediating any Hazardous Environmental Condition created by the presence of any such Constituents of Concern. Neither Contractor nor any of its successors, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, materialmen, officers, invitees, and representatives shall store, place, generate, manufacture, refine, handle, or locate on the Site a Constituent of Concern.
- E. If Contractor encounters, uncovers, or reveals a Hazardous Environmental Condition whose removal or remediation is not expressly identified in the Contract Documents as being within the scope of the Work, or if Contractor or anyone for whom Contractor is responsible creates a Hazardous Environmental Condition, then Contractor shall immediately: (1) secure or otherwise isolate such condition; (2) stop all Work in connection with such condition and in any area affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15); and (3) notify Owner and Engineer (and promptly thereafter confirm such notice in writing). Owner shall promptly consult with Engineer concerning the necessity for Owner to retain a qualified expert to evaluate such condition or take corrective action, if any. Promptly after consulting with Engineer, Owner shall take such actions as are necessary to permit Owner to timely obtain required permits and provide Contractor the written notice required by Paragraph 5.06.F. If Contractor or anyone for whom Contractor is responsible created the Hazardous Environmental Condition in question, then Owner may remove and remediate the Hazardous Environmental Condition, and impose a set-off against payments to account for the associated costs.
- F. Contractor shall not resume Work in connection with such Hazardous Environmental Condition or in any affected area until after Owner has obtained any required permits related thereto, and delivered written notice to Contractor either (1) specifying that such condition and any affected area is or has been rendered safe for the resumption of Work, or (2) specifying any special conditions under which such Work may be resumed safely.
- G. If Owner and Contractor cannot agree as to entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, as a result of such Work stoppage, such special conditions under which Work is agreed to be resumed by Contractor, or any costs or expenses incurred in response to the Hazardous Environmental Condition, then within 30 days of Owner's written notice regarding the resumption of Work, Contractor may submit a

Change Proposal, or Owner may impose a set-off. Entitlement to any such adjustment is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D, 4.05.E, 11.07, and 11.08.

- H. If, after receipt of such written notice, Contractor does not agree to resume such Work based on a reasonable belief it is unsafe, or does not agree to resume such Work under such special conditions, then Owner may order the portion of the Work that is in the area affected by such condition to be deleted from the Work, following the contractual change procedures in Article 11. Owner may have such deleted portion of the Work performed by Owner's own forces or others in accordance with Article 8.
- I. ~~To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Contractor, Subcontractors, and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals, and all court, arbitration, or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to a Hazardous Environmental Condition, provided that such Hazardous Environmental Condition (1) was not shown or indicated in the Drawings, Specifications, or other Contract Documents, identified as Technical Data entitled to limited reliance pursuant to Paragraph 5.06.B, or identified in the Contract Documents to be included within the scope of the Work, and (2) was not created by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible. Nothing in this Paragraph 5.06.I obligates Owner to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.~~
- J. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Indemnitees ~~Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them,~~ from and against all claims, liabilities, suits, liens, demands, costs, losses, interest, expenses, penalties, fines, judgments, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution fees and costs) whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of or relating to the wholly or partially negligent, reckless, or intentionally wrongful failure to control, contain, or remove a Constituent of Concern brought to the Site by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible, including without limitation, Contractor's successors, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, materialmen, officers, invitees, and representatives, or to a Hazardous Environmental Condition created in whole or in part by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible. Nothing in this Paragraph 5.06.J obligates Contractor to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.
- K. The provisions of Paragraphs 5.03, 5.04, and 5.05 do not apply to the presence of Constituents of Concern or to a Hazardous Environmental Condition uncovered or revealed at the Site.

ARTICLE 6—BONDS AND INSURANCE

6.01 Performance, Payment, and Other Bonds

- A. Upon assignment of this Contract to a unit of local government, Contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount at least equal to the Contract Price, as security for the faithful performance and payment of Contractor's obligations under the Contract. These bonds must remain in effect until one year (for the payment bond) and

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- two years (for the performance bond) after the date when final payment becomes due or until completion of the correction period specified in Paragraph 15.08, whichever is later, except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations, the terms of a prescribed bond form, the Supplementary Conditions, or other provisions of the Contract.
- B. Contractor shall also furnish such other bonds (if any) as are required by the Supplementary Conditions or other provisions of the Contract.
 - C. All bonds must be in the form included in the Bidding Documents or otherwise specified by Owner prior to execution of the Contract, except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations, and must be issued and signed by a surety named in “Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies” as published in Department Circular 570 (as amended and supplemented) by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury. A bond signed by an agent or attorney-in-fact must be accompanied by a certified copy of that individual’s authority to bind the surety. The evidence of authority must show that it is effective on the date the agent or attorney-in-fact signed the accompanying bond.
 - D. Contractor shall obtain the required bonds from surety companies that are duly licensed or authorized, in the state or jurisdiction in which the Project is located, to issue bonds in the required amounts.
 - E. If the surety on a bond furnished by Contractor is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent, or the surety ceases to meet the requirements above, then Contractor shall promptly notify Owner and Engineer in writing and shall, within 20 days after the event giving rise to such notification, provide another bond and surety, both of which must comply with the bond and surety requirements above.
 - F. If Contractor has failed to obtain a required bond, Owner may exclude the Contractor from the Site and exercise Owner’s termination rights under Article 16.
 - G. Upon request to Owner from any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other person or entity claiming to have furnished labor, services, materials, or equipment used in the performance of the Work, Owner shall provide a copy of the payment bond to such person or entity.
 - H. Upon request to Contractor from any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other person or entity claiming to have furnished labor, services, materials, or equipment used in the performance of the Work, Contractor shall provide a copy of the payment bond to such person or entity.

6.02 Insurance—General Provisions

- A. Owner and Contractor shall obtain and maintain insurance as required in this article and in the Supplementary Conditions.
- B. All insurance required by the Contract to be purchased and maintained by Owner or Contractor shall be obtained from insurance companies that are duly licensed or authorized in the state or jurisdiction in which the Project is located to issue insurance policies for the required limits and coverages. Unless a different standard is indicated in the Supplementary Conditions, all companies that provide insurance policies required under this Contract shall have an A.M. Best rating of A-VII or better.
- C. Alternative forms of insurance coverage, including but not limited to self-insurance and “Occupational Accident and Excess Employer’s Indemnity Policies,” are not sufficient to meet

the insurance requirements of this Contract, unless expressly allowed in the Supplementary Conditions.

- D. Prior to commencing the Work and entering any lands upon which the Work shall be performed, Contractor shall deliver to Owner, with copies to each additional insured identified in the Contract, certificates of insurance and endorsements establishing that Contractor has obtained and is maintaining the policies and coverages required by the Contract. Upon request by Owner or any other insured, Contractor shall also furnish other evidence of such required insurance, including but not limited to copies of policies, documentation of applicable self-insured retentions (if allowed) and deductibles, full disclosure of all relevant exclusions, and evidence of insurance required to be purchased and maintained by Subcontractors or Suppliers. In any documentation furnished under this provision, Contractor, Subcontractors, and Suppliers may block out (redact) (1) any confidential premium or pricing information and (2) any wording specific to a project or jurisdiction other than those applicable to this Contract.
- E. Owner shall deliver to Contractor, with copies to each additional insured identified in the Contract, certificates of insurance and endorsements establishing that Owner has obtained and is maintaining the policies and coverages required of Owner by the Contract (if any). Upon request by Contractor or any other insured, Owner shall also provide other evidence of such required insurance (if any), including but not limited to copies of policies, documentation of applicable self-insured retentions (if allowed) and deductibles, and full disclosure of all relevant exclusions. In any documentation furnished under this provision, and subject to Florida's Public Records Law. Owner may block out (redact) (1) any confidential premium or pricing information and (2) any wording specific to a project or jurisdiction other than those relevant to this Contract.
- F. Failure of Owner or Contractor to demand such certificates or other evidence of the other party's full compliance with these insurance requirements, or failure of Owner or Contractor to identify a deficiency in compliance from the evidence provided, will not be construed as a waiver of the other party's obligation to obtain and maintain such insurance.
- G. In addition to the liability insurance required to be provided by Contractor, the Owner, at Owner's option, may purchase and maintain Owner's own liability insurance. Owner's liability policies, if any, operate separately and independently from policies required to be provided by Contractor, and Contractor cannot rely upon Owner's liability policies for any of Contractor's obligations to the Owner, Engineer, or third parties.
- H. Contractor shall require:
 - 1. Subcontractors to purchase and maintain worker's compensation, commercial general liability, and other insurance that is appropriate for their participation in the Project, and to name as additional insureds Owner and Engineer (and any other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as additional insureds on Contractor's liability policies) on each Subcontractor's commercial general liability insurance policy; and
 - 2. Suppliers to purchase and maintain insurance that is appropriate for their participation in the Project.
- I. If either party does not purchase or maintain the insurance required of such party by the Contract, such party shall notify the other party in writing of such failure to purchase prior to

the start of the Work, or of such failure to maintain prior to any change in the required coverage.

- J. If Contractor has failed to obtain and maintain required insurance, Contractor's entitlement to enter or remain at the Site will end immediately, and Owner may impose an appropriate set-off against payment for any associated costs (including but not limited to the cost of purchasing necessary insurance coverage), and exercise Owner's termination rights under Article 16.
- K. Without prejudice to any other right or remedy, if a party has failed to obtain required insurance, the other party may elect (but is in no way obligated) to obtain equivalent insurance to protect such other party's interests at the expense of the party who was required to provide such coverage, and the Contract Price will be adjusted accordingly.
- L. Owner does not represent that insurance coverage and limits established in this Contract necessarily will be adequate to protect Contractor or Contractor's interests. Contractor is responsible for determining whether such coverage and limits are adequate to protect its interests, and for obtaining and maintaining any additional insurance that Contractor deems necessary.
- M. The insurance and insurance limits required herein will not be deemed as a limitation on Contractor's liability, or that of its Subcontractors or Suppliers, under the indemnities granted to Owner and other individuals and entities in the Contract or otherwise.
- N. All the policies of insurance required to be purchased and maintained under this Contract will contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, or renewal refused, until at least ~~10~~ 30 days prior written notice has been given to the purchasing policyholder. Within three days of receipt of any such written notice, the purchasing policyholder shall provide a copy of the notice to each other insured and Engineer.
- O. The fact that an entity or individual is named as an additional insured on a particular insurance policy required under this Contract is not intended to constitute a waiver of any rights of any kind, including subrogation rights, claims for indemnification or any other rights or claims.

6.03 Contractor's Insurance

- A. *Required Insurance:* Contractor shall purchase and maintain Worker's Compensation, Commercial General Liability, and other insurance pursuant to the specific requirements of the Supplementary Conditions.
- B. *General Provisions:* The policies of insurance required by this Paragraph 6.03 as supplemented must:
 - 1. include at least the specific coverages required;
 - 2. be written for not less than the limits provided, or those required by Laws or Regulations, whichever is greater;
 - 3. remain in effect at least until the Work is complete (as set forth in Paragraph 15.06.D), and longer if expressly required elsewhere in this Contract, and at all times thereafter when Contractor may be correcting, removing, or replacing defective Work as a warranty or correction obligation, or otherwise, or returning to the Site to conduct other tasks arising from the Contract;

4. apply with respect to the performance of the Work, whether such performance is by Contractor, any Subcontractor or Supplier, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable; and
 5. include all necessary endorsements to support the stated requirements.
- C. *Additional Insureds*: The Contractor's commercial general liability, automobile liability, employer's liability, umbrella or excess, pollution liability, and unmanned aerial vehicle liability policies, if required by this Contract, must:
1. include and list as additional insureds Owner and Engineer, and any individuals or entities identified as additional insureds in the Supplementary Conditions;
 2. include coverage for the respective supervisors, professional staff, officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, subcontractors, and consultants of all such additional insureds;
 3. afford primary coverage to these additional insureds for all claims covered thereby (including as applicable those arising from both ongoing and completed operations);
 4. not seek contribution from insurance maintained by the additional insured; and
 5. as to commercial general liability insurance, apply to additional insureds with respect to liability caused in whole or in part by Contractor's acts or omissions, or the acts and omissions of those working on Contractor's behalf, in the performance of Contractor's operations.

6.04 Builder's Risk and Other Property Insurance

- A. ~~*Builder's Risk*: Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, Contractor shall purchase and maintain builder's risk insurance upon the Work on a completed value basis, in the amount of the Work's full insurable replacement cost (subject to such deductible amounts as may be provided in the Supplementary Conditions or required by Laws and Regulations). The specific requirements applicable to the builder's risk insurance, if required, are set forth in the Supplementary Conditions.~~
- B. *Property Insurance for Facilities of Owner Where Work Will Occur*: Owner is responsible for obtaining and maintaining property insurance covering each existing structure, building, or facility in which any part of the Work will occur, or to which any part of the Work will attach or be adjoined. Such property insurance will be written on a special perils (all-risk) form, on a replacement cost basis, providing coverage consistent with that required for the builder's risk insurance, and will be maintained until the Work is complete, as set forth in Paragraph 15.06.D.
- C. ~~*Property Insurance for Substantially Complete Facilities*: Promptly after Substantial Completion, and before actual occupancy or use of the substantially completed Work, Owner will obtain property insurance for such substantially completed Work, and maintain such property insurance at least until the Work is complete, as set forth in Paragraph 15.06.D. Such property insurance will be written on a special perils (all risk) form, on a replacement cost basis, and provide coverage consistent with that required for the builder's risk insurance. The builder's risk insurance may terminate upon written confirmation of Owner's procurement of such property insurance.~~

- D. *Partial Occupancy or Use by Owner:* If Owner will occupy or use a portion or portions of the Work prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work, as provided in Paragraph 15.04, then Owner (directly, if it is the purchaser of the builder's risk policy, or through Contractor) will provide advance notice of such occupancy or use to the builder's risk insurer, and obtain an endorsement consenting to the continuation of coverage prior to commencing such partial occupancy or use.
- E. *Insurance of Other Property; Additional Insurance:* If the express insurance provisions of the Contract do not require or address the insurance of a property item or interest, then the entity or individual owning such property item will be responsible for insuring it. If Contractor elects to obtain other special insurance to be included in or supplement the builder's risk or property insurance policies provided under this Paragraph 6.04, it may do so at Contractor's expense.

6.05 Property Losses; Subrogation

- A. The builder's risk insurance policy purchased and maintained in accordance with Paragraph 6.04 (or an installation floater policy if authorized by the Supplementary Conditions), will contain provisions to the effect that in the event of payment of any loss or damage the insurer will have no rights of recovery against any insureds thereunder, or against Engineer or its consultants, or their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors.
 - 1. ~~Owner and Contractor~~ waives all rights against ~~each other and the respective Owner and its~~ officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, for all losses and damages caused by, arising out of, or resulting from any of the perils, risks, or causes of loss covered by such policies and any other property insurance applicable to the Work; and, in addition, waives all such rights against Engineer, its consultants, all individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as builder's risk or installation floater insureds, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, under such policies for losses and damages so caused.
 - 2. None of the above waivers extends to the rights that any party making such waiver may have to the proceeds of insurance held by Owner or Contractor as trustee or fiduciary, or otherwise payable under any policy so issued.
- B. ~~Any property insurance policy maintained by Owner covering any loss, damage, or consequential loss to Owner's existing structures, buildings, or facilities in which any part of the Work will occur, or to which any part of the Work will attach or adjoin; to adjacent structures, buildings, or facilities of Owner; or to part or all of the completed or substantially completed Work, during partial occupancy or use pursuant to Paragraph 15.04, after Substantial Completion pursuant to Paragraph 15.03, or after final payment pursuant to Paragraph 15.06, will contain provisions to the effect that in the event of payment of any loss or damage the insurer will have no rights of recovery against any insureds thereunder, or against Contractor, Subcontractors, or Engineer, or the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors of each and any of them, and that the insured is allowed to waive the insurer's rights of subrogation in a written contract executed prior to the loss, damage, or consequential loss.~~

1. ~~Owner waives all rights against Contractor, Subcontractors, and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them, for all losses and damages caused by, arising out of, or resulting from fire or any of the perils, risks, or causes of loss covered by such policies.~~
 - C. The waivers in this Paragraph 6.05 include the waiver of rights due to business interruption, loss of use, or other consequential loss extending beyond direct physical loss or damage to Owner's property or the Work caused by, arising out of, or resulting from fire or other insured peril, risk, or cause of loss.
 - D. Contractor shall be responsible for assuring that each Subcontract contains provisions whereby the Subcontractor waives all rights against Owner, Contractor, all individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as insureds, the Engineer and its consultants, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, for all losses and damages caused by, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from fire or other peril, risk, or cause of loss covered by builder's risk insurance, installation floater, and any other property insurance applicable to the Work.
- 6.06 Receipt and Application of Property Insurance Proceeds
- A. Any insured loss under the builder's risk and other policies of property insurance required by Paragraph 6.04 will be adjusted and settled with the named insured that purchased the policy. Such named insured shall act as fiduciary for the other insureds, and give notice to such other insureds that adjustment and settlement of a claim is in progress. Any other insured may state its position regarding a claim for insured loss in writing within 15 days after notice of such claim.
 - B. Proceeds for such insured losses may be made payable by the insurer either jointly to multiple insureds, or to the named insured that purchased the policy in its own right and as fiduciary for other insureds, subject to the requirements of any applicable mortgage clause. A named insured receiving insurance proceeds under the builder's risk and other policies of insurance required by Paragraph 6.04 shall maintain such proceeds in a segregated account, and distribute such proceeds in accordance with such agreement as the parties in interest may reach, or as otherwise required under the dispute resolution provisions of this Contract or applicable Laws and Regulations.
 - C. If no other special agreement is reached, Contractor shall repair or replace the damaged Work, using allocated insurance proceeds.

ARTICLE 7—CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

7.01 Contractor's Means and Methods of Construction

- A. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction.
- B. If the Contract Documents note, or Contractor determines, that professional engineering or other design services are needed to carry out Contractor's responsibilities for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures, or for Site safety, then Contractor shall cause such services to be provided by a properly licensed design professional, at Contractor's expense. Such services are not Owner-delegated professional design services

under this Contract, and neither Owner nor Engineer has any responsibility with respect to (1) Contractor's determination of the need for such services, (2) the qualifications or licensing of the design professionals retained or employed by Contractor, (3) the performance of such services, or (4) any errors, omissions, or defects in such services.

7.02 Supervision and Superintendence

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

7.03 Labor; Working Hours

- A. Contractor shall provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to survey and lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall maintain good discipline and order at the Site.
- B. Contractor shall be fully responsible to Owner and Engineer for all acts and omissions of Contractor's employees; of Suppliers and Subcontractors, and their employees; and of any other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work, just as Contractor is responsible for Contractor's own acts and omissions.

- C. Except as otherwise required for the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Site or adjacent thereto, and except as otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, all Work at the Site may be performed during regular working hours, Monday through Friday. Contractor will not perform work on a Saturday, Sunday, or any legal holiday. Contractor may perform Work outside regular working hours or on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays only with Owner's written consent, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

The Contractor shall be responsible, whether previously scheduled or not, for the payment of Owner's cost of overtime inspection outside of the working hours described above. The Contractor will be required to pay for overtime inspection services on unscheduled work, work which is delayed by the Contractor's suppliers or subcontractors and any other work performed for the convenience of the Contractor as he deems necessary to meet the schedule.

7.04 Services, Materials, and Equipment

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

- C. All materials and equipment must be stored, applied, installed, connected, erected, protected, used, cleaned, and conditioned in accordance with instructions of the applicable Supplier, except as otherwise may be provided in the Contract Documents.

7.05 “Or Equals”

- A. *Contractor’s Request; Governing Criteria:* Whenever an item of equipment or material is specified or described in the Contract Documents by using the names of one or more proprietary items or specific Suppliers, the Contract Price has been based upon Contractor furnishing such item as specified. The specification or description of such an item is intended to establish the type, function, appearance, and quality required. Unless the specification or description contains or is followed by words reading that no like, equivalent, or “or equal” item is permitted, Contractor may request that Engineer authorize the use of other items of equipment or material, or items from other proposed Suppliers, under the circumstances described below.
 - 1. If Engineer in its sole discretion determines that an item of equipment or material proposed by Contractor is functionally equal to that named and sufficiently similar so that no change in related Work will be required, Engineer will deem it an “or equal” item. For the purposes of this paragraph, a proposed item of equipment or material will be considered functionally equal to an item so named if:
 - a. in the exercise of reasonable judgment Engineer determines that the proposed item:
 - 1) is at least equal in materials of construction, quality, durability, appearance, strength, and design characteristics;
 - 2) will reliably perform at least equally well the function and achieve the results imposed by the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole;
 - 3) has a proven record of performance and availability of responsive service; and
 - 4) is not objectionable to Owner.
 - b. Contractor certifies that, if the proposed item is approved and incorporated into the Work:
 - 1) there will be no increase in cost to the Owner or increase in Contract Times; and
 - 2) the item will conform substantially to the detailed requirements of the item named in the Contract Documents.
- B. *Contractor’s Expense:* Contractor shall provide all data in support of any proposed “or equal” item at Contractor’s expense.
- C. *Engineer’s Evaluation and Determination:* Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time to evaluate each “or-equal” request. Engineer may require Contractor to furnish additional data about the proposed “or-equal” item. Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability. No “or-equal” item will be ordered, furnished, installed, or utilized until Engineer’s review is complete and Engineer determines that the proposed item is an “or-equal,” which will be evidenced by an approved Shop Drawing or other written communication. Engineer will advise Contractor in writing of any negative determination.
- D. *Effect of Engineer’s Determination:* Neither approval nor denial of an “or-equal” request will result in any change in Contract Price. The Engineer’s denial of an “or-equal” request will be

final and binding, and may not be reversed through an appeal under any provision of the Contract.

- E. *Treatment as a Substitution Request*: If Engineer determines that an item of equipment or material proposed by Contractor does not qualify as an “or-equal” item, Contractor may request that Engineer consider the item a proposed substitute pursuant to Paragraph 7.06.

7.06 Substitutes

- A. *Contractor’s Request; Governing Criteria*: Unless the specification or description of an item of equipment or material required to be furnished under the Contract Documents contains or is followed by words reading that no substitution is permitted, Contractor may request that Engineer authorize the use of other items of equipment or material under the circumstances described below. To the extent possible such requests must be made before commencement of related construction at the Site.

1. Contractor shall submit sufficient information as provided below to allow Engineer to determine if the item of material or equipment proposed is functionally equivalent to that named and an acceptable substitute therefor. Engineer will not accept requests for review of proposed substitute items of equipment or material from anyone other than Contractor.
2. The requirements for review by Engineer will be as set forth in Paragraph 7.06.B, as supplemented by the Specifications, and as Engineer may decide is appropriate under the circumstances.
3. Contractor shall make written application to Engineer for review of a proposed substitute item of equipment or material that Contractor seeks to furnish or use. The application:
 - a. will certify that the proposed substitute item will:
 - 1) perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design;
 - 2) be similar in substance to the item specified; and
 - 3) be suited to the same use as the item specified.
 - b. will state:
 - 1) the extent, if any, to which the use of the proposed substitute item will necessitate a change in Contract Times;
 - 2) whether use of the proposed substitute item in the Work will require a change in any of the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with Owner for other work on the Project) to adapt the design to the proposed substitute item; and
 - 3) whether incorporation or use of the proposed substitute item in connection with the Work is subject to payment of any license fee or royalty.
 - c. will identify:
 - 1) all variations of the proposed substitute item from the item specified; and
 - 2) available engineering, sales, maintenance, repair, and replacement services.

- d. will contain an itemized estimate of all costs or credits that will result directly or indirectly from use of such substitute item, including but not limited to changes in Contract Price, shared savings, costs of redesign, and claims of other contractors affected by any resulting change.
- B. *Engineer's Evaluation and Determination*: Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time to evaluate each substitute request, and to obtain comments and direction from Owner. Engineer may require Contractor to furnish additional data about the proposed substitute item. Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability. No substitute will be ordered, furnished, installed, or utilized until Engineer's review is complete and Engineer determines that the proposed item is an acceptable substitute. Engineer's determination will be evidenced by a Field Order or a proposed Change Order accounting for the substitution itself and all related impacts, including changes in Contract Price or Contract Times. Engineer will advise Contractor in writing of any negative determination.
- C. *Special Guarantee*: Owner may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any substitute.
- D. *Reimbursement of Engineer's Cost*: Engineer will record Engineer's costs in evaluating a substitute proposed or submitted by Contractor. Whether or not Engineer approves a substitute so proposed or submitted by Contractor, Contractor shall reimburse Owner for the reasonable charges of Engineer for evaluating each such proposed substitute. Contractor shall also reimburse Owner for the reasonable charges of Engineer for making changes in the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with Owner) resulting from the acceptance of each proposed substitute.
- E. *Contractor's Expense*: Contractor shall provide all data in support of any proposed substitute at Contractor's expense.
- F. *Effect of Engineer's Determination*: If Engineer approves the substitution request, Contractor shall execute the proposed Change Order and proceed with the substitution. The Engineer's denial of a substitution request will be final and binding, and may not be reversed through an appeal under any provision of the Contract. Contractor may challenge the scope of reimbursement costs imposed under Paragraph 7.06.D, by timely submittal of a Change Proposal.

7.07 Concerning Subcontractors and Suppliers

- A. Contractor may retain Subcontractors and Suppliers for the performance of parts of the Work. Such Subcontractors and Suppliers must be acceptable to Owner. The Contractor's retention of a Subcontractor or Supplier for the performance of parts of the Work will not relieve Contractor's obligation to Owner to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- B. Contractor shall retain specific Subcontractors and Suppliers for the performance of designated parts of the Work if required by the Contract to do so.
- C. Subsequent to the submittal of Contractor's Bid or final negotiation of the terms of the Contract, Owner may not require Contractor to retain any Subcontractor or Supplier to furnish or perform any of the Work against which Contractor has reasonable objection.
- D. Prior to entry into any binding subcontract or purchase order, Contractor shall submit to Owner the identity of the proposed Subcontractor or Supplier (unless Owner has already

deemed such proposed Subcontractor or Supplier acceptable during the bidding process or otherwise). Such proposed Subcontractor or Supplier shall be deemed acceptable to Owner unless Owner raises a substantive, reasonable objection within 5 days.

