

# **Construction for the Levee Road Depression Under Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge**

**Bid # 18-039**



**Opening Date  
08/09/2018**

# El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit

(This form must be signed by an officer, principal, or individual authorized to bind the company under a contract with the County.)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 161 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, ANY VENDOR INVOLVED IN A SINGLE PROCUREMENT EXCEEDING \$50,000 MUST COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED ETHICS TRAINING BEFORE SUBMITTING A BID OR PROPOSAL WITH THE COUNTY OF EL PASO.

**Purpose:** The stability of democracy depends upon the continuing consent of the governed, which in turn depends upon the trust the electorate holds for its government. The Ethics Commission of the County of El Paso, Texas, in concert with elected county officials, as well as leaders of the various county departments, recognizes the need to maintain the public trust and confidence in the workings of county government and thus adopts this Code of Ethics.

**What is a vendor:**

Any person or their representative or employee whose goods and services are purchased under the terms of a purchase order or contractual agreement with the county; and any other persons doing business with the County.

**Procurement:** In advising upon, discussing, recommending, and/or granting any County purchases, bids or contracts, County public servants shall inform themselves about their financial interests, and shall make a reasonable effort to inform themselves about the financial interest of their family members.

County public servants shall excuse themselves from exercising influence, participating in, discussing, recommending, and/or granting of any County purchases, bids, or contracts if they or a family member have a substantial financial interest.

**Private Communication:** No member of the El Paso County Commissioners Court, County Elected Officials/Department Heads or the El Paso County Hospital District Board of Managers shall permit any vendor, its lobbyists, representative, or employee to communicate with him privately regarding any procurement of items by the County or the Hospital District from the date that the bid, RFP, or RFQ is authorized or released, whichever is first. No private communication regarding the purchase shall be permitted by a member of the Commissioners Court, a county elected official/department head, or

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the hospital district board of managers until the procurement process is complete and a purchase order is granted or a contract is entered into.

Members of the Commissioners Court, county elected officials/department heads and the board of managers shall make a reasonable effort to inform themselves regarding procurements and shall have a duty to inquire of vendors, their lobbyists, representatives, or employees, the nature of the private communication being sought prior to engaging in any communication.

This prohibition against private communication with vendors, their lobbyists, representatives, or employees shall apply to commissioner's court approval of hospital district purchases.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am an officer, principal, or individual

(Full Name)

authorized to bind the company, known as

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Company name)

By reading and signing this document, I confirm that I have been trained in the County of El Paso's Code of Ethics regarding Vendors. I understand that any contact by myself or any representative of the company with a County of El Paso official or county employee, other than those shown on the RFP or bid documents shall cause the bid or proposal to be immediately disqualified from consideration of award.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**EL PASO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
800 E. OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 300  
EL PASO, TEXAS 79901  
(915) 546-2048  
FAX: (915) 546-8180**

**Memorandum**

**To:** All Vendors

**Subject:** County Purchasing New Vendor/Bid System & Online Vendor Registration

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The Purchasing Department has implemented its new bid processing vendor notification/registration system. The new system will allow vendors to register and maintain their vendor file real time without the intervention of the Purchasing Department. Vendors will maintain their address information and contact information; as well as the commodity information that the vendor wants to be considered for on County bid solicitations. Vendors will be given a choice of receiving hard copy bid notifications, or electronic notifications to the vendors designated email and/or cellular telephone text number. We hope that the changes will help our vendors receive their solicitations in a more effective and efficient manner that will benefit both the County and the vendor with more timely, accurate, competitive bids.

All vendors wishing to receive or continue to receive bid notifications must register in this new system at [www.epcounty.com](http://www.epcounty.com). /Bids & More/Vendors List. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact us at (915)546-2048.



**BID PRICE SHEET**

Bid #18-039

Construction for the Levee Road Depression  
Under Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge

Vendor must meet or exceed specifications

Please do not include tax, as the County is tax-exempt. We will sign tax exemption certificates covering these items.

Bidder will complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents for the following price(s):

**Base Bid # 1 – Low water crossing:** Contractor shall provide all the services included in the plans and specifications in order to construct and complete the project as a whole. The Contractor shall be responsible for including everything in the bid that is necessary and pertinent to complete the project as intended and in compliance with all County of El Paso Standards, International Boundary Water Commission Standards, state and Federal requirements and standards. The contractor shall provide a schedule of values to determine payment percentages.

**Base Bid #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(numerical value)**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **(written value)**

Bidder acknowledges that estimated quantities are not guaranteed, and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids, and final payment for all Price Bid items will be based on the lump sum value, determined as provided in the contract Documents.

Owner will evaluate the bids based on available budget, on the **TOTAL BASE BID PRICE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Tax Identification No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
DUNS Number (Applicable to Grant Funded Project)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number include area code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number include area code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

The County of El Paso will receive Bids for **Construction for the Levee Road Depression Under Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge, Bid #18-039**, until 2:00 P.M., on **Thursday, August 9, 2018**, at the County Purchasing Department, 800 East Overland, Rm 300 El Paso, Texas 79901 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

**A site visit will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Marcelino Serna/Tornillo Port of Entry located at 1400 Lower Island Rd., Tornillo, TX 79853. Vendors will meet at the Toll Plaza Building located at 1398 Aguilera International Highway, Tornillo, Texas 79853. A pre-bid conference will follow immediately after the site visit.

### **BASE BID**

**The project consists of but is not limited to the following:**

The County of El Paso is seeking a qualified company to provide labor, material, and/or equipment as it pertains to the County's Construction for the Levee Road Depression Under Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge.

ADDITIVE ALTERNATES – Any additive alternates included in this bid will be prioritized. Based on funding availability, Additive Alternate #1 will be selected first, followed by Additive Alternate #2 and so on.

Do not contact the requesting department. Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be emailed to: [oavila@epcounty.com](mailto:oavila@epcounty.com) before **Monday, July 30, 2018, at 12:00 p.m.** Bid number and title must be on the "Subject Line" of the email. Attempts to circumvent this requirement may result in rejection of the proposal as non-compliant.

Any changes in the specifications will be posted on the County website as an addendum. It shall be the proposer's responsibility to check the website prior to the bid opening date to verify whether any addendums have been posted. Website: [www.epcounty.com](http://www.epcounty.com); Bids and more.

A certified cashier's check, payable to the order of County of El Paso or a satisfactory Bid Bond in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total contract price, executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas and must be included in the bid package.

The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The County of El Paso reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any technicalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the County of El Paso for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or such longer time as may be required by the funding agencies, from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

### **1. BID FORMS**

These Contract Documents include a complete set of bidding and contract forms, which are for the convenience of bidders.

### **2. INTERPRETATIONS OF ADDENDA**

No oral interpretation will be made to any Bidder as to the meaning of the Contract Documents or any part thereof. Every request for such an interpretation shall be made in writing to the County of El Paso Purchasing department. Any inquiry received prior to **07/30/2018** will be given consideration. Every interpretation made to a Bidder will be in the form of an Addendum to the Contract Documents, and when issued, will be on file in the County Purchasing department at least five days before Bids are opened. In addition, all addenda will be posted on the County's website. It shall be the Bidder's responsibility to check the County website to verify if any Addenda have been issued. All such Addenda shall become part of the Contract and all Bidders shall be bound by such Addenda, whether or not received by the Bidders.

### **3. INSPECTION OF SITE**

Each Bidder should fully acquaint him/herself with the existing conditions of the site of the proposed work relating to construction and labor, and should fully inform him/herself as to the facilities involved, the difficulties and restrictions attending the performance of the Contract. The Bidder should thoroughly examine and familiarize himself with the Drawings, Technical Specifications, and all other Contract Documents. The Contractor by the execution of the Contract shall in no way be relieved of any obligation under it due to his failure to receive or examine any form or legal instrument or to visit the site and acquaint himself with the conditions there existing and the County will be justified in rejecting any claim based on facts regarding which he should have been on notice as a result thereof.

### **4. ALTERNATIVE BIDS**

No alternative bids will be considered unless alternative bids are specifically requested by the technical specifications.

### **5. BIDS**

- a. All Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the County of El Paso and shall be subject to all requirements of the Contract Documents, including the Drawings, and these INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. All Bids must be regular in every respect and no interlineations; excisions or special conditions shall be made or included in the Bid Form by the Bidder.
- b. Bid Documents including the Bid, the Bid Guarantee, the Non-Collusion Affidavit and the Statement of Bidder's Qualifications (if requested) shall be enclosed in envelopes (outer and inner), both of which shall be sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Bid Documents", bid number, project name, name of Bidder, and date and time of bid opening in order to guard against premature opening of the Bid.

- c. The County may consider as irregular any Bid on which there is an alteration of or departure from the Bid Form hereto attached and at its option may reject the same.
- d. If the Contract is awarded, the County will award it to a responsible Bidder on the basis of the lowest bid as provided by law and the selected Alternative Bid items, if any. The Contract will require the completion of the work according to the Contract Documents.

**6. BID GUARANTEE**

The Bid Guarantee shall insure the execution of the Agreement and the furnishing of the surety bond or bonds by the successful Bidder, all as required by the Contract Documents.

- b. Revised Bids submitted before the opening of bids, whether forwarded by mail, if representing an increase in excess of two percent (2%) of the original Bid, must have the Bid Guarantee adjusted accordingly; otherwise the Bid will not be considered.
- c. Certified cashier's checks or the amount thereof, Bid bonds of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned as soon as practical after the opening of the Bids.

**7. COLLUSIVE AGREEMENTS**

- a. Each Bidder submitting a Bid to a The County for any portion of the work contemplated by the documents on which bidding is based shall execute and attach thereto, an affidavit substantially in the form herein provided, to the effect that he has not entered into a collusive agreement with any other person, firm, or corporation in regard to any Bid submitted.
- b. Before executing any subcontract the successful Bidder shall submit the name of any proposed subcontractor for prior approval in a notarized affidavit.

**8. CONTRACT PRICE QUOTES**

A lump sum quote must be submitted. However, for changing quantities of work items from those indicated by the contract drawings, a breakdown of the lump sum quote into unit prices shall also be provided. These unit prices shall include all labor, materials, bailing, shoring, removal, overhead, profit, insurance, etc., to cover the finished work of the several kinds called for. Any changes shall be processed in accordance with the GENERAL CONDITIONS. The net monetary values of such additive and subtractive changes, if any, shall not increase or decrease the original contract price by more than twenty-five (25%), except for work not covered in the drawings and technical specifications as provided.

**9. CORRECTIONS**

Erasures or other changes in the contractor's bid response must be explained or noted over the signature of the Bidder.

**10. TIME FOR RECEIVING BIDS**

Bids received prior to the advertised hour of opening will be securely kept sealed. The officer whose duty it is to open them will decide when the specified time has arrived, and no Bid received thereafter will be considered under any circumstances.

**11. OPENING OF BIDS**

At the time and place fixed for the opening of Bids, the County will cause to be opened and publicly read aloud every Bid received within the time set for receiving Bids, irrespective of any technicalities therein. Bidders and other persons properly interested may be present, in person or by representative.

**12. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**

Bids may be withdrawn on written request dispatched by the Bidder in time for delivery in the normal course of business to the time fixed for opening. The bid guarantee of any Bidder withdrawing his Bid in accordance with the foregoing conditions will be returned promptly.

**13. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REJECTION OF BIDS**

- a. The contract will be awarded to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest Bid complying with the conditions of the Invitation for Bids and applicable law. The Bidder to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The County, however, reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any technicality in Bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in its interest.
- b. The County reserves the right to consider as unqualified to do the work of general construction any Bidder who does not habitually perform with his own forces the major portions of the work involved in construction of the improvements embraced in this Contract.

**14. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT: PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS**

- a. Subsequent to the award within thirty (30) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, the successful Bidder shall execute and deliver to the County an Agreement in substantially the form included in the Contract Documents in such number of copies as the County may require. If the Bidder objects to any provision in the form contract, it should be noted in the bid and suggested alternate language proposed.
- a. Having satisfied all conditions of award as set forth elsewhere in these documents, the successful Bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notice of award, furnish two (2) surety bonds, each in a penal sum of 100% of the amount of the Contract. A **Performance Bond** shall serve as security for the faithful performance of the Contract. A **Payment Bond** shall serve as surety for the payment of all persons, firms, or corporations to whom the Contractor may become legally indebted for labor, materials, tools, equipment, or services of any nature including utility and transportation services, employed or used by him in performing the work. Such bonds shall be in the same form as those included in the Contract documents and shall bear the same date as, or a date subsequent to that of the Agreement. The current power of attorney for the person who signs for any surety company shall be attached to such bonds. These bonds shall be signed by a surety

company listed in the latest issue of the U.S. Treasury Circular 570 and such surety must be authorized to do business in Texas in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 2253.001 et seq. The penal sums shall be within the maximum specified for such company in said Circular 570.

- b. The failure of the successful Bidder to execute such Agreement and to supply the required bond or bonds within thirty (30) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, or within such extended period as the County may grant, based upon reasons determined sufficient by the County, shall constitute a default, and the County may either award the Contract to the next lowest responsible Bidder or re-advertise for Bids, and may charge against the Bidder the difference between the amount of the Bid and the amount for which a Contract for the work is subsequently executed, irrespective of whether the amount thus due exceeds the amount of the Bid Bond. If a more favorable Bid is received by re-advertising the defaulting Bidder shall have no claim against the County for a refund.

**15. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirement for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

## CONTRACT AGREEMENT

WITNESSETH, that the Contractor and The County for the considerations stated herein mutually agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. Statement of Work** The Contractor shall furnish all supervision, technical personnel, labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and services, including utility and transportation services, and perform and complete all work required for the construction of the Improvements embraced in the Project, namely, as described in the BASE BID, and required supplemental work for the Construction for the Levee Road Depression Under Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge, all in strict accordance with the Contract Documents including all addenda thereto, numbered, dated \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_, all as prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ acting and in these Contract Documents Preparation, referred to as the "Engineer".

**ARTICLE 2. The Contract Price** The County will pay the Contractor for the performance of the Contract in current funds, for the total quantities of work performed at the Contract price stipulated in the Bid for the several respective items of work completed subject to additions and deductions as provided in Fixed Price Construction Contract.

**ARTICLE 3. CONTRACT.** The executed contract documents shall consist of the following:

- a. This Agreement
- b. Addenda
- c. Invitation for Bids
- d. Instructions to Bidders
- e. Signed copy of Bid
- f. General Conditions
- g. Technical Specifications
- h. Drawings (as listed in the Schedule of Drawings)
- i. Prevailing wage rates
- j. Fixed Price Construction Contract (see sample contract included in this bid)

This Agreement, together with other documents enumerated in this ARTICLE 3, which said other documents are fully a part of the Contract as if hereto attached or herein repeated forms the Contract between the parties hereto. In the event that any provision in any component part of this Contract conflicts with any provision of any other component part, the provision of the component part first enumerated in this ARTICLE 3 shall govern, except as otherwise specifically stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed in 4 original copies on the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_ By  
\_\_\_\_\_ Title

\_\_\_\_\_ By  
\_\_\_\_\_ Title

**BID FORM (LUMP SUM CONTRACT)**

Place County of El Paso Purchasing Department

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Project No. 18-039 Construction for the Levee Road Depression Under Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge

Proposal of \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called Bidder), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_/a partnership/an individual doing business as \_\_\_\_\_(strike out inapplicable references) and authorized to do business in Texas.

To the County of El Paso (hereinafter called Owner).

Gentlemen:

The Bidder, in compliance with your invitation for bids for the construction of the Construction for the Levee Road Depression Under Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge that consists of the following:

The project consists of but is not limited to the following:

having examined the plans and specifications with related documents and the site of the proposed work, and being familiar with all of the conditions surrounding the construction of the proposed project including the availability of materials and labor, hereby proposes to furnish all labor, materials, and supplies: and to construct the project in accordance with the Contract Documents within the time set forth herein, and at the prices stated below. These prices are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the work required under the Contract Documents, of which this proposal is a part.

Bidder hereby agrees to commence work under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed: of the Owner and to fully complete the project within 150 consecutive calendar days thereafter as stipulated in the specifications. Bidder further agrees to pay as liquidated damages, the sum of \$1,500.00 for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as hereinafter provided in the GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Addendum Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT PRICES**

For changing quantities of work items from those indicated by the contract drawings upon written instructions from the architect/engineer, the following unit prices shall prevail:

The above unit prices shall include all labor, materials, bailing, shoring, removal, overhead, profit, insurance, etc., to cover the finished work of the several kinds called for. Changes shall be processed in accordance with the GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Bidder understands that the Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding.

The bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

Upon receipt of Owner's written acceptance of this bid, Bidder will execute the formal contract attached within 7 days and deliver a Payment Bond, a Performance Bond, and Insurance Certificate(s) as required by the GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The bid security attached in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) is to become the property of the Owner in the event the contract and bonds are not executed within the time above set forth, as liquidated damages for the delay and additional expense to the Owner caused thereby.

Respectfully submitted:

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

**BID BOND**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we the undersigned, as PRINCIPAL, AND \_\_\_\_\_, as SURETY are held and firmly bound unto hereinafter called the "El Paso County", in the penal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars, (\$\_\_\_\_\_), lawful money of the United States, for the payment for which sum well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that whereas the Principal has submitted the accompanying Bid, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, for Construction for the Levee Road Depression Under Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall not withdraw said Bid within the period specified therein after the opening of the same, or, if no period be specified, within thirty (30) days after the said opening, and shall within the period specified therefore, or if no period by specified, within ten (10) days after the prescribed forms are presented to him for signature, enter into a written Contract with the The County in accordance with the Bid as accepted, and give bond with good and sufficient surety or sureties, as may be required, for the faithful performance and proper fulfillment of such contract or in the event of the withdrawal of said Bid within the period specified, or the failure to enter into such Contract and give such bond within the time specified, if the Principal shall pay the The County the difference between the amount specified in said Bid and the amount for which the The County may procure the required work or supplies or both, if the latter be in excess of the former, then the above obligation shall be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-bounded parties have executed this instrument under their several seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of, 20\_\_\_\_, the name and corporate seal of each corporate party being hereto affixed and these present signed by its undersigned representative, pursuant to authority of its governing body.

(Forms of Bid Bonds prepared to meet the requirements of Local or State Laws or the needs of the The County should be substituted for this form where necessary.)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Countersigned By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney-in-Fact, State of \_\_\_\_\_

Power-of-Attorney for person signing for the surety company must be attached to bond.

**If Bidder is a Corporate, required: CERTIFICATE AS TO CORPORATE PRINCIPAL**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the, \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of the Corporation named as Principal in the within bond; that, who signed the said bond on behalf of the Principal was then \_\_\_\_\_ of said corporation; that I know his signature, and his signature thereto is genuine; and that said bond was duly signed, sealed, and attested to for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of this governing body.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Corporate Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_ Title

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF CONTRACTOR**

State of Texas

County of El Paso

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- (1) He/she is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor";
- (2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents submitted \_\_\_\_\_, the Contractor for certain work in connection with the County of El Paso Contract pertaining to the Project in El Paso County, Texas;
- (3) This bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham bid.
- (4) Neither the Subcontractor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham bid in connection with such Contract or to refrain from submitting a bid in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in said Contractor's Bid, or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the County of El Paso or any person interested in the proposed Contract: and
- (5) The prices quoted in the Contractor's bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_



## **FIXED PRICE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR**

This FIXED PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR (the "Contract") is made and entered into by and between El Paso County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "Owner") and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Contractor"). This Contract is executed under seal, and shall be effective on the date executed by the last party to execute it.

This Contract is for the construction of a project identified as the Levee Road Depression Coupled with Retaining Wall Beneath the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge (the "Project").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements stated herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree:

### **1. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

This Contract includes the plans and specifications for the Project identified thereon as such, plus the following (if any): 1) a copy of County Bid # 18-039 entitled "Construction of the Levee Road Depression Coupled with Retaining Wall Beneath the United States Section of the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge" and all Bid Addenda, Invitation for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, and Contract Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; 2) Contractor's Bid Response, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**; 3) a copy of Contractor's Payment Bond, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**; 4) a copy of Contractor's Performance Bond, attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**; and 5) a copy of the Insurance Requirements, attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**; 6) a copy of the Insurance Certificates, attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**; 7) a copy of the currently effective Prevailing Wage Rates for Building and Definitions for Building Labor Classifications attached hereto as **Exhibit 7**; 8) a copy of the currently effective Prevailing Wage Rates for Heavy / Highway and Definitions for Heavy / Highway Labor Classifications, attached hereto as **Exhibit 8**; 9) a copy of the currently effective Apprenticeship Order and the List of Required Apprenticeship Programs, attached hereto as **Exhibit 9**; 10) a list of Construction Rules Applicable to the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge Levee Depression Coupled with the Retaining Wall, attached hereto as **Exhibit 10**; and 11) a copy of all engineering specifications and drawings, separately bound in a separate volume or volumes, attached hereto as **Exhibit 11**, all of which Exhibits and separately bound volume(s) are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. Change Orders issued hereafter, and any other amendments executed by the Owner and the Contractor, shall become and be a part of this Contract. Documents not included or expressly contemplated in this Paragraph 1 do not, and shall not, form any part of this Contract. This Agreement shall control if there is a conflict between the Contract Agreement in the Bid Specifications and this Contract.

**2.**  
**REPRESENTATIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR**

In order to induce the Owner to execute this Contract and recognizing that the Owner is relying thereon, the Contractor, by executing this Contract, makes the following express representations to the Owner:

**(A)** The Contractor is fully qualified to act as the contractor for the Project and has, and shall maintain, any and all licenses, permits or other authorizations necessary to act as the contractor for, and to construct, the Project;

**(B)** The Contractor has become familiar with the Project site and the local conditions under which the Project is to be constructed and operated;

**(C)** The Contractor has received, reviewed and carefully examined all of the documents which make up this Contract, including, but not limited to, the plans and specifications, and has found them in all respects to be complete, accurate, adequate, consistent, coordinated and sufficient for construction.

**3.**  
**OWNERS REPRESENTATIVE AND PROJECT ENGINEER**

The Owner's representative is the Director of Public Works, Norma Rivera-Palacios ("Owner"). Her office and mailing address is 800 E. Overland, Room 200, El Paso, Texas 79901. The phone number is 915.546.2015; facsimile is 915.546.8194.

The Project Engineer assigned to this Project is Structural Engineering Associates, Inc. whose offices are located at: 3838 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78229 acting through its designated Representative/Consultant Sid Mielke, P. E. (the "Engineer"). In the event the Owner should find it necessary or convenient to replace the Engineer, the Owner shall retain a replacement Engineer and the role of the replacement Engineer shall be the same as the role of the Engineer. Unless otherwise directed by the Owner in writing, the Engineer will perform those duties and discharge those responsibilities allocated to the Engineer in this Contract. The duties, obligations and responsibilities of the Engineer shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

**(A)** Unless otherwise directed by the Owner in writing, the Engineer shall act as the Owner's agent from the effective date of this Contract until final payment has been made, to the extent expressly set forth in this Contract;

**(B)** Unless otherwise directed by the Owner in writing, the Owner and the Contractor shall communicate with each other in the first instance through the Engineer;

**(C)** When requested by the Contractor in writing the Engineer shall render interpretations necessary for the proper execution or progress of the work;

**(D)** The Engineer shall draft proposed Change Orders;

**(E)** The Engineer shall approve, or respond otherwise as necessary concerning shop drawings or other submittals received from the Contractor;

**(F)** The Engineer shall be authorized to refuse to accept work which is defective or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of this Contract. If the Engineer deems it appropriate, the Engineer shall be authorized to call for extra inspection or testing of the work for compliance with requirements of this Contract;

**(G)** The Engineer shall review the Contractor's Payment Requests and shall approve in writing those amounts which, in the opinion of the Engineer, are properly owing to the Contractor as provided in this Contract;

**(H)** The Engineer shall, upon written request from the Contractor, perform those inspections required in Paragraph 7 hereinabove;

**(I)** The Engineer shall be authorized to require the Contractor to make changes which do not involve a change in the Contract Price or in the time for the Contractor's performance of this contract consistent with the intent of this Contract;

**(J)** THE DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR UNDER THIS CONTRACT SHALL IN NO MANNER WHATSOEVER BE CHANGED, ALTERED, DISCHARGED, RELEASED, OR SATISFIED BY ANY DUTY, OBLIGATION OR RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENGINEER. THE CONTRACTOR IS NOT A THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY OF ANY CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE OWNER AND THE ENGINEER. IT IS EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED THAT THE DUTIES OF THE CONTRACTOR TO THE OWNER ARE INDEPENDENT OF, AND ARE NOT DIMINISHED BY, ANY DUTIES OF THE ENGINEER TO THE OWNER.

#### **4.**

### **INTENT AND INTERPRETATION**

With respect to the intent and interpretation of this Contract, the Owner and the Contractor agree as follows:

**(A)** This Contract, together with the Contractor's and Surety's performance and payment bonds for the Project, if any, constitute the entire and exclusive agreements between the parties with reference to the Project, and said Contract supersedes any and all prior discussions, communications, representations, understandings, negotiations, or agreements. This Contract also supersedes any bid documents;

**(B)** Anything that may be required, implied or inferred by the documents which make up this Contract, or any one or more of them, shall be provided by the Contractor for the Contract Price;

**(C)** Nothing contained in this Contract shall create, nor be interpreted to create, privity or any other relationship whatsoever between the Owner and any person except the Contractor;

**(D)** When a word, term, or phrase is used in this Contract, it shall be interpreted or construed

first, as defined herein; second, if not defined, according to its generally accepted meaning in the construction industry; and third, if there is no generally accepted meaning in the construction industry, according to its common and customary usage;

**(E)** The words "include", "included", or "including", as used in this Contract, shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase, "without limitation";

**(F)** The specification herein of any act, failure, refusal, omission, event, occurrence or condition as constituting a material breach of this Contract shall not imply that any other, non-specified act, failure, refusal, omission, event, occurrence or condition shall be deemed not to constitute a material breach of this Contract.

**(G)** The Contractor shall have a continuing duty to read, examine, review, compare and contrast each of the documents which make-up this Contract, shop drawings, and other submittals and shall give written notice to the Owner and the Engineer of any conflict, ambiguity, error or omission which the contractor may find with respect to these documents before proceeding with the affected work. The express or implied approval by the Owner or the Engineer of any shop drawings or other submittals shall not relieve the Contractor of the continuing duties imposed hereby, nor shall any such approval be evidence of the contractor's compliance with this Contract. The Owner has requested the Engineer to only prepare documents for the Project, including the plans and specifications for the Project, which are accurate, adequate, consistent, coordinated and sufficient for construction. HOWEVER, THE OWNER MAKES NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER TO THE CONTRACTOR CONCERNING SUCH DOCUMENTS. The Contractor again hereby acknowledges and represents that it has received, reviewed and carefully examined such documents, has found them to be complete, accurate, adequate, consistent, coordinated and sufficient for construct, and that the Contractor has not, does not, and will not rely upon any representations or warranties by the Owner concerning such documents, as no such representations or warranties have been or are hereby made;

**(H)** In the event of any conflict, discrepancy, or inconsistency among any of the documents which make up this Contract, the following shall control:

- (1) As between figures given on plans and scaled measurements, the figures shall govern;
- (2) As between large-scale plans and small-scale plans, the large-scale plan shall govern;
- (3) As between plans and specifications, the requirements of the specifications shall govern;
- (4) As between this document and the plans or specifications, this document shall govern.

**5.**  
**OWNERSHIP OF THE DOCUMENTS WHICH MAKE UP THE CONTRACT**

The documents which make up this Contract, and each of them, as well as any other documents furnished by the Owner, shall remain the property of the Owner. The Contractor shall have the right to keep one (1) copy of the Contract upon completion of the Project; provided, however, that in no event shall the Contractor use, or permit to be used, any portion or all of such Contract on other projects without the Owner's prior written authorization.

**6.**  
**CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE**

The Contractor shall perform all of the work required, implied or reasonably inferable from this Contract including, but not limited to, the following:

**(A)** Construction of the Project;

**(B)** The furnishing of any required surety bonds and insurance;

**(C)** The provision or furnishing, and prompt payment therefore, of labor, supervision, services, materials, supplies, equipment, fixtures, appliances, facilities, tools, transportation, storage, fuel, or additional light, required for construction and all necessary building permits and other permits required for the construction of the Project;

**(D)** The creation and submission to the Owner of detailed and comprehensive as-built drawings depicting all as-built construction. Said as-built drawings shall be submitted to the Owner upon final completion of the Project and receipt of same by the Owner shall be a condition precedent to final payment to the Contractor.

**7.**  
**TIME FOR CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE**

**(A)** The Contractor shall commence the performance of this Contract within \_\_\_\_ days of the execution of this Agreement and shall diligently continue its performance to and until final completion of the Project. The Contractor shall accomplish Substantial Completion of the Project on or before **One hundred and fifty (150) calendar days**.

**(B)** The Contractor shall pay the Owner the sum of **One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** per day for each and every calendar day of unexecuted delay in achieving Substantial Completion of the Project. Any sums due and payable hereunder by the Contractor shall be payable, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages representing an estimate of delay damages likely to be sustained by the Owner, estimated at the time of executing this Contract. When the Owner reasonably believes that Substantial Completion will be inexcusably delayed, the Owner shall be entitled, but not required, to withhold from any amounts otherwise due the Contractor an amount then believed by the Owner to be adequate to recover liquidated damages applicable to such delays. If and when the

Contractor overcomes the delay in achieving Substantial completion, or any part thereof, for which the Owner has withheld payment, the Owner shall promptly release to the Contractor those funds withheld, but no longer applicable, as liquidated damages;

**(C)** The term "Substantial Completion", as used herein, shall mean that point at which, as certified in writing by the Engineer, the Project is at a level of completion in strict compliance with this Contract such that the Owner or its designee can enjoy beneficial use or occupancy and can use or operate it in all respects, for its intended purpose. Partial use or occupancy of the Project shall not result in the Project being deemed substantially complete, and such partial use or occupancy shall not be evidence of Substantial Completion;

**(D)** All limitations of time set forth herein are material and are of the essence of this Contract.

## **8.**

### **FIXED PRICE AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

**(A)** The Owner shall pay, and the Contractor shall accept, as full and complete payment for the Contractor's timely performance of all its obligations hereunder the fixed price of \_\_\_\_\_ **Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_00)**. The price set forth in this Subparagraph 8(A) shall constitute the Contract Price, which shall not be modified except by Change Order as provided in this Contract;

**(B)** Within **ten (10)** calendar days of the effective date hereof, the Contractor shall prepare and present to the Owner and the Engineer the Contractor's Schedule of Values apportioning the Contract Price among the different elements of the Project for purposes of periodic and final payment. The Contractor's Schedule of Values shall be presented in whatever format, with such detail, and backed up with whatever supporting information the Engineer or the Owner requests. The Contractor shall not imbalance its Schedule of Values nor artificially inflate any element thereof. The violation of this provision by the Contractor shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. The Contractor's Schedule of Values will be utilized for the Contractor's Payment Requests but shall only be so utilized after it has been acknowledged in writing by the Engineer and the Owner.

**(C)** The Owner shall pay the Contract Price to the Contractor in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Paragraph 9. On or before the **fifteenth (15th)** day of each month after commencement of performance, but no more frequently than once monthly, the Contractor may submit a Payment Request for the period ending the **last** day of the month. Said Payment Request shall be in such format and include whatever supporting information as may be required by the Engineer, the Owner, or both. Therein, the Contractor may request payment for **ninety-five percent (95%)** of that part of the Contract Price allocable to the Contract requirements properly provided, labor, materials and equipment properly incorporated in the Project, and materials or equipment necessary for the Project and properly stored at the Project site (or elsewhere if offsite storage is approved in writing by the Owner), less the total amount the previously payments received from the Owner. Any payment on account of stored materials or equipment will be subject to the Contractor providing written proof that the Owner has title to such materials or equipment and that they are fully insured against loss or damage. Each such Payment Request shall be signed by the Contractor and

shall constitute the Contractor's representation that the quantity of work has reached the level for which payment is requested, that the work has been properly installed or performed in strict compliance with this Contract, and that the Contractor knows of no reason why payment should not be made as requested. Thereafter, the Engineer shall review the Payment Request and may also review the work at the Project site or elsewhere to determine whether the quantity and quality of the work is as represented in the Payment Request and is as required by this Contract. The Engineer shall approve in writing the amount which, in the opinion of the Engineer, is properly owing to the Contractor. The Owner shall make payment to the contractor within **thirty (30) days** following the Engineer's written approval of each Payment Request. The amount of each such payment shall be the amount approved for payment by the Engineer less such amounts, if any, otherwise owing by the Contractor to the Owner or which the Owner shall have the right to withhold as authorized by this Contract. The Engineer's approval of the Contractor's Payment Requests shall not preclude the Owner from the exercise of any of its rights as set forth in Subparagraph 8(F) herein below. The submission by the Contractor of a Payment Request also constitutes an affirmative representation and warranty that all work for which the Owner has previously paid is free and clear of any lien, claim, or other encumbrance of any person whatsoever. As a condition precedent to payment, the Contractor shall, if required by the Owner, also furnish to the Owner properly executed waivers of lien, in a form acceptable to the Owner, from all subcontractors, materialmen, suppliers or others having lien rights, wherein said subcontractors, materialmen, suppliers or others having lien rights, shall acknowledge receipt of all sums due pursuant to all prior Payment requests and waivers and relinquish any liens, lien rights or other claims relating to the Project site. Furthermore, the Contractor warrants and represents that, upon payment of the Payment Request submitted, title to all work included in such payment shall be vested in the Owner;

**(D)** When payment is received from the Owner, the Contractor shall immediately pay all subcontractors, materialmen, laborers and suppliers the amounts they are due for the work covered by such payment. In the event the Owner becomes informed that the Contractor has not paid a subcontractor, materialman, laborer, or supplier as provided herein, the Owner shall have the right, but not the duty, to issue future checks and payment to the Contractor of amounts otherwise due hereunder naming the Contractor and any such subcontractor, materialman, laborer, or supplier as joint payees. Such joint check procedure, if employed by the Owner, shall create no rights in favor of any person or entity beyond the right of the named payees to payment of the check and shall not be deemed to commit the Owner to repeat the procedure in the future;

**(E)** Neither payment to the Contractor, utilization of the Project for any purpose by the Owner, nor any other act or omission by the Owner shall be interpreted or construed as an acceptance of any work of the Contractor not strictly in compliance with this Contract;

**(F)** The Owner shall have the right to refuse to make payment and, if necessary, may demand the return of a portion of or the entire amount previously paid to the Contractor due to:

- (1) The quality of a portion, or all, of the Contractor's work not being in accordance with the requirements of this Contract;

- (2) The quantity of the Contractor's work not being as represented in the Contractor's Payment Request, or otherwise;
- (3) The Contractor's rate of progress being such that, in the Owner's opinion, substantial or final completion, or both, may be inexcusably delayed;
- (4) The Contractor's failure to use Contract funds, previously paid the Contract by the Owner, to pay Contractor's Project-related obligations including, but not limited to, subcontractors, laborers and material and equipment suppliers;
- (5) Claims made, or likely to be made, against the Owner or its property;
- (6) Loss caused by the Contractor;
- (7) The Contractor's failure or refusal to perform any of its obligations to the Owner.

In the event that the Owner makes written demand upon the Contractor for amounts previously paid by the Owner as contemplated in this Subparagraph 8(F), the Contractor shall promptly comply with such demand;

**(G)** If within **thirty (30)** days from the date payment to the Contractor is due, the Owner, without cause or basis hereunder, fails to pay the Contractor any amounts then due and payable to the Contractor, the Contractor shall have the right to cease work until receipt of proper payment after first providing **ten (10)** days' written notice of its intent to cease work to the Owner. Any undisputed sum not paid when due shall bear interest calculated on an annual basis pursuant to Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code as follows. The interest rate shall be the sum of one percent and the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal on the first day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on Saturday or Sunday. Interest begins to accrue on the **thirty-first (31)** day after the undisputed amount is due. Interest on an overdue payment stops accruing on the date the County mails or electronically transmits the payment.

**(H)** When Substantial Completion has been achieved, the Contractor shall notify the Owner and the Engineer in writing and shall furnish to the Engineer a listing of those matters yet to be finished. The Engineer will thereupon conduct an inspection to confirm that the work is in fact substantially complete. Upon its confirmation that the Contractor's work is substantially complete, the Engineer will so notify the Owner and Contractor in writing and will therein set forth the date of Substantial Completion. If the Engineer, through its inspection, fails to find that the Contractor's work is substantially complete, and is required to repeat all, or any portion, of its Substantial Completion inspection, the Contractor shall bear the cost of such repeat inspection(s) which cost may be deducted by the Owner from any payment then or thereafter due to the Contractor. Guarantees and equipment warranties required by this Contract shall commence on the date of Substantial Completion. Upon Substantial Completion, the Owner shall pay the Contractor an amount sufficient to increase total payments to the Contractor to **one hundred percent (100%)** of the Contract Price less any amounts attributable to liquidated damages, and less the reasonable costs as determined by the Owner for completing all incomplete work, correcting and bringing into conformance all defective and nonconforming work, and handling any outstanding or threatened claims;

**(I)** When the Project is finally complete and the Contractor is ready for a final inspection, it shall notify the Owner and the Engineer thereof in writing. Thereupon, the Engineer will perform a final inspection of the Project. If the Engineer confirms that the Project is complete in full accordance with this Contract and that the Contractor has performed all of its obligations to the Owner hereunder, the Engineer will furnish a final Approval for Payment to the Owner certifying to the Owner that the Project is complete and the Contractor is entitled to the remainder of the unpaid Contract Price, less any amount withheld pursuant to this Contract. If the Engineer is unable to issue its final Approval for Payment and is required to repeat its final inspection of the Project, the Contractor shall bear the cost of such repeat inspection(s), which costs may be deducted by the Owner from the Contractor's final payment;

**(J)** If the Contractor fails to achieve **final completion** of the Project within **fifteen (15) calendar days** of the date of Substantial Completion, the Contractor shall pay the Owner the sum of **One thousand five hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)** per day for each and every calendar day of unexcused delay in achieving final completion beyond the date set forth herein for final completion of the work. Any sums due and payable hereunder by the Contractor shall be payable, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages representing an estimate of delay damages likely to be sustained by the Owner, estimated at or before the time of executing this Contract. When the Owner reasonably believes that final completion will be inexcusably delayed, the Owner shall be entitled, but not required, to withhold from any amounts otherwise due the Contractor an amount then believed by the Owner to be adequate to recover liquidated damages applicable to such delays. If and when the Contractor overcomes the delay in achieving final completion, or any part thereof, for which the Owner has withheld payment, the Owner shall promptly release to the Contractor those funds withheld, but no longer applicable, as liquidated damages;

**(K)** Prior to being entitled to receive final payment, and as a condition precedent thereto, the Contractor shall furnish the Owner, in the form and manner required by Owner, if any, with a copy to the Engineer:

- (1) An affidavit that all of the Contractor's obligations to subcontractors, laborers, equipment or material suppliers, or other third parties in connection with the Project, have been paid or otherwise satisfied;
- (2) If required by the Owner, separate releases of lien or lien waivers from each subcontractor, lower tier subcontractor, laborer, supplier or other person or entity who has, or might have a claim against the Owner or the Owner's property;
- (3) If applicable, consent(s) of surety to final payment;
- (4) All product warranties, operating manuals, instruction manuals and other record documents, drawings and things customarily required of the Contractor, or expressly required herein, as a part of or prior to Project closeout;

**(L)** The Owner shall, subject to its rights set forth in Subparagraph 8(F) above, make final payment of all sums due the Contractor within **thirty (30)** days of the Engineer's execution of a final Approval for Payment.

**9.**  
**INFORMATION AND MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY THE OWNER**

**(A)** If appropriate, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor, prior to the execution of this Contract, any and all written and tangible material in its possession concerning conditions below ground at the site of the Project. Such written and tangible material is furnished to the Contractor only in order to make complete disclosure of such material as being in the possession of the Owner and for no other purpose. By furnishing such material, the Owner does not represent, warrant, or guarantee its accuracy either in whole, in part, implicitly or explicitly, or at all, and shall have no liability therefor. The Owner shall also furnish, if appropriate, the legal description of the Project site, and any required survey;

**(B)** The Owner shall obtain all required authorizations, approvals, easements, and the like excluding the building permit and other permits or fees required of the Contractor by this Contract, or permits and fees customarily the responsibility of the Contractor.