- E. Owner may require the replacement of any Subcontractor or Supplier. Owner also may require Contractor to retain specific replacements; provided, however, that Owner may not require a replacement to which Contractor has a reasonable objection. If Contractor has submitted the identity of certain Subcontractors or Suppliers for acceptance by Owner, and Owner has accepted it (either in writing or by failing to make written objection thereto), then Owner may subsequently revoke the acceptance of any such Subcontractor or Supplier so identified solely on the basis of substantive, reasonable objection after due investigation. Contractor shall submit an acceptable replacement for the rejected Subcontractor or Supplier.
- F. If Owner requires the replacement of any Subcontractor or Supplier retained by Contractor to perform any part of the Work, then Contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, with respect to the replacement; and Contractor shall initiate a Change Proposal for such adjustment within 30 days of Owner's requirement of replacement.
- G. No acceptance by Owner of any such Subcontractor or Supplier, whether initially or as a replacement, will constitute a waiver of the right of Owner to the completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- H. On a monthly basis, Contractor shall submit to Engineer a complete list of all Subcontractors and Suppliers having a direct contract with Contractor, and of all other Subcontractors and Suppliers known to Contractor at the time of submittal.
- I. Contractor shall be solely responsible for scheduling and coordinating the work of Subcontractors and Suppliers.
- J. The divisions and sections of the Specifications and the identifications of any Drawings do not control Contractor in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or Suppliers, or in delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.
- K. All Work performed for Contractor by a Subcontractor or Supplier must be pursuant to an appropriate contractual agreement that specifically binds the Subcontractor or Supplier to the applicable terms and conditions of the Contract for the benefit of Owner and Engineer.
- L. Owner may furnish to any Subcontractor or Supplier, to the extent practicable, information about amounts paid to Contractor for Work performed for Contractor by the Subcontractor or Supplier.
- M. Contractor shall restrict all Subcontractors and Suppliers from communicating with Engineer or Owner, except through Contractor or in case of an emergency, or as otherwise expressly allowed in this Contract.

7.08 Patent Fees and Royalties

- A. Contractor shall pay all license fees and royalties and assume all costs incident to the use in the performance of the Work or the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device which is the subject of patent rights or copyrights held by others. If an invention, design, process, product, or device is specified in the Contract Documents for use in the performance of the Work and if, to the actual knowledge of Owner or Engineer, its

use is subject to patent rights or copyrights calling for the payment of any license fee or royalty to others, the existence of such rights will be disclosed in the Contract Documents.

- B. ~~To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Contractor, and its officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors, from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals, and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any infringement of patent rights or copyrights incident to the use in the performance of the Work or resulting from the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device specified in the Contract Documents, but not identified as being subject to payment of any license fee or royalty to others required by patent rights or copyrights.~~
- C. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Indemnitees Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them, from and against all claims, liabilities, suits, liens, demands, costs, losses, interest, expenses, penalties, fines, judgments, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution fees or costs) whether monetary or otherwise, arising, in whole or in part, out of or relating to any infringement of patent rights or copyrights incident to the use in the performance of the Work or resulting from the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device not specified in the Contract Documents, to the extent such infringement is caused in whole or in part by the negligent, reckless, or intentionally wrongful actions of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible including without limitation, Contractor's successors, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, materialmen, officers, invitees, and representatives.

7.09 Permits

- A. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall obtain and pay for all applicable construction permits, licenses, and certificates of occupancy. Owner shall assist Contractor, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses. Contractor shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work which are applicable at the time of the submission of Contractor's Bid (or when Contractor became bound under a negotiated contract). Owner shall pay all charges and fees of utility owners for connections for providing permanent service to the Work, including without limitation water and electrical meters (if applicable), installation fees, electrical inspection fees, and temporary services and utilities. Contractor shall additionally provide all signage required by applicable permits and governmental authorities.
- B. Owner and Contractor acknowledge and agree that Owner intends to turn over all or a portion of the Work upon completion to Hillsborough County and/or other governmental entities for ownership and maintenance. To the extent that Owner intends to turn over any portion of the Work to another governmental entity for ownership or other purposes, Contractor agrees at its sole expense to take all actions necessary (including but not limited to providing all warranties, improvement bonds, and close-out documents required by the governmental entity even if such requirements are beyond what is required herein) to ensure that the recipient governmental entity accepts the Work.

7.10 Taxes

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

7.11 Laws and Regulations

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

7.12 Record Documents

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

7.13 Safety and Protection

- A. Contractor shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Such responsibility does not relieve Subcontractors of their responsibility for the safety of persons or property in the performance of their work, nor for compliance with applicable safety Laws and Regulations.

- B. Contractor shall designate a qualified and experienced safety representative whose duties and responsibilities are the prevention of Work-related accidents and the maintenance and supervision of safety precautions and programs.
- C. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to:
 - 1. all persons on the Site or who may be affected by the Work;
 - 2. all the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Site; and
 - 3. other property at the Site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, other work in progress, utilities, and Underground Facilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.
- D. All damage, injury, or loss to any property referred to in Paragraph 7.13.C.2 or 7.13.C.3 caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by Contractor, any Subcontractor, Supplier, or any other individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, shall be remedied by Contractor at its expense (except damage or loss attributable to the fault of Drawings or Specifications or to the acts or omissions of Owner or Engineer or anyone employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault or negligence of Contractor or any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them).
- E. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Laws and Regulations relating to the safety of persons or property, or to the protection of persons or property from damage, injury, or loss; and shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection. Among other requirements, the Contractor or Subcontractor performing trench excavation work on the Project shall comply with the applicable trench safety standards.
- F. Contractor shall notify Owner; the owners of adjacent property; the owners of Underground Facilities and other utilities (if the identity of such owners is known to Contractor); and other contractors and utility owners performing work at or adjacent to the Site, in writing, when Contractor knows that prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation, and replacement of their property or work in progress.
- G. Contractor shall comply with the applicable requirements of Owner's safety programs, if any. Any Owner's safety programs that are applicable to the Work are identified or included in the Supplementary Conditions or Specifications.
- H. Contractor shall inform Owner and Engineer of the specific requirements of Contractor's safety program with which Owner's and Engineer's employees and representatives must comply while at the Site.
- I. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and protection will continue until all the Work is completed, Engineer has issued a written notice to Owner and Contractor in accordance with Paragraph 15.06.C that the Work is acceptable, and Contractor has left the Site (except as otherwise expressly provided in connection with Substantial Completion).

- J. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and protection will resume whenever Contractor or any Subcontractor or Supplier returns to the Site to fulfill warranty or correction obligations, or to conduct other tasks arising from the Contract Documents.

7.14 Hazard Communication Programs

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

7.15 Emergencies

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

7.16 Submittals

A. *Shop Drawing and Sample Requirements*

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

Submittal; and, in addition, in the case of a Shop Drawing by a specific notation made on the Shop Drawing itself.

B. *Submittal Procedures for Shop Drawings and Samples:* Contractor shall label and submit Shop Drawings and Samples to Engineer for review and approval in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Submittals.

1. *Shop Drawings*

- a. ~~Contractor shall be required to submit all Shop Drawings by the following Milestone dates:~~

~~—(1) For all X, by Y.~~

~~—(2) for all Y, by Z.~~

- b. Contractor shall submit the number of copies required in the Specifications.
- c. Data shown on the Shop Drawings must be complete with respect to quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria, materials, and similar data to show Engineer the services, materials, and equipment Contractor proposes to provide, and to enable Engineer to review the information for the limited purposes required by Paragraph 7.16.C.

2. *Samples*

- a. Contractor shall submit the number of Samples required in the Specifications.
- b. Contractor shall clearly identify each Sample as to material, Supplier, pertinent data such as catalog numbers, the use for which intended and other data as Engineer may require to enable Engineer to review the Submittal for the limited purposes required by Paragraph 7.16.C.

3. Where a Shop Drawing or Sample is required by the Contract Documents or the Schedule of Submittals, any related Work performed prior to Engineer's review and approval of the pertinent submittal will be at the sole expense and responsibility of Contractor.

C. *Engineer's Review of Shop Drawings and Samples*

1. Engineer will provide timely review of Shop Drawings and Samples in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Submittals, and in no event shall Engineer fail to review and provide comments or approval longer than 72 hours after Contractor submittal. Engineer's review and approval will be only to determine if the items covered by the Submittals will, after installation or incorporation in the Work, comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, and be compatible with the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents.
2. Engineer's review and approval will not extend to means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or to safety precautions or programs incident thereto.
3. Engineer's review and approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions.
4. Engineer's review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample will not relieve Contractor from responsibility for any variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents

unless Contractor has complied with the requirements of Paragraph 7.16.A.3 and Engineer has given written approval of each such variation by specific written notation thereof incorporated in or accompanying the Shop Drawing or Sample. Engineer will document any such approved variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents in a Field Order or other appropriate Contract modification.

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

D. Resubmittal Procedures for Shop Drawings and Samples

1. Contractor shall make corrections required by Engineer and shall return the required number of corrected copies of Shop Drawings and submit, as required, new Samples for review and approval within 72 hours, or longer if agreed to by Owner in writing, of receipt of such drawings by Engineer. Contractor shall direct specific attention in writing to revisions other than the corrections called for by Engineer on previous Submittals.
2. Contractor shall furnish required Shop Drawing and Sample submittals with sufficient information and accuracy to obtain required approval of an item with no more than two resubmittals. Engineer will record Engineer's time for reviewing a third or subsequent resubmittal of a Shop Drawing or Sample, and Contractor shall be responsible for Engineer's charges to Owner for such time. Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor to secure reimbursement for such charges.
3. If Contractor requests a change of a previously approved Shop Drawing or Sample, Contractor shall be responsible for Engineer's charges to Owner for its review time, and Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor to secure reimbursement for such charges, unless the need for such change is beyond the control of Contractor.

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

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

- c. Engineer's review will be only to determine if the Submittal is acceptable under the requirements of the Contract Documents as to general form and content of the Submittal.
 - d. If any such Submittal is not accepted, Contractor shall confer with Engineer regarding the reason for the non-acceptance, and resubmit an acceptable document.
- 2. Procedures for the submittal and acceptance of the Progress Schedule, the Schedule of Submittals, and the Schedule of Values are set forth in Paragraphs 2.03, 2.04, and 2.05.
- F. Owner-delegated Designs: Submittals pursuant to Owner-delegated designs are governed by the provisions of Paragraph 7.19.

7.17 Contractor's General Warranty and Guarantee

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

6. The issuance of a notice of acceptability by Engineer or other similar acceptance by Owner;
 7. The end of the correction period established in Paragraph 15.08;
 8. Any inspection, test, or approval by others; or
 9. Any correction of defective Work by Owner.
- E. If the Contract requires the Contractor to accept the assignment of a contract entered into by Owner, then the specific warranties, guarantees, and correction obligations contained in the assigned contract will govern with respect to Contractor's performance obligations to Owner for the Work described in the assigned contract.
- F. Contractor shall assign to Owner all warranties extended to Contractor by material suppliers and subcontractors. If an assignment of warranty requires the material supplier or subcontractor to consent to same, then Contractor shall secure the material supplier's or subcontractor's consent to assign said warranties to Owner.
- G. The warranties provided in this Contract shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any other warranty or remedy required by law.

7.18 Indemnification

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

To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, and in addition to any other obligations of Contractor under the Contract or otherwise, Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend Owner, and its supervisors, managers, attorneys, engineers, consultants, agents, subcontractors and employees, of each and any of all of the foregoing entities and individuals (together, "Indemnitees") from all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, fees, and costs (including, but not limited to, reasonable fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution fees and costs), whether monetary or otherwise, to the extent caused, in part or in whole, by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful misconduct of the Contractor, or any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed or used by any of them to perform any of the Work.

To the extent required by Florida law to make the provisions of any indemnification, defense or hold harmless provision of this Contract enforceable (and otherwise this sentence does not

apply), such indemnification, hold harmless and defense obligation shall be \$5,000,000.00 (or the amount of any applicable insurance coverage, if such amount is greater), the amount of which bears a reasonable commercial relationship to the Contract and was part of the project specifications or bid documents. In the event that any indemnification, defense or hold harmless provision of this Contract is determined to be unenforceable, the provision shall be reformed to give the provision the maximum effect allowed by Florida law and for the benefit of the Indemnitees. The Contractor shall ensure that any and all Subcontractors, and Suppliers, include this express paragraph for the benefit of the Indemnitees.

- B. In any and all claims against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, by any employee (or the survivor or personal representative of such employee) of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Paragraph 7.18.A will not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for Contractor or any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

7.19 Delegation of Professional Design Services

- A. Owner may require Contractor to provide professional design services for a portion of the Work by express delegation in the Contract Documents. Such delegation will specify the performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy, and the Submittals that Contractor must furnish to Engineer with respect to the Owner-delegated design.
- B. Contractor shall cause such Owner-delegated professional design services to be provided pursuant to the professional standard of care by a properly licensed design professional, whose signature and seal must appear on all drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, and Submittals prepared by such design professional. Such design professional must issue all certifications of design required by Laws and Regulations.
- C. If a Shop Drawing or other Submittal related to the Owner-delegated design is prepared by Contractor, a Subcontractor, or others for submittal to Engineer, then such Shop Drawing or other Submittal must bear the written approval of Contractor's design professional when submitted by Contractor to Engineer.
- D. Owner and Engineer shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy, accuracy, and completeness of the services, certifications, and approvals performed or provided by the design professionals retained or employed by Contractor under an Owner-delegated design, subject to the professional standard of care and the performance and design criteria stated in the Contract Documents.
- E. Pursuant to this Paragraph 7.19, Engineer's review, approval, and other determinations regarding design drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, and other Submittals furnished by Contractor pursuant to an Owner-delegated design will be only for the following limited purposes:
 - 1. Checking for conformance with the requirements of this Paragraph 7.19;
 - 2. Confirming that Contractor (through its design professionals) has used the performance and design criteria specified in the Contract Documents; and

- 3. Establishing that the design furnished by Contractor is consistent with the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents.
- F. Contractor shall not be responsible for the adequacy of performance or design criteria specified by Owner or Engineer.
- G. Contractor is not required to provide professional services in violation of applicable Laws and Regulations.

ARTICLE 8—OTHER WORK AT THE SITE

8.01 Other Work

- A. In addition to and apart from the Work under the Contract Documents, the Owner may perform other work at or adjacent to the Site. Such other work may be performed by Owner's employees, or through contracts between the Owner and third parties. Owner may also arrange to have third-party utility owners perform work on their utilities and facilities at or adjacent to the Site.
- B. If Owner performs other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, or through contracts for such other work, then Owner shall give Contractor written notice thereof prior to starting any such other work. If Owner has advance information regarding the start of any third-party utility work that Owner has arranged to take place at or adjacent to the Site, Owner shall provide such information to Contractor.
- C. Contractor shall afford proper and safe access to the Site to each contractor that performs such other work, each utility owner performing other work, and Owner, if Owner is performing other work with Owner's employees, and provide a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such other work.
- D. Contractor shall do all cutting, fitting, and patching of the Work that may be required to properly connect or otherwise make its several parts come together and properly integrate with such other work. Contractor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating, or otherwise altering such work; provided, however, that Contractor may cut or alter others' work with the written consent of Engineer and the others whose work will be affected.
- E. If the proper execution or results of any part of Contractor's Work depends upon work performed by others, Contractor shall inspect such other work and promptly report to Engineer in writing any delays, defects, or deficiencies in such other work that render it unavailable or unsuitable for the proper execution and results of Contractor's Work. Contractor's failure to so report will constitute an acceptance of such other work as fit and proper for integration with Contractor's Work except for latent defects and deficiencies in such other work.
- F. The provisions of this article are not applicable to work that is performed by third-party utilities or other third-party entities without a contract with Owner, or that is performed without having been arranged by Owner. If such work occurs, then any related delay, disruption, or interference incurred by Contractor is governed by the provisions of Paragraph 4.05.C.3.

8.02 Coordination

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

8.03 Legal Relationships

- A. If, in the course of performing other work for Owner at or adjacent to the Site, the Owner's employees, any other contractor working for Owner, or any utility owner that Owner has arranged to perform work, causes damage to the Work or to the property of Contractor or its Subcontractors, or delays, disrupts, interferes with, or increases the scope or cost of the performance of the Work, through actions or inaction, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times. Contractor must submit any Change Proposal seeking an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times under this paragraph within 30 days of the damaging, delaying, disrupting, or interfering event. The entitlement to, and extent of, any such equitable adjustment will take into account information (if any) regarding such other work that was provided to Contractor in the Contract Documents prior to the submittal of the Bid or the final negotiation of the terms of the Contract, and any remedies available to Contractor under Laws or Regulations concerning utility action or inaction. When applicable, any such equitable adjustment in Contract Price will be conditioned on Contractor assigning to Owner all Contractor's rights against such other contractor or utility owner with respect to the damage, delay, disruption, or interference that is the subject of the adjustment. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times or Contract Price is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.
- B. Contractor shall take reasonable and customary measures to avoid damaging, delaying, disrupting, or interfering with the work of Owner, any other contractor, or any utility owner performing other work at or adjacent to the Site.
 - 1. If Contractor fails to take such measures and as a result damages, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the work of any such other contractor or utility owner, then Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor, and assign to such other contractor or utility owner the Owner's contractual rights against Contractor with respect to the breach of the obligations set forth in this Paragraph 8.03.B.
 - 2. When Owner is performing other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, Contractor shall be liable to Owner for damage to such other work, and for the reasonable direct delay, disruption, and interference costs incurred by Owner as a result of Contractor's failure to take reasonable and customary measures with respect to Owner's

other work. In response to such damage, delay, disruption, or interference, Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor.

- C. If Contractor damages, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the work of any other contractor, or any utility owner performing other work at or adjacent to the Site, through Contractor's failure to take reasonable and customary measures to avoid such impacts, or if any claim arising, in whole or in part, out of Contractor's actions, inactions, ~~or~~ negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct in performance of the Work at or adjacent to the Site is made by any such other contractor or utility owner against Contractor, Owner, or Engineer, then Contractor shall (1) promptly attempt to settle the claim as to all parties through negotiations with such other contractor or utility owner, or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding or at law, and (2) indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Indemnitees Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against any such claims, and against all costs, liabilities, suits, liens, demands, interest, expenses, penalties, fines, judgments, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution fees and costs) whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of or relating to such damage, delay, disruption, or interference.

ARTICLE 9—OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

9.01 Communications to Contractor

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

9.02 Replacement of Engineer

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

9.03 Furnish Data

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

9.04 Pay When Due

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

9.05 Lands and Easements; Reports, Tests, and Drawings

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

- 9.06 Insurance
- A. Owner's responsibilities, if any, with respect to purchasing and maintaining liability and property insurance are set forth in Article 6.
- 9.07 Change Orders
- A. Owner's responsibilities with respect to Change Orders are set forth in Article 11.
- 9.08 Inspections, Tests, and Approvals
- A. Owner's responsibility with respect to certain inspections, tests, and approvals is set forth in Paragraph 14.02.B.
- 9.09 Limitations on Owner's Responsibilities
- A. The Owner shall not supervise, direct, or have control or authority over, nor be responsible for, Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Owner will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- 9.10 Undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition
- A. Owner's responsibility in respect to an undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition is set forth in Paragraph 5.06.
- 9.11 Evidence of Financial Arrangements
- A. Upon request of Contractor, Owner shall furnish Contractor reasonable evidence that financial arrangements have been made to satisfy Owner's obligations under the Contract (including obligations under proposed changes in the Work).
- 9.12 Safety Programs
- A. While at the Site, Owner's employees and representatives shall comply with the specific applicable requirements of Contractor's safety programs of which Owner has been informed.
- B. Owner shall furnish copies of any applicable Owner safety programs to Contractor.

1.01 ARTICLE 10—ENGINEER'S STATUS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- 10.01 Owner's Representative
- A. Engineer will be Owner's representative during the construction period. The duties and responsibilities and the limitations of authority of Engineer as Owner's representative during construction are set forth in the Contract.
- 10.02 Visits to Site
- A. Engineer will make visits to the Site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction as Engineer deems necessary in order to observe, as an experienced and qualified design professional, the progress that has been made and the quality of the various aspects of Contractor's executed Work. Based on information obtained during such visits and observations, Engineer, for the benefit of Owner, will determine, in general, if the Work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents. Engineer will not be required to

make exhaustive or continuous inspections on the Site to check the quality or quantity of the Work. Engineer's efforts will be directed toward providing for Owner a greater degree of confidence that the completed Work will conform generally to the Contract Documents. On the basis of such visits and observations, Engineer will keep Owner informed of the progress of the Work and will endeavor to guard Owner against defective Work.

- B. Engineer's visits and observations are subject to all the limitations on Engineer's authority and responsibility set forth in Paragraph 10.07. Particularly, but without limitation, during or as a result of Engineer's visits or observations of Contractor's Work, Engineer will not supervise, direct, control, or have authority over or be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work.

10.03 Resident Project Representative

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

10.04 Engineer's Authority

- A. Engineer has the authority to reject Work in accordance with Article 14.
- B. Engineer's authority as to Submittals is set forth in Paragraph 7.16.
- C. Engineer's authority as to design drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications and other Submittals from Contractor in response to Owner's delegation (if any) to Contractor of professional design services, is set forth in Paragraph 7.19.
- D. Engineer's authority as to changes in the Work is set forth in Article 11.
- E. Engineer's authority as to Applications for Payment is set forth in Article 15.

10.05 Determinations for Unit Price Work

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

10.06 Decisions on Requirements of Contract Documents and Acceptability of Work

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

10.07 Limitations on Engineer's Authority and Responsibilities

- A. Neither Engineer's authority or responsibility under this Article 10 or under any other provision of the Contract, nor any decision made by Engineer in good faith either to exercise or not exercise such authority or responsibility or the undertaking, exercise, or performance of any authority or responsibility by Engineer, will create, impose, or give rise to any duty in contract, tort, or otherwise owed by Engineer to Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, any other individual or entity, or to any surety for or employee or agent of any of them.
- B. Engineer will not supervise, direct, control, or have authority over or be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Engineer will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- C. Engineer will not be responsible for the acts or omissions of Contractor or of any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or of any other individual or entity performing any of the Work.
- D. Engineer's review of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation, and all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates of inspection, tests and approvals, and other documentation required to be delivered by Contractor under Paragraph 15.06.A, will only be to determine generally that their content complies with the requirements of, and in the case of certificates of inspections, tests, and approvals, that the results certified indicate compliance with the Contract Documents.
- E. The limitations upon authority and responsibility set forth in this Paragraph 10.07 also apply to the Resident Project Representative, if any.

10.08 Compliance with Safety Program

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

ARTICLE 11—CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT

11.01 Amending and Supplementing the Contract

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

11.02 Change Orders

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

11.03 Work Change Directives

- A. A Work Change Directive will not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times but is evidence that the parties expect that the modification ordered or documented by a Work Change Directive will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order, following negotiations by the parties as to the Work Change Directive's effect, if any, on the Contract Price and Contract Times; or, if negotiations are unsuccessful, by a determination under the terms of the Contract Documents governing adjustments, expressly including Paragraph 11.07 regarding change of Contract Price.
- B. If Owner has issued a Work Change Directive and:
 - 1. Contractor believes that an adjustment in Contract Times or Contract Price is necessary, then Contractor shall submit any Change Proposal seeking such an adjustment no later than 30 days after the completion of the Work set out in the Work Change Directive.
 - 2. Owner believes that an adjustment in Contract Times or Contract Price is necessary, then Owner shall submit any Claim seeking such an adjustment no later than 60 days after issuance of the Work Change Directive.

11.04 Field Orders

- A. Engineer may authorize minor changes in the Work if the changes do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times and are compatible with the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents. Such changes will be accomplished by a Field Order and will be binding on Owner and also on Contractor, which shall perform the Work involved promptly.

- B. If Contractor believes that a Field Order justifies an adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, then before proceeding with the Work at issue, Contractor shall submit a Change Proposal as provided herein.

11.05 Owner-Authorized Changes in the Work

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

11.06 Unauthorized Changes in the Work

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

11.07 Change of Contract Price

- A. The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any Change Proposal for an adjustment in the Contract Price must comply with the provisions of Paragraph 11.09. Any Claim for an adjustment of Contract Price must comply with the provisions of Article 12.
- B. An adjustment in the Contract Price will be determined as follows:
 - 1. Where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, then by application of such unit prices to the quantities of the items involved (subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.03);
 - 2. Where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, then by a mutually agreed lump sum (which may include an allowance for overhead and profit not necessarily in accordance with Paragraph 11.07.C.2); or
 - 3. ~~Where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents and the parties do not reach mutual agreement to a lump sum, then on the basis of the Cost of the Work (determined as provided in Paragraph 13.01) plus a Contractor's fee for overhead and profit (determined as provided in Paragraph 11.07.C).~~
- C. Contractor's Fee: The Contractor's fee allowed to Contractor for overhead and profit shall be included in the Cost of the Work and/or in the approved Schedule of Values and shall not be

~~claimed after bid submittal. When applicable, the Contractor's fee for overhead and profit will be determined as follows:~~

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

11.08 Change of Contract Times

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

11.09 Change Proposals

- A. *Purpose and Content:* Contractor shall submit a Change Proposal to Engineer to request an adjustment in the Contract Times or Contract Price; contest an initial decision by Engineer

concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents or relating to the acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents; challenge a set-off against payment due; or seek other relief under the Contract. The Change Proposal will specify any proposed change in Contract Times or Contract Price, or other proposed relief, and explain the reason for the proposed change, with citations to any governing or applicable provisions of the Contract Documents. Each Change Proposal will address only one issue, or a set of closely related issues.