**(C)** The Owner will provide the Contractor one copy of the complete Contract. The Contractor will be charged, and shall pay the Owner, a reasonable fee per additional copy of the Contract which it may require.

**10.**  
**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

In the event the Contractor fails or refused to perform the work as required herein, the Owner may instruct the Contractor to cease and desist from performing further work in whole or in part. Upon receipt of such instruction, the Contractor shall immediately cease and desist as instructed by the Owner and shall not proceed further until the cause for the Owner's instructions has been corrected, no longer exists, or the Owner instructs that the work may resume. In the event the Owner issues such instructions to cease and desist, and in the further event that the Contractor fails and refuses within **seven (7) calendar days** of receipt of same to provide adequate assurance to the Owner that the cause of such instructions will be eliminated or corrected, then the Owner shall have the right, but not the obligation, to carry out the work with its own forces, or with the forces of another contractor, and the Contractor shall be fully responsible and liable for the cost of performing such work by the Owner. The rights set forth herein are in addition to, and without prejudice to, any other rights or remedies the Owner may have against the Contractor.

**11.**  
**DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR**

In addition to any and all other duties, obligations and responsibilities of the Contractor set forth in this Contract, the Contractor shall have and perform the following duties, obligations and responsibilities to the Owner:

**(A)** The Contractor is again reminded of its continuing duties set forth in Subparagraph 4(G) which are by reference hereby incorporated in this Subparagraph 11(A). The Contractor shall not perform work without adequate plans and specifications, or, as appropriate, approved shop drawings, or other submittals. If the Contractor performs work knowing or believing it involves an error, inconsistency or omission in the Contract without first providing written notice to the Engineer and Owner, the Contractor shall be responsible for such work and pay the cost of correcting same;

**(B)** All work shall strictly conform to the requirements of this Contract, including the lawful disposal of all hazardous material and other materials resulting from construction;

**(C)** The work shall be strictly supervised, the Contractor bearing full responsibility for any and all acts or omissions of those engaged in the work on behalf of the Contractor, including subcontractors;

**(D)** The Contractor hereby warrants that all labor furnished under this Contract shall be competent to perform the tasks undertaken, that the product of such labor shall yield only first-class results, that all materials and equipment provided shall be new and of high quality, that the completed work will be complete, of high quality, without defects, and that all work strictly complies with the requirements of this Contract. Any work not strictly complying with the requirements of this Subparagraph shall constitute a breach of the Contractor's warranty;

**(E)** The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all required permits, fees and licenses customarily obtained by the Contractor. The Contractor shall comply with all legal requirements applicable to the work;

**(F)** The Contractor shall employ and maintain at the Project site only competent supervisory personnel. Key supervisory personnel assigned by the Contractor to this Project are as follows:

**Name      Function**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

So long as the individuals named above remain actively employed or retained by the Contractor, they shall perform the functions indicated next to their names unless the Owner agrees to the contrary in writing. In the event one or more individuals not listed above subsequently assumes one or more of those functions listed above, the Contractor shall be bound by the provisions of this Subparagraph 11(F) as though such individual had been listed above;

**(G)** The Contractor, within **ten (10) calendar days** of commencing the work, shall provide to the Owner and the Engineer, and comply with, the Contractor's schedule for completing work. Such schedule shall be in a form acceptable to the Owner. The Contractor's schedule shall be updated no less frequently than monthly (unless the parties otherwise agree in writing) and shall be updated to reflect conditions encountered from time to time and shall apply to the total Project. Each such revision shall be furnished to the Owner and the Engineer. Strict compliance with the requirements of this Subparagraph 11(G) shall be a condition precedent to payment to the Contractor, and failure by the Contractor to strictly comply with said requirements shall constitute a material breach of this Contract;

**(H)** The Contractor shall keep an updated copy of this Contract at the site. Additionally, the Contractor shall keep a copy of approved shop drawings and other submittals. All of these items shall be available to the Owner and the Engineer at all regular business hours. Upon final completion of the work, all of these items shall be finally updated and provided to the Owner and shall become the property of the Owner;

**(I)** Shop drawings and other submittals from the Contractor do not constitute a part of the Contract. The Contractor shall not do any work requiring shop drawings or other submittals unless such shall have been approved in writing by the Engineer. All work requiring approved shop drawings or other submittals shall be done in strict compliance with such approved documents. However, approval by the Engineer or the Owner shall not be evidence that work installed pursuant thereto conforms with the requirements of this Contract. The Owner and the Engineer shall have no duty to review partial submittals or incomplete submittals. The Contractor shall maintain a submittal log which shall include, at a minimum, the date of each submittal, the date of any resubmittal, the date of any approval or rejection, and the reason for any approval or rejection. The Contractor shall have the duty to carefully review, inspect and examine any and all submittals before submission of same to the Owner or the Engineer;

**(J)** The Contractor shall maintain the Project site in a reasonably clean condition during performance of the work. Upon final completion, the Contractor shall thoroughly clean the Project site of all debris, trash and excess materials or equipment; **Contractor should refer to the "Construction Rules Applicable to the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge " set forth in Exhibit 10, which Exhibit is incorporated herein for all purposes, for additional provisions related to handling of trash and debris which are applicable specifically to the International Bridge and Levee work.**

**(K)** At all times relevant to this Contract, the Contract shall permit the Owner and the Engineer **and federal authorities and their representatives** to enter upon the Project site and to review or inspect the work without formality or other procedure. **Contractor should refer to the "Construction Rules Applicable to the Tornillo-Guadalupe International**

**Bridge" set forth in Exhibit 10, which Exhibit is incorporated herein for all purposes, for additional provisions related to access to the Project site which are applicable specifically to the International Bridge and Levee work.**

**(L)** Prior to commencement of work on the Project, every employee who will work on the International Bridge, Toll Station facility, including related roads and highways and including work located on General Service Administration property, is and shall be required to receive training related to the identification of and rules protecting the Texas Horned Lizard and the relocation of Texas Horned Lizard Individuals, which may have fallen into excavations, equipment, and the cleared paths of construction by earth moving equipment. Employees must watch a video related to Texas Horned Lizards and sign a sheet indicating he/she has received the training. Upon locating a Texas Horned Lizard individual, the employee shall immediately notify his/her supervisor or the supervisor on the worksite, and the supervisor shall be required to contact the on-call Registered Biologist and ask for assistance in relocating the Horned Lizard individual. Failure to comply with this provision shall be cause for the Owner or the Owner's designee stopping work on the project until 1) the Texas Horned Lizard has been relocated and/or 2) a determination has made of which employees are in need of training. Any work-stoppage occasioned by violation of this paragraph shall count against the Contractor and shall not extend the time for performance of the contract.

## **12. INDEMNITY**

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE OWNER HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITY, DAMAGES, LOSS, COST AND EXPENSE OF EVERY TYPE WHATSOEVER INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CLAIMS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS, COST OR EXPENSE IS DUE TO SICKNESS, PERSONAL INJURY, DISEASE OR DEATH, THE UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, CHEMICALS, OR DEBRIS, OR TO LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY (OTHER THAN THE WORK ITSELF), INCLUDING LOSS OF USE RESULTING THERE FROM, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR, OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS THE CONTRACTOR MAY BE LIABLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH LIABILITY, CLAIM, DAMAGE, LOSS, COST OR EXPENSE IS CAUSED IN PART BY THE OWNER.

### **13. CLAIMS BY THE CONTRACTOR**

Claims by the contractor against the Owner are subject to the following terms and conditions:

**(A)** All Contractor claims against the Owner shall be initiated by a written claim submitted to the Owner and the Engineer. Such claim shall be received by the Owner and the Engineer no later than **seven (7) calendar days** after the event, or the first appearance of the circumstances, causing the claim, and same shall set forth in detail all known facts and circumstances supporting the claim;

**(B)** The Contractor and the Owner shall continue their performance hereunder regardless of the existence of any claims submitted by the Contractor;

**(C)** In the event the Contractor discovers previously concealed and unknown site conditions which are materially at variance from those typically and ordinarily encountered in the general geographical location of the Project, the Contract Price shall be modified, either upward or downward, upon the written claim made by either party within **seven (7) calendar days** after the first appearance to such party of the circumstances. As a condition precedent to the Owner having any liability to the Contractor due to concealed and unknown conditions, the Contractor must give the Owner and the Engineer written notice of, and an opportunity to observe, such condition prior to disturbing it. The failure by the Contractor to give the written notice and make the claim as provided by this Subparagraph 13(C) shall constitute a waiver by the contractor of any rights arising out of or relating to such concealed and unknown condition;

**(D)** In the event the contractor seeks to make a claim for an increase in the Contract Price, as a condition precedent to any liability of the Owner therefor, the Contractor shall strictly comply with the requirements of Subparagraph 13(A) above and such claim shall be made by the Contractor before proceeding to execute any additional or changed work. Failure of the condition precedent to occur shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of any claim for additional compensation;

**(E)** In connection with any claim by the Contractor against the Owner for compensation in excess of the Contract Price, any liability of the Owner for the Contractor's cost shall be strictly limited to direct cost incurred by the Contractor and shall in no event include indirect cost or consequential damages of the Contractor. The Owner shall not be liable to the Contractor for claims of third-parties including subcontractors, unless and until liability of the Contractor has been established therefor in a court of competent jurisdiction;

**(F)** In the event the Contractor should be delayed in performing any task which at the time of the delay is then critical, or which during the delay becomes critical, as the sole result of any act or omission by the Owner or someone acting in the Owner behalf, or by Owner-authorized Change Orders, unusually bad weather not capable of being reasonably anticipated, fire or other Acts of God, the date for achieving Substantial Completion, or, as applicable, final completion, shall be appropriately adjusted by the Owner upon the written claim of the Contractor to the Owner and the Engineer. A task is critical within the meaning

of this Subparagraph 13(F) if, and only if, said task is on the critical path of the Project schedule so that a delay in performing such task will delay the ultimate completion of the Project. Any claim for an extension of time by the Contractor shall strictly comply with the requirements of Subparagraph 13(A) above. If the Contractor fails to make such claim as required in this Subparagraph 13(F), any claim for an extension of time shall be waived.

**Contractor should refer to the "Construction Rules Applicable to the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge" set forth in Exhibit 10, which Exhibit is incorporated herein for all purposes, for additional provisions related to Acts of God and Force Majeure which are applicable specifically to the International Bridge and Levee work.**

**(G)** The notice provisions contained in this Section 13 are the mechanism for perfecting a request by the Contractor for an adjustment of compensation, contract deliverables, and/or time for completion. The notice provisions are separate and apart from the "notice of a claim for damages as a condition precedent to the right to sue on the contract" as provided in Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 16.071(a).

#### **14. SUBCONTRACTORS**

Upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall identify to the Owner and the Engineer, in writing, those parties intended as subcontractors on the Project. The Owner shall, in writing, state any objections the Owner may have to one or more of such subcontractors. The Contractor shall not enter into a subcontract with an intended subcontractor with reference to whom the Owner objects. All subcontracts shall afford the Contractor rights against the subcontractor which correspond to those rights afforded to the Owner against the Contractor herein, including those rights of Contract termination as set forth herein below.

**Contractor should refer to the "Construction Rules Applicable to the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge" set forth in Exhibit 10, which Exhibit is incorporated herein for all purposes, for additional provisions related to background checks for all employees of both contractors and subcontractors working in the Project area.**

#### **15. CHANGE ORDERS**

One or more changes to the work within the general scope of this Contract, may be ordered by Change Order. The Contractor shall proceed with any such changes, and same shall be accomplished in strict accordance with the following terms and conditions:

**(A)** Change Order shall mean a written order to the Contractor executed by the Owner and the Engineer after execution of this Contract, directing a change in the work and may include a change in the Contract Price or the time for the Contractor's performance, or any combination thereof;

**(B)** Any change in the Contract Price resulting from a Change Order shall be determined as follows:

- (1) By mutual agreement between the Owner and the Contractor as evidenced by (a) the change in the Contract Price being set forth in the Change Order, (b) such change in the Contract Price, together with any conditions or requirements relating thereto, being initialed by both parties and (c) the Contractor's execution of the Change Order; or
- (2) If no mutual agreement occurs between the Owner and the Contractor, the change in the Contract Price, if any, shall be derived by determining the reasonable actual cost incurred or savings achieved, resulting from revisions in the work. Such reasonable actual costs or savings shall include a component for direct job-site overhead and profit but shall not include home-office overhead or other indirect costs or components. Any such costs or savings shall be documented in the format, and with such content and detail as the Owner or the Engineer requires.

**(C)** The execution of a Change Order by the Contractor shall constitute conclusive evidence of the Contractors' agreement to the ordered changes in the work, this Contract as thus amended, the Contract Price and the time for performance by the Contractor. The Contractor, by executing the Change Order, waives and forever releases any claim against the Owner for additional time or compensation for matter relating to or arising out of or resulting from the work included within or affected by the executed Change Order;

**(D)** The Contractor shall notify and obtain the consent and approval of the Contractor's surety with reference to all Change Orders if such notice, consent or approval are required by the Owner, the Engineer, the Contractor's surety or by law. The Contractor's execution of the Change Order shall constitute the Contractor's warranty to the Owner that the surety has been notified of, and consents to, such Change Order and the surety shall be conclusively deemed to have been notified of such Change Order and to have expressly consented thereto.

**(E) Contractor should refer to the "Construction Rules Applicable to the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge" set forth in Exhibit 10, which Exhibit is incorporated herein for all purposes, for additional provisions related to Change Orders which are applicable to the International Bridge and Levee work.**

## **16.**

### **DISCOVERING AND CORRECTING DEFECTIVE OR INCOMPLETE WORK**

**(A)** In the event that the Contractor covers, conceals or obscures its work in violation of this Contract or in violation of a directive from the Owner or the Engineer, such work shall be uncovered and displayed for the Owner's or Engineer's inspection upon request, and shall be reworked at no cost in time or money to the Owner;

**(B)** If any of the work is covered, concealed or obscured in a manner not covered by Subparagraph 16(A) above, it shall, if directed by the Owner or the Engineer, be uncovered and displayed for the Owner or Engineer's inspection. If the uncovered work conforms strictly

with this Contract, the costs incurred by the Contractor to uncover and subsequently, replace such work shall be borne by the Owner. Otherwise, such costs shall be borne by the Contractor;

**(C)** The Contractor shall, at no cost in time or money to the Owner, correct work rejected by the Owner or by the Engineer as defective or failing to conform to this Contract. Additionally, the Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for all testing, inspections and other expenses incurred as a result thereof;

**(D)** In addition to its warranty obligations set forth elsewhere herein, the Contractor shall be specifically obligated to correct any and all defective or nonconforming work for a period of one **(1) year** following final completion upon written direction from the Owner;

**(E)** The Owner may, but shall in no event be required to, choose to accept defective or nonconforming work. In such event, the Contract Price shall be reduced by the greater of (1) the reasonable costs of removing and correcting the defective or nonconforming work, and (2) the difference between the fair market value of the Project as constructed and the fair market value of the Project had it not been constructed in such a manner as to include defective or nonconforming work. If the remaining portion of the unpaid Contract Price, if any, is insufficient to compensate the Owner for the acceptance of defective or nonconforming work, the Contractor shall, upon written demand from the Owner, pay the Owner such remaining compensation for accepting defective or nonconforming work.

## **17.**

### **TERMINATION BY THE CONTRACTOR**

If the Owner repeatedly fails to perform its material obligations to the Contractor for a period of **thirty (30)** days after receiving written notice from the Contractor of its intent to terminate hereunder, the contractor may terminate performance under this Contract by written notice to the Owner and the Engineer. In such event, the Contractor shall be entitled to recover from the Owner as though the Owner had terminated the Contractor's performance under this Contract for convenience pursuant to Subparagraph 19(A) hereunder.

## **18.**

### **OWNER'S RIGHT TO SUSPEND CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE**

**(A)** The Owner shall have the right at any time to direct the Contractor to suspend its performance, or any designated part thereof, for any reason whatsoever, or without reason, for a cumulative period of up to **sixty (60) calendar days**. If any such suspension is directed by the Owner, the Contractor shall immediately comply with same;

**(B)** In the event the Owner directs a suspension of performance under this Paragraph 18, through no fault of the Contractor, the Owner shall pay the Contractor as full compensation for such suspension the Contractor's reasonable costs, actually incurred and paid, of:

- (1) demobilization and remobilization, including such costs paid to subcontractors;

- (2) preserving and protecting work in place;
- (3) storage of materials or equipment purchased for the Project, including insurance thereon;
- (4) performing in a later, or during a longer, time frame than that contemplated by this Contract.

## **19. TERMINATION BY THE OWNER**

The Owner may terminate this Contract in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

**(A)** The Owner may, for any reason whatsoever, terminate performance under this Contract by the Contractor for convenience. The Owner shall give written notice of such termination to the Contractor specifying when termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the work and the Contractor shall stop work when such termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts. The Contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders. The Owner may direct the contractor to assign the contractor's right, title and interest under termination orders or subcontracts to the Owner or its designee. The Contractor shall transfer title and deliver to the Owner such completed or partially completed work and materials, equipment, parts, fixtures, information and Contract rights as the Contractor has. When terminated for convenience, the Contractor shall be compensated as follows:

- (1) The Contractor shall submit a termination claim to the Owner and the Engineer specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with costs, pricing or other data required by the Owner or the Engineer. If the Contractor fails to file a termination claim within one (1) year from the effective date of termination, the Owner shall pay the Contractor, an amount derived in accordance with Subparagraph (3) below;
- (2) The Owner and the Contractor may agree to the compensation, if any, due to the Contractor hereunder;
- (3) Absent agreement to the amount due to the Contractor, the Owner shall pay the Contractor the following amounts:
  - (a) Contract prices for labor, materials, equipment and other services accepted under this Contract;
  - (b) Reasonable costs incurred in preparing to perform and in performing the terminated portion of the work, and in terminating the Contractor's performance, plus a fair and reasonable allowance for direct job-site overhead and profit thereon (such profit shall not include anticipated profit or

consequential damages); provided however, that if it appears that the Contractor would have not profited or would have sustained a loss if the entire Contractor would have been completed, no profit shall be allowed or included and the amount of compensation shall be reduced to reflect the anticipated rate of loss, if any;

- (c) Reasonable costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to Subparagraph 19(A) of this Paragraph. These costs shall not include amounts paid in accordance with other provisions hereof.

The total sum to be paid the Contractor under this Subparagraph 19(A) shall not exceed the total Contract Price, as properly adjusted, reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, and shall in no event include duplication of payment.

**(B)** If the Contractor does not perform the work, or any part thereof, in a timely manner, supply adequate labor, supervisory personnel or proper equipment or materials, or if it fails to timely discharge its obligations for labor, equipment and materials, or proceeds to disobey applicable law, or otherwise commits a violation of a material provision of this Contract, then the Owner, in addition to any other rights it may have against the Contractor or others, may terminate the performance of the Contractor and assume possession of the Project site and of all materials and equipment at the site and may complete the work. In such case, the Contractor shall not be paid further until the work is complete. After final completion has been achieved, if any portion of the Contract Price, as it may be modified hereunder, remains after the cost to the Owner of completing the work, including all costs and expenses of every nature incurred, has been deducted by the Owner, such remainder shall belong to the Contractor. Otherwise, the Contractor shall pay and make whole the Owner for such cost. This obligation for payment shall survive the termination of the Contract. In the event the employment of the Contractor is terminated by the Owner for cause pursuant to this Subparagraph 19(B) and it is subsequently determined by Court of competent jurisdiction that such termination was without cause, such termination shall thereupon be deemed a Termination for Convenience under Subparagraph 19(A) and the provisions of Subparagraph 19(A) shall apply.

## **20. INSURANCE**

The Contractor shall have and maintain insurance in accordance with the requirements of **Exhibit "5"** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

## **21. SURETY BONDS**

The Contractor shall furnish separate performance and payment bonds to the Owner. Each bond shall set forth a penal sum in an amount not less than the Contract Price **within TEN (10) calendar days of execution of contract**. If the **10<sup>th</sup>** calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday, or County holiday, Contractor may furnish the bonds to Owner on the next County

business day. Each bond furnished by the Contractor shall incorporate by reference the terms of this Contract as fully as though they were set forth verbatim in such bonds. In the event the Contract Price is adjusted by Change Order executed by the Contractor, the penal sum of both the performance bond and the payment bond shall be deemed increased by like amount. The performance and payment bonds furnished by the Contractor shall be in form suitable to the Owner and shall be executed by a surety, or sureties, reasonably acceptable to the Owner.

## **22. PROJECT RECORDS**

All documents relating in any manner whatsoever to the Project, or any designated portion thereof, which are in the possession of the Contractor, or any subcontractor of the Contractor, shall be made available to the Owner or the Engineer for inspection and copying upon written request by the Owner. Furthermore, said documents shall be made available, upon request by the Owner, to any state, federal or other regulatory authority, **including any state, federal or other regulatory authority the United States or Mexico**, and any such authority may review, inspect and copy such records. Said records include, but are not limited to, all drawings, plans, specifications, submittals, correspondence, minutes, memoranda, tape recording, videos, or other writings or things which document the Project, its design, and its construction. Said records expressly include those documents reflecting the cost of construction to the Contractor. The Contractor shall maintain and protect these documents for no less than **four (4)** years after final completion of the Project, or for any longer period of time as may be required by law or good construction practice.

## **23. PREVAILING WAGE RATES AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

**(A)** The Contractor is aware that and hereby agrees that not less than the prevailing wage rates adopted by the El Paso County Commissioners Court **October 10, 2016** for Highway/Heavy Construction and for Building Construction Trades in effect on the date of this Contract shall be paid to all workers on the Project. A copy of the Prevailing Wage Rates for Building and a copy of the Definitions for Building Labor Classifications are attached hereto as **Exhibit 7** and Prevailing Wage Rates for Heavy / Highway and a copy of the Definitions for Heavy / Highway Labor Classifications are attached as **Exhibits 8**, and **Exhibits 7 and 8** are incorporated herein by reference and are a part of this contract for all purposes.

**(B)** Contractor agrees to comply with Tex. Gov't Code Sections 2258.001 through 2258.058 and acknowledges that it understands that it will pay to the Owner the sum specified in Tex. Gov't Code Section 2258.023, as amended, (presently \$60.00 per day or part of a day, per worker), in the event a worker is paid less than said prevailing wage rates set forth in this contract.

**(C)** The Contractor agrees to keep records showing the name and occupation of each worker employed by the contractor or subcontractor in the construction of the public work and the actual per diem wages paid to each worker. The Contractor further agrees that such records shall be open at all reasonable hours to inspection by the County through its officers and agents.

**(D)** Contractor agrees to comply with the County's Apprenticeship Program requirement for each apprenticable trade specified by the County, according to the requirements of the County's adopted apprenticeship program as more specifically described in **Exhibit 9**, which Exhibit is incorporated herein by reference thereto and made a part of this contract for all purposes.

**(E)** The Contractor shall post the prevailing wage rate schedules and prevailing wage rate definitions made part of this contract at each work site in a prominent location readily accessible to the workers through the duration of the project. In addition, the Contractor shall post a notice to be provided by the Owner's Representative, the Director of Public Works, regarding Prevailing Wage Rates and the County Apprenticeship Program, in English and Spanish, which shall be posted nearby the prevailing wage rate schedules.

**(F)** Upon a determination by the County that there is good cause to believe that a contractor has violated Chapter 2258 of the Texas Local Government Code, including the County's requirement to maintain specified Apprenticeship Programs, the County shall withhold any amount due under the contract, up to and including the entire contract price, which the Commissioners Court or its agent, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, determines is sufficient to 1) cover the costs to pay the worker the difference between the amount the worker received in wages for labor on the public work at the rate paid by the contractor or subcontractor and the amount the worker would have received at the prevailing wage rate and 2) cover the costs of penalties under Section 2258.023 and 3) to ensure compliance with Chapter 2258 for the duration of the project.

**(F)** Payroll Records: At the time the Contractor submits its applications for progress payments to the project Engineer, the Contractor shall provide a certified payroll for all employees during the period of that pay request.

**(G)** No worker shall be discharged by the Contractor or Subcontractor or in any other manner discriminated against because such worker has filed an inquiry or complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any legal or equitable proceeding or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding under or relating to the prevailing wage rate laws, the apprenticeship program or the provisions of this contract.

**(H)** The Contractor and subcontractors shall allow expeditious jobsite entry by the Owner, and its designees, agents and representatives displaying and presenting proper identification credentials to the jobsite superintendent or his/her representative. While on the jobsite the Owner and its designees, engineers, agents and representatives shall observe all jobsite rules and regulations concerning safety, internal security and fire prevention. The Contractor and subcontractors shall allow project employees to be interviewed at random for a reasonable duration by the Owner and its designees, agents and representatives to facilitate compliance determinations regarding the prevailing wage rate payment provisions and apprenticeship program provisions of this contract.

**(I)** In the event a particular work element of the project calls for a certain employee classification and skill that is not listed in the prevailing wage rate schedules in the contract, the Contractor shall notify the Owner's Representative, the Director of Public Works, who shall

investigate the matter and make a recommendation to the Commissioners Court to make a special wage rate determination as required.

**(J)** In accordance with the Order of the Commissioners Court of El Paso County Regarding Apprenticeship Program Requirements adopted in 2008, a copy of which is attached hereto as part of **Exhibit 9**, the Contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following:

1. must sponsor or participate in a DOL certified apprenticeship program for all job classifications utilized on the project and which are "apprenticeable occupations" as defined by DOL regulations;
2. must hire registered apprentices enrolled in a DOL certified apprenticeship program;
3. may not substitute helpers or unregistered apprentices to perform apprentice level work in place of registered apprentices;
4. must pay wage rates and benefits package for apprentices as determined by the apprenticeship program/DOL;
5. must comply with DOL requirements for the ratio of apprentices to journeymen;
6. must hire apprentices in all job classifications utilized on the project and which are "apprenticeable occupations" as defined by DOL regulations, unless such placement would not be approved by the apprenticeship program.

**(K)** The Contractor shall provide the names of all apprentices on the project, verification of their status as registered apprentices, and documentation as to their proper wage rates and journeyman to apprentice ratios as determined by the apprenticeship program.

**(L)** The County reserves the right to terminate this Contract for cause if the Contractor and/or subcontractors shall breach any of these provisions regarding the payment of prevailing wages or the apprenticeship program.

**(M)** The Contractor shall cause these and any other appropriate prevailing wage rate and apprenticeship program provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts relative to the work to bind the subcontractors to the same prevailing wage rate and apprenticeship program provisions as are applicable to the Contractor.

**(N)** The Contractor shall verify that all persons working on this Project, whether Contractor's employees or subcontractor's employees have valid work permits issued by the United States government. Contractor shall maintain copies of work documentation in his office, available for inspection during normal working hours for all employees working on this site.

**24.**  
**APPLICABLE LAW**

The law is hereby agreed to be the law of the State of Texas and venue shall lie in El Paso County, Texas.

**25.**  
**SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

Each party binds itself, its successors, assigns, executors, administrators or other representatives to the other party hereto and to successors, assigns, executors, administrators or other representatives of such other party in connection with all terms and conditions of this Contract. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract without prior written consent of the Owner.

**In witness whereof, this agreement is entered into on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.**

**ATTEST:**

**OWNER – THE COUNTY OF EL PASO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruben Vogt, County Judge

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**CONTRACTOR – \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Representative

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant County Attorney

**EXHIBIT 1**

**County Bid # \_\_\_\_\_ Entitled " \_\_\_\_\_ "**

**And**

**All Bid Addenda, Invitation for Bids, Instructions to Bidders,  
General Conditions, and Contract Agreement**

**EXHIBIT 2**

**Contractor's Bid Response**

**EXHIBIT 3**

**Contractor's Payment Bond**

# PAYMENT BOND

\_\_\_\_\_, as surety ("Surety"), and  
*(Insert Proper Name of Surety)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Proper Name of Contractor)*

as principal ("Contractor"), enter into, execute this bond ("Payment Bond"), and bind themselves in favor of \_\_\_\_\_, as obligee ("Owner")  
*(Insert Proper Name of Owner)*

in the penal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, as of the  
*(Insert Penal Sum)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Date of Construction Contract)*

WHEREAS, the Contractor has executed a contract with the Owner of even date herewith ("Construction Contract") for construction of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. ("Project"); and,  
*(Insert Description and Location of the Construction Project)*

WHEREAS, the Owner has required the Contractor to furnish this Payment Bond containing the terms and conditions set forth herein as a condition to executing the Construction Contract with the Contractor;

NOW THEREFORE, the Surety and the Contractor, both jointly and severally, and for themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors and successors agree:

1.

The Construction Contract is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof to the same extent and effect as though it were copied verbatim herein. The Surety and the Contractor are bound for the full performance of the Construction Contract including without exception all of its terms and conditions, both express and implied, and, without limitation, specifically including Contractor's obligation to pay for labor, materials, services and equipment provided in connection with the Construction Contract performance;

2.

For purposes of this Payment Bond, Beneficiary is defined as a person or entity who has actually provided labor, material, equipment, services or other items for use in furtherance of the Construction Contract, and having:

- (A) a direct contract with the Contractor; or
- (B) a direct contract with a subcontractor of the Contractor; or
- (C) rights, under the laws of the jurisdiction where the Project is located, to file a lien, a claim or notice of lien, or otherwise make a claim against the Project or against funds held by the Owner, if the Project is, or were, subject to such filing.

3.

The Surety shall not be obligated hereunder to a Beneficiary other than a Beneficiary having a direct contract with the Contractor unless such Beneficiary has given written notice of its claim to the Contractor and the Surety within the longer of:

- (A) ninety (90) days after such Beneficiary provided labor, material, equipment, services or other items for use in furtherance of the Construction Contract; or,
- (B) the period of time provided by the jurisdiction wherein the Project is located for (1) filing of a lien, claim of lien, notice of lien, if the Project is, or were, subject to such filing, or (2) otherwise making a claim against the Project or against funds held by the Owner; stating the amount claimed and identifying, by name and address, the person or entity to whom such labor, material, equipment, services or other items were provided.

4.

In no event shall the Surety be obligated hereunder for sums in excess of the Penal Sum.

5.

Upon receipt of a claim from a Beneficiary hereunder, the Surety shall promptly, and in no event later than 30 days after receipt of such claim, respond to such claim in writing (furnishing a copy of such response to the Owner) by:

- (A) making payment of all sums not in dispute; and,
- (B) stating the basis for disputing any sums not paid.

6.

No action shall be commenced by a Beneficiary hereunder after the passage of the longer of one (1) year following final completion of the Construction Contract or, if this bond is provided in compliance with applicable law, any limitation period provided therein. If the limitation period contained in this Paragraph is unenforceable, it shall be deemed amended to provide the minimum period for an action against the Surety on a payment bond by a third-party beneficiary thereof.

7.

Any and all notices to the Surety or the Contractor shall be given by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the address set forth for each party below:

Surety:

Contractor:

Owner:

**CONTRACTOR:**

**SURETY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seal  
(INSERT PROPER NAME OF CONTRACTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seal  
(INSERT PROPER NAME OF SURETY)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(OFFICE OR TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(OFFICE OR TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING)

**Note: Date of BOND must not be prior to date of Contract. If CONTRACTOR is Partnership, all partners should execute BOND.**

**IMPORTANT: Surety companies executing BONDS must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the state where the PROJECT is located.**

**EXHIBIT 4**

**Contractor's Performance Bond**

**PERFORMANCE BOND**

\_\_\_\_\_ as ("Surety"), and  
*(Insert Proper Name of Surety)*

\_\_\_\_\_ as principal  
*(Insert Proper Name of Contractor)*

as principal ("Contractor"), enter into, execute this bond ("Performance Bond"), and bind themselves in favor of \_\_\_\_\_,

as obligee ("Owner"), in the penal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Insert Penal Sum)*

as of the \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Date of Construction Contract)*

WHEREAS, the Contractor has executed a contract with the Owner of even date herewith ("Construction Contract") for construction of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Description and Location of the Construction Project)*

and,

WHEREAS, the Owner has required the Contractor to furnish this Performance Bond containing the terms and conditions set forth herein as a condition to executing the Construction Contract with the Contractor;

NOW THEREFORE, the Surety and the Contractor, both jointly and severally, and for themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors and successors agree:

1.

The Construction Contract is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof to the same extent and effect as though it were copied verbatim herein. The Surety and the Contractor are bound for the full performance of the Construction Contract including without exception all of its terms and conditions, both express and implied.

2.

If the Contractor is in default of the Construction Contract and the Owner, by written notice to the Contractor and the Surety, declares the Contractor to be in default and terminates the right of the Contractor to proceed, the Surety shall thereupon promptly notify the Owner in writing as to which of the actions permitted to the Surety in Paragraph 3 it will take.

3.

Upon default and termination of the Contractor and notice to the Contractor and Surety as provided in Paragraph 2 above, the Surety shall within 30 days proceed to take one or, at its option, more than one of the following courses of action:

(A) Proceed itself, or through others acting on its behalf, to complete full performance of the Construction Contract including, without limitation, correction of defective and nonconforming work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor. During such performance by the Surety the Owner shall pay the Surety from its own funds only such sums as would have been due and payable to the Contractor in the absence of the default and termination.

(B) Applicable law permitting, and with the prior written consent of the Owner, obtain bids or proposals from contractors previously identified as being acceptable to the Owner, for full performance of the Construction Contract. The Surety shall furnish the Owner a copy of such bids or proposals upon receipt of same. The Surety shall promptly select, with the agreement of the Owner, the best responsive bid or proposal and shall promptly tender the contractor submitting it, together with a contract for fulfillment and completion of the Construction Contract executed by the completing contractor, to the Owner for the Owner's execution. Upon execution by the Owner of the contract for fulfillment and completion of the Construction Contract, the completing contractor shall furnish to the Owner a performance bond and a separate payment bond, each in the form of those bonds previously furnished to the Owner for the Project by the Contractor. Each such bond shall be in the penal sum of the (1) fixed price for completion, (2) guaranteed maximum price for completion, or (3) estimated price for completion, whichever is applicable. The Owner shall pay the completing contractor from its own funds only such sums as would have been due and payable to the Contractor under the Construction Contract as and when they would have been due and payable to the Contractor in the absence of the default and termination. To the extent that the Owner is obligated to pay the completing contractor sums which would not have then been due and payable to the Contractor under the Construction Contract, the Surety shall provide the Owner with such sums in a sufficiently timely manner that the Owner can utilize such sums in making timely payment to the completing contractor; or,

(C) Take any and all other acts, if any, mutually agreed upon in writing by the Owner and the Surety.

4.

In addition to those duties set forth hereinabove, the Surety shall promptly pay the Owner all loss, costs and expenses resulting from the Contractor's default(s), including, without limitation, fees, expenses and costs for architects, engineers, consultants, testing, surveying and attorneys, liquidated or actual damages, as applicable, for delay in completion of the Project, and fees, expenses and costs incurred at the direction, request, or as a result of the acts or omissions of the Surety.

5.

In no event shall the Surety be obligated to the Owner hereunder for any sum in excess of the Penal Sum.

6.

The Surety waives notice of any changes to the Construction Contract including, without limitation, changes in the contract time, the contract price, or the work to be performed.

7.

This Performance Bond is provided by the Surety for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Owner and, if applicable, any dual obligee designated by rider attached hereto, together with their heirs, administrators, executors, successors or assigns. No other party, person or entity shall have any rights against the Surety hereunder.

8.

Any and all notices to the Surety, the Contractor or the Owner shall be given by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the address set forth for each party below:

Surety:

Contractor:

Owner:

9.

Any statutory limitation, which may be contractually superseded, to the contrary notwithstanding, any action hereon may be instituted so long as the applicable statute of limitations governing the Construction Contract has not run or expired.

CONTRACTOR:

SURETY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seal  
(INSERT PROPER NAME OF CONTRACTOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seal  
(INSERT PROPER NAME OF SURETY)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(OFFICE OR TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(OFFICE OR TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING)

**NOTE:** Date of BOND must not be prior to date of Contract. If CONTRACTOR is Partnership, all partners should execute BOND.

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## **EXHIBIT 5**

### **Insurance Requirements**

## **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor agrees that, at its own cost and expense, it shall procure and continue in force throughout the term of this Agreement, for the benefit of the County of El Paso, its officers, agents, and employees, the following listed insurance in the designated amounts. All such policies of insurance shall be written by insurance underwriters authorized to do business in the State of Texas. All policies shall name the County of El Paso, its officers, agents, and employees as additional insureds. Contractor shall furnish to the El Paso County Risk Manager a certificate from the insurance carrier showing such insurance to be in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement. Said certification shall contain a provision that written notice of cancellation or of any material change in said policy by the insurer shall be delivered to the El Paso County Risk Manager thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date thereof.

**1. Worker's compensation Including Occupational Disease, and Employer's Liability Insurance:** Procure, and maintain during the life of the contract, Statutory Worker's Compensation Insurance and Occupation Disease Disability Insurance in strict accordance with requirements of the most current and applicable State Workmen's Compensation Insurance Laws for all employees engaged in Work under the contract, and in case any Work is sublet, require each subcontractor to provide Worker's Compensation and Occupational Disease Disability Insurance for the latter's employees engaged in such Work. In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous Work under his Contract is not protected under the Worker's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide and shall cause each subcontractor to provide adequate Employer's Liability Insurance for the protection of his employees not otherwise protected.

**2. Commercial and comprehensive General Liability, including Products Liability and Completed Operations:** (Note "Indemnity" clause hereinafter.) Procure, and maintain during the life of the Contract, full comprehensive General Liability and Property Damage Insurance coverage. This coverage shall provide protection from claims for damages for personal injury and bodily injury including in part sickness, disease, and from claims for damages to property (including "Broad Form"), which may arise directly or indirectly out of, or in connection with, the performance of the Work under the Contract by the Contractor or by any of his subcontractors or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them or under the control of either of them, and the minimum amount of such insurance shall be as follows:

(a) Bodily Damage and Public Liability Insurance is an amount not less than **FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00)** for damages arising out personal injury and bodily injury including in part: sickness, disease or death of one person and subject to the same limit for each person and in an amount not less than **FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00)** in any one occurrence; and Property Damage Insurance (Broad Form) in an amount not less than **FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00)** for damages arising out of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one occurrence with an aggregate limit in the same amount. Such policy shall included completed operations coverage and shall be maintained for a period of at least three (3) years after substantial completion occurs.

(b) The Property Damage portion of this coverage shall include such hazardous operations as explosion, collapse and underground exposure coverage. In addition, completed Operations Insurance coverage shall be maintained after completion and acceptance of the project for the full guarantee and maintenance period.

(c) **AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE:** PROCURE, AND MAINTAIN DURING THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT, COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE

LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE COVERAGE ON ALL VEHICLES USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACT, WHETHER OWNED, NON-OWNED, OR HIRED. THE LIABILITY LIMITS SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)** FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF EACH PERSON AND IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)** IN ANY ONE OCCURRENCE; AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIMITS OF NOT LESS THAN **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)** IN ANY ONE OCCURRENCE.

**(d) Owner's Protective Liability Policy:** Provide the Owner with an Owner's Protective Liability Policy naming the Worker as the named insured, with the Engineer, and each of their officers, agents, and employees as additionally insured under that policy, said policy to protect said parties from claims which may arise from operations under the Contract. This coverage shall be the same company which provides the Contractor's liability insurance coverage, and in the same minimum amounts.

**(e) Contractual Liability Coverage:** Each and every policy for liability insurance carried by each Contractor and Subcontractor will include a "Broad Form Contractual Liability Coverage" endorsement sufficiently broad to insure the provision titled "indemnity" hereinafter set forth.

**(f) INDEMNITY:** TO THE EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE OWNER, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST SUITS, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, LOSSES, LIABILITY OR DAMAGE OF ANY CHARACTER AND FROM AND AGAINST COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING IN PART, ATTORNEY FEES, INCIDENTAL TO THE DEFENSE OF SUCH SUITS, ACTIONS, CLAIMS LOSSES, DAMAGES OR LIABILITY ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY, DISEASE, SICKNESS, INCLUDING DEATH, TO ANY PERSON, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, INCLUDING IN PART THE LOSS OF USE RESULTING THEREFROM, BASED UPON OR ALLEGEDLY BASED UPON ANY ACT, OMISSION OR OCCURRENCE OF THE CONTRACTOR OR HIS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR ANYONE ELSE UNDER THE CONTRACTOR'S DIRECTION AND CONTROL, (REGARDLESS IF CAUSED IN PART BY A PARTY INDEMNIFIED HEREUNDER), AND ARISING OUT OF, OCCURRING IN CONNECTION WITH, RESULTING FROM, OR CAUSED BY THE PERFORMANCE OR FAILURE OF PERFORMANCE OF ANY WORK OR SERVICES CALLED FOR BY THE CONTRACT, OR FORM CONDITIONS CREATED BY THE PERFORMANCE OR NO-PERFORMANCE OF SAID WORK OR SERVICES.