B. *Change Proposal Procedures*

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

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

3. *Engineer's Initial Review*: Engineer will advise Owner regarding the Change Proposal, and consider any comments or response from Owner regarding the Change Proposal. If in its discretion Engineer concludes that additional supporting data is needed before conducting a full review and making a decision regarding the Change Proposal, then Engineer may request that Contractor submit such additional supporting data by a date specified by Engineer, prior to Engineer beginning its full review of the Change Proposal.
 4. *Engineer's Full Review and Action on the Change Proposal*: Upon receipt of Contractor's supporting data (including any additional data requested by Engineer), Engineer will conduct a full review of each Change Proposal and, within 30 days after such receipt of the Contractor's supporting data, either approve the Change Proposal in whole, deny it in whole, or approve it in part and deny it in part. Such actions must be in writing, with a copy provided to Owner and Contractor. If Engineer does not take action on the Change Proposal within 30 days, then either Owner or Contractor may at any time thereafter submit a letter to the other party indicating that as a result of Engineer's inaction the Change Proposal is deemed denied, thereby commencing the time for appeal of the denial under Article 12.
 5. *Binding Decision*: Engineer's decision is final and binding upon Owner and Contractor, unless Owner or Contractor appeals the decision by filing a Claim under Article 12.
- C. *Resolution of Certain Change Proposals*: If the Change Proposal does not involve the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), the acceptability of the Work, or other engineering or technical matters, then Engineer will notify the parties in writing that the Engineer is unable to resolve the Change Proposal. For purposes of further resolution of

such a Change Proposal, such notice will be deemed a denial, and Contractor may choose to seek resolution under the terms of Article 12.

- D. *Post-Completion*: Contractor shall not submit any Change Proposals after Engineer issues a written recommendation of final payment pursuant to Paragraph 15.06.B.

11.10 Notification to Surety

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

ARTICLE 12—CLAIMS

12.01 Claims

- A. *Claims Process*: The following disputes between Owner and Contractor are subject to the Claims process set forth in this article:
 - 1. Appeals by Owner or Contractor of Engineer's decisions regarding Change Proposals;
 - 2. Owner demands for adjustments in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or other relief under the Contract Documents;
 - 3. Disputes that Engineer has been unable to address because they do not involve the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), the acceptability of the Work, or other engineering or technical matters; and
 - 4. Subject to the waiver provisions of Paragraph 15.07, any dispute arising after Engineer has issued a written recommendation of final payment pursuant to Paragraph 15.06.B.
- B. *Submittal of Claim*: The party submitting a Claim shall deliver it directly to the other party to the Contract promptly (but in no event later than 30 days) after the start of the event giving rise thereto; in the case of appeals regarding Change Proposals within 30 days of the decision under appeal. The party submitting the Claim shall also furnish a copy to the Engineer, for its information only. The responsibility to substantiate a Claim rests with the party making the Claim. In the case of a Claim by Contractor seeking an increase in the Contract Times or Contract Price, Contractor shall certify that the Claim is made in good faith, that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and that to the best of Contractor's knowledge and belief the amount of time or money requested accurately reflects the full amount to which Contractor is entitled.
- C. *Review and Resolution*: The party receiving a Claim shall review it thoroughly, giving full consideration to its merits. The two parties shall seek to resolve the Claim through the exchange of information and direct negotiations. The parties may extend the time for resolving the Claim by mutual agreement. All actions taken on a Claim will be stated in writing and submitted to the other party, with a copy to Engineer.

D. *Mediation*

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

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

13.01 Cost of the Work

- A. *Purposes for Determination of Cost of the Work*: The term Cost of the Work means the sum of all costs necessary for the proper performance of the Work at issue, as further defined below. The provisions of this Paragraph 13.01 are used ~~for two distinct purposes:~~
1. ~~To determine Cost of the Work when Cost of the Work is a component of the Contract Price, under cost plus fee, time and materials, or other cost-based terms; or~~
 2. When needed to determine the value of a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price. When the value of any such adjustment is determined on the basis of Cost of the Work, Contractor is entitled only to those additional or incremental costs required because of the change in the Work or because of the event giving rise to the adjustment.
- B. *Costs Included*: Except as otherwise may be agreed to in writing by Owner, costs included in the Cost of the Work will be in amounts no higher than those commonly incurred in the

locality of the Project, will not include any of the costs itemized in Paragraph 13.01.C, and will include only the following items:

1. Payroll costs for employees in the direct employ of Contractor in the performance of the Work under schedules of job classifications agreed upon by Owner and Contractor in advance of the subject Work. Such employees include, without limitation, superintendents, foremen, safety managers, safety representatives, and other personnel employed full time on the Work. Payroll costs for employees not employed full time on the Work will be apportioned on the basis of their time spent on the Work. Payroll costs include, but are not limited to, salaries and wages plus the cost of fringe benefits, which include social security contributions, unemployment, excise, and payroll taxes, workers' compensation, health and retirement benefits, sick leave, and vacation and holiday pay applicable thereto. The expenses of performing Work outside of regular working hours, on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays, will be included in the above to the extent authorized by Owner.
2. Cost of all materials and equipment furnished and incorporated in the Work, including costs of transportation and storage thereof, and Suppliers' field services required in connection therewith. All cash discounts accrue to Contractor unless Owner deposits funds with Contractor with which to make payments, in which case the cash discounts will accrue to Owner. All trade discounts, rebates, and refunds and returns from sale of surplus materials and equipment will accrue to Owner, and Contractor shall make provisions so that they may be obtained.
3. Payments made by Contractor to Subcontractors for Work performed by Subcontractors. If required by Owner, Contractor shall obtain competitive bids from subcontractors acceptable to Owner and Contractor and shall deliver such bids to Owner, which will then determine, with the advice of Engineer, which bids, if any, will be acceptable. If any subcontract provides that the Subcontractor is to be paid on the basis of Cost of the Work plus a fee, the Subcontractor's Cost of the Work and fee will be determined in the same manner as Contractor's Cost of the Work and fee as provided in this Paragraph 13.01.
4. Costs of special consultants (including but not limited to engineers, architects, testing laboratories, surveyors, attorneys, and accountants) employed or retained for services specifically related to the Work.
5. Other costs consisting of the following:
 - a. ~~The proportion of necessary transportation, travel, and subsistence expenses of Contractor's employees incurred in discharge of duties connected with the Work.~~
 - b. Cost, including transportation and maintenance, of all materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, appliances, office, and temporary facilities at the Site, which are consumed in the performance of the Work, and cost, less market value, of such items used but not consumed which remain the property of Contractor.
 - 1) In establishing included costs for materials such as scaffolding, plating, or sheeting, consideration will be given to the actual or the estimated life of the material for use on other projects; or rental rates may be established on the basis of purchase or salvage value of such items, whichever is less. Contractor will not be eligible for compensation for such items in an amount that exceeds the purchase cost of such item.

c. *Construction Equipment Rental*

- 1) Rentals of all construction equipment and machinery, and the parts thereof, in accordance with rental agreements approved by Owner as to price (including any surcharge or special rates applicable to overtime use of the construction equipment or machinery), and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, assembly, dismantling, and removal thereof. All such costs will be in accordance with the terms of said rental agreements. The rental of any such equipment, machinery, or parts must cease when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the Work.
 - 2) Costs for equipment and machinery owned by Contractor or a Contractor-related entity will be paid at a rate shown for such equipment in the equipment rental rate book specified in the Supplementary Conditions, or if none is specified, in a rate book mutually acceptable to both parties. An hourly rate will be computed by dividing the monthly rates by 176. These computed rates will include all operating costs.
 - 3) With respect to Work that is the result of a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price ("changed Work"), included costs will be based on the time the equipment or machinery is in use on the changed Work and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, assembly, dismantling, and removal when directly attributable to the changed Work. The cost of any such equipment or machinery, or parts thereof, must cease to accrue when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the changed Work.
- d. Sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes related to the Work, and for which Contractor is liable, as imposed by Laws and Regulations.
 - e. Deposits lost for causes other than negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, and royalty payments and fees for permits and licenses.
 - f. Losses and damages (and related expenses) caused by damage to the Work, not compensated by insurance or otherwise, sustained by Contractor in connection with the performance of the Work (except losses and damages within the deductible amounts of builder's risk or other property insurance established in accordance with Paragraph 6.04), provided such losses and damages have resulted from causes other than the negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable. Such losses include settlements made with the written consent and approval of Owner. No such losses, damages, and expenses will be included in the Cost of the Work for the purpose of determining Contractor's fee.
 - g. The cost of utilities, fuel, and sanitary facilities at the Site.
 - ~~h. Minor expenses such as communication service at the Site, express and courier services, and similar petty cash items in connection with the Work.~~
 - i. The costs of premiums for all bonds and insurance that Contractor is required by the Contract Documents to purchase and maintain.

C. *Costs Excluded:* The term Cost of the Work does not include any of the following items:

1. Payroll costs and other compensation of Contractor's officers, executives, principals, general managers, engineers, architects, estimators, attorneys, auditors, accountants, purchasing and contracting agents, expeditors, timekeepers, clerks, and other personnel employed by Contractor, whether at the Site or in Contractor's principal or branch office for general administration of the Work and not specifically included in the agreed upon schedule of job classifications referred to in Paragraph 13.01.B.1 or specifically covered by Paragraph 13.01.B.4. The payroll costs and other compensation excluded here are to be considered administrative costs covered by the Contractor's fee.
2. The cost of purchasing, renting, or furnishing small tools and hand tools.
3. Expenses of Contractor's principal and branch offices other than Contractor's office at the Site.
4. Any part of Contractor's capital expenses, including interest on Contractor's capital employed for the Work and charges against Contractor for delinquent payments.
5. Costs due to the negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, including but not limited to, the correction of defective Work, disposal of materials or equipment wrongly supplied, and making good any damage to property.
6. Expenses incurred in preparing and advancing Claims.
7. Other overhead or general expense costs of any kind and the costs of any item not specifically and expressly included in Paragraph 13.01.B.

D. *Contractor's Fee*

1. ~~When the Work as a whole is performed on the basis of cost plus a fee, then:~~
 - a. ~~Contractor's fee for the Work set forth in the Contract Documents as of the Effective Date of the Contract will be determined as set forth in the Agreement.~~
 - b. ~~for any Work covered by a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price on the basis of Cost of the Work, Contractor's fee will be determined as follows:~~
 - 4) ~~1) When the fee for the Work as a whole is a percentage of the Cost of the Work, the fee will automatically adjust as the Cost of the Work changes.~~
 - 5) ~~2) When the fee for the Work as a whole is a fixed fee, the fee for any additions or deletions will be determined in accordance with Paragraph 11.07.C.2.~~
2. When the Work as a whole is performed on the basis of a stipulated sum, or any other basis other than cost-plus-a-fee, then Contractor's fee for any Work covered by a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price on the basis of Cost of the Work will be determined in accordance with Paragraph 11.07.C.2.

E. *Documentation and Audit:* Whenever the Cost of the Work for any purpose is to be determined pursuant to this Article 13, Contractor and pertinent Subcontractors will establish and maintain records of the costs in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. Subject to prior written notice, Owner will be afforded reasonable access, during normal

business hours, to all Contractor's accounts, records, books, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers, memoranda, and similar data relating to the Cost of the Work and Contractor's fee. Upon assignment to a unit of local government, all such documentation may be considered public records under Florida Law as set forth in the Contract Documents and shall be maintained in accordance with Florida Law. ~~Contractor shall preserve all such documents for a period of three years after the final payment by Owner.~~ Pertinent Subcontractors will afford such access to Owner, and preserve such documents, to the same extent required of Contractor.

13.02 Allowances

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

13.03 Unit Price Work

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

Contract Price will be set forth in a Change Order, subject to the provisions of the following paragraph.

E. *Adjustments in Unit Price*

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

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

14.01 Access to Work

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

14.02 Tests, Inspections, and Approvals

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

- D. Contractor shall be responsible for arranging, obtaining, and paying for all inspections and tests, as outlined in section 14.02.C., which are required:
1. by the Contract Documents, unless the Contract Documents expressly allocate responsibility for a specific inspection or test to Owner;
 2. to attain Owner's and Engineer's acceptance of materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work;
 3. by manufacturers of equipment furnished under the Contract Documents;
 4. for testing, adjusting, and balancing of mechanical, electrical, and other equipment to be incorporated into the Work; and
 5. for acceptance of materials, mix designs, or equipment submitted for approval prior to Contractor's purchase thereof for incorporation in the Work.

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

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

14.03 Defective Work

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

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

14.04 Acceptance of Defective Work

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

14.05 Uncovering Work

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

14.06 Owner May Stop the Work

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

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

14.07 Owner May Correct Defective Work

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

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

15.01 Progress Payments

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

~~establishing full payment by Contractor for the materials and equipment; (b) at Owner's request, documentation warranting that Owner has received the materials and equipment free and clear of all Liens; and (c) evidence that the materials and equipment are covered by appropriate property insurance, a warehouse bond, or other arrangements to protect Owner's interest therein, all of which must be satisfactory to Owner. Progress payments are to be made only on installed material, and no payments shall be made on stored material, whether on or off site, unless prior written arrangements are made with Owner.~~

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

C. Review of Applications

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

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

D. *Payment Becomes Due*

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

E. *Reductions in Payment by Owner*

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

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

15.02 Contractor's Warranty of Title

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

15.03 Substantial Completion

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

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

- B. Promptly after Contractor's notification, Owner, Contractor, and Engineer shall make an inspection of the Work to determine the status of completion. If Engineer does not consider the Work substantially complete, Engineer will notify Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor.
- C. If Engineer considers the Work substantially complete, Engineer will deliver to Owner a preliminary certificate of Substantial Completion which will fix the date of Substantial Completion. Engineer shall attach to the certificate a punch list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment. Owner shall have 7 days after receipt of the preliminary certificate during which to make written objection to Engineer as to any provisions of the certificate or attached punch list. If, after considering the objections to the provisions of the preliminary certificate, Engineer concludes that the Work is not substantially complete, Engineer will, within 14 days after submission of the preliminary certificate to Owner, notify Contractor in writing that the Work is not substantially complete, stating the reasons therefor. If Owner does not object to the provisions of the certificate, or if despite consideration of Owner's objections Engineer concludes that the Work is substantially complete, then Engineer will, within said 14 days, execute and deliver to Owner and Contractor a final certificate of Substantial Completion (with a revised punch list of items to be completed or corrected) reflecting such changes from the preliminary certificate as Engineer believes justified after consideration of any objections from Owner.
- D. At the time of receipt of the preliminary certificate of Substantial Completion, Owner and Contractor will confer regarding Owner's use or occupancy of the Work following Substantial Completion, review the builder's risk insurance policy with respect to the end of the builder's risk coverage, and confirm the transition to coverage of the Work under a permanent property insurance policy held by Owner. Unless Owner and Contractor agree otherwise in writing, Owner shall bear responsibility for security, operation, protection of the Work, property insurance, maintenance, heat, and utilities upon Owner's use or occupancy of the Work.
- E. After Substantial Completion the Contractor shall promptly begin work on the punch list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment. In appropriate cases Contractor may submit monthly Applications for Payment for completed punch list items, following the progress payment procedures set forth above.
- F. Owner shall have the right to exclude Contractor from the Site after the date of Substantial Completion subject to allowing Contractor reasonable access to remove its property and complete or correct items on the punch list.
- G. To the extent this paragraph 15.03 is inconsistent in any way with Florida's Local Government Prompt Payment Act, sections 218.70 et seq., Florida Statutes, such Act shall control, and this Contract shall be construed to allow for the maximum amount of time allowable under the Act in order to review any punch lists and make payment.

15.04 Partial Use or Occupancy

- A. Prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work, Owner may use or occupy any substantially completed part of the Work which has specifically been identified in the Contract Documents, or which Owner, Engineer, and Contractor agree constitutes a separately functioning and

usable part of the Work that can be used by Owner for its intended purpose without significant interference with Contractor's performance of the remainder of the Work, subject to the following conditions:

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

15.05 Final Inspection

- A. Upon written notice from Contractor that the entire Work or an agreed portion thereof is complete, Engineer will promptly make a final inspection with Owner and Contractor and will notify Contractor in writing with a single list of all particulars in which this inspection reveals that the Work, or agreed portion thereof, is incomplete or defective. Engineer and Contractor shall review each item on the list and assign a completion cost value (Cost of Work as defined in Paragraph 13.01) to each item based on the schedule of values provided in Contractor's bid and other reasonable completion cost estimates as mutually agreed to by Contractor and Engineer. In the event the Contractor and Engineer cannot agree on a cost value, the amount determined by Engineer shall be used. Engineer shall complete the list within thirty (30) days of Final Inspection completion and shall have five (5) days from list completion to review and provide to Contractor. Contractor shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to complete such Work or remedy such deficiencies.

15.06 Final Payment

A. *Application for Payment*

1. After Contractor has, in the opinion of Engineer, satisfactorily completed all corrections identified during the final inspection and has delivered, in accordance with the Contract Documents, all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates or other evidence of insurance, certificates of inspection, annotated record documents (as provided in Paragraph 7.12), and other documents, Contractor may make application for final payment.

2. The final Application for Payment must be accompanied (except as previously delivered) by:
 - a. all documentation called for in the Contract Documents;
 - b. consent of the surety, if any, to final payment;
 - c. satisfactory evidence that all title issues have been resolved such that title to all Work, materials, and equipment has passed to Owner free and clear of any Liens or other title defects, or will so pass upon final payment.
 - d. a list of all duly pending Change Proposals and Claims; and
 - e. complete and legally effective releases or waivers (satisfactory to Owner) of all Lien rights arising out of the Work, and of Liens filed in connection with the Work.
 3. In lieu of the releases or waivers of Liens specified in Paragraph 15.06.A.2 and as approved by Owner, Contractor may furnish receipts or releases in full and an affidavit of Contractor that: (a) the releases and receipts include all labor, services, material, and equipment for which a Lien could be filed; and (b) all payrolls, material and equipment bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which Owner might in any way be responsible, or which might in any way result in liens or other burdens on Owner's property, have been paid or otherwise satisfied. If any Subcontractor or Supplier fails to furnish such a release or receipt in full, Contractor may furnish a bond or other collateral satisfactory to Owner to indemnify Owner against any Lien, or Owner at its option may issue joint checks payable to Contractor and specified Subcontractors and Suppliers.
- B. *Engineer's Review of Final Application and Recommendation of Payment:* If, on the basis of Engineer's observation of the Work during construction and final inspection, and Engineer's review of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation as required by the Contract Documents, Engineer is satisfied that the Work has been completed and Contractor's other obligations under the Contract have been fulfilled, Engineer will, within 10 days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing Engineer's recommendation of final payment and present the final Application for Payment to Owner for payment. Such recommendation will account for any set-offs against payment that are necessary in Engineer's opinion to protect Owner from loss for the reasons stated above with respect to progress payments. Otherwise, Engineer will return the Application for Payment to Contractor, indicating in writing the reasons for refusing to recommend final payment, in which case Contractor shall make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application for Payment.
- C. *Notice of Acceptability:* In support of its recommendation of payment of the final Application for Payment, Engineer will also give written notice to Owner and Contractor that the Work is acceptable, subject to stated limitations in the notice and to the provisions of Paragraph 15.07.
- D. *Completion of Work:* The Work is complete (subject to surviving obligations) when it is ready for final payment as established by the Engineer's written recommendation of final payment and issuance of notice of the acceptability of the Work. Without intending to limit any other requirements set forth herein for final payment, the Work shall not be deemed complete until the Engineer has certified that, among any other requirements herein, the Contractor has completed all of the Work; there is satisfactory operation of all equipment, by means of acceptance tests; all punch list items has been corrected to the satisfaction of Owner and

Engineer; the Contractor has provided all evidence of all releases of all mechanics', materialmen's and like liens; all warranties, equipment operation and maintenance manuals, As-Built Drawings and other required documents have been delivered; all other required approvals and acceptances by city, county and state governments, or other authority having jurisdiction have been provided; all rubbish, tools, and surplus materials and equipment from the Project Site have been removed; and a final affidavit and release of claims has been provided.

- E. *Final Payment Becomes Due:* Upon receipt from Engineer of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation, Owner shall set off against the amount recommended by Engineer for final payment any further sum to which Owner is entitled, including but not limited to set-offs for liquidated damages and set-offs allowed under the provisions of this Contract with respect to progress payments. Owner shall pay the resulting balance due to Contractor within 20 days of Owner's receipt of the final Application for Payment from Engineer.

15.07 Waiver of Claims

- A. By making final payment, Owner waives its claim or right to liquidated damages or other damages for late completion by Contractor, except as set forth in an outstanding Claim, appeal under the provisions of Article 17, set-off, or express reservation of rights by Owner. Owner reserves all other claims or rights after final payment. Final payment shall not be construed to mean acceptance of defective work or improper materials, and shall not constitute a waiver by Owner of claims or rights against Contractor. Owner expressly reserves all claims and rights arising from unsettled Liens, from defective Work appearing after final inspection pursuant to Paragraph 15.05, from Contractor's failure to comply with the Contract Documents or the terms of any special guarantees contained therein, from outstanding Claims by Owner, or from Contractor's continuing obligations under the Contract Documents.
- B. The acceptance of final payment by Contractor will constitute a waiver by Contractor of all claims and rights against Owner other than those pending matters that have been duly submitted as a Claim, or appealed under the provisions of Article 17.

15.08 Correction Period

- A. If within ~~one year~~ two (2) years after the date of Substantial Completion (or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by the Supplementary Conditions or the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents), Owner gives Contractor written notice that any Work has been found to be defective, or that Contractor's repair of any damages to the Site or adjacent areas has been found to be defective, then after receipt of such notice of defect Contractor shall promptly, without cost to Owner and in accordance with Owner's written instructions:
1. correct the defective repairs to the Site or such adjacent areas;
 2. correct such defective Work;
 3. remove the defective Work from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective, if the defective Work has been rejected by Owner, and
 4. satisfactorily correct or repair or remove and replace any damage to other Work, to the work of others, or to other land or areas resulting from the corrective measures.

- B. Owner shall give any such notice of defect within 60 days of the discovery that such Work or repairs is defective. If such notice is given within such 60 days but after the end of the correction period, the notice will be deemed a notice of defective Work under Paragraph 7.17.B.
- C. If, after receipt of a notice of defect within 60 days and within the correction period, Contractor does not promptly comply with the terms of Owner's written instructions, or in an emergency where delay would cause serious risk of loss or damage, Owner may have the defective Work corrected or repaired or may have the rejected Work removed and replaced. Contractor shall pay all costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such correction or repair or such removal and replacement (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others). Contractor's failure to pay such costs, losses, and damages within 10 days of invoice from Owner will be deemed the start of an event giving rise to a Claim under Paragraph 12.01.B, such that any related Claim must be brought within 30 days of the failure to pay.
- D. In special circumstances where a particular item of equipment is placed in continuous service before Substantial Completion of all the Work, the correction period for that item may start to run from an earlier date if so provided in the Specifications.
- E. Where defective Work (and damage to other Work resulting therefrom) has been corrected or removed and replaced under this paragraph, the correction period hereunder with respect to such Work will be extended for an additional period of one year after such correction or removal and replacement has been satisfactorily completed.
- F. Contractor's obligations under this paragraph are in addition to all other obligations and warranties. The provisions of this paragraph are not to be construed as a substitute for, or a waiver of, the provisions of any applicable statute of limitation or repose.

ARTICLE 16—SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION

16.01 Owner May Suspend Work

- A. At any time and without cause, Owner may suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than 90 consecutive days by written notice to Contractor and Engineer. Such notice will fix the date on which Work will be resumed. Contractor shall resume the Work on the date so fixed. Contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times directly attributable to any such suspension. Any Change Proposal seeking such adjustments must be submitted no later than 30 days after the date fixed for resumption of Work.
- B. When all or a portion of the Work is suspended for any reason, Contractor shall securely fasten down all coverings and other protections necessary to protect the Work and the Site from injury by the elements or otherwise.

16.02 Owner May Terminate for Cause

- A. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events will constitute a default by Contractor and justify termination for cause:
 - 1. Contractor's persistent failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or failure to adhere to the Progress Schedule);
 - 2. Failure of Contractor to perform or otherwise to comply with a any material term of the Contract Documents;
 - 3. Contractor's disregard of Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction; or
 - 4. Contractor's repeated disregard of the authority of Owner or Engineer.
- B. If one or more of the events identified in Paragraph 16.02.A occurs, then after giving Contractor (and any surety) 10 days' written notice that Owner is considering a declaration that Contractor is in default and termination of the Contract, Owner may proceed to:
 - 1. declare Contractor to be in default, and give Contractor (and any surety) written notice that the Contract is terminated; and
 - 2. enforce the rights available to Owner under any applicable performance bond.
- C. Subject to the terms and operation of any applicable performance bond, if Owner has terminated the Contract for cause, Owner may exclude Contractor from the Site, take possession of the Work, incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, and complete the Work as Owner may deem expedient.
- D. Owner may not proceed with termination of the Contract under Paragraph 16.02.B if Contractor within 7 days of receipt of notice of intent to terminate begins to correct its failure to perform and proceeds diligently to cure such failure.
- E. If Owner proceeds as provided in Paragraph 16.02.B, Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is completed. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the cost to complete the Work, including all related claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals) sustained by Owner, such excess will be paid to Contractor. If the cost to complete the Work including such related claims, costs, losses, and damages exceeds such unpaid balance, Contractor shall pay the difference to Owner. Such claims, costs, losses, and damages incurred by Owner will be reviewed by Engineer as to their reasonableness and, when so approved by Engineer, incorporated in a Change Order. When exercising any rights or remedies under this paragraph, Owner shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for the Work performed.
- F. Where Contractor's services have been so terminated by Owner, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of Owner against Contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue, or any rights or remedies of Owner against Contractor or any surety under any payment bond or performance bond. Any retention or payment of money due Contractor by Owner will not release Contractor from liability.

- G. If and to the extent that Contractor has provided a performance bond under the provisions of Paragraph 6.01.A, the provisions of that bond will govern over any inconsistent provisions of Paragraphs 16.02.B and 16.02.D.

16.03 Owner May Terminate for Convenience

- A. Upon 7 days' written notice to Contractor and Engineer, Owner may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of Owner, terminate the Contract. In such case, Owner will pay to Contractor all amounts due and not previously paid to Contractor for Work completed in accordance with the Contract prior to such notice, as well as the cost of reasonably protecting Work in place, and for Work thereafter completed as specified in such notice, as well as release and payment to Contractor of all retainage held by Owner related to the portion of the Work completed. No payments will be made for any potential costs of settling or paying claims arising out of termination of the Work under subcontracts, equipment leases, orders or other related arrangements. In such case, Contractor shall be paid for (without duplication of any items):
- ~~1. completed and acceptable Work executed in accordance with the Contract Documents prior to the effective date of termination, including fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such Work;~~
 - ~~2. expenses sustained prior to the effective date of termination in performing services and furnishing labor, materials, or equipment as required by the Contract Documents in connection with uncompleted Work, plus fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such expenses; and~~
 - ~~3. other reasonable expenses directly attributable to termination, including costs incurred to prepare a termination for convenience cost proposal.~~
- B. Contractor shall not be paid for any loss of anticipated profits or revenue, post-termination overhead costs, consequential damages of any kind, or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination.
- C. Upon any such termination, Contractor shall:
1. Immediately discontinue Work on the date and to the extent specified in the notice except to the extent necessary to protect Work in place;
 2. Place no further orders for materials, services, or facilities, other than as may be necessary or required for completion of such portion of Work under the Contract that is not terminated;
 3. Promptly make every reasonable effort to obtain cancellation upon terms reasonably satisfactory to Owner of all purchase orders and Subcontracts to the extent they relate to the performance of Work terminated or assign to Owner those orders and Subcontracts and revoke agreements specified in such notice;
 4. Reasonably assist Owner, as specifically requested in writing, in the maintenance, protection and disposition of property acquired by Owner under the Contract, as may be necessary;
 5. Complete performance of any Work which is not terminated; and

6. Deliver to Owner an affidavit regarding the identity of unpaid potential lienors and the amounts due to each.

16.04 Contractor May Stop Work or Terminate

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

ARTICLE 17—FINAL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

17.01 Methods and Procedures

- A. *Disputes Subject to Final Resolution:* The following disputed matters are subject to final resolution under the provisions of this article:
 1. A timely appeal of an approval in part and denial in part of a Claim, or of a denial in full, pursuant to Article 12; and
 2. Disputes between Owner and Contractor concerning the Work, or obligations under the Contract Documents, that arise after final payment has been made.
- B. *Final Resolution of Disputes:* For any dispute subject to resolution under this article, Owner or Contractor may:
 1. elect in writing to invoke the dispute resolution process provided for in the Supplementary Conditions;
 2. agree with the other party to submit the dispute to another dispute resolution process; or
 3. if no dispute resolution process is provided for in the Supplementary Conditions or mutually agreed to, give written notice to the other party of the intent to submit the dispute to a court of competent jurisdiction.
- C. In the event Owner or Contractor is required to enforce this Contract by court proceedings, alternative dispute resolution, appellate proceedings or otherwise, then venue for any such legal action shall be in Hillsborough County, Florida, and the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all fees and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees and

costs, paralegal fees, and expert witness fees, incurred in bringing or defending such action and/or enforcing any judgment granted in such action.

1.02 ARTICLE 18—MISCELLANEOUS

18.01 Giving Notice

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

18.02 Computation of Times

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

18.03 Cumulative Remedies

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

18.04 Limitation of Damages

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

18.05 No Waiver

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

18.06 Survival of Obligations

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

18.07 Controlling Law

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

18.08 Assignment of Contract

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

18.09 Successors and Assigns

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

18.10 Headings

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

18.11 No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Except with respect to Contractor's indemnification of the Indemnitees as set forth herein, and except as otherwise specifically provided herein, this Contract is solely for the benefit of Owner and Contractor and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Contract (specifically including but not limited to any design professionals, subcontractors, or material suppliers directly engaged by Contractor). Nothing in this Contract expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than Owner and Contractor any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Contract or any of the provisions or conditions of this Contract; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Contract shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon Owner and Contractor and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS

RIDGEWOOD SOUTH PHASE 2

The following supplements establish information supplementary to the *Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract*, EJCDC Document No. C-700, 2018 Edition (the “**General Conditions**”), including establishing insurance limits and other requirements pursuant to Article 6, and identifying certain reports relating to subsurface conditions and hazardous conditions at the site pursuant to Article 5.

Other changes have been marked directly in underlined and strike-through text on the Standard Form of Agreement and the General Conditions. The terms used in these Supplementary Conditions have the meanings stated in the General Conditions. Additional terms used in these Supplementary Conditions have the meanings stated below, which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof.

SC-5.03 SUBSURFACE AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

1. *Reports.* Pursuant to Paragraph 5.03.A.1. of the General Conditions, the following reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the Site are known to Owner and were used by Engineer in the preparation of the Contract Drawings and Specifications:

Report of Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation – Rhodine South Phase 2, dated January 9, 2024

2. *Drawings.* Pursuant to Paragraph 5.03.A.2. of the General Conditions, the following drawings of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at or adjacent to the Site (except Underground Facilities) are known to Owner and were used by Engineer in the preparation of the Contract Drawings and Specifications:

No reports or drawings related to physical conditions and subsurface structures at the Site are known to the Owner.

3. *Technical Data.* Pursuant to Paragraph 5.03.A.3. of the General Conditions, the following Technical Data is contained in the reports and drawings of subsurface and physical conditions:

No reports or drawings related to physical conditions and subsurface structures at the Site are known to the Owner.

SC-5.06 HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AT SITE

1. *Reports.* Pursuant to Paragraph 5.06.A.1. of the General Conditions, the following reports of Hazardous Environmental Conditions at or adjacent to the Site are known to Owner:

No reports or drawings related to physical conditions and subsurface structures at the Site are known to the Owner.

2. *Drawings.* Pursuant to Paragraph 5.06.A.2. of the General Conditions, the following drawings of Hazardous Environmental Conditions at or adjacent to the Site are known to Owner:

No reports or drawings related to physical conditions and subsurface structures at the Site are known to the Owner.

3. *Technical Data.* Pursuant to Paragraph 5.06.A.3. of the General Conditions, the following Technical Data is contained in the reports and drawings of Hazardous Environmental Conditions:

No reports or drawings related to physical conditions and subsurface structures at the Site are known to the Owner.

SC-6.01 PERFORMANCE, PAYMENT, AND OTHER BONDS

Contractor must provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds as required in the General Conditions. Pursuant to Paragraph 6.01.B. of the General Conditions, the following additional bonds are required:

Upon assignment of the Contract to the Rhodine Road North Community Development District, Contractor shall provide payment and performance bonds.

SC-6.03 CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE

Pursuant to Paragraph 6.03.A. of the General Conditions, the limits of Contractor's required insurance shall be as follows.

1. Contractor shall provide coverage for not less than the following amounts, or greater where required by Laws and Regulations:

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Workers' Compensation	Statutory
Employer's Liability	
Each Accident	\$1,000,000
Each Employee	\$1,000,000
Policy Limit	\$1,000,000

b. Commercial General Liability

General Aggregate	\$3,000,000
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate	\$3,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$3,000,000
Bodily Injury and Property Damage*—Each Occurrence	\$3,000,000

**Property Damage liability shall provide explosion, collapse, and under-ground coverages where applicable.*

*c. Automobile Liability**

Bodily Injury	
Each Person	\$1,000,000

Each Accident	\$1,000,000
Property Damage	
Each Accident	\$1,000,000
[OR]	
Combined Single Limit (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)	\$2,000,000

**Automobile liability insurance shall include coverage for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles*

*d. Excess or Umbrella Liability**

Per Occurrence	\$3,000,000
General Aggregate	\$3,000,000

*e. Contractor's Pollution Liability**

Each Occurrence/Claim	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000

**Pollution liability shall cover third-party injury and property damage claims, including clean-up costs.*

f. Builder's Risk

- i. Amount* – upon the Work on a completed value basis, in the amount of the full insurable replacement cost thereof)
- ii. Form* – must be written on a builder's risk "all risk" policy form that shall at least include insurance for physical loss or damage to the Work, temporary buildings, falsework, and materials and equipment in transit, and shall insure against at least the following perils or causes of loss: fire; lightning; windstorm; riot; civil commotion; terrorism; vehicle impact; aircraft; smoke; theft; vandalism and malicious mischief; mechanical breakdown, boiler explosion, and artificially generated electric current; earthquake; volcanic activity, and other earth movement; flood; collapse; explosion; debris removal; demolition occasioned by enforcement of Laws and Regulations; water damage (other than that caused by flood); and such other perils or causes of loss as may be specifically required by the Supplementary Conditions. If insurance against mechanical breakdown, boiler explosion, and artificially generated electric current; earthquake; volcanic activity, and other earth movement; or flood, are not commercially available under builder's risk policies, by endorsement or otherwise, such insurance may be provided through other insurance policies acceptable to Owner and Contractor.
- iii. Scope* – cover, as insured property, at least the following: (a) the Work and all materials, supplies, machinery, apparatus, equipment, fixtures, and other property of a similar nature that are to be incorporated into or used in the preparation, fabrication, construction, erection, or completion of the Work, including Owner-furnished or assigned property; (b) spare parts inventory

required within the scope of the Contract; and (c) temporary works which are not intended to form part of the permanent constructed Work but which are intended to provide working access to the Site, or to the Work under construction, or which are intended to provide temporary support for the Work under construction, including scaffolding, form work, fences, shoring, falsework, and temporary structures;

cover expenses incurred in the repair or replacement of any insured property (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers and architects);

extend to cover damage or loss to insured property while in temporary storage at the Site or in a storage location outside the Site (but not including property stored at the premises of a manufacturer or Supplier);

extend to cover damage or loss to insured property while in transit;

allow for partial occupation or use of the Work by Owner, such that those portions of the Work that are not yet occupied or used by Owner shall remain covered by the builder's risk insurance;

allow for the waiver of the insurer's subrogation rights, as set forth below;

provide primary coverage for all losses and damages caused by the perils or causes of loss covered;

not include a co-insurance clause;

include an exception for ensuing losses from physical damage or loss with respect to any defective workmanship, design, or materials exclusions;

include performance/hot testing and start-up; and

be maintained in effect, subject to the provisions herein regarding Substantial Completion and partial occupancy or use of the Work by Owner, until the Work is complete.

2. All insurance policies required to be purchased and maintained will contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled or materially changed or renewal refused until at least 30 days after notice has been received by the purchasing policyholder. Within three days of receipt of any such notice, the purchasing policyholder shall provide a copy of the notice to each other insured and Engineer.

3. Automobile liability insurance provided by Contractor will be written on an occurrence basis and provide coverage against claims for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of any motor vehicle.

4. Contractor's commercial general liability policy will be written on a 1996 or later ISO commercial general liability occurrence form and include the following coverages and endorsements:

- a. Products and completed operations coverage maintained for three (3) years after final payment;

- b. Blanket contractual liability coverage to the extent permitted by law;
- c. Broad form property damage coverage; and
- d. Severability of interest; underground, explosion, and collapse coverage; personal injury coverage.

5. The Contractor's commercial general liability and automobile liability, umbrella or excess, pollution liability and builder's risk policies will include and list **Owner, Engineer** and the respective supervisors, subsidiaries, affiliates, professional staff, officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each as additional insureds; and the insurance afforded to these additional insureds will provide primary coverage for all claims covered thereby (including, as applicable, those arising from both ongoing and completed operations) on a non-contributory basis.

6. Additional insured endorsements will include both ongoing operations and products and completed operations coverage through ISO Endorsements CG 20 10 10 01 and CG 20 37 10 01 (together). If Contractor demonstrates to Owner that the specified ISO endorsements are not commercially available, then Contractor may satisfy this requirement by providing equivalent endorsements.

7. Contractor shall provide ISO Endorsement CG 20 32 07 04, "Additional Insured—Engineers, Architects or Surveyors Not Engaged by the Named Insured" or its equivalent for design professional additional insureds.

8. Umbrella or excess liability insurance will be written over the underlying employer's liability, commercial general liability, and automobile liability insurance. The coverage afforded must be at least as broad as that of each and every one of the underlying policies. Contractor may meet the policy limits specified for employer's liability, commercial general liability, and automobile liability through the primary policies alone, or through combinations of the primary insurance policy's policy limits and partial attribution of the policy limits of an umbrella or excess liability policy that is at least as broad in coverage as that of the underlying policy.

9. The Contractor shall provide property insurance covering physical loss or damage during construction to structures, materials, fixtures, and equipment, including those materials, fixtures, or equipment in storage or transit.

10. If Contractor has failed to obtain and maintain required insurance, Owner may exclude the Contractor from the Site, impose an appropriate set-off against payment, and exercise Owner's termination rights under Article 15. Alternatively, the Owner has the right but not the obligation to secure such required insurance in which event Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the Owner's obtaining the required insurance.

SC-8.02 COORDINATION

Pursuant to Paragraph 8.02 of the General Conditions, if Owner intends to contract with others for the performance of other work at or adjacent to the Site, to perform other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, or to arrange to have utility owners perform work at or adjacent to the Site, the following information pertains to such other work:

1. The identity of the individual or entity that will have authority and responsibility for coordination of the activities among the various contractors:

Construction Manager, designated by the District.

2. An itemization of the specific matters to be covered by such authority and responsibility:

Refer to the General Conditions.

3. The extent of such authority and responsibilities:

Refer to the General Conditions.

SC-10.03 RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE

Pursuant to Paragraph 10.03.A. of the General Conditions, if Engineer will furnish a Resident Project Representative to represent Engineer at the Site and assist Engineer in observing the progress and quality of the Work, that representative and its authorities and responsibilities are identified below.

N/A

Pursuant to Paragraph 10.03.B. of the General Conditions, if Owner designates an individual or entity who is not Engineer's consultant, agent, or employee to represent Owner at the Site, that representative and its responsibilities and authorities are identified below.

Milton Andrade and his designees; see General Conditions for scope of responsibilities and authorities outlined for Construction Manager.



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To:	Highland Homes	Contact:	Chevon Crotty
Address:	3020 S. Florida Ave., Suite 101 Lakeland, FL 33803	Phone:	(863) 619-7103
Project Name:	Ridgewood South PH 2 - Contract - 8-27-25	Fax:	
Project Location:	Rhodine Road, Riverview, FL	Bid Number:	202502887000
		Bid Date:	8/27/2025

This proposal is based on plans received from the developer. The plans are from Absolute Engineering with a plan date of 2-4-25, and the latest revision dated 2-4-25.

This proposal is based on GeoTech Report from Faulkner Engineering with a report date 1-9-24.

Revised 8-27-25 based on discussion with developer on scope of work.

Line #	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
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Base Bid

General Conditions

1000	General Conditions	1.00	LS	\$125,664.11	\$125,664.11	30
1001	Payment & Performance Bond	1.00	LS	\$16,941.78	\$16,941.78	78
1002	NPDES Compliance	1.00	LS	\$6,068.30	\$6,068.30	35
1003	Construction Staking & Asbuilt Data (No Drawings)	1.00	LS	\$33,302.81	\$33,302.81	35
1004	Type III Silt Fence	2,280.00	LF	\$3.89	\$8,869.20	30
Total Price for above General Conditions Items:					\$190,846.20	

Earthworks

1005	Site Clearing Of Trees And Vegetation - Pit Burn Onsite	7.00	ACRE	\$10,564.34	\$73,950.38	32
1006	Site Excavation And Placement	1.00	LS	\$129,345.57	\$129,345.57	30
1007	Dewatering Of Existing Pond	1.00	LS	\$19,392.21	\$19,392.21	81
1008	Site Grading	1.00	LS	\$35,193.74	\$35,193.74	30
1009	Sodded Ditch Swales	20,340.00	SF	\$0.53	\$10,780.20	82
1010	Seeding & Mulching	36,561.00	SY	\$0.37	\$13,527.57	
1011	Bahia Sod Pond Banks	4,480.00	SY	\$3.50	\$15,680.00	
1012	Bahia Sod BOC 2'	675.00	SY	\$3.50	\$2,362.50	
Total Price for above Earthworks Items:					\$300,232.17	

Paving - Concrete

1013	Pave 1 1/2" SP-9.5 Asphalt	3,750.00	SY	\$19.66	\$73,725.00	60
1014	Road Base Crushed Concrete 06"	3,750.00	SY	\$17.12	\$64,200.00	
1015	Subgrade Stabilized 12"	3,750.00	SY	\$13.28	\$49,800.00	
1016	Signage & Striping	1.00	LS	\$4,672.59	\$4,672.59	
1017	Concrete Curb Miami	3,025.00	LF	\$23.04	\$69,696.00	63
1018	Concrete Curb Drop	145.00	LF	\$27.35	\$3,965.75	
1019	12" X 8" Concrete Flush Curb	20.00	LF	\$25.72	\$514.40	
1020	4" Concrete Sidewalk	1,460.00	SF	\$9.38	\$13,694.80	
1021	ADA Access Ramps	12.00	EACH	\$2,299.23	\$27,590.76	60
Total Price for above Paving - Concrete Items:					\$307,859.30	

Line #	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
Storm System					
1022	HDPE HP 15"	120.00	LF	\$63.59	\$7,630.80
1023	HDPE HP 18"	100.00	LF	\$69.46	\$6,946.00
1024	HDPE HP 24"	760.00	LF	\$89.89	\$68,316.40
1025	HDPE HP 30"	360.00	LF	\$122.94	\$44,258.40
1026	RCP MES 15"	1.00	EACH	\$1,742.68	\$1,742.68
1027	RCP MES 30"	1.00	EACH	\$4,780.52	\$4,780.52
1028	Type 1 Curb Inlet	8.00	EACH	\$8,779.81	\$70,238.48
1029	Manhole Type P	2.00	EACH	\$5,389.04	\$10,778.08
1030	Type C Inlet	2.00	EACH	\$3,743.38	\$7,486.76
1031	Modify Existing Control Drainage Structure In Pond A1	1.00	EACH	\$10,156.46	\$10,156.46
1032	Weir Wall Control Structure	2.00	EACH	\$35,266.44	\$70,532.88
1033	6" Underdrain- CPP Perf Pipe With Sock	410.00	LF	\$19.52	\$8,003.20
1034	6" Underdrain Cleanout	4.00	EACH	\$313.56	\$1,254.24

Total Price for above Storm System Items: \$312,124.90 50

Water System

1035	Connect To Existing · Remove Existing Blow Off	1.00	EACH	\$2,277.62	\$2,277.62
1036	Temporary Construction Meter	1.00	EACH	\$28,371.33	\$28,371.33
1037	PW PVC (DR-18) 06"	1,580.00	LF	\$26.29	\$41,538.20
1038	PW 06" Ductile Iron Pipe	120.00	LF	\$62.93	\$7,551.60
1039	Potable Water Gate Valves 06"	8.00	EACH	\$1,775.62	\$14,204.96
1040	Potable Water Fittings 06"	1.00	LS	\$10,440.81	\$10,440.81
1041	PW Conflict 06"	2.00	EACH	\$2,588.66	\$5,177.32
1042	PW Tee's 6"	2.00	EACH	\$691.48	\$1,382.96
1043	Fire Hydrant Assembly	2.00	EACH	\$7,876.18	\$15,752.36
1044	PW Services Water Single Short	30.00	EACH	\$516.20	\$15,486.00
1045	PW Services Water Single Long	12.00	EACH	\$713.29	\$8,559.48
1046	Potable Water Blowoffs (Temporary)	1.00	EACH	\$1,786.90	\$1,786.90
1047	Sample Points	4.00	EACH	\$1,156.55	\$4,626.20
1048	Chlorine Injection Points	4.00	EACH	\$239.61	\$958.44

Total Price for above Water System Items: \$158,114.18 70

Sanitary Sewer

1049	Maintenance Of Traffic	1.00	LS	\$15,639.46	\$15,639.46
1050	SS PVC (SDR-26) 08" 00-06'	78.00	LF	\$62.87	\$4,903.86
1051	SS PVC (SDR-26) 08" 06-08'	182.00	LF	\$64.11	\$11,668.02
1052	SS PVC (SDR-26) 08" 08-10'	480.00	LF	\$78.95	\$37,896.00
1053	SS PVC (SDR-26) 08" 10-12'	720.00	LF	\$82.36	\$59,299.20
1054	SS PVC (C-900) 08" 08-10'	20.00	LF	\$88.63	\$1,772.60
1055	SS Manhole 4' Dia 00-06' (Unlined)	3.00	EACH	\$5,131.68	\$15,395.04
1056	SS Manhole 4' Dia 06-08' (Unlined)	2.00	EACH	\$5,688.55	\$11,377.10
1057	SS Manhole 4' Dia 08-10' (Unlined)	1.00	EACH	\$6,681.94	\$6,681.94
1058	SS Manhole 4' Dia 10-12' (Unlined)	3.00	EACH	\$8,668.20	\$26,004.60
1059	SS Drop Manhole 4' Dia 08-10' (Unlined)	1.00	EACH	\$8,959.07	\$8,959.07
1060	SS Doghouse Manhole 4' Dia 10-12' (Unlined) - K1	1.00	EACH	\$63,343.28	\$63,343.28
1061	Sewer Services Single (8"x6")	4.00	EACH	\$1,593.38	\$6,373.52
1062	Sewer Services Double (8"x6")	19.00	EACH	\$1,803.46	\$34,265.74
1063	Open Cut And Replace Road For Sanitary Sewer Installation	275.00	SY	\$288.81	\$79,422.75

Total Price for above Sanitary Sewer Items: \$383,002.18 40

Total Price for above Base Bid Items: \$1,652,178.93

Notes:

- ~~• This bid is based on current market pricing. Due to the volatility of liquid asphalt, aggregates, concrete, fuel, steel and PVC materials these prices cannot be predicted. This bid does not include any adjustments and surcharges for material price increases. If any price escalation in Concrete Or Asphalt occurs, The Owner/ Client Reserves the right to rebid those Specific items in the Bid at that time.~~ Contractor
Owner
- Due to the current Situation with PVC Shortages and delays in production, QGS will not be held responsible for said delays, which may increase overall Substantial completion Days.
- This proposal/quote is based on and tied to the FDOT Asphalt Price Index (API) for Bituminous Materials <https://www.fdot.gov/construction/fuel-bit/fuel-bit.shtm> currently in effect as of the date of this proposal/quote (unless otherwise specified herein). Any adjustments due to increases or decreases in the API will be determined in accordance with section 9-2.1.2 of the current FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction with the exception that bituminous adjustments will be made only when the current API (CAPI) varies by more than 10% of the API prevailing in the month when bids were received (BAPI), and then only on the portion that exceeds 10%. The application of adjustments will not be conditioned on the Owner's or any other party's participation in this clause.
- This bid is only valid for 15 Days.
- Our estimate is based upon the existing topo being correct within +/- .1'
- This estimate does not cover any excavation or disposal of any hazardous or toxic waste encountered. Also does not include excavation or disposal of trash or any other unforeseen site conditions.
- This bid does not include any extended warranty past the normal 2 year warranty after the final completion date.
- QGS Development accepts no responsibility for and shall not be held liable or responsible in any manner in regard to sinkholes including, but not limited to, investigation, identification, testing, and/or remediation at any time.
- No Landscaping is included in this bid.
- No Irrigation is included in this bid.
- QGS is not responsible for Solid Limerock or Stone. If encountered during Excavation addition cost will need to be negotiated.
- Geo Testing By Owner
- No Well Abandonment, power relocation or removal is included with this bid.
- Unless specifically listed in Pay Items, Bid Does NOT Include Record Drawings.
- All Finished Lot grading will be pad elevation +/- .2 of a foot.
- ~~• The materials are based on current tariff laws that are in affect at time of bid. If tariff increases material cost during construction, a change order will be necessary for said increases.~~ Contractor
- All contracts will be subject to compensation for stored materials, based on monthly draws of delivered materials. Owner
- All Permits and Fees will be paid for by owner.
- QGS Will not be held responsible for plans issued without a revision list issued by the EOR. Owner is responsible to compensate QGS for all plan changes found with no time limit on change orders until close of contract.
- Unless specifically listed in Bid Items, Electrical, Cable TV and Irrigation Conduit Sleeve Crossings are not included in this bid.
- **All Precast Structures are Budget only and subject to change based on final revised plans for construction and Submittal Approval by Engineer.**
- ~~• This Quote is Based on Fuel Pricing as of 5-09-25 at \$2.54/ Gal for Off-road Diesel Fuel. We have budgeted 27,200 Gallons for this Project. The escalation costs will be passed through and invoiced separately without the need for a Change Order. If fuel rates go lower than estimated. A rebate will be given for the fuel usage during that period.~~ Contractor
- ~~• Freight cost is based on 05-05-25 average diesel price of \$3.45/ Gal. of the DOE Lower Atlantic Region. Material increase to fuel cost will incur additional freight charges. The escalation costs will be passed through and invoiced separately without the need for a Change Order. Per US Energy Information Administration <https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/>~~ Owner

Fuel rate escalation table included below for reference.

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Diesel Price Addition	Rate Increase
\$0.10/Per Gallon	1%
\$0.20/ Per Gallon	2%
\$0.30/ Per Gallon	3%
\$0.40/ Per Gallon	4%
\$0.50/ Per Gallon	5%

- ~~• This quote is based on Concrete price as of 05-05-25 is priced at \$216.00/CY with 120 CY Budgeted for Project. The escalation costs will be passed through and invoiced separately without the need for a Change Order. If concrete rates go lower than estimated. A rebate will be given for the concrete useage during that period. Adjustments will be based on delivery tickets.~~ Contractor
- This proposal does not include the instalation of RCP pipe material. HP storm pipe is proposed in lieu of RCP.
- ~~• This proposal does not include the site demolition.~~
- Pond expansion excavated to 72.7 elevation and not to plan depth. Owner

ACCEPTED:

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and hereby accepted.

Buyer: _____

Signature: _____

Date of Acceptance: _____

CONFIRMED:

QGS Development, Inc



Authorized Signature:

Estimator: Jeff Taylor
813-634-3326 Ext. 238
jtaylor@qgsdevelopment.com

SECTION VII

ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT
RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
RIDGEWOOD SOUTH PHASE 2

Assignor: Clayton Properties Group, Inc. dba Highland Homes (“**Assignor**”)
Owner/Assignee: Rhodine Road North Community Development District (“**Assignee**” or “**District**”)
Contractor: QGS Development, Inc. (“**Contractor**”)
Contract: Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract (Stipulated Price) – Ridgewood South Phase 2 (“**Contractor Agreement**” or “**Project**”)

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor, does hereby transfer, assign and convey unto Assignee, all of the rights, interests, benefits and privileges of Assignor under the Contractor Agreement, by and between Assignor and Contractor, for the above-referenced Project. Further, Assignee does hereby assume all obligations of Assignor under the Contract arising or accruing after the date hereof. Contractor hereby consents to the assignment of the Contract and all of Contractor’s rights, interests, benefits, privileges, and obligations to Assignee.

Executed in multiple counterparts to be effective the 15th day of October 2025.

QGS DEVELOPMENT, INC.