**(g) Builder's Risk "All-Risk" Insurance:** In addition to such Fire and Extended Insurance coverage which the Contractor elects to carry for his own protection, he shall procure and shall maintain for the life of the Contract, Builder's Risk "All-Risk" Completed Value insurance coverage, including, but not limited to, Fire and standard Extended Insurance coverage, Vandalism and Malicious Mischief, upon the full insurable value of all portions of the Work which is the subject of the Contract and subject to a loss for which such Builder's Risk "All- Risk" insurance coverage gives protection and shall include completed Work and Work in progress. Value of this policy shall be fixed to the total bid price on the Bid Form. This coverage shall be with an insurance company or companies acceptable to the Owner.

**(h) Boiler and/or Machinery Insurance:** Boiler and/or Machinery Insurance, where appropriate and necessary, shall be procured and maintained by the Contractor until the Work has been completed and accepted by the Owner.

**EXHIBIT 6**

**Contractor's Insurance Certificates**

**EXHIBIT 7**

**Prevailing Wage Rates – Building  
And  
Definitions for Building Labor Classifications**



## 2016 PREVAILING WAGE RATES BUILDING

CLASSIFICATION	BASE WAGE	BENEFITS	HOURLY PREVAILING WAGE RATE	(8 HOURS) PER DIEM WAGE RATE
Automatic Fire Sprinkler Fitter, Certified	26.85	0.00	26.85	214.80
Block, Brick, and Stone Mason	17.97	0.00	17.97	143.76
Carpenters – Acoustical Ceiling Installation	15.17	0.00	15.17	121.36
Carpenter – Rough	16.55	0.00	16.55	132.40
Carpenter – All Other Work	14.98	0.00	14.98	119.84
Caulker / Sealers	11.29	0.00	11.29	90.32
Cement and Concrete Finishers	14.90	0.00	14.90	119.20
Commercial Truck Driver	14.75	0.00	14.75	118.00
Communication/Security Technician	16.50	2.12	18.62	148.96
Crane and Heavy Equipment Operator	24.19	3.43	27.62	220.96
Door & Hardware Specialist	12.00	1.35	13.35	106.80
Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	12.64	0.00	12.64	101.12
Drywall Finishers & Tapers	14.00	0.00	14.00	112.00
Electrician	23.36	3.40	26.75	214.00
Elevator Installers and Repairs	31.35	15.10	46.45	371.60
Fence Erectors – Include with Skilled Labor	10.00	0.00	10.00	80.00
Floor Layers – Carpet and Resilient	12.87	0.00	12.87	102.96
Floor layers- Specialty	13.00	0.00	13.00	104.00
Floor Layers - Wood	11.50	0.00	11.50	92.00
Glaziers	15.86	1.00	16.86	134.88
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	10.00	0.00	10.00	80.00
Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Service Technician	31.14	12.43	43.57	348.56
Insulation Workers – Mechanical	31.26	11.96	43.22	345.76
Irrigator – Landscape, Certified	15.28	0.00	15.28	122.24
Laborer	11.88	0.01	11.89	95.12
Locksmith	12.00	1.35	13.35	106.80
Mechanic	17.00	0.00	17.00	136.00
Painters - Building	11.77	0.00	11.77	94.16
Paper Hanger	14.00	0.00	14.00	112.00
Pipelayers	15.00	0.00	15.00	120.00
Pipe Fitters and Steamfitters	23.53	9.02	32.55	260.40
Plaster, Stucco, Lather and EIFS Applicator	14.21	0.01	14.22	113.76
Plumber/ Medical Gas Installer	25.72	7.23	32.95	263.60
Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers	19.62	1.60	21.22	169.76
Roofers	16.00	0.00	16.00	128.00
Sheet Metal Workers	27.16	0.00	27.16	217.28
Structural Iron and Steel Workers / Metal Building Erector	25.57	13.24	38.81	310.48
Tile Setters	13.86	0.00	13.86	110.88

## 2016 BUILDING DEFINITIONS

1	<b>Automatic Fire Sprinkler Fitter, Certified</b>	Sprinkler Fitters specialize in piping associated with fire sprinkler systems. These types of systems are required to be installed and maintained in accordance with strict guidelines, usually National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, in order to maintain compliance with building and fire codes. Sprinkler Fitters work with a variety of pipe and materials including: plastic, copper, steel, cast iron, and ductile iron. The fire suppression piping may contain: water, air, antifreeze, fire retardant foam, gas, or chemicals for hood systems. Sprinkler systems installed by Sprinkler Fitters can include but not limited: to underground supply, standpipes, fire pumps as well as overhead piping systems.
2	<b>Block, Brick, and Stone Mason</b>	Lay and bind building materials, such as: brick, structural tile, concrete block, cinder block, glass block, and terra-cotta block, with mortar and other substances to construct, or repair walls, partitions, arches, sewers, and other structures. Classify installers of mortarless segmental concrete masonry wall units. Constructs partitions, fences, walks, fireplaces, chimneys, smokestacks, et cetera using stone, marble, granite, slate. Cutting, grouting, and pointing of materials listed above which is necessary shall be part of this classification.
3	<b>Carpenters – Acoustical Ceiling Installation</b>	Construct, erect, install or repair acoustical ceiling grid, ceiling tile, and other items laid in acoustical grid.
4	<b>Carpenter – Rough</b>	Construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; wood stairways, window and door frames. May also install cabinets, and siding. Include brattice builders who build doors or brattices (ventilation walls or partitions) in underground passageways to control the proper circulation of air through the passageways.
5	<b>Carpenter – All Other Work</b>	Construct, erect, install or repair cabinets and other fixtures or structures requiring a high level of workmanship. Includes Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters – cut, shape, and assemble wooden articles or set up and operate a variety of woodworking machines, such as power saws, jointers, and mortisers to surface, cut or shape lumber or to fabricate parts for wood products. Perform related duties such as trim work.
6	<b>Caulker/Sealers</b>	Applies water proofing agents or caulk to a variety of structures and materials.

7	<b>Cement and Concrete Finishers</b>	Smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters; patch voids; use saws to cut expansion joints. Classify installers of mortarless segmental concrete wall units.
8	<b>Commercial Truck Driver</b>	Drive a truck, van or tractor-trailer combination to transport and deliver goods, or materials in liquid, loose, or packaged form. May be required to unload truck.
9	<b>Communication/Security Technician</b>	Set-up, re-arrange, or remove switching and dialing equipment used in central offices. Service or repair telephones and other communication equipment on customers' property. May install equipment in new locations or install wiring and telephone jacks in buildings under construction. Install, program, maintain, and repair security and fire alarm wiring and equipment. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. Exclude "Electricians" who do a broad range of electrical wiring.
10	<b>Crane and Heavy Equipment Operator</b>	A worker who operates a crane or other types of heavy equipment to hoist and move materials, raise and lower heavy weights and perform other related operations. May be crawler type or rubber-tired. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.
11	<b>Door and Hardware Specialist</b>	Installs or repairs doors, hardware and accessories. Are responsible for the installation of contract commercial hardware and custom architectural grade wood doors, steel doors and frames for all Prevailing Wage jobs. Shall be trained by their employer's, employer's apprenticeship, or in factory training classes in the proper methods and techniques and requirements for the installation of Architectural Grade commercial wood and metal doors, frames and hardware in conformance with all local, state, and federal code.
12	<b>Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers</b>	Apply plasterboard, or other wallboard to ceilings, or interior walls of buildings. Apply or mount acoustical tiles or blocks, strips, or sheets of sound-absorbing materials to ceilings and walls of buildings to reduce or reflect sound. Materials may be of decorative quality. Includes metal stud framing. Exclude "Carpet Installers", "Carpenters – Acoustical Ceiling Installation", and "Tile and Marble Setters".
13	<b>Drywall Finishers and Tapers</b>	Seal joints between plasterboard or other wallboard, including bedding and texturing, to prepare wall surface for painting or papering.
14	<b>Electrician</b>	Plan and execute the layout and installation of electrical conduit, switch panels, buss bars, outlet boxes, electrical wires and cables, lighting standards, lighting fixtures, receptacles, switches, and other electrical devices and apparatus necessary for the complete electrical installation. To include the installation of cabling, wire, conduits and end devices for Temperature Control, Building Automation, and Energy Management Systems, et cetera. Includes installation of photovoltaic solar panels.

15	<b>Elevator Installers and Repairers</b>	Assemble, install, repair, or maintain electric or hydraulic freight or passenger elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, or wheelchair lifts.
16	<b>Fence Erectors - Include with Skilled Labor</b>	Erect and repair metal and wooden fences and fence gates around highways, industrial establishments, residences, or farms, using hand and power tools. Excludes rock and stone fences.
17	<b>Floor Layers – Carpet and Resilient</b>	Apply blocks, strips, or sheets of shock-absorbing, sound-deadening, or decorative coverings to floors. Lay and install carpet from rolls, tiles or blocks on floors. Install padding and trim flooring materials. Installs variety of soft floor materials including vinyl and VCT. Exclude wood floors and specialty floors.
18	<b>Floor Layers - Specialty</b>	Prepares surface, installs and finishes specialty floor material such as manufactured or engineered and laminated wood.
19	<b>Floor Layers - Wood</b>	Install, scrape and sand wooden floors to smooth surfaces using floor scraper and floor sanding machine, and apply coats of finish to include gymnasium and bowling alleys.
20	<b>Glaziers</b>	Installs glass in windows skylights, store fronts and display cases, or on surfaces such as: building fronts, interior walls, ceilings and table tops. The installation, setting, cutting, preparing, fabricating, distributing, handling or removal of the following: glass and glass substitutes used in place of glass, pre-glazed windows, retrofit window systems, mirrors, curtain wall systems, window wall systems, cable net systems, canopy systems, structural glazing systems, unitized systems, interior glazing systems, photovoltaic panels and systems, suspended glazing systems, louvers, skylights, entranceway systems including doors and hardware, revolving and automatic door systems, patio doors, store front systems including the installation of all metals, column covers, panels and panel systems, glass hand rail systems, decorative metals as part of the glazing system, and the sealing of all architectural metal and glass systems for weatherproofing and structural reasons, vinyl, molding, rubber, lead, sealants, silicone and all types of mastics in wood, iron, aluminum, sheet metal or vinyl sash, doors, frames, stone wall cases, show cases, book cases, sideboards, partitions and fixtures. Performs other related duties.
21	<b>Hazardous Materials Removal Workers</b>	Identify, remove, pack, transport, or dispose of hazardous materials, including asbestos, lead-based paint, waste oil, fuel, transmission fluid, radioactive materials, contaminated soil, mold, et cetera. Specialized training and certification in hazardous materials handling or a confined entry permit are generally required. May operate earth-moving equipment or trucks.
22	<b>Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Service Technician</b>	Repair and service heating, central air conditioning, or refrigeration systems, including oil burners, hot-air furnaces, heating stoves, and air handlers (Installation of systems is performed by sheet metal worker). Includes HVAC mechanic.

23	<b>Insulation Workers – Mechanical</b>	This work includes the preparation, alteration, application, removal, hauling, erection, assembling, molding, spraying, pouring, mixing, hanging, adjusting, repairing, dismantling, reconditioning, maintenance, finishing, and/or weatherproofing of cold or hot thermal insulations with such materials as may be specified when those materials are to be installed for thermal purposes in voids, or to create voids, or on either piping, fittings, valves, boilers, ducts, flues, tanks, vats and equipment, or on any hot or cold surfaces for the purpose of thermal control or to be installed for sound control purposes mechanical devices, equipment, piping, surfaces related in an integral way to the insulation of such mechanical devices, equipment and piping. This work also includes all labor connected with insulation for; temperature control, personnel protection, safety and/or prevention of condensation. This work also includes all labor connected with hauling, distribution and cleanup of materials on the job premises. All thermal tape, pads, metered fittings (insulation, metal or plastic), batts and lags.
24	<b>Irrigator- Landscape, Certified</b>	Certified by TCEQ to install watering systems in various sizes and grades of lawn in order to maintain sufficient pressure and to insure even dispersal of water.
25	<b>Laborer</b>	Performs manual duties in all phases of construction. Demolition (interior and exterior), Flagging and Traffic Control, General Clean-Up, Air and Power Tool Operators (Including chipping guns, jackhammers and tampers), Carpenter Laborer/Tenders (all material handling and clean-up), Brick, Block, Rock and Stone Mason Laborer/Tenders (except refractory), Floor Layer and Tile Setter Laborer/Tenders, Scaffold Builders, Mortar Mixers, Grading and Fine Grading, Concrete Workers (chute/hose operator, raking, shoveling and vibrating), Concrete Buggy Operators, Cement Finisher Laborer/Tenders, Asphalt Laborer (raking, shoveling, luting, ironing, dumping and spreading), Plaster Laborer/Tenders, Landscapers and Planters, Plumber Laborer/Tender (trenching, material handling, back filling), Electrician Laborer/Tender (trenching, material handling, back filling), Fence and Guardrail Builders, Form Strippers, Culvert Builders, Man Hole Builders, Drywall, Stocking and Handling, Man-Lift/Scissor-Lift Operator*, Skid-Steer Operators (Bobcats and similar)*, Forklift and All-Terrain Forklift Operators*, Mini-Excavator Operators*, and Sand/Water Blasters. (*Equipment Operators Incidental to Laborers' scope of work). Landscape or maintain grounds of property using equipment as needed. Workers typically perform a variety of tasks, which may include any combination of the following: sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking, sprinkler repair, and installation of mortarless segmental concrete masonry wall units.

26	<b>Locksmith</b>	Self-explanatory.
27	<b>Mechanic</b>	Maintains and repairs construction tools and equipment.
28	<b>Painters - Building</b>	Paint walls, equipment, buildings, bridges, and other structural surfaces, using brushes, rollers, and spray guns. May remove old paint to prepare surface prior to painting. May mix colors or oils to obtain desired color or consistency. Exclude "Paperhangers."
29	<b>Paper Hanger</b>	Measures, cuts, and hangs wallpaper and Fiber Reinforced Paneling.
30	<b>Pipelayers</b>	Lay pipe for storm or sanitation sewers, drains, and water mains. Perform any combination of the following tasks: grade trenches or culverts, position pipe, or seal joints.
31	<b>Pipe Fitters and Steamfitters</b>	Assemble, install, alter, and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry water, steam, air, or other liquids or gases. May install heating and cooling equipment and mechanical control systems. Includes pressurized lines and flow lines for gas, air, and oil found in industrial settings.
32	<b>Plaster, Stucco, Lather, and EIFS Applicator</b>	Apply interior or exterior plaster, stucco, or similar materials. May also set ornamental plaster. Applies acoustical plaster, interior and exterior plastering of stone imitation or any patented materials when cast. Molds and sets ornamental plaster and trim and runs ornamental plaster cornice and molding.
33	<b>Plumbers/ Medical Gas Installer</b>	Assemble, install, alter, and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry water, steam, air, or other liquids or gases. May install heating and cooling equipment and mechanical control systems. Assemble, install, alter, and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry medical gases or liquids. Specialized training and certification required.
34	<b>Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers</b>	Position and secure steel bars or mesh in concrete forms in order to reinforce concrete. Includes post-tensioning. Use a variety of fasteners, rod-bending machines, blowtorches, and hand tools.
35	<b>Roofers</b>	Cover roofs of structures with shingles, tile, slate, asphalt, aluminum, wood, metal and related materials. May spray roofs, sidings, and walls with material to bind or seal sections of structures. Includes metal and membrane roofs.

36	<b>Sheet Metal Workers</b>	Fabricate, assemble, install, and repair sheet metal products and equipment, such as ducts, seal the system, pressure test and test and balance , control boxes, drainpipes, architectural sheet metal, hangers, brackets, used in the installation of sheet metal, and installs grills, registers, and furnace casings. Work may involve any of the following: setting-up and operating fabricating machines to cut, bend, and straighten sheet metal, operating soldering equipment to join sheet metal parts; inspecting, assembling, and smoothing seams and joints of burred surfaces, including metal flashings, gutters, canopies, soffit's, louvers, skylights and custom metal roofs. Installs warm air furnaces except where necessary piping for gas, or oil is performed under the plumbing and pipefitting classification. Include sheet metal duct installers who install prefabricated sheet metal ducts used for heating, air conditioning, or other purposes. Fire life safety, damper inspection, stairwell pressurization. May install other heating and cooling devices which are in connection with duct systems.
37	<b>Structural Iron and Steel Workers/Metal Building Erector</b>	Rigging, raise, place, and unite iron or steel, prefabricated metal buildings precast concrete, precast "tilt-up" panels, concrete and steel bridge members, concrete decking, ornamental iron, hand rails, stairs, curtain wall/glass framework, girders, columns, beams, and other structural members to form completed structures or structural frameworks using hand tools, power tools, and hoisting equipment. Erects frame of building, using hoist. Bolts steel frame members together. Attaches wire and insulating materials to framework. Attaches sheet metal panels to framework including standing seam sheets. Installs and trims sheet metal on prefabricated metal buildings, using cutting torch, power saw, and tin snips. Rigging of heavy equipment, assembly and disassembly of cranes. May erect metal storage tanks. Exclude "Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers".
38	<b>Tile Setters</b>	Apply hard tile, terrazzo tile and veneer to walls, floors, and ceilings. Includes surface preparation as necessary.

- **Welder** - Receives rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.
- **Fork Lift and Man Lift (boom and scissor)** - Receives rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which operation of this equipment is incidental.

**EXHIBIT 8**

**Prevailing Wage Rates – Heavy / Highway  
And  
Definitions for Heavy / Highway Labor Classifications**



## 2016 PREVAILING WAGE RATES HEAVY / HIGHWAY

CLASSIFICATION	BASE WAGE PER HOUR	TOTAL FRINGES PER HOUR	HOURLY PREVAILING WAGE RATE	PER DIEM WAGE RATE
Asphalt Distributor Operator	14.64	0.00	14.64	117.12
Asphalt Paving Machine Operator / Spreader Box Operator	14.20	0.00	14.20	113.60
Asphalt Raker	12.99	0.00	12.99	103.92
Backhoe Operator	15.95	0.00	15.95	127.60
Concrete Finishers (Paving and Structures)	13.88	0.00	13.88	111.04
Crane Operator, Lattice Boom	17.50	0.00	17.50	140.00
Crane Operator, Hydraulic	17.50	0.00	17.50	140.00
Electrician	23.09	0.00	23.09	184.72
Excavator Operator	16.10	0.00	16.10	128.80
Form Builder/Setter	15.02	0.00	15.02	120.16
Form Setter (Paving and Curb)	12.86	0.00	12.86	102.88
Front End Loader	14.82	0.00	14.82	118.56
Laborer	11.89	0.00	11.89	95.12
Laborer (Skilled)(Utility)	13.65	0.00	13.65	109.20
Mechanic	17.50	0.00	17.50	140.00
Motor Grader Operator (Fine)	17.54	0.00	17.54	140.32
Pipe Layer	12.94	0.00	12.94	103.52
Reinforcing Steel Setter (Structure and Paving)/ Structural Steel Worker	17.00	0.00	17.00	136.00
Rock Mason	12.00	0.00	12.00	96.00
Roller Operator	13.70	0.00	13.70	109.60
Servicer	14.33	0.00	14.33	114.64
Truck Driver, Single Axle	13.19	0.00	13.19	105.52
Truck Driver, Tandem Axle	15.32	0.02	15.34	122.72
Utility Operator Grade 1	12.00	0.00	12.00	96.00
Utility Operator Grade 2	13.95	0.00	13.95	111.60
Welder, Certified/ Structural Steel Welder	13.83	0.00	13.83	110.64

**2016 HEAVY / HIGHWAY DEFINITIONS**

1	Asphalt Distributor Operator	Drives distributor truck, sets spray bars and operates valves and levers to control distribution of bituminous material for highway surfacing. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.
2	Asphalt Paving Machine Operator/Spreader Box Operator	Operates paving machine that spreads and levels asphaltic concrete on highway. Controls movement of machine, raises and lowers screed, regulates width of screed. Operates spreader box by adjusting hopper and strike-off blade so that gravel, stone or other material may be spread to a specific depth on road surface during seal coat and surface treatment operations. May oil, grease, service and make adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.
3	Asphalt Raker	Distributes asphaltic materials evenly over road surface by hand-raking and brushing material to correct thickness; may control screed to regulate width and depth of materials; directs Laborers (skilled and unskilled) when to add or take away material to fill low spots or to reduce high spots.
4	Backhoe Operator	Operates a rubber-tired machine mounted with a backhoe bucket on one end and a loader bucket on the other end. Used for excavating ditches and structures, laying pipe and precast concrete structures, carrying material in the loader bucket, and general excavation and backfill. May also be equipped with hydraulic attachments. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.
5	Concrete Finisher (Paving and Structures)	Finishes the exposed surfaces of fresh concrete paving, median barrier and every element of concrete structures. Operates bridge deck finishing machine. Forms and finishes edges and joints. Finishes concrete curbs and gutters. Finishes exposed surface of concrete after forms have been removed by patching imperfections with fresh concrete, rubbing surface with abrasive stone, and directing others in removing excess or defective concrete with power tools. Performs other related duties.