By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Name: Milton Andrade
Title: Chairperson

**CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP, INC., a
Tennessee corporation dba HIGHLAND
HOMES**

By: _____
Printed Name: D. Joel Adams
Title: Vice President

EXHIBITS:

- Developer’s Affidavit and Agreement Regarding Assignment of Contractor Agreement
- Contractor’s Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Assignment and Release
- Addendum to Contractor Agreement with Exhibits:
 - Scrutinized Companies Statement
 - Public Entity Crimes Statement
 - Trench Safety Compliance Act Statement
 - Discrimination Statement
 - Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit

**DEVELOPER'S AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT
REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT
RIDGEWOOD SOUTH PHASE 2**

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, personally appeared D. Joel Adams of Clayton Properties Group, Inc. ("**Developer**"), who, after being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

- (i) I, D. Joel Adams, serve as Vice President for Developer and am authorized to make this affidavit on its behalf. I make this affidavit in order to induce the Rhodine Road North Community Development District ("**District**") to accept an assignment of the Contractor Agreement (defined below).
- (ii) The agreement ("**Contractor Agreement**") between Developer and QGS Development, Inc. ("**Contractor**"), dated September 25, 2025, and attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, X was competitively bid prior to its execution or _____ is below the applicable bid thresholds and was not required to be competitively prior to its execution.
- (iii) Developer, in consideration for the District's acceptance of an assignment of the Contractor Agreement agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the District and its successors, assigns, agents, employees, staff, contractors, officers, supervisors, and representatives (together, "**Indemnitees**"), from any and all liability, loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and all fees and costs of mediation or alternative dispute resolution, as a result of any claims, liabilities, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments, against Indemnitees and which relate in any way to the assignment of, or bid process for, the Contractor Agreement.
- (iv) Developer has obtained a release from Contractor (and all subcontractors and material suppliers thereto) acknowledging the assignment of the above referenced contract and the validity thereof, the satisfaction of the bonding requirements of Section 255.05, *Florida Statutes* (if applicable), and waiving any and all claims against the District arising as a result of or connected with this assignment. Such releases are attached as **Exhibit B**.
- (v) The Contractor has X furnished or will furnish a performance and payment bond in accordance with Section 255.05, *Florida Statutes*, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, or _____ was not required to provide such a bond pursuant to Section 255.05, *Florida Statutes*.
- (vi) Developer X represents and warrants that there are no outstanding liens or claims relating to the Contractor Agreement, or _____ has posted a transfer bond in accordance with Section 713.24, *Florida Statutes*, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.
- (vii) Developer represents and warrants that there are no payments to Contractor and any subcontractors or materialmen under the Contractor Agreement are outstanding and no disputes under the Contractor Agreement exist.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and the facts alleged are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 15th day of October, 2025.

CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP, INC.,
a Tennessee corporation

By: _____
Printed Name: D. Joel Adams
Title: Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this ____ day of October, 2025 by D. Joel Adams, as Vice President of Clayton Properties Group, Inc., on behalf of the company.

[notary seal]

(Official Notary Signature)
Name:
Personally Known
OR Produced Identification
Type of Identification

**CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF
ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE
RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
(RIDGEWOOD SOUTH PHASE 2)**

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, QGS Development, Inc. ("**Contractor**"), hereby agrees as follows:

- (i) The agreement ("**Contractor Agreement**") between Clayton Properties Group, Inc. and Contractor dated September 25, 2025, has been assigned to the Rhodine Road North Community Development District ("**District**"). Contractor acknowledges and accepts such assignment and its validity.
- (ii) Contractor represents and warrants that either:
 - a. X Contractor has or will furnish and record a performance and payment bond in accordance with Section 255.05, *Florida Statutes*, and has notified any subcontractors, material suppliers or others claiming interest in the work of the existence of the bond; or
 - b. Contractor has not been required to furnish or provide a performance and payment bond under Section 255.05, *Florida Statutes*, and has notified any subcontractors, materialmen or others claiming interest in the work that (a) no such bond exists; (b) the District, as a local unit of special purpose government, is not an "Owner" as defined in Section 713.01(23), *Florida Statutes*; and (c) there are no lien rights available to any person providing materials or services for improvements in connection with the Improvement Agreement.
- (iii) Contractor represents and warrants that all payments to any subcontractors or materialmen under the Contractor Agreement are current, there are no past-due invoices for payment due to the Contractor under the Contractor Agreement, and there are no outstanding disputes under the Contractor Agreement.
- (iv) Contractor hereby releases and waives any claim it may have against the District as a result of or in connection with such assignment.

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Executed this 15th day of October, 2025.

QGS DEVELOPMENT, INC.

By: _____
Its: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this ____ day of October, 2025 by _____, as _____ of QGS Development, Inc., on behalf of the company.

(Official Notary Signature)
Name:
Personally Known
OR Produced Identification
Type of Identification

[notary seal]

**ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT
RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
(RIDGEWOOD SOUTH PHASE 2)**

1. ASSIGNMENT. This Addendum (“**Addendum**”) applies to that certain *Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract (Stipulated Price)- Ridgewood South Phase 2*, dated September 25, 2025 (“**Contract**”) between Clayton Properties Group, LLC (“**Developer**”) and QGS Development, Inc. (“**Contractor**”), which Contract was assigned to the District simultaneous with the execution of this Addendum. To the extent the terms of the Contract conflict with this Addendum, the terms of this Addendum shall control.

2. PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS; NO LIEN RIGHTS. Before commencing the work, and consistent with the requirements of Section 255.05, *Florida Statutes*, the Contractor shall execute, deliver to the District, and record in the public records of Polk County, Florida, a payment and performance bond with a surety insurer authorized to do business in this state as surety or, to the extent permitted by the District in its sole discretion, provide an alternative form of security as authorized under Section 255.05, *Florida Statutes*. The cost of such bond is included in Contractor’s proposal. Such bond and/or security shall be for 100% of the project cost and shall be in effect for a full year from the time of completion of the project. Contractor agrees that the District is a local unit of special-purpose government and not an “Owner” as defined in Section 713.01(23), *Florida Statutes*. Therefore, notwithstanding anything in the Contract to the contrary, there are no lien rights available to any person providing materials or services for improvements in connection with the project. Contractor shall notify any subcontractors, material suppliers or others claiming interest in the work of the existence of the payment and performance bond.

3. INSURANCE. In addition to the existing additional insureds under the Contract, the District, its officers, supervisors, agents, attorneys, engineers, managers, and representatives also shall be named as additional insureds under the insurance provided pursuant to the Contract. Contractor shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. No certificate shall be acceptable unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida. If Contractor fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right (without any obligation to do so, however), to secure such required insurance in which event, Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District’s obtaining the required insurance.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROMPT PAYMENT ACT. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, all payments to the Contractor shall be made in a manner consistent with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Sections 218.70 through 218.80, *Florida Statutes*.

A. Contractor shall make payments due to subcontractors and materialmen and laborers within ten (10) days in accordance with the prompt payment provisions contained in Section 218.735(6), 218.735(7), and 218.74, *Florida Statutes*.

B. All payments due and not made within the time prescribed by Section 218.735, *Florida Statutes*, bear interest at the rate of one percent (2%) per month on the unpaid balance in accordance with Section 218.735(9), *Florida Statutes*.

C. Owner shall make payment to the Contractor in the amount recommended by Engineer (subject to the provisions of this Contract) in accordance with the prompt payment provisions contained in Sections 218.70 et seq., Florida Statutes.

D. To the extent paragraph 15.03 of the General Conditions is inconsistent in any way with Florida's Local Government Prompt Payment Act, sections 218.70 et seq., Florida Statutes, such Act shall control, and this Contract shall be construed to allow for the maximum amount of time allowable under the Act in order to review any punch lists and make payment.

5. RETAINAGE. The following provision addresses the holding of retainage under the Contract:

Five percent (5%) of the amount of each progress payment shall be withheld as retainage until final completion of the Work, acceptance of the Work by the Owner, satisfaction of all punch list requirements, and submission of all required documents, subject to any offsets to which the Owner is entitled. Procedures for withholding and release of retainage shall be in accordance with Florida law, including sections 218.735 and 255.078, *Florida Statutes*.

6. INDEMNIFICATION. Contractor's indemnification, defense, and hold harmless obligations under the Contract shall continue to apply to the original indemnitees and shall further include the District and its supervisors, consultants, agents, attorneys, managers, engineers and representatives (together, the "Indemnitees"). To the extent that a maximum limit for indemnification is required by law, and not otherwise set forth in the Contract, the indemnification limit shall be the greater of the limits of the insurance amounts set forth in the Contract or Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000), which amounts Contractor agrees are reasonable and enforceable, and were included as part of the bid and/or assignment documents. The Contractor's obligations hereunder are intended to be consistent with all provisions of applicable law, and to the extent found inconsistent by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Contract shall be deemed amended and/or reformed consistent with the intent of this paragraph and such that the obligations apply to the maximum limits of the law.

7. TAX-EXEMPT DIRECT PURCHASES. The parties agree that the District may in its sole discretion elect to undertake a direct purchase of any or all materials incorporated into the work performed according to the Contract. In such event, the following conditions shall apply:

- a. Upon assignment of this Contract to the District, Owner shall be a governmental entity exempt from Florida sales and use tax, and will provide Contractor with a copy of its Consumer Exemption Certificate. Owner may elect to implement a direct purchase arrangement whereby Owner will directly acquire certain materials ("Direct Purchase Materials") necessary for the completion of the Work directly from the suppliers to take advantage of Owner's tax-exempt status.
- b. Within 10 days of the issuance of the Notice to Proceed or other written authorization for Work, Owner shall provide Contractor with a list of materials that will be treated as Direct Purchase Materials.
- c. Owner shall issue purchase orders directly to suppliers of Direct Purchase Materials. Such purchase orders shall include Owner's consumer certificate of exemption number and shall require that the supplier provide the required shipping and handling insurance and provide for delivery with title and risk of loss transferring upon delivery at the jobsite and after acceptance by Owner. Corresponding change orders shall be executed at the time of the direct purchase to reflect the direct purchases made by the Owner and if the original

contract contemplated sale of materials and installation by same person, the change order needs to reflect sale of materials and installation by different legal entities.

1. Owner will be entitled to a reduction in the Lump Sum Bid amount provided in Section 5.01.A. in an amount equal to the actual Unit Cost of all Direct Purchased Materials, together with the applicable sales tax related to such Unit Cost included as part of Contractor's bid.
- d. Owner shall issue a Certificate of Entitlement to each supplier of Direct Purchase Materials, and furnish a copy of same to the Contractor. Each Certificate of Entitlement must have attached thereto the corresponding purchase order. Each Certificate of Entitlement shall acknowledge that if the Department of Revenue determines the purchase is not a tax-exempt purchase by a governmental entity, then the governmental entity will be responsible for any tax, penalties and interest determined to be due. Each Certificate of Entitlement shall affirm that (1) the attached purchase order is being issued directly to the vendor supplying the tangible personal property the Contractor will use in the identified public works; (2) the vendor's invoice will be issued directly to the governmental entity; (3) payment of the vendor's invoice will be made directly by the governmental entity to the vendor from public funds; (4) the governmental entity will take title to the tangible personal property from the vendor at the time of delivery by the vendor; and (5) the governmental entity assumes the risk of damage or loss at the time of delivery by the vendor.
- e. Upon delivery of the Direct Purchase Materials to the jobsite, the Owner, through Contractor as its agent, shall inspect the materials and invoices to determine that they conform to the purchase order. If the materials conform, Owner shall accept and take title to the Direct Purchase Materials through its agent, which is Contractor.
- f. Suppliers shall issue invoices directly to Owner. Owner shall process invoices and issue payment directly to the suppliers.
- g. Upon acceptance of Direct Purchase Materials, Owner shall assume risk of loss of same until they are incorporated into the Project. Contractor, as Owner's agent, shall be responsible for safeguarding all Direct Purchase Materials and for obtaining and managing all warranties and guarantees for all material and products as required under the Contract Documents. All warranties provided by Contractor as part of Contract shall apply to all Direct Purchase Materials, as though Contractor had purchased the Direct Purchase Materials.

8. PUBLIC RECORDS. The Contractor agrees and understands that Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, may be applicable to documents prepared in connection with the services provided hereunder and agrees to cooperate with public record requests made thereunder. In connection with this Contract, Contractor agrees to comply with all provisions of Florida's public records laws, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*, the terms of which are incorporated herein. Among other requirements, Contractor must:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service.
- b. Upon request from the District's custodian of public records, provide the District with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, or as otherwise provided by law.
- c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the

contract term and following completion of the Agreement if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the District.

- d. Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the District all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the District upon completion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District, upon request from the District's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE PUBLIC RECORDS CUSTODIAN AT C/O JILL BURNS, GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC, 219 E. LIVINGSTON ST. ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801, PHONE (407) 841-5524, AND JBURNS@GMSCFL.COM

9. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. Nothing in the Contract shall be deemed as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity or the District's limits of liability as set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes* or other statute, and nothing in the Contract shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under such limitations of liability or by operation of law.

10. NOTICES. Notices provided to the District pursuant to the Contract shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the following individuals:

District:	Rhodine Road North Community Development District Governmental Management Services Central Florida, LLC 219 E. Livingston St. Orlando, Florida 32801 Attn: District Manager
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With a copy to:	Kilinski Van Wyk PLLC 517 E. College Avenue Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Attn: District Counsel
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11. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES STATEMENT. Upon the Assignment, Contractor shall properly execute a sworn statement pursuant to Section 287.135(5), *Florida Statutes*, and by signing this Addendum represents that Contractor is able to execute such sworn statement. The statement shall be substantially in the form of the attached **Exhibit A**. If the Contractor is found to have submitted a false

certification as provided in Section 287.135(5), *Florida Statutes*, or has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or is now or in the future on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or engaged in a boycott of Israel, the Owner may immediately terminate the Contract.

12. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT. Upon the Assignment, Contractor shall properly execute a sworn statement under Section 287.133(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*, regarding public entity crimes, and by signing this Addendum represents that Contractor is able to execute such sworn statement. The statement shall be substantially in the form of the attached **Exhibit B**.

13. TRENCH SAFETY ACT STATEMENTS. Upon the Assignment, Contractor shall properly execute a Trench Safety Act Compliance Statement and a Trench Safety Act Compliance Cost Statement, and by signing this Addendum represents that Contractor is able to execute such sworn statement. The statements shall be substantially in the form of the attached **Exhibit C**.

14. DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT. Upon the Assignment, Contractor shall properly execute a sworn statement under Section 287.134(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, regarding public entity crimes, and by signing this Addendum represents that Contractor is able to execute such sworn statement. The statement shall be substantially in the form of the attached **Exhibit D**.

15. HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT. Upon the Assignment, Contractor shall properly execute an affidavit regarding human trafficking as required by Section 787.06(13), *Florida Statutes*, and by signing this Addendum represents that Contractor is able to execute such affidavit. The statement shall be in substantially the form of the attached **Exhibit E**.

16. CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS. PURSUANT TO SECTION 558.005, FLORIDA STATUTES, ANY CLAIMS FOR CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE AND CURE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 558, FLORIDA STATUTES.

17. E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS. The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. If the Contractor anticipates entering into agreements with a subcontractor for the Work, Contractor will not enter into the subcontractor agreement without first receiving an affidavit from the subcontractor regarding compliance with Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, and stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the agreement and provide a copy to the District upon request.

In the event that the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, but the Contractor has otherwise complied with its obligations hereunder, the District shall promptly notify the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to immediately terminate the agreement with the subcontractor upon notice from the District. Further, absent such notification from the District, the Contractor or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall promptly terminate its agreement with such person or entity. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(5)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto hereby acknowledge and agree to this Addendum.

QGS DEVELOPMENT, INC.

By: _____
Its: _____

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: Milton Andrade
Its: Chairperson

Exhibit A: Scrutinized Companies Statement
Exhibit B: Public Entity Crimes Statement
Exhibit C: Trench Safety Act Statement
Exhibit D: Discrimination Statement
Exhibit E: Human Trafficking Affidavit

EXHIBIT A

**SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.135(5), FLORIDA STATUTES,
REGARDING SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES WITH ACTIVITIES IN SUDAN LIST OR
SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES WITH ACTIVITIES IN THE IRAN PETROLEUM
ENERGY SECTOR LIST**

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

1. This sworn statement is submitted to Rhodine Road North Community Development District by _____ (print individual's name). I am over eighteen (18) years of age and competent to testify as to the matters contained herein. I serve in the capacity of _____ (print individual's title) for QGS Development, Inc. ("Contractor"), and am authorized to make this Sworn Statement on behalf of Contractor. Contractor's business address is: _____.
2. I understand that, subject to limited exemptions, Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*, declares a company that, at the time of bidding or submitting a proposal for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel with Activities in Sudan List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinize Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or is created pursuant to Section 215.473, *Florida Statutes*, or that has business operations in Cuba or Syria (together, "Prohibited Criteria"), is ineligible for, and may not bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with a local governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more.
3. Based on information and belief, at the time the entity submitting this sworn statement accepts assignment of its Contract with Clayton Properties Group, Inc., to the Rhodine Road North Community Development District, neither the entity, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents, is listed on Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Sections 215.4725 and 215.473, *Florida Statutes*, and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria.
4. The entity will immediately notify the Rhodine Road North Community Development District in writing if either the entity, or any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents, is placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Sections 215.4725 and 215.473, *Florida Statutes*.

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Under penalties of perjury under the laws of the State of Florida, I declare that I have read the foregoing Sworn Statement under Section 287.135(5), *Florida Statutes*, Regarding Scrutinized Companies and all of the information provided is true and correct.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this ____ day of October, 2025, by _____, as _____ of QGS Development, Inc., on behalf of the company.

(Official Notary Signature & Seal)

Name: _____
Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT B

SWORN STATEMENT ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES **PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.133(2)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES**

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

1. This sworn statement is submitted to Rhodine Road North Community Development District.
2. I, _____ (print individual's name) am over eighteen (18) years of age and competent to testify as to the matters contained herein. I serve in the capacity of _____ (print individual's title) for QGS Development, Inc. ("Contractor"), and am authorized to make this Sworn Statement on behalf of Contractor.
3. Contractor's business address is _____

4. Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____

(If the Contractor has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: _____.)

5. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Section 287.133(1)(g), *Florida Statutes*, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid, proposal, reply, or contract for goods or services, any lease for real property, or any contract for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
6. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Section 287.133(1)(b), *Florida Statutes*, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere
7. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Section 287.133(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*, means:
 - a. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or,
 - b. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
8. I understand that a "person" as defined in Section 287.133(1)(e), *Florida Statutes* any natural person or any entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors,

executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

9. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the Contractor submitting this sworn statement. (Please indicate which statement applies.)

_____ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity, have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members or agents who are active in management of the entity or an affiliate of the entity, has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989, AND (please indicate which additional statement applies):

____ There has been a proceeding concerning the conviction before an Administrative Law Judge of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the Administrative Law Judge did not place the person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)

____ The person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list. There has been a subsequent proceeding before an Administrative Law Judge of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the Administrative Law Judge determined that it was in the public interest to remove the person or affiliate from the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)

____ The person or affiliate has not been placed on the convicted vendor list. (Please describe any action taken by or pending with the Florida Department of Management Services.)

IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR EXECUTING THIS PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME AFFIDAVIT TO VERIFY THAT NONE OF THE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS UTILIZED FOR THIS BID/QUOTE HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME SUBSEQUENT TO JULY 1, 1989. IN THE EVENT IT IS LATER DISCOVERED THAT A SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME, THE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR SHALL SUBSTITUTE THE SUBCONTRACTOR/ SUPPLIER WITH ANOTHER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A CONVICTION. ANY COST ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SUBSTITUTION SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR.

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Under penalties of perjury under the laws of the State of Florida, I declare that I have read the foregoing Sworn Statement under Section 287.133(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*, Regarding Public Entity Crimes and all of the information provided is true and correct.

Dated this ____ day of October, 2025.

By: _____
Title: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this ____ day of October, 2025, by _____, as _____ of QGS Development, Inc., on behalf of the company.

(Official Notary Signature & Seal)

Name: _____
Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT C

RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT **TRENCH SAFETY ACT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

INSTRUCTIONS

Because trench excavations on this project are expected to be in excess of 5 feet, Florida's Trench Safety Act, Sections 553.60 – 553.64, *Florida Statutes*, requires that construction on the project comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standard 29 C.F.R.s. 1926.650 Subpart P. The Contractor is required to execute this Compliance Statement and the Compliance Cost Statement. The costs for complying with the Trench Safety Act must be incorporated into the Contract Price.

This form must be certified in the presence of a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

CERTIFICATION

1. I understand that the Trench Safety Act requires me to comply with OSHA Standard 29 C.F.R.s. 1926.650 Subpart P. I will comply with The Trench Safety Act, and I will design and provide trench safety systems at all trench excavations in excess of five feet in depth for this project.
2. The estimated cost imposed by compliance with The Trench Safety Act will be:

(Written) Dollars \$ _____ (Figures)
3. The amount listed above has been included within the Contract Price.

Dated this _____ day of October, 2025.

Contractor: **QGS Development, Inc.**

By: _____
Title: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this ____ day of October, 2025, by _____, as _____ of QGS Development, Inc., on behalf of the company.

(Official Notary Signature & Seal)

Name: _____
Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

(SEAL)

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
TRENCH SAFETY ACT COMPLIANCE COST STATEMENT**

INSTRUCTIONS

Because trench excavations on this Project are expected to be in excess of 5 feet, Florida's Trench Safety Act, Sections 553.60 – 553.64, *Florida Statutes*, requires that the Contractor submit a statement of the costs of complying with the Trench Safety Act. Said costs must also be incorporated into the Contract Price. This form must be certified in the presence of a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths. By executing this statement, Contractor acknowledges that included in the various items of its Contract Price are costs for complying with the Florida Trench Safety Act. The Contractor further identifies the costs as follows:

Type of Trench Safety Mechanism	Quantity	Unit Cost ¹	Item Total Cost
Project Total			

Dated this ____ day of October, 2025.

By: _____
Title: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this ____ day of October, 2025, by _____, as _____ of **QGS Development, Inc.**, who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification, and did [] or did not [] take the oath.

[notary seal]

Signature of Notary Public taking acknowledgement

My Commission Expires: _____

¹ Use cost per linear square foot of trench excavation used and cost per square foot of shoring used.

EXHIBIT D

RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT **SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.134(2)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES,** **ON DISCRIMINATION**

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

1. This sworn statement is submitted to Rhodine Road North Community Development District.
2. I, _____ (print individual's name) am over eighteen (18) years of age and competent to testify as to the matters contained herein. I serve in the capacity of _____ (print individual's title) for QGS Development, Inc. ("Contractor"), and am authorized to make this Sworn Statement on behalf of Contractor.
3. Contractor's business address is _____

4. Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____

(If the Contractor has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: _____.)
5. I understand that a "discrimination" or "discriminated" as defined in Section 287.134(1)(b), *Florida Statutes*, means a determination of liability by a state circuit court or federal district court for a violation of any state or federal law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, gender, national origin, disability, or religion by an entity; if an appeal is made, the determination of liability does not occur until the completion of any appeals to a higher tribunal.
6. I understand that "discriminatory vendor list" as defined in Section 287.134(1)(c), *Florida Statutes*, means the list required to be kept by the Florida Department of Management Services pursuant to Section 287.134(3)(d), *Florida Statutes*.
7. I understand that "entity" as defined in Section 287.134(1)(e), *Florida Statutes*, means any natural person or any entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity.
8. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Section 287.134(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*, means:
 - a. A predecessor or successor of an entity that discriminated; or
 - b. An entity under the control of any natural person or entity that is active in the management of the entity that discriminated. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one entity of shares constituting a controlling interest in another entity, or a pooling of equipment or income among entities when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one entity controls another entity
9. I understand that, pursuant to Section 287.134(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on

leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.

Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. (Indicate which statement applies.)

- ___ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any affiliate of the entity, has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list.
- ___ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or an affiliate of the entity, appears on the discriminatory vendor list.

IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR EXECUTING THIS AFFIDAVIT TO VERIFY THAT NONE OF THE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS UTILIZED FOR THIS BID/QUOTE HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE DISCRIMINATORY VENDOR LIST. IN THE EVENT IT IS LATER DISCOVERED THAT A SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE DISCRIMINATORY VENDOR LIST, THE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR SHALL SUBSTITUTE THE SUBCONTRACTOR/ SUPPLIER WITH ANOTHER WHO HAS NOT PLACED ON THE DISCRIMINATORY VENDOR LIST. ANY COST ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SUBSTITUTION SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY.

Signature by authorized representative

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this ____ day of October, 2025, by _____, as _____ of QGS Development, Inc., on behalf of the company.

(Official Notary Signature & Seal)

Name: _____
Personally Known _____
OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification _____

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT E
ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT

I, [name] _____, as [position] _____, on behalf of QGS Development, Inc. (the "Contractor"), under penalty of perjury hereby attest as follows:

1. I am over 21 years of age and an officer or representative of the Contractor.
2. The Contractor does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*.
3. More particularly, the Contractor does not participate in any of the following actions:
 - (a) Using or threatening to use physical force against any person;
 - (b) Restraining, isolating or confining or threatening to restrain, isolate or confine any person without lawful authority and against her or his will;
 - (c) Using lending or other credit methods to establish a debt by any person when labor or services are pledged as a security for the debt, if the value of the labor or services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt or the length and nature of the labor or services are not respectively limited and defined;
 - (d) Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, withholding, or possessing any actual or purported passport, visa, or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document, of any person;
 - (e) Causing or threatening to cause financial harm to any person;
 - (f) Enticing or luring any person by fraud or deceit; or
 - (g) Providing a controlled substance as outlined in Schedule I or Schedule II of Section 893.03, *Florida Statutes*, to any person for the purpose of exploitation of that person.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Contractor: QGS Development, Inc.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me ☐ physical presence or ☐ remote notarization by _____, as _____, of QGS Development, Inc., who is ☐ personally known to me or ☐ who produced _____ as identification this ____ day of October, 2025.

(Notary Seal)

Notary Public

SECTION VIII

CONSTRUCTION FUNDING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into and effective as of this 15th day of October 2025, by and between:

RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in within Polk County, Florida, with a mailing address of 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (“District”), and

CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP, INC., a Tennessee corporation, and an owner of certain lands within the District, with a mailing address of 5000 Clayton Road, Maryville, Tennessee 37804, and its successors and assigns (“Developer”)

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and is validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is the owner and/or developer of certain undeveloped lands located within the boundaries of the District (“Development”) upon which the District's improvements have been or will be made; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, is authorized to levy such taxes, special assessments, fees, and other charges as may be necessary in furtherance of the District's activities and services; and

WHEREAS, the District is anticipated to be without sufficient funds available to provide for the construction of certain anticipated improvements and facilities within the Development for Ridgewood South Phase 2, as described in the *Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract (Stipulated Price)- Ridgewood South Phase 2*, dated September 25, 2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, including construction and any design, engineering, legal, or other construction, professional, or administrative costs (collectively, the “Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the District to proceed at this time with the construction of the necessary or desired improvements, the Developer desires to provide the funds necessary to enable the District to proceed with such Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the District has the power to access the public bond market to obtain financing for the construction of the Improvements as described herein, and the parties agree that, in the event that bonds are issued and the Improvements are eligible for funding with the proceeds of such bonds, the funds provided under this Agreement will be reimbursable from such bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals, agreements, and mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the parties agree as follows:

1. RECITALS. The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein and form a material part of this Agreement.

2. FUNDING. Developer agrees to make available to the District such monies as are necessary to enable the District to proceed with the design, engineering, and construction of the Improvements. Developer will make such funds available on a monthly basis, within fifteen (15) days of a written request by the District. The funds shall be placed in the District's construction account with such depository as determined by the District.

3. REPAYMENT. The parties agree that the funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement will be properly reimbursable from proceeds of the District's issuance of tax-exempt bonds. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt from time to time of sufficient funds by the District for the financing of some or all of the Improvements, the District shall reimburse Developer until full reimbursement is made or until all funds generated by the anticipated financing are exhausted, exclusive of interest, for the funds advanced under Section 2 above; provided, however, that in the event bond counsel engaged in connection with the District's issuance of bonds providing such financing determines that any such monies advanced or expenses incurred are not properly reimbursable for any reason, including, but not limited to federal tax restrictions imposed on tax-exempt financing, the District shall not be obligated to reimburse such monies advanced or expenses incurred. If the District does not or cannot issue bonds to provide the funds for the Improvements within five (5) years of the date of this Agreement, and, thus does not reimburse the Developer for the funds advanced, then the parties agree that such funds shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might be levied or imposed by the District.

4. DEFAULT. A default by either party to this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of actual damages, injunctive relief and/or specific performance, but shall exclude, in any event, consequential, incidental, special or punitive damages.

5. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

6. AGREEMENT. This Agreement shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the specific subject matter of this Agreement.

7. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

8. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all of the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

9. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

A. If to District: Rhodine Road North Community Development District
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to Developer: Clayton Properties Group, Inc.
5000 Clayton Road
Maryville, Tennessee 37804
Attn: _____

With a copy to: _____

Attn: _____

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the party he/she represents. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days' written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

10. THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any

provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

11. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party.

12. CONTROLLING LAW. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

13. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by all parties hereto and shall remain in effect unless terminated by any of the parties hereto.

14. PUBLIC RECORDS. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District or to District staff in connection with the work contemplated under this Agreement are public records and are treated as such in accordance with Florida law and the District's Record Retention Schedule.

15. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signatures on next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement to be effective the day and year first written above.

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Vice/Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP, INC.

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: *Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract (Stipulated Price)- Ridgewood South Phase 2, dated September 25, 2025*

EXHIBIT A

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SECTION IX



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors; District Staff

From: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC

Date: September 1, 2025

Re: Updated Provisions of the District's Rules of Procedure

Please find attached to this memorandum an updated version of the previously adopted Rules of Procedure ("Rules"). Revisions were made to maintain consistency between the Rules and current Florida law, including statutory changes adopted in the 2025 Legislative Session, as well as to facilitate greater efficiency in the operation of the District. An explanation of each material change to the Rules is provided below. Minor formatting or proofreading changes are not summarized. Should you have any questions regarding the revisions to the Rules, please do not hesitate to contact your KVW attorney.

Business Hours

Language was added to Rules 1.0(3) and 3.11(1)(d) to clarify that the normal business hours of the District are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops

Language was added to Rule 1.3(1)(d) to provide an earlier deadline for individuals to request accommodations for meeting participation. An individual requiring special accommodations to participate in the meeting, hearing, or workshop must contact the office of the District Manager at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting, hearing, or workshop.

Language was added to Rule 1.3(3) to provide examples of what may constitute "good cause" to amend a meeting agenda.

Language was added to Rule 1.3(6) to require that the notice for an emergency meeting include the specific reasons for the emergency meeting.

Notice of Rule Development

Rule 2.0(2) was revised to reflect the recent legislative change requiring the Notice of Rule Development to be published at least seven (7) days prior to the notice of rulemaking and thirty-five (35) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed rule. Rule 2.0(2) was also revised to require the Notice of Rule Development to include the following: (1) the grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule and the law being implemented; and (2) the proposed rule number.



Notices of Rulemaking

Rule 2.0(3) was also revised to reflect the recent legislative changes requiring the Notice of Rulemaking to include the following: (1) the proposed rule number; (2) the name, email address, and telephone number of the staff member who may be contacted regarding the intended action; and (3) the website where the statement of estimated regulatory costs may be viewed in its entirety, if applicable.

Rule 2.0(3) was further revised to require any material proposed to be incorporated by reference be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of publication of the Notice of Rulemaking and to permit the Notice of Rulemaking to be delivered electronically to all persons named in the proposed rule or who have requested advance notice of rulemaking.

Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking

Rule 2.0(5) was revised to require the District's Board of Supervisors to initiate rulemaking proceedings within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving a petition to initiate rulemaking proceedings, in accordance with Florida Statutes.

Emergency Rule Adoption

Rule 2.0(8) was amended to permit the District's Board of Supervisors to adopt an emergency rule if it is necessitated by immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, or if the Legislature authorizes the Board of Supervisors to adopt emergency rules. Notice of the emergency rules must include the Board of Supervisors' findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness or a citation to the grant of emergency rulemaking authority.

Rule Variances

Rule 2.0(12)(a) was amended to include safety-related concerns as an example of a "substantial hardship" which could justify a rule variance.

Competitive Purchases

Rule 3.0(3) was revised to incorporate the recent legislative change that prohibits the District from penalizing a bidder for performing a larger volume of construction work for the District or rewarding a bidder for performing a smaller volume of construction work for the District on a public works project as defined in Section 255.0992, *Florida Statutes*. A public works project is defined as "an activity that is paid for with any local or state-appropriated funds and that consists of the construction, maintenance, repair, renovation, remodeling, or improvement of a building, road, street, sewer, storm drain, water system, site development, irrigation system, reclamation project, gas or electrical distribution system, gas or electrical substation, or other facility, project, or portion thereof owned in whole or in part by any political subdivision." A public works project does not include the provision of goods, services, or work incidental to the public works project, such as security services, janitorial services, landscape services, maintenance services, or any other services that do not require a construction contracting license or involve supplying or carrying construction materials for a public works project.



Auditor Selection Committee Notices

Rule 3.2(6) was revised to require seven (7) days' notice of Auditor Selection Committee meetings, in accordance with Florida Law regarding meeting notices.

Purchase of Insurance

Rule 3.3(2)(g) was amended to remove "geographic location" from the list of evaluation criteria for the purchase of insurance.

Construction Contract Bids

Rule 3.5(2)(e) was amended to clarify that mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board provided such corrections do not result in a material change to the bid amount or create an unfair advantage.

Emergency Construction Service Purchases

Rule 3.5(5) was amended to clarify the circumstances under which the District may undertake an emergency purchase of construction services.

Bid Protests

Rules 3.11(4) and (5) were amended to provide additional details regarding the required procedures for bid protests.

Facsimile Notices, Generally

Changes were made throughout the Rules to remove facsimile as a method of notice and to add electronic mail as an acceptable method of notice where permitted by law.

SECTION A

RESOLUTION 2026-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING AMENDED AND RESTATED RULES OF PROCEDURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Rhodine Road North Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within Hillsborough County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) is authorized by Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, to adopt rules and orders pursuant to Chapter 120, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted *Rules of Procedure*, effective November 6, 2019, to govern the operation and administration of the District and now wishes to set a public hearing to consider amendments thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the District’s Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure on **Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., at the Hampton Inn – Plant City, 2702 Thonotosassa Road, Plant City, Florida 33563.**

SECTION 2. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 120.54, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of October 2025.

ATTEST:

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Proposed Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF [DATE]

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The Rhodine Road North Community Development District (“District”) was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (“Rules”) is to describe the general operations of the District.
- (2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.
- (3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- (4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

- (1) Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board (“Supervisors”) appointed by ordinance or rule or elected by landowners must be citizens of the United States of America and residents of the State of Florida. Supervisors elected or appointed by the Board to elector seats must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District and registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located and for those elected, shall also be qualified to run by the Supervisor of Elections. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District under Florida law.
 - (a) Supervisors shall hold office for the term specified by Section 190.006 of the Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office, any Board member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s). If three or more vacancies exist at the same time, a quorum, as defined herein, shall not be required to appoint replacement Board members.
 - (b) Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, exercising powers and all other purposes. A Board member shall be counted toward the quorum if physically present at the meeting, regardless of whether such Board member is prohibited from, or abstains from, participating in discussion or voting on a particular item.
 - (c) Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law. Subject to Rule 1.3(10), a Board member participating in the Board meeting by teleconference or videoconference shall be entitled to vote and take all other action as though physically present.
 - (d) Unless otherwise provided for by an act of the Board, any one Board member may attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board. Any agreement resulting from such mediation session must be approved pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this Rule.
- (2) Officers. At the first Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - (a) The Chairperson must be a member of the Board. If the Chairperson resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairperson. The Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairperson shall be authorized to execute resolutions and contracts on the District’s behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a

meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall convene and conduct the meeting. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may delegate the responsibility of conducting the meeting to the District's manager ("District Manager") or District Counsel, in whole or in part.

- (b) The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. The Vice-Chairperson has the authority to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf in the absence of the Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. An employee of the District Manager may serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of the State of Florida. The Treasurer shall perform duties described in Section 190.007(2) and (3) of the Florida Statutes, as well as those assigned by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall either be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (e) In the event that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a Board meeting and a quorum is present, the Board may designate one of its members or a member of District staff to convene and conduct the meeting. In such circumstances, any of the Board members present are authorized to execute agreements, resolutions, and other documents approved by the Board at such meeting. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both unavailable to execute a document previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.
- (f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.

- (g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.
- (3) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation. Florida Open Meetings Laws apply to such Committees.
- (4) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at a District office and shall be available for inspection by the public.
- (5) Meetings. For each fiscal year, the Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located and filed with the local general-purpose governments within whose boundaries the District is located. All meetings of the Board and Committees serving an advisory function shall be open to the public in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.
- (6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapters 112 and 190 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member's special private gain or loss or the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.
 - (a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The Board member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board

member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

The Board's Secretary shall prepare a Memorandum of Voting Conflict (Form 8B) which shall then be signed by the Board member, filed with the Board's Secretary, and provided for attachment to the minutes of the meeting within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.

- (b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board's Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the Memorandum of Voting Conflict. The Board member's vote is unaffected by this filing.
- (c) It is not a conflict of interest for a Board member, the District Manager, or an employee of the District to be a stockholder, officer or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner.
- (d) In the event that a Board member elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, has a continuing conflict of interest, such Board member is permitted to file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.2 District Offices; Public Information and Inspection of Records; Policies; Service Contract Requirements; Financial Disclosure Coordination.

- (1) District Offices. Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:

- (a) Agenda packages for prior twenty-four (24) months and next meeting;
- (b) Official minutes of meetings, including adopted resolutions of the Board;
- (c) Names and addresses of current Board members and District Manager, unless such addresses are protected from disclosure by law;
- (d) Adopted engineer's reports;
- (e) Adopted assessment methodologies/reports;
- (f) Adopted disclosure of public financing;
- (g) Limited Offering Memorandum for each financing undertaken by the District;
- (h) Proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts;
- (i) District policies and rules;
- (j) Fiscal year end audits; and
- (k) Adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

The District Manager shall ensure that each District records office contains the documents required by Florida law.

- (2) Public Records. District public records include, but are not limited to, all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received in connection with the transaction of official business of the District. All District public records not otherwise restricted by law may be copied or inspected at the District Manager's office during regular business hours. Certain District records can also be inspected and copied at the District's local records office during regular business hours. All written public records requests shall be directed to the Secretary who by these rules

is appointed as the District's records custodian. Regardless of the form of the request, any Board member or staff member who receives a public records request shall immediately forward or communicate such request to the Secretary for coordination of a prompt response. The Secretary, after consulting with District Counsel as to the applicability of any exceptions under the public records laws, shall be responsible for responding to the public records request. At no time can the District be required to create records or summaries of records, or prepare opinions regarding District policies, in response to a public records request.

- (3) Service Contracts. Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.
- (4) Fees; Copies. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting person at a charge of \$0.15 per page for one-sided copies and \$0.20 per page for two-sided copies if not more than 8 ½ by 14 inches. For copies of public records in excess of the sizes listed in this section and for outside duplication services, the charge shall be equal to the actual cost of reproduction. Certified copies of public records shall be made available at a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) per page. If the nature or volume of records requested requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, the District may charge, in addition to the duplication charge, a special service charge that is based on the cost the District incurs to produce the records requested. This charge may include, but is not limited to, the cost of information technology resource, employee labor, and fees charged to the District by consultants employed in fulfilling the request. In cases where the special service charge is based in whole or in part on the costs incurred by the District due to employee labor, consultant fees, or other forms of labor, those portions of the charge shall be calculated based on the lowest labor cost of the individual(s) who is/are qualified to perform the labor, taking into account the nature ~~and~~ volume of the public records to be inspected or copied. The charge may include the labor costs of supervisory and/or clerical staff whose assistance is required to complete the records request, in accordance with Florida law. For purposes of this Rule, the word "extensive" shall mean that it will take more than 15 minutes to locate, review for confidential information, copy and re-file the requested material. In cases where extensive personnel time is determined by the District to be necessary to safeguard original records being inspected, the special service charge provided for in this section shall apply. If the total fees, including but not limited to special service charges, are anticipated to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), then, prior to commencing work on the request, the District will inform the person making the public records request of the estimated cost, with the understanding that the final cost may vary from that estimate. If the person making the public records request decides to proceed with the request, payment of the estimated cost is required in advance. Should the person fail to pay the estimate, the District is under no duty to produce the requested records. After the request has been fulfilled, additional payments or credits may be

due. The District is under no duty to produce records in response to future records requests if the person making the request owes the District for past unpaid duplication charges, special service charges, or other required payments or credits.

- (5) Records Retention. The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- (6) Policies. The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.
- (7) Financial Disclosure Coordination. Unless specifically designated by Board resolution otherwise, the Secretary shall serve as the Financial Disclosure Coordinator ("Coordinator") for the District as required by the Florida Commission on Ethics ("Commission"). The Coordinator shall create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, all Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to ~~the~~^{his or her} affiliation with the District ("Reporting Individual"). The Coordinator shall provide this list to the Commission by February 1 of each year, which list shall be current as of December 31 of the prior year. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Coordinator in writing if there are any changes to such person's name, e-mail address, or physical address. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission if there are any changes to such person's e-mail address.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 112.31446(3), 112.3145(8)(a)1., 119.07, 119.0701, 190.006, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days' public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week, and shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice stated herein. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
- (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least ~~forty-eight (48) hours~~three (3) business days before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at _____. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

- (f) The following or substantially similar language: “The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record.”

The date, time, and place of each meeting, hearing, or workshop of the Board shall additionally be posted on the District’s website at least seven (7) days before each meeting, hearing, or workshop.

- (2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval (“Meeting Materials”). Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into Meeting Materials. For good cause, which includes but is not limited to emergency situations, time-sensitive matters, or newly discovered information essential for Board consideration, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

The District may, but is not required to, use the following format, or similar format, in preparing its agenda for its regular meetings:

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Public comment
- Organizational matters
- Review of minutes
- Specific items of old business
- Specific items of new business
- Staff reports
 - (a) District Counsel
 - (b) District Engineer
 - (c) District Manager
 - 1. Financial Report

2. Approval of Expenditures

Supervisor's requests and comments

Public comment

Adjournment

- (4) Minutes. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Secretary may work with other staff members in preparing draft minutes for the Board's consideration.
- (5) Special Requests. Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to pre-pay the cost of the copying and postage.
- (6) Emergency Meetings. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable, upon consultation with the District Manager and District Counsel, if available, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with sections (1) and (3) of this Rule, to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to provide public notice and notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. Notice of the emergency meeting must be provided both before and after the meeting on the District's website, including the specific reasons for the emergency meeting. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.
- (7) Public Comment. The Board shall set aside a three (3) minutes per person, unless extended or reduced by the Chairperson based on the number of speakers and meeting agenda and other reasonable factors reasonable amount of time at each meeting for public comment and members of the public shall be permitted to provide comment on any proposition before the Board. The portion of the meeting generally reserved for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Policies governing public comment may be adopted by the Board in accordance with Florida law.
- (8) Budget Hearing. Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes. Once adopted in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the

funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.

- (9) Public Hearings. Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and published as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.
- (10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist. Extraordinary circumstances may include, but are not limited to, illness, family emergencies, or other significant schedule conflicts which prevent in-person meeting attendance.
- (11) Board Authorization. The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, an opportunity for final board discussion and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.
- (12) Continuances. Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:
 - (a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;
 - (b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and
 - (c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.

- (13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.
- (14) Security and Firesafety Board Discussions. Portions of a meeting which relate to or would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by section 119.071(3)(a), Florida Statutes, are exempt from the public meeting requirements and other requirements of section 286.011, *Florida Statutes*, and section 24(b), Article 1 of the State Constitution. Should the Board wish to discuss such matters, members of the public shall be required to leave the meeting room during such discussion. Any records of the Board's discussion of such matters, including recordings or minutes, shall be maintained as confidential and exempt records in accordance with Florida law.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

- (1) Internal Controls. The District shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:
- (a) Prevent and detect “fraud,” “waste” and “abuse” as those terms are defined in section 11.45(1), *Florida Statutes*; and
 - (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
 - (c) Support economical and efficient operations; and
 - (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
 - (e) Safeguard assets.
- (2) Adoption. The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: § 218.33(3), Fla. Stat.

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

- (1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A “rule” is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District (“Rule”). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.
- (2) Notice of Rule Development.
 - (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published ~~at least twenty-nine (29)~~ at least seven (7) days before the notice of rulemaking described in Section 2.0(3), infra., and at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the ~~specific legal authority for the proposed rule grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule and law being implemented,~~ include the proposed rule number, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.
 - (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.
- (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.
 - (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, ~~setting forth~~ including: a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, the proposed rule number (if applicable), a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, ~~and~~ a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific, and the name, e-mail address, and telephone number of the staff member who may be contacted regarding the intended action. The notice shall include a summary of the District’s statement of ~~the~~ estimated regulatory costs and the website address where

the complete statement of estimated regulatory costs may be viewed, if such a statement has been prepared pursuant to its entirety, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2), of the Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

- (b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and each county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule and any material proposed to be incorporated by reference shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.
- (c) The notice shall be mailed, or delivered electronically to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing publication of the notice, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing.
- (4) Rule Development Workshops. Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the Chairperson must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.
- (5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. Not later than sixty (60) thirty (30) calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the Board shall initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial. If the petition is directed to an existing policy that the District has not formally adopted as a rule, the District may, in its discretion, notice and hold a public hearing on the petition to consider the comments of the public directed to the policy, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the policy on a case-by-

case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule. However, this section shall not be construed as requiring the District to adopt a rule to replace a policy.

- (6) Rulemaking Materials. After the publication of the notice referenced in section (3) of this Rule, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:
- (a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;
 - (b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
 - (c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes; and
 - (d) The published notice.
- (7) Hearing. The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. The District shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District either in the text of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (8) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that it is necessitated by immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare ~~exists~~ which requires immediate action, or if the Legislature authorizes the Board to adopt emergency rules. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of the emergency rules together with the Board's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness or a citation to the grant of emergency rulemaking authority ~~shall~~ be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule provided that such procedures long as it protects the public interest and complies with applicable law and ~~determined by the District and otherwise complies with~~ these provisions.

- (9) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.
- (10) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:
- (a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;
 - (b) All notices given for a proposed rule;
 - (c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;
 - (d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;
 - (e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and
 - (f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.
- (11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.
- (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
 - (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.
 - (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within ten (10) days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other qualified person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within thirty (30) days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.

- (d) Within thirty (30) days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.
 - (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:
 - (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
 - (iv) Enter orders; and
 - (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
 - (f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (12) Variances and Waivers. A “variance” means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A “waiver” means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
- (a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, safety-related, or other significant~~or other~~ type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
 - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District’s Rule. Each petition shall specify:
 - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;

- (ii) The type of action requested;
 - (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
 - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
 - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.
 - (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 120.54, 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Board Authorization. Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.
- (3) Definitions.
 - (a) “Competitive Solicitation” means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.
 - (b) “Continuing Contract” means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
 - (c) “Contractual Service” means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.
 - (d) “Design-Build Contract” means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.

- (e) “Design-Build Firm” means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- (f) “Design Criteria Package” means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) “Design Criteria Professional” means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) “Emergency Purchase” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where

the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- (i) “Invitation to Bid” is a written or electronically posted solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.
- (j) “Invitation to Negotiate” means a written or electronically posted solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.
- (k) “Negotiate” means to conduct legitimate, arm’s length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.
- (l) “Professional Services” means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm's or individual's professional employment or practice.
- (m) “Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District” means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:
 - (i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;
 - (ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and
 - (iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.
- (n) “Purchase” means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.

- (o) “Request for Proposals” or “RFP” is a written or electronically posted solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) “Responsive and Responsible Bidder” means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. “Responsive and Responsible Vendor” means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual, provided that for a public works project as defined in Section 255.0992, Florida Statutes, the District may not penalize a bidder for performing a larger volume of construction work for the District or reward a bidder for performing a smaller volume of construction work for the District;

(vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and

(viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise as defined in Section 287.0943, *Florida Statutes*.

(q) “Responsive Bid,” “Responsive Proposal,” “Responsive Reply,” and “Responsive Response” all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0992, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, “Project” means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.
- (2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm’s qualification submittal:
 - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
 - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District’s Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with this Rule may be submitted with the qualifications, if requested by the District. In addition, evidence of compliance must be submitted any time requested by the District.

- (3) Public Announcement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when Professional Services are required for a Project or a Continuing Contract by publishing a notice providing a general description of the Project, or the nature of the Continuing Contract, and the method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The notice must allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of qualifications from the date of publication. The District may maintain lists of consultants interested in receiving such notices. These consultants are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such consultants, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process. The Board has the right to reject any and all

qualifications, and such reservation shall be included in the published notice. Consultants not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover from the District any costs of qualification package preparation or submittal.

(4) Competitive Selection.

- (a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described in section (3) of this Rule regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualifications on file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by consultants regarding their qualifications, approach to the Project, and ability to furnish the required services. The Board shall then select and list the consultants, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required Professional Services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each consultant;
 - (ii) Whether a consultant is a certified minority business enterprise;
 - (iii) Each consultant's past performance;
 - (iv) The willingness of each consultant to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (v) The geographic location of each consultant's headquarters, office and personnel in relation to the project;
 - (vi) The recent, current, and projected workloads of each consultant; and
 - (vii) The volume of work previously awarded to each consultant by the District.
- (b) Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a consultant if less than three (3) Responsive qualification packages, including packages indicating a desire not to provide Professional Services on a given Project, are received.
- (c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.
- (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants

by United States Mail, hand delivery, ~~email~~ electronic mail, ~~facsimile~~, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."
- (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
- (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

(6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 218.391 of the Florida Statutes, the following procedures are outlined for selection of firms or individuals to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts. For audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but not meeting the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes, the District need not follow these procedures but may proceed with the selection of a firm or individual to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District.

(1) Definitions.

- (a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
- (b) "Committee" means the auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.

(2) Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an auditor selection committee ("Committee"), the primary purpose of which is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes. The Committee shall include at least three individuals, at least one of which must also be a member of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board. The Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board. An employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the District may not serve as a member of the Committee; provided however such individual may serve the Committee in an advisory capacity.

(3) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Committee shall meet at a publicly noticed meeting to establish minimum qualifications and factors to use for the evaluation of Auditing Services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.

- (a) Minimum Qualifications. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at all relevant times including the time of receipt of the proposal by the District:

- (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
- (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any pre-qualification requirements established by the Committee and set forth in the RFP or other specifications.

If requested in the RFP or other specifications, evidence of compliance with the minimum qualifications as established by the Committee must be submitted with the proposal.

- (b) **Evaluation Criteria.** The factors established for the evaluation of Auditing Services by the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Ability of personnel;
 - (ii) Experience;
 - (iii) Ability to furnish the required services; and
 - (iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

The Committee may also choose to consider compensation as a factor. If the Committee establishes compensation as one of the factors, compensation shall not be the sole or predominant factor used to evaluate proposals.

- (4) **Public Announcement.** After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (3) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.
- (5) **Request for Proposals.** The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee determines is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and

place for submitting proposals.

- (6) Committee's Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed ~~at least seven (7) days~~~~for a reasonable time~~ in advance of the meeting to evaluate all qualified proposals and may, as part of the evaluation, require that each interested firm provide a public presentation where the Committee may conduct discussions with the firm, and where the firm may present information, regarding the firm's qualifications. At the public meeting, the Committee shall rank and recommend in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this Rule. If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP or if no firms respond to the RFP, the Committee shall recommend such firm as it deems to be the most highly qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may recommend that any and all proposals be rejected.
- (7) Board Selection of Auditor.
- (a) Where compensation was not selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall negotiate with the firm ranked first and inquire of that firm as to the basis of compensation. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked firm at a price deemed by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the Board shall immediately begin negotiations with the second ranked firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second ranked firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third ranked firm shall be undertaken. The Board may reopen formal negotiations with any one of the three top-ranked firms, but it may not negotiate with more than one firm at a time. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any of the selected firms, the Committee shall recommend additional firms in order of the firms' respective competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- (b) Where compensation was selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall select the highest-ranked qualified firm or document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm.
- (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.

- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (8) Contract. Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
- (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
 - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
 - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
 - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule but must be in writing.
 - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, electronic mail, ~~faesimile~~, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 218.33, 218.391, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

- (1) Scope. The purchases of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all of any kinds of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the purchase of any other type of insurance by the District, including but not limited to liability insurance, property insurance, and directors and officers insurance. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.
- (2) Procedure. For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of bids.
 - (c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such persons, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process.
 - (d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.
 - (e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.
 - (f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.
 - (g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies that have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, the cost, if any, to the District officers, employees, or their dependents, relevant business presence and capability to service the geographic location of the company's headquarters and offices in relation to the District's needs, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium

stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.