6	Crane Operator, Lattice Boom	A worker who operates a lattice boom type crane to hoist and move materials, raise and lower heavy weights and perform other related operations. May be crawler type or rubber tired. May include placement of rock riprap, clamshell, dragline, pipe and pile driving operations. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.
7	Crane Operator, Hydraulic	A worker who operates a hydraulic telescoping boom type crane to hoist and move materials, raise and lower heavy weights and perform other related operations. May be crawler type or rubber-tired. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.
8	Electrician	Plan and execute the layout and installation of electrical conduit, switch panels, buss bars, outlet boxes, electrical wires and cables, lighting standards, lighting fixtures, receptacles, switches, and other electrical devices and apparatus necessary for the complete installation of wiring systems, works on overhead distribution systems and underground distribution systems. Includes installation of photovoltaic solar panels.
9	Excavator Operator	Operates a crawler or rubber-tired machine mounted with an excavator bucket. Used for excavating ditches and structures, laying pipe and precast concrete structures, loading trucks and placing rock riprap. May also be equipped with various hydraulic attachments. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.
10	Form Builder/Setter	Works from plans to build, assemble, fit together, align, plumb, and set in place forms for molding concrete structures. Forms may be wood, steel, aluminum, fiberglass or any other type of material. Checks forms while concrete is being placed. May install miscellaneous materials integral to concrete structures. May set precast concrete elements. Prepares for slipforming traffic rail and median barrier. May install permanent metal deck forms. May work with power tools. Performs other related duties. Includes guardrail installation.
11	Form Setter (Paving and Curb)	Fits together, aligns and sets to grade metal and wooden forms for placement for concrete paving and curbs. Works with survey crew to set stringline for paving, curb and gutter and curb. Performs other related duties.

12	Front End Loader	Operates a rubber-tired, skid steer or crawler type tractor with an attached scoop type bucket on front end. Machine is used to load materials from stockpiles, excavation, charging batch plants, loading and unloading trucks. May be used with attachments in lieu of the bucket. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.
13	Laborer	A general term used on construction work covering many unskilled classifications requiring work of a physical nature. Performs a variety of work ranging from pick and shovel work to cleaning up lumber with hammer, shoveling and placing concrete, uses air tools, under the supervision of qualified personnel. Cleans concrete joints and fills joints with sealing compound from bucket or with hose and nozzle from a central source, applies coating of oil to inside face of forms and strip forms, unloads and transports reinforcing steel, cures newly poured concrete, assists pipelayers, works with dirt crew keeping construction layout stakes out of the way of dirt-moving equipment. May fine grade excavation and ditches, shovels hot asphalt material. May use power tools and other necessary equipment in demolition work under the supervision of qualified personnel. Does not ordinarily perform work permitting exercise of independent judgment or without close direction by other workers. Installs and maintains erosion control. Performs other related duties.
14	Laborer (Skilled) (Utility)	Performs a variety of manual duties, usually working in a utility capacity by working on multiple projects and tasks where demands require workmen with varied experience and ability to work without close direction. Unloads and transports reinforcing steel. Directs laborers in pouring concrete. Erects trench shoring and bracing. Installs, operates, and maintains watering systems. May assist equipment operators in positioning machines, verifying grades and signaling operators to dumping positions to maintain grades as directed. Uses power tools and air tools. May work as lead man in a labor crew. Is more or less a general utility construction worker. May be a second step in learning a skill. Includes Concrete/Granite Pump Operator, Concrete Saw Operator, Fence Erector, Flagger, and Sign Erector. Performs other related duties.
15	Mechanic	Assembles, assist set up, adjusts and maintains and repairs all types of construction equipment and trucks. May perform the duties of a welder in repair of equipment. Performs other related duties.

16	Motor Grader Operator (Fine)	Operates motor grader. Performs many of the same duties of Motor Grader, Rough, but in addition performs finish grade work to bluetops or other close specification control. This work is subject to strict inspection and must conform closely to specifications. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.
17	Pipe Layer	Installs concrete, clay, steel, ductile iron, plastic, corrugated pipe and any other type of pipe for storm drainage, water lines, gas lines and sanitary sewer lines. Lays underground communication and electrical ducts. May install and set electrical ground boxes, hand holes, manholes, inlets and other structures. Caulks joints, makes threaded and flanged connections. Installs valves and other accessories. Performs other related duties.
18	Reinforcing Steel Setter (Structure and Paving)/ Structural Steel Worker	Works from plans to lay out and install reinforcing steel within forms or in mats of concrete paving. Erects and places reinforcing steel and fabricated structural steel members, such as girders, plates, diaphragms, lateral bracing, and unites them permanently to form a completed structural steel unit, including reinforcing members. Fastens steel members together by welding or bolting. May include dismantling and erecting large units of equipment. Gives direction to reinforcing steel worker apprentice or utility laborers. Performs other related duties.
19	Rock Mason	Constructs partitions, fences, walls, using rock. Cutting, grouting and pointing of materials listed above which is necessary shall be part of this classification. May also build or repair rock retaining walls, cutting or placing of rock in mortar or other similar material.
20	Roller Operator	Operates a self-propelled machine with either steel wheels or pneumatic tires which is used to compact and smooth bituminous and flexible base materials and compact earth fills, subgrade, and all other types of materials. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.
21	Servicer	Drives a truck which carries various fuels, oils, greases and filters. Must have knowledge of and is responsible for the correct oiling and greasing and changing of filters on equipment according to manufacturers' specifications. Uses compressed air grease guns, wrenches and other tools. May make adjustments to clutches, brakes and other mechanical items. Keeps record of service for preventive maintenance records. . May require a Commercial Driver's License if

		driving truck on public highways. Performs other related duties.
22	Truck Driver, Single Axle	Drives a light capacity truck for transporting loads of construction material. The truck is of single rear axle type, may have various kinds of beds attached such as dump, flat bed, tank, etc. May require CDL license for driving on highway. May service and make necessary adjustments for proper operation of equipment. Performs other related duties.
23	Truck Driver, Tandem Axle	Drives a tandem axle powered vehicle. Hauls dirt, rock, aggregates or other material. May require CDL license for driving on highway. May service and make necessary adjustments for proper operation of equipment. Performs other related duties.
24	Utility Operator Grade 1	Clam, ditching machine, side booms (except those in Grade 2), operator on dredges, cleaning machine, coating machine, , blending machine, water-kote machine, equipment welder, track tractor, derrick, dragline, shovel, motor grader rough grade, Crawler tractor, foundation drill operator, crawler and truck mounted, and piledriver.
25	Utility Operator Grade 2	Pipe, gin truck or winch truck with poles when used for hoisting, side boom (cradling rock drill), tow tractor, farm tractor road boring machine, fork lift (industrial type), pot fireman (power agitated), straightening machine, boring machine, bombardier (track or tow rig), , hydrostatic testing operator, scraper, stalking machine, plant mix pavement roller operator, plant mix pavement, pneumatic motor operator. Concrete paving curing, float, te xturing machine, subgrade trimmer, slip-form machine, milling machine, self-propelled sweeping machine, trenching machine, directional drill, , trenching, screening plant, and joint sealer. Off Road Hauler, Pavement Marking Machine Operator Reclaimer/Pulverizer Operator, Slurry Seal or MicroSurfacing Machine Operator.
26	Welder, Certified/ Structural Steel Welder	Certified by the American Welding Society to perform structural steel welding. Operates welding equipment. Welds structural steel girders and diaphragms. May weld permanent metal deck forms. Cuts, lays-out, fits and welds metals or alloyed metal parts to fabricate or repair equipment. Welds the joints between lengths of pipe for oil,

		gas or other types of pipelines. May assist in welding of permanent metal deck forms. Performs other related duties.
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**EXHIBIT 9**

**Apprenticeship Order and List of Required  
Apprenticeship Programs**

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF**  
**EL PASO COUNTY REGARDING**  
**APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Whereas, the County of El Paso supports the adoption of an apprenticeship program for all county building construction projects in the amount of \$50,000 and higher and desires the inclusion of language mandating participation in apprenticeship programs certified by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in all County building construction contracts; and

Whereas, the purpose of the apprenticeship program is to require that only journeymen and apprentices registered in an apprentice program certified by DOL perform work on county building construction projects in order to ensure both quality construction work as well as provide training opportunities; and

Whereas, a DOL certified apprenticeship program requirement for local building construction projects is consistent with the state prevailing wage rate law pursuant to Chapter 2258, Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of El Paso adopts the El Paso County Apprenticeship Program requiring the following of all building contractors and their subcontractors on County Building Construction Projects:

1. must sponsor or participate in a DOL certified apprenticeship program for all job classifications utilized on the project and which are "apprenticeable occupations" as defined by DOL regulations, except when there is a state statute requiring certification for an occupation which has inconsistent requirements;
2. must hire registered apprentices enrolled in a DOL certified apprenticeship program;
3. may not substitute helpers or unregistered apprentices to perform apprentice level work in place of registered apprentices;
4. must pay wage rates and benefits package for apprentices as determined by apprenticeship program/DOL;
5. must comply with DOL requirements for the ratio of apprentices to journeymen;
6. must hire apprentices in all job classifications utilized on the project and which are "apprenticeable occupations" as defined by DOL regulations, unless such placement would not be approved by the apprenticeship program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Purchasing Agent is hereby directed to include notice of the County apprenticeship requirements in all specifications for bids on building constructions projects in the amount of \$50,000 or higher.

**EL PASO COUNTY  
2008 REQUIRED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS**

1. Acoustical Carpenter
2. Bricklayer and Mason
3. Cabinet Maker
4. Carpenter
5. Cement Mason
6. Drywall Application
7. Electrician
8. Electronic Systems Technician
9. Elevator Constructor & Repairer
10. Floor Layer
11. Glazier
12. HVAC
13. Insulation Worker
14. Locksmith
15. Operating Engineer
16. Painters
17. Pipefitter
18. Plasterer
19. Plumber
20. Protective Signal Installer
21. Roofers
22. Sheet Metal Worker
23. Structural Steel/Ironworker
24. Tile Setter

**EXHIBIT 10**

**Construction Rules Applicable to  
the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge**

## **CONSTRUCTION RULES APPLICABLE TO THE TORNILLO-GUADALUPE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE LEVEE DEPRESSION COUPLED WITH THE RETAINING WALL**

The construction of the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge Levee Depression Coupled with Retaining Wall presents unique issues and challenges. The work is located completely within the United States, but is directly adjacent to the international border with Mexico.

The purpose of these provisions is to establish the construction rules for the construction of the Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge Levee Depression Coupled with Retaining Wall (the 'Project')

The Contractor is required to comply with, and by accepting the award for this Project, does hereby agree to comply with, the following provisions on behalf of El Paso County ("Owner").

### **I. CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND SCHEDULE**

- 1.1** The Project will be performed in accordance with the Levee Road Depression Coupled with Retaining Wall Beneath the Tornillo-Guadalupe Project plans that have been prepared by the County and reviewed and approved by the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission (referred to herein as "USIBWC").
- 1.2** Time is of the essence. Change Orders impacting the work to be performed during the Project requires not only the agreement of the County but also USIBWC. Extending the timeline for the Project requires coordination with USIBWC, the United States Department of State and the United States Coast Guard. A request for even a short extension of time may, in turn, trigger substantial delays, international issues and additional review and permitting requirements. No deviation from the approved plans for the Project may be made either before or during completion of the Project unless the modification of the plans has previously been submitted to and received the approval of the appropriate governmental authorities. **Requests for amendments to the Project will be avoided unless a substantive need can be established and no reasonable alternative is available.**
- 1.3** Change Orders impacting the work to be performed or the deadline for completion of the Project requires the agreement of the County and USIBWC. A change does not require involvement of the United States Department of State or amending the Coast Guard Permit related to the Project.

## **II. WORK RESTRICTIONS**

### **2.1 IBWC LANDS:**

The following rules apply to working on lands within the jurisdiction IBWC.

#### **A. Onsite Work Hours**

1. Normal work hours are: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If the Contractor requires to begin working prior to or after normal business hours, this must be coordinated with the Customs and Border Patrol ("CBP") – Clint Office. CPB requires a two week notification if you wish to work outside of normal work hours.

#### **B. Site Access Restrictions**

1. Any vehicle larger than a pickup truck must use the C. C. Bills , Wingo Reserve Entrance.
2. Under flood conditions or other extreme weather events, full access to the worksite may not be available. The Contractor shall make accommodations for less than full access in their Flood Protection Plan.

#### **C. Submittals Required Prior to Mobilization**

1. Video and Photographs of Existing Conditions should be taken of the levee for a distance of 500 feet both upstream and downstream of the center-line of the Tornillo-Guadalupe Bridge prior to mobilization.
2. The original of the video and photographs shall be given to the County Engineer, whose contact information is listed below. Contractor may keep a copy.

#### **D. Cutting the Levee for Structure Improvements**

1. In some instances, the work may require cutting the levee. This work shall not be performed during periods of known heavy rains or flooding.
2. In the event that construction activities cause unexpected damage to the levee system of the Rio Grande River, the Contractor shall immediately notify Owner and the Engineer.

#### **E. USIBWC land is not available for use for the Contractor's Field Office and/or sheds, staging and/or storage areas.**

1. If a Field Office is not used, one set of all Contract documents shall be kept in the foreman's or superintendent's vehicle. This vehicle must be onsite while work is proceeding.
- F. No obstructions or waste are permitted in the construction area.
1. No obstructions, other than those shown in the plans, shall be allowed. Any required obstruction must be pre-approved by permitting authorities. The channel or channels through the structure shall be promptly cleared of all obstructions placed therein or caused by the construction of the bridge. The worksite must be cleared of obstructions, stockpiles, materials and equipment at the end of each day.
  2. No sewage, debris, trash, excess materials or equipment, or industrial waste will be discharged into the Rio Grande River ("Rio Bravo") as a result of the construction work that is the subject of this Agreement.

## **2.2. SECURITY**

- A. The Contractor is responsible for securing the work site, equipment, and materials from vandalism and theft.
- B. The Contractor shall implement a security program that:
1. Emergency Contact, Person in Charge, What badges look like. Protects the work, the existing premises, and the Government's operations from theft, vandalism and unauthorized entry.
  2. Initiates a security program in coordination with Government's existing security system at mobilization.
  3. Maintains the security program throughout construction duration until Contract Closeout.
- C. The Contractor shall implement entry control to the work area that:
1. Restricts entry of non-Government persons and vehicles into the work area and existing facilities, unless otherwise compliance-confirmed by the Government.
  2. Allows entry only to authorized persons with proper identification.
- D. Neither the County nor USIBWC shall be responsible for the security of any items within the work area.

### 2.3. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

- A. In any event the staff of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (also known as U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)) alerts and directs any field crews to stop work in for any security reasons in the area, the Contractor shall consider this as top priority and fully cooperate with the directions of DHS at all times until the security alert is cleared by the DHS. In addition the Contractor shall contact and coordinate with the Owner for any additional steps to be taken during and after the security alert from the DHS is cleared.
- B. Access to the site is controlled by Border Patrol. All site work is anticipated to take place on the south side of the DHS border fence. Gates through the border fence are located at both ends of the project site. Access through the border fence must be coordinated with Border Patrol.
- C. The Contractor shall provide a list of all workers' names, their social security number, and a copy of a government issued identification card to the County's representative, **Fernando Hernandez**, El Paso County Engineer, whose contact information is contained in Subparagraph 4.2. This list shall be provided at least **five (5) days** prior to the workers arriving onsite. CBP will run background checks on all employees working onsite.
  - 1. Employees of Contractor and subcontractors must pass the background checks/vetting to be allowed to work onsite.
    - a. Workers with felony convictions, issues with their immigration paperwork, or outstanding warrants are precluded from working onsite.
  - 2. The Contractor shall provide updates whenever employees are added or deleted from the work crews.
  - 3. The Contractor shall provide CBP of sample identification that will be worn by employees of subcontractors.
- D. The Contractor shall ensure that all employees working onsite are identifiable with a project identification card, a special hard hat color, a significantly colored piece of clothing, or another method agreeable to Border Patrol.
- E. All on-road vehicles shall have the name of the construction company/Contractor clearly displayed on the side of the vehicle.

## **2.4 CONTINGENCY EVACUATION PLAN**

- A. When construction areas are adjacent to the United States-Mexico border, the possibility exists for random acts of violence or other law enforcement incidents. As part of a complete review of site security and employee safety, it is anticipated the Contractor will be required by CBP to complete a Contingency Evacuation Plan.
- B. The Contingency Evacuation Plan shall include:
  - 1. Employee actions and responsibilities if a random act of violence or a law enforcement apprehension effort impacts the jobsite.
  - 2. Designation of a safe meeting area on or immediately adjacent to the jobsite. For long, linear projects, multiple sites may need to be designated as construction progresses. Ensure that a location is available within walking distance to your employees.
  - 3. Identify personnel responsibilities during implementation of the plan.
  - 4. Identify a point of contact for local law enforcement and/or Border Patrol to ensure coordination of activities.
  - 5. Establish procedures for employee injuries from these activities or from stray gunfire.
- C. USIBWC has a boilerplate Contingency Evacuation Plan available for Contractors to use and modify. A copy has been attached as Exhibit A to this Exhibit 10.
- D. All employees working at the site shall be educated as to this plan and to the designated meeting area.
- E. A copy of this plan shall be maintained at the project site at all times. The designated meeting area map shall be maintained on the Company's bulletin board or other appropriate area where it is readily visible throughout the workday.

## **2.5 CLEAN-UP AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIALS**

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for the cleanup and disposal of waste materials and rubbish from the construction site, field office(s), and staging area(s).
- B. No sewage, debris, trash, excess materials or equipment, or industrial waste will be discharged into the Rio Grande River ("Rio Bravo") as a result of the construction work that is the subject of this Agreement.
- C. The disposal of waste materials and rubbish shall be in accordance with applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations and with the requirements in these

Contract documents. Should a conflict exist in the requirements for cleanup and disposal of waste materials, the most stringent requirements shall apply.

1. Waste: All waste unless otherwise noted in these Specifications shall be disposed of at a licensed landfill or waste disposal facility.
2. Woody Debris: The Contractor may NOT burn woody debris onsite.
3. Soil, Rocks, Gravel, Bricks, and Used Concrete: The Contractor may NOT bury concrete debris, bricks, soil, gravel, and rocks on said landowner's property.

## **2.6 FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN**

The Contractor shall develop and submit a Flood Protection Plan that includes the design for temporary controls for protection from floods.

- A. Design elements of the Flood Protection Plan shall be designed by a licensed professional engineer and submitted to the Engineer for review. The Engineer shall review the submittal for compliance confirmation, but this shall not relieve the Contractor of the assigned responsibility of protection of the construction site.
- B. The Flood Control Plan includes an Emergency Levee Closure Plan that details how the Contractor will close the levee within twenty four (24) hours when necessary. The Contractor must plan to close the levee within a twenty four (24) hour time frame in the event of emergencies. The plan shall describe how the work will be expedited to close the levee, secure the possible breach, and ensure the repair can survive the twenty five (25) year flood stage without collapse, breach, or damage to the remaining parts of the levee. The plan shall also include the method of closure, procedures for closure, and who is responsible for determining when a closure is needed from the Contractor's management. From the County's side only the County Engineer or the Engineer can order a closure. The Contractor must coordinate with IBWC and provide IBWC access to the construction site if emergency flood operation procedures are required during the construction period.
- C. The Flood Control Plan must be adapted to your site and work conditions. However, the basic components of a Flood Control Plan should include these, or similar, aspects.
  1. Stage 1: A flood watch has been issued by the NWS (National Weather Service) or the onsite superintendent enacts this stage. All work continues as normal but weather conditions and river levels are watched carefully.

2. Stage 2: A flood warning has been issued by the NWS or the onsite superintendent. The Contractor continues to work but begins to limit the length of open excavations (breaches) in the levees.
  3. Stage 3: The Rio Grande begins to overbank. The Contractor should use their discretion about continuing excavation operations. Embankment (backfilling with material that meets contract requirements) operations usually can continue. The Contractor should have sufficient equipment on hand to close all breaches if required. If spoil or stockpiles exist in the floodplain, the Contractor may want to begin moving them against the levees.
  4. Stage 4: Water begins to flow into the floodplain. The Contractor should begin to close all breaches immediately with material on hand (material does not need to meet Contract Sections). Any spoil or stockpiles located in the floodplain need to be pushed up against the levee. All stockpile tops and levee crowns need to be flattened to allow the passage of emergency vehicles.
  5. Stage 5: Flood waters are up against the levee. The Contractor has stopped all levee construction work and is maintaining vigilance to protect breaches from developing in the levee.
- D. The Contractor is reminded that they are required to use their own judgment to determine when to move to a different flood stage and what work to continue at any given time. Contractors should monitor the Rio Grande flows and current weather conditions. Releases from upstream dams also contribute to the river flows.
- E. Once there is a potential for the river to exceed the banks and rise into the floodplain. It is recommended that the Contractor maintain strict surveillance on floodplain conditions in order to decide whether or not to invoke the flood protection plan for their project. The Contractor may always choose to amend any flood protection plan submittal, based on conditions and viable alternatives for working conditions in order to meet the specification requirements to protect the work, existing conditions, and adjacent properties.
- F. Throughout all flood stages, the Contractor shall maintain surveillance of the water conditions and keep communications ongoing with the Government Inspector and COR.

### **III. AVAILABILITY OF CONSTRUCTION SITE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS**

- 3.1** It is incumbent upon the Contractor to provide access to and to cooperate in all inspections of the worksite, equipment, and material made by the representatives of either USIBWC and Mexico IBWC, and representatives of the United States' federal government including but not limited to the United States Coast Guard, the Army Corp of Engineers, General Service Administration, and Homeland Security.
- 3.2** The border line dividing both countries shall continue to exist, and so will the jurisdiction of each of the countries over their respective territories. The Contractor shall remain mindful of the international boundary and limit encroachment / intrusion of its work crew and equipment into the Country of Mexico except as necessary to complete the required construction work.
- 3.3** USIBWC has coordinated the County's construction work in the riverbed of the Rio Grande River with Mexico IBWC. No other action should be necessary to obtain from competent federal authorities the right of free transit within the work site area for all material, equipment, workers, technicians and administrative personnel therein employed, for such a period of time as may be necessary for the Project's completion.
- 3.4** **It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to coordinate with CBP for access, construction schedule, and progression of work throughout the project duration in order to provide continuous access to the affected owners and obtain uninterrupted access within the project areas.**

### **IV. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR COUNTY ENGINEERS**

- 4.1** The Engineer for the County is Sidney "Sid" A. Mielke of Structural Engineering Associates, Inc., 3838 N.W. Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78229.

Sid Mielke, P.E.  
Senior Project Manager  
Structural Engineering Associates, Inc.  
telephone 210-735-9202  
fax 210-735-2074  
cell 210-861-3126  
[smielke@seatx.com](mailto:smielke@seatx.com)

In the absence of Mr. Mielke, [sea@seatx.com](mailto:sea@seatx.com), Mr. Adrian M. Romero, [aromero@seatx.com](mailto:aromero@seatx.com) may act on behalf of the Engineer. Telephone number: (210)735-9202. Facsimile number is (210)735-2074.

**4.2**The County's Representative is Norma Rivera-Palacios, Public Works Director for El Paso County, 800 E. Overland, Room 407, El Paso, Texas 79901, or his designee, Mr. Fernando Hernandez.

Norma Rivera-Palacios  
Public Works Director  
El Paso County, Texas  
Telephone 915-546-2015  
Fax 915-546-8194

Fernando Hernandez  
County Engineer  
El Paso County, Texas  
Telephone 915-546-2015  
Fax 915-546-8194  
Cell 915-472-8541

## **V. ACT OF GOD OR FORCE MAJEURE**

**5.1**No Act of God or Force Majeure shall be considered as existing if the Contractor, has contributed directly or indirectly to its existence. When the Contractor states the existence of an Act of God or Force Majeure, the Contractor must make its best effort to correct, alleviate, or solve the effects of the same.

**5.2**In the event that the Contractor claims an Act of God or Force Majeure it must give notice to COUNTY about the event within 72 (seventy-two) hours from the date when it found out about it and notice must include the following:

- a. Description of the event.
- b. Place, date, and time when it happened.
- c. Causes which originated it.
- d. Steps taken.
- e. Estimated term of its duration.
- f. Effects on infrastructure.
- g. Estimated amount of damages and repair.
- h. Temporary and/or permanent solution alternatives if they exist.

**5.3**If the County suffers an Act of God or Force Majeure, it must also give notice to the USIBWC within 72 (seventy-two) hours from the moment when such Act of God or Force Majeure stops preventing Contractor from fulfilling its obligations.

**5.4**Accordingly, it is incumbent upon the Contractor to notify the County at the earliest moment of such Act or God or Force Majeure begins and ceases and to timely provide complete and accurate information required to be submitted to the other Owner.

## **VI. INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS**

- 6.1** It is incumbent upon the Contractor to remain vigilant in protecting United States security as it relates to securing the working area and cooperating with the federal law enforcement agencies.
- 6.2** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”), a component of the Department of Homeland Security, is responsible for overseeing and maintaining border infrastructure, including fences, gates, drainage grates, lighting, roads and bridges in order to deter illicit cross border activity.
- 6.3** The Contractor shall remain mindful of the fact that the border fence is part of CBP’s managed tactical infrastructure, and the CBP is charged with the duty of maintaining security along the United States’ border with Mexico.
- 6.4** Contractor will be required to allow officers of the U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Customs and Border Protection access to the Project site at all times. Contractor’s and its subcontractor’s work, personnel, equipment and material are subject to inspection by Federal officers at any time.

## **VII. TERM**

- 7.1** The terms of these Construction Rules shall remain in full force for the time required to perform the construction corresponding to the Project and to duly fulfill all the obligations hereunder.

**EXHIBIT A TO EXHIBIT 10**  
**DHS – CONTINGENCY EVACUATION PLAN TEMPLATE**

*Company Name*  
**Contingency Evacuation Plan**  
*Project Name and Contract Number*

The following plan is to be implemented in the event of any Random Act of Violence and/or incident involving the attempted apprehension of persons unknown by any element of Law Enforcement, be by foot, vehicular, and/or by air assets assigned to such authorities.

At no time is any employee of COMPANY NAME (hereinafter referenced as "the Company") noted above authorized to attempt to aid such authorities in the apprehension of any such parties. All assistance shall be limited to that of information, descriptions, and other items viable in nature. We cannot help policing agencies if we are not sure of the facts. Do not become involved in any Law Enforcement situation.

**PART ONE**

At the first sign of a Random Act of Violence and/or Law Enforcement apprehension effort, employees should immediately seek the safety of whatever piece of equipment is available.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SEE WHERE GUNFIRE IS ORIGINATING FROM! SEEK COVER RIGHT AWAY.

In the event that such an incident occurs the following steps should be taken:

1. Employees are urged to seek cover at once.
2. Project Supervisor or Foreman should immediately CALL 911. Advise dispatcher of the incident and if there any injuries resulting from such activities.
3. Project Supervisor or Foreman should make every effort to account for all personnel and to evacuate to the designated area as soon as it is safe to do so. Such evacuations should take the quickest route possible via as much cover as is available to the site depicted on the attached site map.
4. Once at the designated area an employee head count should be taken. Once all employees are accounted, for then every effort should be made to secure their safety.
5. The Project Safety Officer (or other designated officer of the Company) should, IMMEDIATELY upon being informed of any such incident, begin to prepare for incoming employees and establish a "TRIAGE AREA" which is safe from any possible gunfire situations. The Project Safety Officer must immediately report the incident to the appropriate Company personnel, who will immediately go into "Ready Status."

Once the situation has been determined as "CLEAR" by the appropriate Law Enforcement Agency, our company investigative efforts can begin. A review of the incident will be made in order to improve our response to any possible future incident.

## **PART TWO**

The following points of contact are provided in the event that a Law Enforcement entity should initiate a pursuit situation and needs to advise our company that such an action will penetrate our project limits:

Primary Contact: Name, Title, Phone number

Contact #2: Name, Title, Phone number

Contact #3: Name, Title, Phone number

Contact #4: Name, Title, Phone number

Contact #5: Name, Title, Phone number

Upon being notified of such an impending activity the Project Supervisor or Foreman should be called and asked to evacuate to the designated area. Once at the designated area, the Project Supervisor or Foreman will immediately conduct a census to ascertain that all personnel are accounted for and then insure that all personnel are moved to a place of safety.

Should gunfire begin, all employees are urged to lay down or seek cover until the danger of stray gunfire is abated and/or when the activities of law enforcement are terminated.

## **PART THREE**

The following aspect of this plan can be implemented in the event that company employees are injured during any part of this plan.

In the event an employee should be injured by stray gunfire before reaching safety, the following steps should be taken as soon as possible:

1. Call 911 IMMEDIATELY.
  - a. If you cannot reach the dispatcher, call the local law enforcement with phone number and request an ambulance be sent ASAP.
  - b. Notify them of the project location and of the nature of the injury, giving part of the body hit and current condition of the employee, and of the situation (on-going gun-fire etc.).
2. Appropriate FIRST-AID TREATMENT SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Making sure to place a heavy compression bandage to the wounded area. If the employee is able to be moved they should be removed to the designated area or behind the nearest piece heavy piece of equipment whichever is the safest and quickest.

3. Call the Project Safety Officer (Name and number) and advise him of the incident. He will insure that the proper EMS/Law Enforcement entities have been contacted and advise them of the progress of the incident. He will then contact the General Superintendent (Name and number) who in turn will advise the Company Management and remaining elements of the Loss Control Department.
4. The Project Safety Officer will also setup a "Medical Triage Area" from where additional injured personnel can be evaluated and treated in accordance with the nature of their injuries.
5. The Loss Control Department will place all other elements of the company at a "Ready Status" and react to the scene.
6. First aid should continue until EMS units arrives. Once EMS arrives, all able personnel will adopt a ready profile with regards to assisting EMS personnel as requested.
7. Following an all clear notice from law enforcement the reporting/investigative process can begin. Such a process will be conducted in order to improve the Company's response to any future incidents.
8. Any and all media inquiries should be referred to the Company's Management who will prepare the appropriate response. If pressed to give such statements the only field response should be "no comment."

#### **PART FOUR**

All employees working at the site shall be educated as to this plan and to the designated meeting area.

A copy of this plan shall be maintained at the project site at all times. The designated meeting area map shall be maintained on the Company's bulletin board or other appropriate area where it is readily visible throughout the workday.

**EXHIBIT 11**  
**ENGINEERING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS**  
**(Separately Bound)**

**General Provisions  
County of El Paso, Texas**

**These General Provisions are considered standard language for all County of El Paso BIDS and Request for Proposal documents. If any “specific bid requirements” differ from the General Provisions listed here, the “specific bid requirements” shall prevail.**

**1. BID/PROPOSAL PACKAGE**

- a. The request for bid/proposal, general and special provisions, drawings, specifications/line item details, contract documents and the bid/proposal sheet are all considered part of the bid/proposal package. Bids/Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided by the County, including the bid/proposal sheet completed in its entirety and signed by an authorized representative by original signature. Failure to complete and sign the bid/proposal sheet/contract page (s) may disqualify the bid/proposal from being considered by Commissioners’ Court. Any individual signing on behalf of the proposer expressly affirms that he or she is duly authorized to tender this bid/proposal and to sign the bid/proposal sheet/contract under the terms and conditions in this bid/proposal. Proposer further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect unless subsequently awarded and the contract properly executed by Commissioners’ Court. All figures must be written in ink or typed. Figures written in pencil or with erasures are not acceptable. However, mistakes may be crossed out, corrections inserted, and initialed in ink by the individual signing the bid/proposal. Changes must also be made to any electronic copies submitted. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail. Each bidder/proposer is required to thoroughly review this entire bid/proposal packet to familiarize themselves with the bid/proposal procedures, the plans and specifications for the requested work as well as the terms, and conditions of the contract the successful proposer will execute with the County.
- b. **Bid/Proposal must be in the Purchasing Department BEFORE the hour and date specified. Faxed or e-mailed bids/proposals will not be accepted. Late bids/proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.**
- c. Any bid/proposal sent via express mail or overnight delivery must have the BID/RFP number and title clearly marked on the outside of the envelope or package. Failure to clearly identify your bid/proposal may be cause for disqualification.

**2. COMPETITIVENESS AND INTEGRITY**

To prevent biased evaluations and to preserve the competitiveness and integrity of such acquisition efforts, proposers are to direct all communications regarding this bid/proposal to the El Paso County Purchasing Agent or assigned designee, unless otherwise specifically noted.

An authorized person from the submitting firm must sign all bids/proposals. The signature acknowledges that the proposer has read the bid/proposal documents thoroughly before submitting a bid/proposal and will fulfill the obligations in accordance to the terms, conditions, and specifications.

Please carefully review this Request for Bid/Proposal. It provides specific information necessary to aid participating firms in formulating a thorough response.

### **3. BIDDERS'S/PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

The Bidder/Proposer must affirmatively demonstrate its responsibility. The Bidder/Proposer must also meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have been in business of providing services for a minimum of one (1) years;
- Have adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- Be able to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders regarding this Request for Bid/Proposal;
- Have satisfactory record of performance;
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics; and
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

### **4. REJECTION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

The County, acting through its Commissioners' Court reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all bids/proposals and waive any informality in the bids/proposals received; (2) disregard the bid/proposal of any proposer determined to be not responsible. The County further reserves the right to reject any bid/proposal due to failure of performance on deliveries as determined in writing by the County Purchasing Agent.

### **5. RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS**

It is the responsibility of the prospective proposer to review the entire invitation to bid/proposal packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would restrict competition or appear ambiguous. Any such protest or question(s) regarding the specifications or bid/proposal procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department no less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for bid/proposal opening. Vendors are to propose as specified herein or propose an approved equal. The mention of any brand name in the specifications is not intended to be restrictive, but is intended to describe the general features and requirements (or equivalent) that the County of El Paso is seeking.

Under Local Gov't Code Section 262.005 and Health & Safety Code Section 361.426, the County is required to give preference to products made of recycled materials if they meet specs. The County is also required to encourage the use of recycled products in developing new procedures and specs. They are also required to eliminate procedures and specifications that explicitly discriminate against products made of recycled materials.

### **6. SUBSTITUTES**

It is not the County's intent to discriminate against any material of equal merit to those specified however, should the proposer desire to use any substitutions, prior written approval shall be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent sufficiently in advance in order that an addendum might be issued.

### **7. EXCEPTIONS TO BID/PROPOSAL**

The proposer will list on a separate sheet of paper any exceptions to the conditions of the bid/proposal. This sheet will be labeled, "Exceptions to Bid/Proposal Conditions", and will be attached to the bid/proposal. If no exceptions are stated, it will be

understood that all general and specific conditions will be complied with, without exception.

The Bidder/Proposer must specify in its bid/proposal any alternatives it wishes to propose for consideration by the County. Each alternative should be sufficiently described and labeled within the bid/proposal and should indicate its possible or actual advantage to the program being offered.

The County reserved the right to offer these alternatives to other proposers.

## **8. PRICING**

Bid/Proposals for equipment shall offer new (unused) equipment or merchandise unless otherwise specified. Quotes F.O.B. destination. If otherwise, show exact cost to deliver (merchandise only). Bid/Proposal will be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on the bid/proposal sheet. The net price will be delivered to the El Paso County, including all freight or shipping charges. In case of error in extension, unit prices shall govern. BID/RFP subject to unlimited price increases will not be accepted. The County is tax exempt and no taxes should be included in your bid/proposal.

Unless prices and all information requested are complete, bid/proposal may be disregarded and given no consideration.

In case of default by the contractor, the County may procure the articles or services from other sources and may deduct from any monies due, or that may thereafter become due to the contractor, the difference between the price named in the contract of purchase order and the actual cost thereof to the County. Prices paid by the County shall be considered the prevailing market price at the time such purchase is made. Periods or performance may be extended if the facts as to the cause of delay justify such extension in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent and the Commissioners' Court.

## **9. TAX EXEMPTION**

Pursuant to Section 151.309 of the Texas Tax Code, El Paso County qualifies for exemption from sales, excise and use taxes imposed under the Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act, which is codified at Chapter 151 of the Texas Tax Code. In accordance with Section 151.309, a taxable item sold, leased, or rented to, or stored, used, or consumed by the County is exempt from the taxes imposed under Chapter 151.

## **10. MODIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

A bidder/proposer may modify a bid/proposal by letter at any time prior to the submission deadline for receipt of bids/proposals. Modification requests must be received prior to the submission deadline. Modifications made before opening time must be initialed by bidder/proposer guaranteeing authenticity. Bids/Proposals may not be amended or altered after the official opening with the single exception that any product literature and/or supporting data required by the actual specifications, if any, will be accepted at any time prior to the Commissioners' Court consideration of same. No substitutions or cancellations for merchandise will be permitted without written approval of the County Purchasing Agent.

## **11. SIGNATURE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

Each bid/proposal shall give the complete mailing address of the Bidder/Proposer and be signed by an authorized representative by original signature with the authorized

representative's name and legal title typed below the signature line. Each bid/proposal shall include the Bidder's/Proposer's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), failure to sign the Contract page(s) and bid/proposal response sheet will disqualify the bid/proposal from being considered by the County. The person signing on behalf of the Bidder/Proposer expressly affirms that the person is duly authorized to render the bid/proposal and to sign the bid/proposal sheets and contract under the terms and conditions of this BID/RFP and to bind the Bidder/Proposer thereto and further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect until it is properly placed on the Commissioner's Court agenda, approved in open Court, authorized to be executed by the County Judge, and fully executed by both parties.

## 12. AWARD OF BID/PROPOSALS-EVALUTATION CRITERIA AND FACTORS

### **Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code**

**Bids** shall be awarded to the responsible bidder that submits the lowest and best bid.

**Bid/Proposals** will be made to the responsible proposer whose bid/proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer demonstrating the best ability to fulfill the requirements set forth in this Request for Bid/Proposal. The prices proposed will be considered firm and cannot be altered after the submission deadline. **The proposed cost to the County will be considered firm, unless the County invokes its right to request a best and final offer and cannot be altered after the submission deadline.**

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this BID/RFP and may discontinue its efforts under this BID/RFP for any reason or no reason or solely for the County's convenience at any time prior to actual execution of the contract by the County. County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the bid/proposal, waive minor technicalities, or to award by item or by total bid/proposal. Price should be itemized.

**A Bidder/Proposer whose bid/proposal does not meet the mandatory requirements set forth in this BID/RFP will be considered noncompliant.**

Each Bidder/Proposer, by submitting a bid/proposal, agrees that if its bid/proposal is accepted by the Commissioners' Court, such Bidder/Proposer will furnish all items and services upon the terms and conditions in this BID/RFP and contract.

Contractor shall submit to the County, for approval, within ten (10) days from notice of contract award, all Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required coverage as described under Insurance in the schedule of the Requests for Bids/Proposals.