- (h) Notice of the intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of insurance under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

- (1) Scope. In its discretion, the District may undertake a pre-qualification process in accordance with this Rule for vendors to provide construction services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Procedure. When the District seeks to pre-qualify vendors, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Request for Qualifications.
 - (b) For construction services exceeding the thresholds described in Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, the Board must advertise the proposed prequalification criteria and procedures and allow at least seven (7) days' notice of the public hearing for comments on such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. At such public hearing, potential vendors may object to such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. Following such public hearing, the Board shall formally adopt pre-qualification criteria and procedures prior to the advertisement of the Request for Qualifications for construction services.
 - (c) The Request for Qualifications shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of qualifications for goods, supplies and materials, Contractual Services, maintenance services, and construction services under two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of qualifications for construction services estimated to cost over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and thirty (30) days for construction services estimated to cost over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
 - (d) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Qualifications. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, ~~or facsimile~~, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any pre-qualification determination or contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be a basis for a protest of any pre-qualification determination or contract award.
 - (e) If the District has pre-qualified vendors for a particular category of purchase, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

- (f) In order to be eligible to submit qualifications, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the qualifications:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
 - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the qualifications if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the qualifications.

- (g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.
- (h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.
- (i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.
- (j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, ~~facsimile~~, or overnight delivery service. The notice

shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

(a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:

- i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), *Florida Statutes*, has occurred.
- ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
- iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
- iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
- v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
- vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.
- vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension,

revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's pre-qualified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.

- viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
 - ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
 - x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
 - xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
 - xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
 - 1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
 - 2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
 - xiii. Any other circumstance constituting "good cause" under Section 337.16(2), *Florida Statutes*, exists.
- (b) The pre-qualified status of a contractor found delinquent under Section 337.16(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall be denied, suspended, or revoked. A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.

- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within ten (10) days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued in writing within fifteen (15) business days after the hearing.
- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) If a contractor's pre-qualified status is revoked, suspended, or denied and the contractor receives an additional period of revocation, suspension, or denial of its pre-qualified status, the time periods will run consecutively.
- (f) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

- i. Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;
 - ii. Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;
 - iii. Complaints from the public;
 - iv. Delay or interference with the bidding process;
 - v. The potential for repetition;
 - vi. Integrity of the public contracting process;
 - vii. Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- (g) The District shall deny or revoke the pre-qualified status of any contractor and its affiliates for a period of 36 months when it is determined by the District that the contractor has, subsequent to January 1, 1978, been convicted of a contract crime within the jurisdiction of any state or federal court. Any such contractor shall not act as a prime contractor, material supplier, subcontractor, or consultant on any District contract or project during the period of denial or revocation.

(4) Reapplication and Reinstatement

- (a) A contractor whose qualification to bid has been revoked or denied because of

contract crime may, at any time after revocation or denial, file a petition for reapplication or reinstatement. However, a contractor may not petition for reapplication or reinstatement for a period of 24 months after revocation or denial for a subsequent conviction occurring within 10 years of a previous denial or revocation for contract crime.

- (b) If the petition for reapplication or reinstatement is denied, the contractor cannot petition for a subsequent hearing for a period of nine months following the date of the final order of revocation or denial.
- (c) If the petition for reapplication or reinstatement is granted, the contractor must file a current Application for Qualification with the Contracts Administration Office. Reinstatement shall not be effective until issuance of a Certificate of Qualification.

(5) Emergency Suspension and Revocation

- (a) The District may summarily issue an emergency suspension of a contractor's qualification to bid if it finds that imminent danger exists to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (b) The written notice of emergency suspension shall state the specific facts and reasons for finding an imminent danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists.
- (c) The District, within 10 days of the emergency suspension, shall initiate formal suspension or revocation proceedings in compliance with Rule 3.4(3), except the 10-day notice requirement shall not be construed to prevent a hearing at the earliest time practicable upon request of the aggrieved party.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.; §§ 14-22.012, 14-22.0121, 14-22.014, Fla. Admin. Code.

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure, or other public construction works authorized by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and the procedures of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of construction services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, proposals, replies, or responses, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses. If the Board has previously pre-qualified contractors pursuant to Rule 3.4 and determined that only the contractors that have been pre-qualified will be permitted to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation need not be published. Instead, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be sent to the pre-qualified contractors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, ~~faesimile~~, or overnight delivery service.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, ~~or faesimile~~, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

- (d) If the District has pre-qualified providers of construction services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses to Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations.
- (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation; and
 - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to, reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past five (5) years ~~shall be deemed~~ may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response, if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids,

proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board, provided such corrections do not result in a material change to the bid amount or create an unfair advantage. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all contractors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, ~~faesimile~~, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules: only when there exists an immediate and serious need for construction services that cannot be met through normal procurement methods and the lack of such services would seriously threaten: (i) the District's ability to perform essential services; (ii) the preservation or protection of property or improvements; or (iii) the health, safety, or welfare of any person. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary, along with a detailed description of the basis for the emergency determination, shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
- (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or

- (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:
- (2) Procedure.
 - (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
 - (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
 - (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
 - (i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.

(ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.
2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, ~~or facsimile~~, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
 - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
 - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;

- d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past five (5) years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

4. The proposals, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. In consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if the proposals are too high, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Proposals are received, the District may proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District,

which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.

7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, ~~faesimile,~~ electronic mail, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.

10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.
- (3) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (4) Emergency Purchase. The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.
- (5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
- (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.
- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.
- (3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of “goods, supplies, and materials” do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, ~~or facsimile~~, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

Any firm or individual whose principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must also submit a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that foreign state to business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state, in the letting of any or all public contracts. Failure to submit such a written opinion or submission of a false or misleading written opinion may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and this Rule. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid, after taking into account the preferences provided for in this subsection, submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be accepted. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of

Florida shall be awarded a preference of five percent (5%). If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which grants a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference equal to the preference granted by such foreign state.

To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, ~~facsimile~~, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.
- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 189.053, 190.033, 287.017, 287.084, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, ~~or facsimile~~, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, and responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be

entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.

- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
 - (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, ~~faesimile~~, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of maintenance services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
 - (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Exemptions. Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
 - (4) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
 - (5) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
 - (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.033, 287.017, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.
- (2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.11 Protests with Respect to Proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9.

The resolution of any protests with respect to proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9 shall be in accordance with this Rule.

(1) Filing.

- (a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,

3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9, any person who files a notice of protest must post the protest bond. The amount of the protest bond shall be determined by District staff after consultation with the Board and within the limits, if any, imposed by Florida law. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor.

- (d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- (2) Contract Execution. Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.
- (3) Informal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via certified mail, hand delivery, or email with delivery confirmation ~~United States Mail, or hand delivery~~ to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
- (4) Formal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other qualified person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:
 - (a) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

(d) Enter orders; and

(e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

The hearing officer shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing or receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is later, file a recommended order which shall include a caption, time and place of hearing, appearances entered at the hearing, statement of the issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and a recommendation for final District action. The District shall allow each party fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of the recommended order days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. The District shall issue a final order within sixty (60) days after the filing of the recommended order.

(5) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors by filing a motion to intervene within 10 calendar days of the initial protest filing, on ~~on~~-appropriate terms ~~that~~which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.

(6) Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.

(7) Settlement. Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective [DATE], except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

SECTION X

RESOLUTION 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONFIRMING AUTHORIZATION TO PAY INVOICES FOR WORK PREVIOUSLY APPROVED; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE DISTRICT MANAGER TO ENTER INTO TIME SENSITIVE AND EMERGENCY CONTRACTS AND DISBURSE FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; PROVIDING FOR A MONETARY THRESHOLD; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR SPENDING AUTHORIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Rhodine Road North Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions which may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“**Board**”) typically meets on an as needed basis, and in no event more than monthly, to conduct the business of the District, including approval of proposals, authorizing the entering into of agreements or contracts, and authorizing the payment of District operating and maintenance expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board contracted with the District Manager to timely pay the District’s vendors and perform other management functions; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to confirm that the District Manager is authorized to pay invoices, regardless of the dollar amounts, for work previously approved by the Board and such payments do not need to be approved by the Board prior to payment; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that certain time sensitive or emergency issues may arise from time to time that require approval outside of regular monthly meetings; and

WHEREAS, to conduct the business of the District in an efficient manner, recurring, non-recurring, and other disbursements for goods and services must be processed and paid in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the District, and is necessary for the efficient administration of District operations; the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; and the preservation of District assets and facilities, to authorize limited spending authority to the Chair (or Vice Chair, if the Chair is unavailable) of the Board and the District Manager between regular monthly meetings, for work and services that are time sensitive and/or emergency in nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **Authorization to Pay Invoices for Work Previously Approved.** The District Manager is authorized to pay invoices, regardless of the dollar amounts, for work previously approved by the Board in accordance with such contracts and such payments do not need to be approved by the Board prior to payment nor do they need to be re-approved by the Board at a future meeting.
2. **Limited Spending Authorization.** The Board hereby authorizes the individuals stated below to exercise their judgment to enter into time sensitive and emergency contracts and disburse funds up to the amounts stated below, without prior Board approval for expenses (1) that are required to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; (2) for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of a District asset; or (3) to remedy an unforeseen disruption in services relating to the District's facilities or assets, if such disruption would result in significantly higher expenses unless the contract is entered into immediately.
 - a. The District Manager may individually authorize such expense up to \$2,500.00 per proposal and/or event.
 - b. The Chair (or Vice Chair, if the Chair is unavailable) may individually authorize such expenses up to \$10,000.00 per proposal and/or event.
 - c. The District Manager and Chair (or Vice Chair, if the Chair is unavailable) may jointly authorize such expenses up to \$25,000.00 per proposal and/or event.
3. **Ratification of Spending Authorization at Future Meeting.** Any payment made or contract entered into pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the Board at the next scheduled meeting for approval and ratification.
4. **Repeal of Prior Spending Authorizations.** All prior spending authorizations approved by resolution or motion of the Board are hereby repealed.
5. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

ATTEST:

**RHODINE ROAD NORTH COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

SECTION XI



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We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide Rhodine Road North Community Development District, Hillsborough County, Florida ("the District") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Highland Meadows Community Development District as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. In addition, we will examine the District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415 Florida Statutes. This letter serves to renew our agreement and establish the terms and fee for the 2025 audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the District's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis
- 2) Budgetary comparison schedule

The following other information accompanying the financial statements will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements, and our auditor's report will not provide an opinion or any assurance on that information:

- 1) Compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c)

Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of the District and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the District's financial statements. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinion on the financial statements is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or issue a report, or may withdraw from this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that the District is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

Examination Objective

The objective of our examination is the expression of an opinion as to whether the District is in compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. Our examination will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and will include tests of your records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion. We will issue a written report upon completion of our examination of the District's compliance. The report will include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinion on the District's compliance is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the examination or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or issue a report, or may withdraw from this engagement.

Other Services

We will assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of the District in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 and will provide us with the information required for the examination. The accuracy and completeness of such information is also management's responsibility. You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. In addition, you will be required to make certain representations regarding compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 in the management representation letter. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining effective internal controls, including evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and all accompanying information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

With regard to the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by generally accepted auditing standards.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Grau & Associates and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to a cognizant or oversight agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Grau & Associates personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that various documents reviewed or produced during the conduct of the audit may be public records under Florida law. The District agrees to notify Grau & Associates of any public record request it receives that involves audit documentation.

Furthermore, Grau & Associates agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Auditor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is the District Manager ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Grau & Associates shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if Auditor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Grau & Associate's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Grau & Associates, Grau & Associates shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF GRAU & ASSOCIATES HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE PUBLIC RECORDS CUSTODIAN AT: C/O GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES – CENTRAL FLORIDA LLC, 219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801, OR RECORDREQUEST@GMSCFL.COM, PH: (407) 841-5524.

Our fee for these services will not exceed \$4,900 for the September 30, 2025 audit, unless there is a change in activity by the District which results in additional audit work or if Bonds are issued. This agreement is automatically renewed each year thereafter subject to the mutual agreement by both parties to all terms and fees. The fee for each annual renewal will be agreed upon separately.

We will complete the audit within prescribed statutory deadlines, which requires the District to submit its annual audit to the Auditor General no later than nine (9) months after the end of the audited fiscal year, with the understanding that your employees will provide information needed to perform the audit on a timely basis.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. Invoices will be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of this agreement. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate.

The District has the option to terminate this agreement with or without cause by providing thirty (30) days written notice of termination to Grau & Associates. Upon any termination of this agreement, Grau & Associates shall be entitled to payment of all work and/or services rendered up until the effective termination of this agreement, subject to whatever claims or off-sets the District may have against Grau & Associates.

We will provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract. Our 2022 peer review report accompanies this letter.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Rhodine Road North Community Development District and believe this letter accurately summarizes the terms of our engagement and, with any addendum, if applicable, is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between Grau & Associates and the District with respect to the terms of the engagement between the parties. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Grau & Associates



Antonio J. Grau

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Rhodine Road North Community Development District.

Signed by:



By: 05F2744F40FE41E...

Title: Chairman

Date: 8/11/2025



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March 17, 2023

Antonio Grau
Grau & Associates
951 Yamato Rd Ste 280
Boca Raton, FL 33431-1809

Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on March 16, 2023, the Florida Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is December 31, 2025. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

FICPA Peer Review Committee

Peer Review Team
FICPA Peer Review Committee

850.224.2727, x5957

cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114

Review Number: 594791

SECTION XII

SECTION C



Rhodine Road North CDD

Field Management Report



October 15th, 2025

Joel Blanco

Field Manager

GMS

Site Item

Landscaping & Pond Review

-  Field Staff has reviewed both landscaping and ponds throughout the district.
-  Landscaping was found mowed and edged throughout the district.
-  Entrance enhancements in Ridgewood – North have thrived in the summer months with landscaping beds detailed at least one time per month.
-  Ponds have been consistently cleaned by our maintenance staff and treated by the aquatics vendor including the previously reported pond behind Downy Birch Dr. which has a higher nutrient load than the other ponds.
-  Pond tracts have also



Site Item

Landscaping & Pond Review Cont'd



Site Item

Amenity Review



Field Staff has continued to review the district amenity.



All (35) recently repaired pool chairs are clean and in working order.



Amenity pool has been consistently clean.



Playground area has been consistently clean and free of trash around the corners of the playground.



Maintenance has been scheduled to

Completed

Maintenance Items



Field Staff completed several maintenance items since the last board meeting.



All (35) pool chairs were re-slung, delivered, and staged prior to end of the summer season (Labor Day.)



Faded Amenity Signs have been replaced (Pool Rules, Life Ring signs) and Playground Rules sign installed.



A couple of section of loose pavers were reinforced on the pool deck of the amenity.



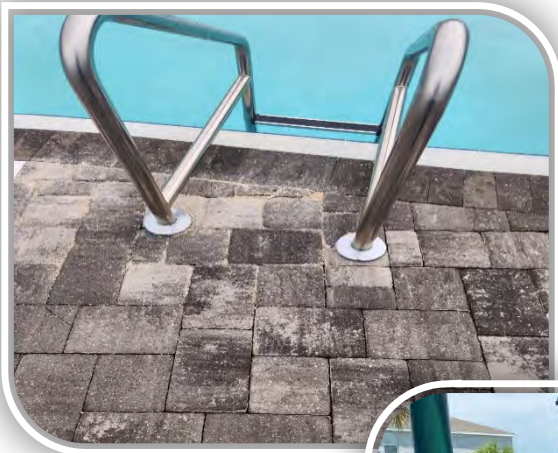
Playground swing set chains were replaced with coated chains.



All (3) monument sign lettering in Biddewood North had

Completed

Maintenance Items Cont'd



Conclusion

For any questions or comments regarding the above information, please contact me by phone at 786-238-9473, or by email at jblanco@gmscfl.com. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Joel Blanco

SECTION D

SECTION 1

to all Amenity Policies. During the period when a Renter is designated as the beneficial user, the Resident shall not be entitled to use the Amenities. In other words, Renter's and Resident's cannot simultaneously hold Amenity privileges associated with that residential unit. Residents may retain their Amenities rights in lieu of granting them to their Renters.

Residents shall be responsible for all charges incurred by their Renters which remain unpaid after the customary billing and collection procedures established by the District. Residents are responsible for the department of their respective Renter, including the Renter's adherence to the Amenity Policies.

- (7) Access Cards.** Access Cards will be issued to each Household at the time they are closing upon property within the District, or upon approval of Non-Resident Patron application and payment of applicable Annual User Fee, or upon verification and approval of Renter designation. Proof of property ownership may be required annually. All Patrons must use their Access Card for entrance to the Amenities. Access Card shall not be issued to Non-Residents. A maximum of two (2) Access Cards will be issued per Household.

All Patrons must use their Access Cards for entrance to the Amenity Facilities. Each Household will be authorized initial Access Cards free of charge after which a fee shall be charged for each additional Access Card in accordance with the Amenity Rates then in effect.

Patrons must scan their Access Cards in the card reader to gain access to the Amenities. This Access Card system provides a security and safety measure for Patrons and protects the Amenities from non-Patron entry. Under no circumstances, shall a Patron provide their Access Card to another person, whether Patron or non-Patron, to allow access to the Amenities.

Access Cards are the property of the District and are non-transferable except in accordance with the District's Amenity Policies. All lost or stolen cards must be reported immediately to District Staff. Fees shall apply to replace any lost or stolen cards.

SUGGESTED REVISION TO ACCESS CARD VERBIAGE

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SECTION 2

Rhodine Road North Community Development District

Summary of Check Register

July 4, 2025 to September 30, 2025

Fund	Date	Check No.'s	Amount
General Fund	7/15/25	776-787	\$ 28,541.64
	7/29/25	788-794	\$ 34,541.58
	8/15/25	795-804	\$ 24,368.27
	8/27/25	805-809	\$ 19,998.16
	8/28/25	810	\$ 1,204.52
	9/9/25	811-819	\$ 14,818.57
	9/23/25	820-821	\$ 22,042.88
Total Amount			\$ 145,515.62

CHECK DATE	VEND#	INVOICE..... DATE INVOICE	...EXPENSED TO... YRMO DPT ACCT# SUB SUBCLASS	VENDOR NAME	STATUS	AMOUNT	CHECK.... AMOUNT #
7/15/25	00045	6/23/25 43102	202506 330-57200-48100		*	120.00	
			PEST CONTROL APR-JUNE				
				ALL AMERICAN LAWN AND TREE SPECIAL			120.00 000776
7/15/25	00017	6/24/25 27139	202506 320-53800-46200		*	6,720.13	
			MONTHLY MAINT - NORTH				
		6/24/25 27139	202506 320-53800-46200		*	3,750.00	
			MONTHLY MAINT - SOUTH				
		6/25/25 27146	202506 320-53800-46200		*	2,475.00	
			MULCH INSTALL/SITE PREP				
				CARDINAL LANDSCAPING SVCS OF TAMPA			12,945.13 000777
7/15/25	00010	7/01/25 199	202507 320-53800-12000		*	1,460.83	
			FIELD MGMT				
		7/01/25 199	202507 310-51300-44000		*	134.50	
			FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES				
		7/01/25 199	202507 310-51300-44000		*	257.00	
			FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES				
		7/01/25 200	202507 310-51300-34000		*	3,750.00	
			MGMT FEES				
		7/01/25 200	202507 310-51300-35200		*	111.33	
			WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION				
		7/01/25 200	202507 310-51300-35100		*	167.00	
			INFORMATION TECH				
		7/01/25 200	202507 310-51300-31300		*	556.50	
			DISSEMINATION AGENT				
		7/01/25 200	202507 330-57200-12000		*	1,041.67	
			AMENITY ACCESS				
		7/01/25 200	202507 310-51300-51000		*	.21	
			OFFICE SUPPLIES				
		7/01/25 200	202507 310-51300-42000		*	4.85	
			POSTAGE				
				GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES			7,483.89 000778
7/15/25	00057	6/23/25 INV-1112	202506 330-57200-49000		*	525.50	
			BUILDING DEPT PERMIT FEES				
				JAMMIN PLAYGROUNDS INC.			525.50 000779
7/15/25	00042	6/23/25 0561	202506 330-57200-48200		*	520.00	
			AMENITY CLEANING SRVCS				
				JNJ CLEANING SERVICES LLC			520.00 000780
7/15/25	00033	6/16/25 12514	202505 310-51300-31500		*	1,663.00	
			LEGAL FEES				
				KILINSKI VAN WYK, PLLC			1,663.00 000781
				RRNC RHODINE ROAD N HHENRY			

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		6/23/25 97694	202506 330-57200-34500	SECURITY GUARD SRVCS	*	447.20	
		6/30/25 97766	202506 330-57200-34500	SECURITY GUARD SRVCS	*	447.20	
				NATION SECURITY SERVICES			1,341.60 000782
7/15/25	00054	7/03/25 4686	202507 330-57200-48200	JULY SRVC	*	315.00	
				RAINMAKER PRESSURE CLEANING, LLC			315.00 000783
7/15/25	00022	7/04/25 118417	202507 320-53800-47300	JULY LAKE MAINT	*	1,165.00	
				REMSON AQUATICS			1,165.00 000784
7/15/25	00008	6/25/25 41000-06	202506 310-51300-48000	LEGAL ADVERTISING	*	852.00	
				TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY			852.00 000785
7/15/25	00027	7/15/25 07152025	202507 300-15500-10000	PLAYGROUND/FUR LEASE	*	1,204.52	
				WHFS, LLC			1,204.52 000786
7/28/25	00059	7/28/25 Q2 941 2	202507 300-21700-10000	941 Q2 2025	*	306.00	
		7/28/25 Q2 941 2	202507 300-21800-10000	941 Q2 2025	*	100.00	
				UNITED STATES TREASURY			406.00 000787
7/29/25	00017	7/16/25 27183	202507 320-53800-46200	JULY MAINTENANCE	*	6,720.13	
		7/16/25 27183	202507 320-53800-46200	JULY MAINTENANCE	*	3,750.00	
		7/17/25 27198	202507 320-53800-46400	IRRIGATION RPR	*	293.00	
				CARDINAL LANDSCAPING SVCS OF TAMPA			10,763.13 000788
7/29/25	00061	7/13/25 3950	202507 330-57200-49000	LOUNGES RESLINGED	*	2,460.00	
				FLORIDA PATIO FURNITURE & RE-STRAPP			2,460.00 000789
7/29/25	00056	6/30/25 22	202506 330-57200-48000	AMENITY SHOWER MAINTENANC	*	250.00	
		6/30/25 23	202506 320-53800-48000	PIER REMOVAL FROM POND	*	874.75	

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6/30/25	24		202506 320-53800-48000		REINSTALL FALLEN SLATS	*	250.00		
6/30/25	25		202506 330-57200-48000		REPLACE AMENITY FANS	*	596.61		
6/30/25	26		202506 330-57200-48000		PICKUP DAMAGED POOL CHAIR	*	245.00		
6/30/25	27		202506 320-53800-48000		STRAIGHTEN ROADWAY SIGNS	*	250.00		
6/30/25	28		202506 320-53800-48000		STRAIGHTEN FENCE	*	300.00		
6/30/25	29		202506 320-53800-48000		TRASH PICKUP	*	850.00		
6/30/25	30		202506 320-53800-48000		REINFORCE AMENITY FENCE	*	525.30		
6/30/25	31		202506 330-57200-49000		LIFE RING REPLACEMENT	*	573.03		
GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES-TP								4,714.69	000790
7/29/25	00057	3/25/25	INV-1076 202503 330-57200-49100		SHADE STRUCTURE FINAL	*	14,495.50		
JAMMIN PLAYGROUNDS INC.								14,495.50	000791
7/29/25	00033	7/15/25	12739 202506 310-51300-31500		ATTORNEY FEES	*	758.50		
KILINSKI VAN WYK, PLLC								758.50	000792
7/29/25	00058	1/29/25	4524-383 202501 330-57200-48100		JANUARY GHP SRCVS	*	120.00		
LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP								120.00	000793
7/29/25	00060	7/07/25	97872 202507 330-57200-34500		SECURITY	*	782.56		
		7/14/25	97970 202507 330-57200-34500		SECURITY	*	447.20		
NATION SECURITY SERVICES								1,229.76	000794
8/15/25	00045	7/28/25	43834 202507 330-57200-48100		PEST CONTROL	*	120.00		
ALL AMERICAN LAWN AND TREE SPECIAL								120.00	000795
8/15/25	00043	7/14/25	24212 202507 330-57200-34500		SIFER ISO CARDS	*	318.00		
CURRENT DEMANDS ELECTRICAL &								318.00	000796
8/15/25	00010	8/01/25	201 202508 320-53800-12000		FIELD MGMT	*	1,460.83		

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8/01/25	202	202508	310-51300-34000			*	3,750.00		
			MGMT FEES						
8/01/25	202	202508	310-51300-35200			*	111.33		
			WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION						
8/01/25	202	202508	310-51300-35100			*	167.00		
			INFORMATION TECH						
8/01/25	202	202508	310-51300-31300			*	556.50		
			DISS AGENT SRVCS						
8/01/25	202	202508	330-57200-12000			*	1,041.67		
			AMENITY ACCESS						
8/01/25	202	202508	310-51300-51000			*	2.77		
			OFFICE SUPPLIES						
8/01/25	202	202508	310-51300-42000			*	57.75		
			POSTAGE						
				GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES				7,147.85	000797
8/15/25	00060	7/21/25	98067	202507 330-57200-34500		*	447.20		
			SECURITY SRVCS						
		7/28/25	98156	202507 330-57200-34500		*	447.20		
			SECURITY SRVCS						
		8/04/25	98275	202508 330-57200-34500		*	447.20		
			SECURITY SRVCS						
		8/11/25	98363	202508 330-57200-34500		*	447.20		
			SECURITY SRVCS						
				NATION SECURITY SERVICES				1,788.80	000798
8/15/25	00054	8/05/25	4722	202508 330-57200-48200		*	315.00		
			PET WASTE STATIONS						
				RAINMAKER PRESSURE CLEANING, LLC				315.00	000799
8/15/25	00022	8/01/25	118497	202508 320-53800-47300		*	1,165.00		
			AUGUST LAKE MAINT						
				REMSON AQUATICS				1,165.00	000800
8/15/25	00051	8/15/25	08152025	202508 300-20700-10000		*	6,138.30		
			ASSESSMENTS THRU 7.31.25						
				RHODINE ROAD CDD SERIES 2019				6,138.30	000801
8/15/25	00052	8/15/25	08152025	202508 300-20700-10000		*	3,145.94		
			ASSESSMENTS THRU 7.31.25						
				RHODINE ROAD CDD SERIES 2020				3,145.94	000802
8/15/25	00008	7/30/25	47703-07	202507 310-51300-48000		*	512.00		
			LEGAL ADVERTISING						
				TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY				512.00	000803
				RRNC RHODINE ROAD N HHENRY					