## 13. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

The parties agree that the County is a governmental body for purposes of the Public Information Act, codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and as such is required to release information in accordance with the Public Information Act. Bidder/Proposer agrees that it has marked any information that it considers to be confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret in its bid/proposal. County agrees to provide notice to Bidder/Proposer in accordance with the Public Information Act in the event the County receives a request for information under the Public Information Act for information that the Proposer has marked as confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret.

**14. RESULTANT CONTRACT**

The resultant contract shall become effective upon the Commissioners' Court execution of the same. The contract documents shall consist of the contract, the general and special provisions, the drawings, bid/proposal package, any addenda issued, and any change orders issued during the work.

The criteria utilized for determining responsibility of bidder/proposer(s) includes, but is not limited to, the proposer's experience, skill, ability, business judgment, financial capacity, integrity, honesty, possession of the necessary facilities or equipment, previous performance, reputation, promptness, and any other factor deemed relevant by the County to determine whether a bidder/proposer is responsible. The term of the resultant contract will begin as stated in the contract executed by the Commissioners' Court and will terminate on the date specified in the contract unless terminated earlier as herein set forth.

**15. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

Any reference to quantities shown in the Request for Bids/Proposals are an estimate only. Since the exact quantities cannot be predetermined, the County reserves the right to adjust quantities as deemed necessary to meet its requirements.

**16. CONTRACTOR INVESTIGATION**

Before submitting a bid/proposal, each contractor shall make all investigations and examinations necessary to ascertain all site conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract and to verify any representations made by the County upon which the contractor will rely. If the contractor receives an award as a result of its bid/proposal submission, failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the contractor from its obligation to comply in every detail with all provisions and requirements of the contract, nor will a plea of ignorance of such conditions and requirements be accepted as a basis for any claim whatsoever by the contractor for additional compensation.

**17. NO COMMITMENT BY COUNTY**

This Request for Bid/Proposal does not commit the County to award any costs or pay any costs, or to award any contract, or to pay any costs associated with or incurred in the preparation of a bid/proposal to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

**18. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS**

In acceptance proposals, the County reserves the right to negotiate further with one or more of the contractors as to any features of their proposals and to accept modifications of the work and price when such action will be in the best interest of the County. This includes solicitations of a Best and Final Offer from one or more of the proposers. If invoked, it allows acceptable proposers the opportunity to amend, change or supplement their original proposal. Proposers may be contacted in writing requesting that they submit their best and final offer. Any such best and final offer must include discussed and negotiated changes.

**19. SINGLE BID/PROPOSAL RESPONSE**

If only one (1) bid/proposal is received in response to the Request for Bids/Proposals, a detailed cost bid/proposal may be requested of the single contractor. A cost/price analysis and evaluation and/or audit may be performed of the cost bid/proposal in order to determine if the price is fair and reasonable.

**20. REJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

El Paso County reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this bid/proposal package and may discontinue its efforts for any reason under this bid/proposal package at any time prior to actual execution of the Contract by the County. Bidders/Proposers may be disqualified and rejection of bid/proposals may be recommended to the Commissioners' Court for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

- A. Failure to use the bid/proposal form(s) furnished by the County, if applicable.
- B. Lack of signature by an authorized representative that can legally bind the company on the bid/proposal form.
- C. Failure to properly complete the bid/proposal.
- D. Bids/proposals that do not meet the mandatory requirements.
- E. Evidence of collusion among bidders/proposers.

**21. CHANGES IN SPECIFICATIONS**

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this bid/proposal, a written notice of such revision will be posted on the County Purchasing website. The County is not bound by any oral representations, clarifications, or changes made in the written specifications by the County's employees, unless such clarification or change is posted on the County Purchasing website. It shall be Bidder's/Proposer's responsibility to check the website prior to the bid/proposal opening date to verify whether any addendums have been posted.

**22. BID/PROPOSAL IDEAS AND CONCEPTS**

The County reserves the right to adopt or use for its benefits, any concept, plan, or idea contained in any bid/proposal.

**23. BID/PROPOSAL DISCLOSURES**

Results of bids/proposals for the purchase of goods, materials, general services and construction are considered public information at the time of the bid/proposal opening. All information contained in the bid/proposal response is available for public review.

The Proposal for Services: Only the names of those who submitted proposals will be made public information until an award is made by Commissioners' Court and contract executed by the parties. No price, staffing or other proposal information will be released. Proposers are requested to withhold all inquiries regarding their proposal or other submissions until after an award is made. No communication is to be had with any County employee, other than the Purchasing Agent, regarding whether a proposal was received. Violations of this provision may result in the rejection of a proposal.

**24. WITHDRAWAL OF BID/PROPOSAL**

Bidders/Proposers may request withdrawal of a sealed bid/proposal prior to the scheduled bid/proposal opening time provided the request for withdrawal is submitted to the Purchasing Agent in writing. No bids/proposals may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after opening of the bids/proposals.

**25. INDEMNIFICATION**

**A.** The contractor shall agree to assume all risks and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless, the County, its elected and appointed officials and department heads, and its agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, and costs and expenses including reasonable attorney’s fees for the defense thereof in connection therewith on account of the loss of life property or injury or damage to the person which shall arise from contractor’s operations under this contract, its use of County facilities and/or equipment or from any other breach on the part of the contractor, its employees, agents or any person(s) in or about the County’s facilities with the expressed or implied consent of the County. Contractor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against El Paso County resulting from contractor’s operations under this contract.

Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless from all claims of subcontractors, laborers incurred in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of this nature herein above designated have been paid, discharged or waived. If Contractor fails to do so, then the County reserves the right to pay unpaid bills of which County has written notice direct and withhold from Contractor’s unpaid compensations a sum of money reasonably sufficient to liquidate any and all such lawful claims.

**B.** Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.032(b), any successful bidder who is awarded any contract in excess of \$50,000 may be required to execute a performance bond to the County. Said bond shall be in the full amount of the contract and must be furnished within 30 days after the date a purchase order is issued or the contract is signed and prior to commencement of the actual work. A performance bond required pursuant to this section shall be noted in the attached detailed bid specifications or scope of work. This section does not apply to a performance bond required by Chapter 2253, Texas Government Code.

**26. PROOF OF INSURANCE**

Successful proposer agrees to keep in full force and effect, a policy of public liability and property damage insurance issued by a casualty company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and in standard form approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners’ of the State of Texas, with coverage provision insuring the public from any loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of services limits of not less than the following sums:

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY OF EL PASO**

GENERAL LIABILITY:  
\$1,000,000 – Each Occurrence  
\$1,000,000 – General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 – Personal & Advertising Injury  
\$1,000,000 – Products/Completed Operations – Aggregate  
\$5,000 – Premises Medical Expense  
\$500,000 – Fire Legal Damage Liability

County named as “Additional Insured”

Waiver of Subrogation

AUTOMOBILE:

\$1,000,000 – Each Occurrence

County named as “Additional Insured”

Waiver of Subrogation

WORKERS COMPENSATION:

\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Each Accident

\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Each Employee

\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Disease – Policy Limit

Statutory Limits

Waiver of Subrogation

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS additional requirements:

Builders Risk Policy for total amount of completed project

Bid Bond

Performance & Payment Bond

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES additional requirements:

Limit of \$1,000,000 for E&O/Professional Insurance.

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

In the remarks section should include job description or project name and/or number. Successful bidder shall carry in full force Workers’ Compensation Insurance Policy (ies), if there is more than one employee, for all employees, including but not limited to full time, part time, and emergency employees employed by the successful bidder. Current insurance Certificates certifying that such policies as specified above are in full force and effect shall be furnished by successful bidder to the County. Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a best rating of no less than A. The Bidder shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and original endorsements affecting coverage required by these insurance clauses within ten (10) business days of execution of this contract. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The Bidder shall be required to submit annual renewals for the term of this contract prior to expiration of any policy.

In addition to the remedies stated herein, the County has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity. The County agrees to provide Bidder with reasonable and timely notice of any claim, demand, or cause of action made or brought against the County arising out of or related to utilization of the property. Proposer shall have the right to defend any such claim, demand or cause of action at its sole cost and expense and within its sole and exclusive discretion. The County agrees not to compromise or settle any claim or cause of action arising out of or related to the utilization of the property without the prior written consent of the Bidder. In no event shall the County be liable for any damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the Bidder.

**County of El Paso shall be listed as the additional insured on policy certificates and shall be notified of changes to the policy during the contractual period.**

**27. MANDATORY DISCLOSURES:**

Texas law requires the following disclosures by vendors:

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure Reporting (required of all vendors responding to the Bid/RFP/RFQ)**

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity make certain disclosures. In 2015, the Texas Legislature updated the law and the Texas Ethics Commission made corresponding changes to the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ Form), in which the vendor must disclose any covered affiliation or business relationship with County personnel that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. A list of County elected officials and employees that will award the bid/proposal and/or make recommendations for award are included in this bid/proposal. By law, a completed questionnaire must be filed with the County of El Paso County, Texas. If no conflict of interest exists, write "N/A" or "None" in Box 3 of the CIQ Form. For vendor's convenience, a blank CIQ Form is enclosed with this bid/proposal. Blank CIQ Forms may also be obtained by visiting the Purchasing Department website at: <http://epcounty.com/purchasing/bids/default.htm>

**Disclosure of Interested Parties (only required of vendors who are awarded the Bid/RFP/RFQ)**

In 2015, the Texas Legislature added Section 2252.908 to Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code. Pursuant to Section 2252.908, for contracts entered into January 1, 2016 and after, the awarded vendor must submit to the County a completed "Certificate of Interested Parties" form, which will be included in the Commissioners Court agenda at the time the contract is approved and sent to the Texas Ethics Commission within 30 days thereafter.

Compliance with this new requirement requires logging into the Texas Ethics Commission website, at: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm) Several instructional videos are available there.

**28. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

The contractor declares, by signing and submitting a bid/proposal, that the bid/proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid/proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the contractor has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited another contractor to put in a false or sham bid/proposal, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any contractor or anyone else to put in a sham bid/proposal, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the contractor has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communications, or conference with anyone to fix the bid/proposal price of the contractor or any other bidder/proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the bid/proposal price, or of that of any other contractor, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract, that all statements contained in the bid/proposal are true; and further, that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid/proposal price or any breakdown thereof, or the

contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any cooperation, partnership, company association, organization, bid/proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid/proposal.

Non negotiations, decisions, or cautions shall be initiated by any company as a result of any result of any verbal discussion with any County employee prior to the opening of responses to this Request for Bid/Proposal.

No officer or employee of the County, and no other public or elected official, or employee, who may exercise any function or responsibilities in the review or approval of this undertaking, shall have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or negotiation process thereof. The above compliance request will be part of all County contracts for this service.

**29. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

The County specifically reserves any claim it may have to sovereign, qualified, or official immunity as a defense to any action arising in conjunction with this contract.

**30. MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS**

The Bidder/Proposer shall be required to notify the County of any potential for merger or acquisition of which there is knowledge at the time that a bid/proposal is submitted.

If subsequent to the award of any contact resulting from this BID/RFP the Bidder/Proposer shall merge or be acquired by another firm, the following documents must be submitted to the County.

1. Corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded Proposer and the new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices;
2. New Bidder's/Proposer's Federal Identification Number (FEIN); and
3. New Bidder's/Proposer's proposed operating plans.

Moreover, Bidder/Proposer is required to provide the County with notice of any anticipated merger or acquisition as soon as Bidder/Proposer has actual knowledge of the anticipated merger or acquisition. The new Bidder's/Proposer's proposed plan of operation must be submitted prior to merger to allow time for submission of such plan to the Commissioners' Court for its approval.

**31. DELAYS**

The County reserves the right to delay the scheduled commencement date of the contract if it is to the advantage of the County. There shall be no additional costs attributed to these delays should any occur. Bidder/Proposer agrees it will make no claim for damages, for damages for lost revenues, for damages caused by breach of contract with third parties, or any other claim by Bidder/Proposer attributed to these delays, should any occur. In addition, Bidder/Proposer agrees that any contract it enters into with any third party in anticipation of the commencement of the contract will contain a statement that the third party will similarly make no claim for damages based on delay of the scheduled commencement date of the contract.

**32. ACCURACY OF DATA**

Information and data provided through this BID/RFP are believed to be reasonably accurate.

**33. SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT**

Bidder/Proposer shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its contact in whole or in part without prior written permission of Commissioners' Court. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the Bidder/Proposer of any of its responsibilities under this contract.

**34. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Bidder/Proposer expressly acknowledges that it is an independent contractor. Nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an agency relationship, an employer/employee relationship, a joint venture relationship, or any other relationship allowing County to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which Bidder/Proposer or its subcontractors perform in providing the requirements stated in the Request for Bid/Proposal.

**35. MONITORING PERFORMANCE**

The County shall have the unfettered right to monitor and audit the Vendor's work in every respect. In this regard, the Vendor shall provide its full cooperation and insure the cooperation of its employees, agents, assigns, and subcontractors. Further, the Vendor shall make available for inspection and/or copying when requested, original data, records, and accounts relating to the Bidder's/Proposer's work and performance under this contract. In the event any such material is not held by the vendor in its original form, a true copy shall be provided.

**The County of El Paso is an equal opportunity employer.**

**36. PROCUREMENT ETHICS**

**CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING AFFIDAVIT FORM**

**El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Requirement for Vendors:**

Any vendor involved in a single procurement exceeding \$50,000 must read and sign the El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit that is included in each bid/proposal packet. By reading and signing the Affidavit form, the bidder has confirmed that they have been trained in the El Paso County Code of Ethics. The training must be completed by an officer, principal, or other person with the authority to bind the company.

**Optional On-Line Training:** As an alternative to reading and completing the El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit, in compliance with Section 161 of the Texas Local Government Code, the training on the El Paso County Code of Ethics is accessible in an online format to Vendors and Lobbyists on an ongoing basis, subject only to limitations due to technical resources.

**The optional On-Line Training may be accessed and completed at:**

[http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/trainingvendor\\_files/frame.htm](http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/trainingvendor_files/frame.htm)

If completed on-line, the training receipt should be printed out and included with the BID/RFP/RFQ/RFI.

## COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

### **CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING, DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS; FEDERAL DEBT STATUS, AND NONDISCRIMINATION STATUS AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS\***

Instructions for the certifications:

#### General Requirements

The County of El Paso, Texas is required to obtain from all applicants of federal funds or pass-through certifications regarding federal debt status, debarment and suspension, and a drug free workplace. Institutional applicants are required to certify that they will comply with the nondiscrimination statutes and implementing regulations.

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certifications to which they are required to attest. Signature of the form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 21 CFR part 1405, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," 21 CFR part 1414, Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Non procurement), Certification Regarding Federal Debt Status (OMB Circular A-129), and Certification Regarding the Nondiscrimination Statutes and Implementing Regulations. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the County of El Paso determines to award the covered cooperative agreement

#### 1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented in 21 CFR part 1405, for persons entering into a cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 21 CFR Part 1405, the applicant certifies that;

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

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal Grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form -LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-grants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

#### 2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension and implemented at 21 CFR Part 1404, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

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

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to the application.

### 3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

As required by the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 21 CFR Part 1404 Subpart F.

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug free workplace by:

(a). Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug free awareness program to inform employees about:

- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The applicant's policy of maintaining a drug free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a)

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee must

- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such convictions. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice

including position title, to: The County of El Paso, Texas, 500 East San Antonio Street, Suite 406, El Paso, Texas 79901. Notice shall include the identification number of each affected grant

(f) Taking one of the following actions within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

#### 4. CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL DEBT STATUS (OMB Circular A-129)

The Applicant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it is not delinquent in the repayment of any federal debt.

#### 5. CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE NONDISCRIMINATION STATUTES AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

The applicant certifies that it will comply with the following nondiscrimination statues and their implementing regulations: (a) title VI of the Civil right Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000D et seq.) which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant received federal financial assistance; (b) Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; (c) title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972m as amended (20 U.S.C. 1981 et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; and (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 ec seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, except that actions which reasonably take age into account as a factor necessary for the normal operation or achievement of any statutory objective of the project or activity shall not violate this statute.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

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\*All four (4) pages of this document must be included in all responses.

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## HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE

Texas Local Government Code Section 262.0271 states the County may give preference to bidders that provide reasonable health insurance coverage to its employees, over a bidder that doesn't provide such insurance. Complete the questionnaire below if applicable. If not, check box #3.

1. Do you or your subcontractor(s) currently offer health insurance benefits to your employees?

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If so, please describe those health insurance benefits that you or your subcontractor(s) currently provide/offer to your employees.

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2. What percentage, if any, of your of your subcontractor's employees are currently enrolled in the health insurance benefits program?

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3.  **No. The bidder is not requesting the Health Insurance Benefits Preference.**

**Checking Box #3 will not disqualify you from participating in this bid selection process.**

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Business Name

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Date

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Name of Authorized Representative

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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\* This page must be included in all responses.



**COUNTY OF EL PASO**  
County Purchasing Department  
800 East Overland, RM 300  
El Paso TX 79901  
(915) 546-8180 Fax

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RE: Bid #18-039, Construction for the Levee Road Depression Under Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge

Dear Vendor:

The Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 requires all vendors and potential vendors who contract or seek to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with any local government entity to complete and submit a Conflicts of Interest Questionnaire. Attached is a copy of the questionnaire.

In filing out the Questionnaire, the following are the County Officers that will award the bid and the employees which will make a recommendation to the Commissioners' Court:

County Officers: County Judge Ruben J. Vogt  
Commissioner Carlos Leon  
Commissioner David Stout  
Commissioner Vincent M. Perez  
Commissioner Andrew Haggerty

County Employees: Debra Carrejo CPPO, CPPB-Purchasing Agent  
Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent  
Peter Gutierrez, Buyer II  
Betsy Keller, County Administrator  
Elvia Jauregui, Formal Bid Supervisor/Buyer  
Araceli Hernandez, Formal Bid Buyer  
Oscar Avila, Procurement Data Analyst  
Blanca Guereca, Procurement Data Analyst  
Edward Dion, County Auditor  
Barbara Franco, Auditor First Assistant  
Wallace Hardgrove, Budget & Financial Manager  
Lee Shapleigh, Assistant County Attorney  
Diana Shearer, Assistant County Attorney  
Ian R. Kaplin, Assistant County Attorney  
Michael Martinez, Administration  
Lorena Rodriguez, Analyst  
Norma Rivera Palacios, Public Works Director  
Fernando Hernandez, CIP & Design Engineer

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

**FORM CIQ**

**This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.**  
 This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).  
 By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.  
 A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date Received	

**1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.**

**2**  **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.**

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Name of Officer

**4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.**

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes       No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes       No

**5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.**

**6**  Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

**7**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

**Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a):** "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):**

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

**Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)**

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

Effective January 1, 2016, Texas Legislature adopted [House Bill 1295](#), which states that a governmental agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity, unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity. **This Certificate of Interested Parties - Form 1295 must be submitted before the county can enter into the contract**

- The Form 1295 must be submitted online at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm).
- Upon completion, you will be provided a verification printout.
- The printout must be notarized and then submitted to the County of El Paso for verification.

Upon the County's receipt of your notarized Form 1295, the contracting process can begin. Failure to complete and submit the Form 1295 will delay the contract from possibly being awarded and could result in loss of the contract.

**CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

**FORM 1295**

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
<b>1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.</b>	
<b>2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.</b>	

**3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the goods or services to be provided under the contract.**

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

**5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.**

**6 AFFIDAVIT** I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said \_\_\_\_\_, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of officer administering oath      Printed name of officer administering oath      Title of officer administering oath

**ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY**

**COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**

Solicitation Check List

**Bid # 18-039**

**Construction for the Levee Road Depression  
Under Tornillo Guadalupe International Bridge**

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**THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m. August 9, 2018. Did you visit our website ([www.epcounty.com](http://www.epcounty.com)) for any addendums?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign all required Bid Documents?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign the “Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Federal Debt Status, and Nondiscrimination Status And Implementing Regulations” document?

\_\_\_\_\_ If seeking preference, did you sign the “Health Insurance Benefits Questionnaire”?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign and complete the required “Conflict of Interest Questionnaire”?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign and complete the required “Certificate of Interested Parties Form”?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign and complete the required “Ethics Affidavit Form”?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you provide one original and five (5) electronic versions of the complete bid (CD/DVD/Flashdrive) in Word/PDF Format of your response? Electronic copy must reflect the original hard copy.