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				U.S. BANK			3,717.38 000804
8/27/25	00017	8/19/25 27248	202508 320-53800-46200	AUGUST LANDSCAPE MAINT	*	10,470.13	
		8/20/25 27260	202508 320-53800-46400	IRRIGATION RPR	*	210.00	
				CARDINAL LANDSCAPING SVCS OF TAMPA			10,680.13 000805
8/27/25	00043	6/12/25 112797	202506 330-57200-34500	SECURITY CAMERA INSTALL	*	3,950.01	
		8/20/25 112925	202508 330-57200-34500	SECURITY CAMERAS	*	403.97	
				CURRENT DEMANDS ELECTRICAL &			4,353.98 000806
8/27/25	00056	7/31/25 32	202507 320-53800-48000	TILE REPLACEMENT/RPR	*	372.76	
		7/31/25 33	202507 320-53800-48000	AMENITY FENCE RPR	*	150.00	
		7/31/25 34	202507 320-53800-48000	SWING REPLACEMENTS	*	927.78	
		7/31/25 35	202507 320-53800-48000	P/U+D/O AMENITY POOLCHAIR	*	490.00	
		7/31/25 36	202507 320-53800-48000	FENCE RPR	*	125.00	
				GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES-TP			2,065.54 000807
8/27/25	00033	8/11/25 12916	202507 310-51300-31500	ATTORNEY FEES	*	2,451.31	
				KILINSKI VAN WYK, PLLC			2,451.31 000808
8/27/25	00060	8/18/25 98459	202508 330-57200-34500	SECURITY OFFICER	*	447.20	
				NATION SECURITY SERVICES			447.20 000809
8/28/25	00027	8/28/25 09012025	202509 300-15500-10000	PLAYGROUND LEASE SEPT25	*	1,204.52	
				WHFS, LLC			1,204.52 000810
9/09/25	00041	8/06/25 22986	202508 320-53800-49000	BACKFLOW TESTING	*	50.00	
				AFFORDABLE BACKFLOW TESTING			50.00 000811
9/09/25	00045	8/29/25 44530	202508 330-57200-48100	PEST CONTROL	*	180.00	
				ALL AMERICAN LAWN AND TREE SPECIAL			180.00 000812
				RRNC RHODINE ROAD N HHENRY			

CHECK DATE	VEND#	INVOICE..... DATE INVOICE	...EXPENSED TO... YRMO DPT ACCT# SUB SUBCLASS	VENDOR NAME	STATUS	AMOUNT	CHECK..... AMOUNT #
9/09/25	00017	6/25/25 27145	202506 320-53800-46300	LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS	*	5,970.00	
		8/29/25 27264	202508 320-53800-46400	IRRIGATION RPRS	*	399.65	
				CARDINAL LANDSCAPING SVCS OF TAMPA			6,369.65 000813
9/09/25	00042	8/27/25 INV0012	202508 330-57200-48200	JANITORIAL	*	520.00	
		8/27/25 INV0013	202507 330-57200-48200	JANITORIAL	*	520.00	
				JNJ CLEANING SERVICES LLC			1,040.00 000814
9/09/25	00060	8/25/25 98554	202508 330-57200-34500	SECURITY OFFICER	*	447.20	
		9/01/25 98659	202509 330-57200-34500	SECURITY OFFICER	*	447.20	
				NATION SECURITY SERVICES			894.40 000815
9/09/25	00054	9/03/25 4763	202509 330-57200-48200	PET WASTE STATIONS	*	315.00	
				RAINMAKER PRESSURE CLEANING, LLC			315.00 000816
9/09/25	00022	9/03/25 118582	202509 320-53800-47300	SEPT LAKE MAINTENANCE	*	1,165.00	
				REMSON AQUATICS			1,165.00 000817
9/09/25	00062	9/02/25 9872	202507 330-53800-51000	POOL SERVICE	*	1,800.00	
		9/02/25 9873	202508 330-53800-51000	POOL SERVICE	*	1,800.00	
				WEST COAST AQUATICS			3,600.00 000818
9/09/25	00027	9/09/25 09092025	202509 300-15500-10000	PLAYGROUND LEASE	*	1,204.52	
				WHFS, LLC			1,204.52 000819
9/23/25	00009	9/19/25 29723	202509 300-15500-10000	INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL	*	14,954.00	
				EGIS INSURANCE ADVISORS, LLC			14,954.00 000820
9/23/25	00010	9/01/25 205	202509 320-53800-12000	FIELD MGMT	*	1,460.83	
		9/01/25 206	202509 310-51300-34000	MGMT FEES	*	3,750.00	
		9/01/25 206	202509 310-51300-35200	WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION	*	111.33	

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CHECK DATE	VEND#	INVOICE..... DATE INVOICE	...EXPENSED TO... YRMO DPT ACCT# SUB SUBCLASS	VENDOR NAME	STATUS	AMOUNT	CHECK.... AMOUNT #
		9/01/25 206	202509 310-51300-35100		*	167.00	
			INFORMATION TECH				
		9/01/25 206	202509 310-51300-31300		*	556.50	
			DISS. AGENT				
		9/01/25 206	202509 330-57200-12000		*	1,041.67	
			AMENITY ACCESS				
		9/01/25 206	202509 310-51300-51000		*	.06	
			OFFICE SUPPLIES				
		9/01/25 206	202509 310-51300-42000		*	1.49	
			POSTAGE				
			GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES				7,088.88 000821

				TOTAL FOR BANK A		145,515.62	
				TOTAL FOR REGISTER		145,515.62	

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SECTION 3

Rhodine Road North
Community Development District

Unaudited Financial Reporting
September 30, 2025



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Rhodine Road North
Community Development District
Combined Balance Sheet
September 30, 2025

	General Fund	Debt Service Funds	Capital Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
Assets:				
<u>Cash:</u>				
Operating Account	\$ 210,328	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210,328
Capital Projects Account	-	-	24,938	24,938
<u>Investments:</u>				
Money Market Account	-	-	43,361	43,361
State Board of Administration	311,417	-	-	311,417
<u>Series 2019</u>				
Reserve	-	253,713	-	253,713
Revenue	-	310,125	-	310,125
Prepayment	-	749	-	749
Construction	-	-	0	0
<u>Series 2022</u>				
Reserve	-	130,110	-	130,110
Revenue	-	119,615	-	119,615
Construction	-	-	17	17
Due from Developer	3,427	-	-	3,427
Due from General Fund	-	-	-	-
Due from Capital Projects	-	-	25,000	25,000
Due from Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	20,293	-	-	20,293
Total Assets	\$ 545,466	\$ 814,311	\$ 93,316	\$ 1,453,094
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 6,640	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,640
Accrued Expenses	12,270	-	-	12,270
Deferred Revenue	-	-	-	-
Due to Capital Projects	-	-	-	-
Due to Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Due to Developer	-	-	-	-
Due to Capital Reserve	-	-	25,000	25,000
FICA Payable	-	-	-	-
Federal Withholding	-	-	-	-
Due to General Fund	-	-	-	-
Retainage Payable	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 18,910	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 43,910
Fund Balance:				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid Items	\$ 20,293	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,293
Restricted for:				
Debt Service - Series 2019	-	564,586	-	564,586
Debt Service - Series 2022	-	249,725	-	249,725
Capital Projects - Series 2019	-	-	(62)	(62)
Capital Projects - Series 2022	-	-	17	17
Assigned for:				
Capital Reserves	-	-	68,361	68,361
Unassigned	506,262	-	-	506,262
Total Fund Balances	\$ 526,556	\$ 814,311	\$ 68,316	\$ 1,409,183
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ 545,466	\$ 814,311	\$ 93,316	\$ 1,453,094

Rhodine Road North
Community Development District
General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For The Period Ending September 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 09/30/25	Thru 09/30/25	Variance
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Assessments - Tax Roll	\$ 628,057	\$ 628,057	\$ 631,482	\$ 3,425
Boundary Amendment Contributions	-	-	11,916	11,916
Interest Income	-	-	11,417	11,417
Other Income	-	-	120	120
Insurance Proceeds	-	-	7,895	7,895
Total Revenues	\$ 628,057	\$ 628,057	\$662,831	\$ 34,774
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
<u>General & Administrative:</u>				
Supervisor Fees	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 4,600	\$ 7,400
FICA Expense	-	-	352	(352)
Engineering	12,500	12,500	-	12,500
Attorney	20,000	20,000	9,824	10,176
Annual Audit	6,800	6,800	5,300	1,500
Assessment Administration	5,565	5,565	5,565	-
Arbitrage	900	900	450	450
Dissemination	6,678	6,678	6,928	(250)
Trustee Fees	6,829	6,829	5,563	1,266
Management Fees	45,000	45,000	45,000	-
Information Technology	2,004	2,004	2,004	-
Website Maintenance	1,336	1,336	1,336	(0)
Postage & Delivery	500	500	229	271
Insurance	6,817	6,817	6,631	186
Copies	500	500	5	496
Legal Advertising	2,500	2,500	2,628	(128)
Other Current Charges	2,500	2,500	805	1,695
Boundary Amendment Expenses	-	-	11,681	(11,681)
Office Supplies	500	500	15	485
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	175	175	175	-
Total General & Administrative	\$ 133,103	\$ 133,103	\$ 109,090	\$ 24,013

Rhodine Road North
Community Development District
General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For The Period Ending September 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 09/30/25	Thru 09/30/25	Variance
<u>Operations & Maintenance</u>				
Field Expenditures				
Property Insurance	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 7,493	\$ 4,507
Field Management	17,530	17,530	17,530	0
Landscape Maintenance	125,650	125,650	128,117	(2,467)
Landscape Replacement	20,000	20,000	9,540	10,460
Lake Maintenance	17,820	17,820	11,250	6,570
Streetlights	82,680	82,680	63,577	19,103
Electric	1,500	1,500	1,269	231
Water & Sewer	20,000	20,000	2,576	17,424
Irrigation Repairs	6,250	6,250	1,013	5,237
General Repairs & Maintenance	12,500	12,500	33,971	(21,471)
Contingency	2,500	2,500	918	1,582
Subtotal Field Expenditures	\$ 318,430	\$ 318,430	\$ 277,253	\$ 41,177
Amenity Expenditures				
Amenity - Electric	\$ 11,880	\$ 11,880	\$ 7,959	\$ 3,921
Amenity - Water	1,980	1,980	2,448	(468)
Internet	792	792	849	(57)
Playground/Furniture Lease	14,454	14,454	14,454	(0)
Pest Control	1,680	1,680	1,380	300
Janitorial Services	8,130	8,130	7,704	427
Security Services	5,000	5,000	12,765	(7,765)
Pool Maintenance	12,608	12,608	14,580	(1,972)
Amenity Access Management	12,500	12,500	12,500	(0)
Amenity Repairs & Maintenance	10,000	10,000	4,244	5,756
Contingency	2,500	2,500	4,084	(1,584)
Shade Structure	45,000	45,000	28,991	16,009
Subtotal Amenity Expenditures	\$ 126,524	\$ 126,524	\$ 111,956	\$ 14,568
Total Operations & Maintenance	\$ 444,954	\$ 444,954	\$ 389,209	\$ 55,746
Total Expenditures	\$ 578,057	\$ 578,057	\$ 498,298	\$ 79,759
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 50,000		\$ 164,533	
<u>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</u>				
Transfer In/(Out)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -		\$ 139,533	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ -		\$ 387,023	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ -		\$ 526,556	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Debt Service Fund Series 2019

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending September 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 09/30/25	Thru 09/30/25	Variance
Revenues:				
Assessments - Tax Roll	\$ 507,737	\$ 507,737	\$ 508,242	\$ 505
Interest	12,000	12,000	24,562	12,562
Total Revenues	\$ 519,737	\$ 519,737	\$ 532,804	\$ 13,067
Expenditures:				
Interest - 11/1	\$ 173,819	\$ 173,819	\$ 173,819	\$ -
Principal - 5/1	160,000	160,000	160,000	-
Interest - 5/1	173,819	173,819	173,819	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 507,639	\$ 507,638	\$ 507,638	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 12,099		\$ 25,167	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 276,942		\$ 539,419	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 289,041		\$ 564,586	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Debt Service Fund Series 2022

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending September 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 09/30/25	Thru 09/30/25	Variance
Revenues:				
Assessments - Tax Roll	\$ 260,220	\$ 260,220	\$ 260,479	\$ 259
Interest	5,000	5,000	11,289	6,289
Total Revenues	\$ 265,220	\$ 265,220	\$ 271,768	\$ 6,548
Expenditures:				
Interest - 11/1	\$ 79,593	\$ 79,593	\$ 79,593	\$ -
Principal - 5/1	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Interest - 5/1	79,593	79,593	79,593	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 259,184	\$ 259,185	\$ 259,185	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 6,036		\$ 12,583	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 103,118		\$ 237,142	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 109,154		\$ 249,725	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Capital Projects Fund Series 2019

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending September 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 09/30/25	Thru 09/30/25	Variance
Revenues				
Developer Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures:				
Other Current Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475	\$ (475)
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475	\$ (475)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -		\$ (475)	
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)				
Transfer In/(Out)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -		\$ (475)	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ -		\$ 413	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ -		\$ (62)	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Capital Projects Fund Series 2022

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending September 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 09/30/25	Thru 09/30/25	Variance
Revenues				
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0
Expenditures:				
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Outlay - Cost of Issuance	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -		\$ 0	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ -		\$ 17	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ -		\$ 17	

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Capital Reserve Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

For The Period Ending September 30, 2025

	Adopted	Prorated Budget	Actual	
	Budget	Thru 09/30/25	Thru 09/30/25	Variance
Revenues:				
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,371	\$ 1,371
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,371	\$ 1,371
Expenditures:				
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -		\$ 1,371	
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Transfer In/(Out)	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 50,000		\$ 26,371	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 22,509		\$ 41,989	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 72,509		\$ 68,361	

Rhodine Road North
Community Development District
Month to Month

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
Revenues:													
Assessments - Tax Roll	\$ -	\$ 41,750	\$ 422,579	\$ 97,646	\$ 59,112	\$ 2,211	\$ 3,397	\$ 1,986	\$ 2,745	\$ 58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 631,482
Boundary Amendment Contributions	-	-	-	-	353	1,215	5,239	-	-	1,683	-	3,427	11,916
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	-	494	1,845	1,912	1,852	1,917	1,917	1,481	11,417
Other Income	60	-	-	-	-	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	120
Insurance Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,895	-	-	7,895
Total Revenues	\$ 60	\$ 41,750	\$ 422,579	\$ 97,646	\$ 59,464	\$ 3,919	\$ 10,540	\$ 3,898	\$ 4,597	\$ 11,553	\$ 1,917	\$ 4,908	\$ 662,831

Expenditures:													
General & Administrative:													
Supervisor Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 600	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,600
FICA Expense	-	-	-	-	77	46	77	77	-	77	-	-	352
Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attorney	-	207	539	1,092	101	1,056	1,956	1,663	759	2,451	-	-	9,824
Annual Audit	-	-	-	-	-	5,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,300
Assessment Administration	464	464	464	464	464	464	464	464	464	464	464	464	5,565
Arbitrage	-	-	-	-	-	450	-	-	-	-	-	-	450
Dissemination	557	557	557	557	557	557	557	807	557	557	557	557	6,928
Trustee Fees	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	356	1,649	356	356	5,563
Management Fees	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	45,000
Information Technology	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	2,004
Website Maintenance	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	111	1,336
Postage & Delivery	64	1	34	1	48	1	8	3	4	5	58	1	229
Insurance	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	553	6,631
Copies	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	4	-	-	-	5
Legal Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	427	837	-	852	512	-	-	2,628
Other Current Charges	41	41	41	41	44	44	45	44	59	392	-	14	805
Boundary Amendment Expenses	-	353	-	2,107	2,486	830	1,262	943	1,437	2,265	-	-	11,681
Office Supplies	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	3	0	3	0	15
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175
Total General & Administrative	\$ 6,237	\$ 6,558	\$ 6,571	\$ 9,198	\$ 9,715	\$ 14,711	\$ 11,144	\$ 9,940	\$ 9,075	\$ 13,951	\$ 6,017	\$ 5,973	\$ 109,090

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Month to Month

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
<i>Operations & Maintenance</i>													
Field Expenditures													
Property Insurance	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ 624	7,493
Field Management	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	17,530
Landscape Maintenance	10,470	10,470	10,470	10,470	10,470	10,470	10,470	10,470	12,945	10,470	10,470	10,470	128,117
Landscape Replacement	-	-	-	2,675	-	-	895	-	5,970	-	-	-	9,540
Lake Maintenance	765	1,040	765	765	765	765	765	960	1,165	1,165	1,165	1,165	11,250
Streetlights	5,351	5,351	5,351	5,351	5,232	5,232	5,257	5,257	5,257	5,312	5,312	5,312	63,577
Electric	221	212	74	73	71	65	64	79	102	103	112	93	1,269
Water & Sewer	290	225	232	253	240	264	147	237	216	184	168	121	2,576
Irrigation Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	110	-	-	-	293	610	-	1,013
General Repairs & Maintenance	3,285	1,352	8,541	487	9,746	4,754	691	-	3,050	2,066	-	-	33,971
Contingency	80	120	-	-	131	280	-	257	-	-	50	-	918
Subtotal Field Expenditures	\$ 22,547	\$ 20,856	\$ 27,517	\$ 22,159	\$ 28,740	\$ 24,025	\$ 20,375	\$ 19,345	\$ 30,791	\$ 21,678	\$ 19,972	\$ 19,247	\$ 277,253
Amenity Expenditures													
Amenity - Electric	\$ 707	\$ 526	\$ 693	\$ 719	\$ 779	\$ 685	\$ 786	\$ 824	\$ 636	\$ 716	\$ 556	\$ 333	7,959
Amenity - Water	196	85	205	133	134	123	240	223	233	259	257	362	2,448
Internet	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	74	74	74	849
Playground/Furniture Lease	1,205	1,205	1,205	1,205	1,205	1,205	1,205	1,205	1,205	1,205	1,205	1,205	14,454
Pest Control	120	180	120	120	-	120	120	180	120	120	180	-	1,380
Janitorial Services	521	-	1,041	521	816	836	315	836	835	835	835	315	7,704
Security Services	714	-	-	-	-	-	-	447	6,521	2,442	2,193	447	12,765
Pool Maintenance	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,800	1,800	1,800	14,580
Amenity Access Management	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	12,500
Amenity Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	251	207	1,287	572	489	1,438	-	-	-	4,244
Contingency	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	275	1,099	2,460	-	-	4,084
Shade Structure	-	-	-	-	-	28,991	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,991
Subtotal Amenity Expenditures	\$ 5,593	\$ 4,126	\$ 5,394	\$ 5,329	\$ 5,271	\$ 35,378	\$ 5,368	\$ 6,610	\$ 14,217	\$ 10,952	\$ 8,141	\$ 5,578	\$ 111,956
Total Operations & Maintenance	\$ 28,140	\$ 24,982	\$ 32,911	\$ 27,488	\$ 34,011	\$ 59,403	\$ 25,743	\$ 25,955	\$ 45,008	\$ 32,630	\$ 28,113	\$ 24,825	\$ 389,209
Total Expenditures	\$ 34,377	\$ 31,541	\$ 39,482	\$ 36,686	\$ 43,726	\$ 74,114	\$ 36,886	\$ 35,894	\$ 54,083	\$ 46,581	\$ 34,131	\$ 30,798	\$ 498,298
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (34,317)	\$ 10,210	\$ 383,097	\$ 60,960	\$ 15,739	\$ (70,194)	\$ (26,346)	\$ (31,996)	\$ (49,486)	\$ (35,029)	\$ (32,214)	\$ (25,890)	\$ 164,533
Other Financing Sources/Uses:													
Transfer In/(Out)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (25,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(25,000)
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (25,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (25,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (34,317)	\$ 10,210	\$ 383,097	\$ 60,960	\$ 15,739	\$ (70,194)	\$ (51,346)	\$ (31,996)	\$ (49,486)	\$ (35,029)	\$ (32,214)	\$ (25,890)	\$ 139,533

Rhodine Road North

Community Development District

Long Term Debt Report

Series 2019, Special Assessment Revenue Bonds		
Interest Rate:	3.500%, 4.000%, 4.500%, 4.750%	
Maturity Date:	5/1/2050	
Reserve Fund Definition	50% of Maximum Annual Debt Service	
Reserve Fund Requirement	\$253,713	
Reserve Fund Balance	\$253,713	
Bonds Outstanding - 6/28/19		\$10,000,000
Less: Special Call - 11/1/20		(\$1,455,000)
Less: Special Call - 2/1/21		(\$25,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/21		(\$140,000)
Less: Special Call - 5/1/21		(\$25,000)
Less: Special Call - 8/1/21		(\$15,000)
Less: Special Call - 2/1/22		(\$30,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/22		(\$145,000)
Less: Special Call - 5/1/22		(\$5,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/23		(\$150,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/24		(\$155,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/25		(\$160,000)
Current Bonds Outstanding		\$7,695,000

Series 2022, Special Assessment Revenue Bonds		
Interest Rate:	2.600%, 3.000%, 3.300%, 4.000%	
Maturity Date:	5/1/2052	
Reserve Fund Definition	50% Maximum Annual Debt Service	
Reserve Fund Requirement	\$130,110	
Reserve Fund Balance	\$130,110	
Bonds Outstanding - 1/25/22		\$4,680,000
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/23		(\$95,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/24		(\$95,000)
Less: Principal Payment - 5/1/25		(\$100,000)
Current Bonds Outstanding		\$4,390,000

Rhodine Road North
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Special Assessment Receipts
Fiscal Year 2025

ON ROLL ASSESSMENTS

Gross Assessments	\$ 668,143.08	\$ 540,145.77	\$ 276,830.28	\$ 1,485,119.13
Net Assessments	\$ 628,054.50	\$ 507,737.02	\$ 260,220.46	\$ 1,396,011.98

Date	Distribution	Gross Amount	Discount/Penalty	Commission	Interest	Net Receipts	45%	36%	19%	100%
							General Fund	2019 Debt Service	2022 Debt Service	Total
11/6/24	10/1/2024-10/31/24	\$ 6,396.57	\$ (266.84)	\$ (122.59)	\$ -	\$ 6,007.14	\$ 2,702.56	\$ 2,184.83	\$ 1,119.75	\$ 6,007.14
11/15/24	11/1/2024-11/10/2024	\$ 7,495.88	\$ (299.83)	\$ (143.93)	\$ -	\$ 7,052.12	\$ 3,172.70	\$ 2,564.89	\$ 1,314.53	\$ 7,052.12
11/22/24	11/11/2024-11/17/2024	\$ 98,662.16	\$ (3,946.46)	\$ (1,894.31)	\$ -	\$ 92,821.39	\$ 41,759.59	\$ 33,759.64	\$ 17,302.16	\$ 92,821.39
12/03/24	11/18/2024-11/25/2024	\$ 17,631.09	\$ (705.25)	\$ (338.52)	\$ -	\$ 16,587.32	\$ 7,462.50	\$ 6,032.90	\$ 3,091.92	\$ 16,587.32
12/06/24	11/26/2024-11/30/2024	\$ 978,616.39	\$ (39,144.33)	\$ (18,789.44)	\$ -	\$ 920,682.62	\$ 414,207.66	\$ 334,857.19	\$ 171,617.77	\$ 920,682.62
12/16/24	12/01/2024-12/10/2024	\$ 125,201.92	\$ (4,996.50)	\$ (2,404.11)	\$ -	\$ 117,801.31	\$ 52,997.85	\$ 42,844.97	\$ 21,958.49	\$ 117,801.31
01/07/25	12/11/2024-12/31/2024	\$ 228,738.58	\$ (9,035.87)	\$ (4,394.05)	\$ -	\$ 215,308.66	\$ 96,865.63	\$ 78,308.91	\$ 40,134.12	\$ 215,308.66
01/31/25	Q1 Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,734.21	\$ 1,734.21	\$ 780.21	\$ 630.74	\$ 323.26	\$ 1,734.21
02/07/25	01/01/2025-01/31/2025	\$ 2,688.65	\$ (107.55)	\$ (51.62)	\$ -	\$ 2,529.48	\$ 1,137.99	\$ 919.99	\$ 471.50	\$ 2,529.48
03/31/25	02/01/2025-02/28/2025	\$ 5,064.53	\$ (50.65)	\$ (100.28)	\$ -	\$ 4,913.60	\$ 2,210.59	\$ 1,787.10	\$ 915.91	\$ 4,913.60
04/07/25	03/01/2025-03/31/2025	\$ 7,471.22	\$ -	\$ (149.42)	\$ -	\$ 7,321.80	\$ 3,294.02	\$ 2,662.98	\$ 1,364.80	\$ 7,321.80
04/25/25	Q2 Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 227.86	\$ 227.86	\$ 102.52	\$ 82.87	\$ 42.47	\$ 227.86
05/07/25	04/01/2025-04/30/2025	\$ 4,432.68	\$ -	\$ (90.08)	\$ 71.28	\$ 4,413.88	\$ 1,985.77	\$ 1,605.35	\$ 822.76	\$ 4,413.88
06/18/25	TAX CERTIFICATE	\$ 2,719.46	\$ -	\$ (56.02)	\$ 81.58	\$ 2,745.02	\$ 2,745.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,745.02
06/17/25	Q3 Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57.14	\$ 57.14	\$ 57.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57.14
Total		\$ 1,485,119.13	\$ (58,553.28)	\$ (28,534.37)	\$ 2,172.07	\$ 1,400,203.55	\$ 631,481.75	\$ 508,242.36	\$ 260,479.44	\$ 1,400,203.55

	100.30%	Net Percent Collected
0		Balance Remaining to Collect