

CITY OF DULUTH ARCHITECT
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GENERAL CONDITIONS

PART I

101. DEFINITIONS

Wherever used in any of the Contract Documents, the following meanings shall be given to the terms herein defined:

- a. The term "Contract" means the Contract executed by the City of Duluth in its capacity as agent for the City of Duluth and the Contractor, of which these GENERAL CONDITIONS form a part.
- b. The term "City" means the City of Duluth, Minnesota, which is authorized to undertake this Contract and within which the Project Area is situated or any employee of the City of Duluth designated by the City of Duluth for the purpose of inspecting, directing, or having in charge the work embraced in this Contract.
- c. The term "Contractor" means the person, firm, or corporation entering into the Contract with the City to construct and install the Improvements embraced in this Contract.
- d. The term "Project Area" means site within which is specified Contract limits of the Improvements contemplated to be constructed in whole or in part under this Contract.
- e. The term "Architect" means the architect or engineer licensed to practice architecture or engineering and serving the City with architectural or engineering services, or his authorized representative or successor.
- f. The term "Change Order" means a written order to the Contractor, signed by the City, issued after execution of the Contract, authorizing and directing a change in the Work or an

adjustment in the contract sum or the contract time. The contract sum and the contract time may be changed only by Change Order.

- g. The term "Contract Documents" means and shall include the following: Executed Agreement, Addenda (if any), Invitation for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Signed Copy of Bid, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, and Drawings (as listed in the Schedule of Drawings), and all requested submittals such as Certificate of Insurance, performance and payment bonds, EEO Affirmative Action Policy Statement & Compliance Certificate, Certificate of Non-Collusion.
- h. The term "Drawings" means the drawings listed in the Schedule of Drawings.
- i. The term "Field Order" means a written interpretation necessary for the proper execution of the Work, in the form of drawings or otherwise issued to the Contractor by the City or the Architect.
- j. The term "Technical Specifications" means that part of the Contract Documents which describes, outlines and stipulates the quality of the materials to be furnished, the quality of workmanship required, and the methods to be used in carrying out the construction work to be performed under this Contract.
- k. The term "Addenda" or "Addendum" means any changes, revisions or clarifications of the Contract Documents which have been duly issued by the City to prospective Bidders prior to time of receiving Bids.
- l. The term "Work" means all labor necessary to produce the construction required by the Contract Documents, and all materials and equipment incorporated in such construction.

102. SUPERINTENDENCE BY CONTRACTOR

- a. Except where the Contractor is an individual and gives his personal superintendence to the work, the Contractor shall provide a competent superintendent, satisfactory to the City and the Architect, on the work at all times during working hours with full authority to act for him. The Contractor shall also provide an adequate staff for the proper coordination and expediting of his work.

- b. The Contractor shall lay out his own work and he shall be responsible for all work executed by him under the Contract. He shall verify all figures and elevations before proceeding with the work and will be held responsible for any error resulting from his failure to do so.

103. SUBCONTRACTS

- a. The Contractor shall not execute an agreement with any subcontractor, or permit any subcontractor to perform any work included in this contract until he has submitted a non-collusion affidavit from the subcontractor in substantially the form attached and has received written approval of such subcontractor from the City.
- b. No proposed subcontractor shall be disapproved by the City except for cause.
- c. The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the Owner for the acts and omissions of his subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as he is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by him.
- d. The Contractor shall cause appropriate provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts relative to the work to require compliance by each subcontractor with the applicable provisions of this Contract.
- e. Nothing contained in this Contract shall create any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the City.

104. OTHER CONTRACTS

The City may award, or may have awarded, other contracts for additional work, and the Contractor shall cooperate fully with such other Contractors, by scheduling his own work with that to be performed under other Contracts as may be directed by the City. The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act which will interfere with the performance of work by any other Contractor as scheduled.

105. FITTING AND COORDINATION OF THE WORK

The Contractor shall be responsible for the proper fitting of all work and for the coordination of the operations of all trades, subcontractors, or materialmen engaged upon this Contract. He shall be prepared to guarantee to each of his subcontractors the locations and measurements which they may require for the fitting of their work to all surrounding work.

106. MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTORS

If, through acts or neglect on the part of the Contractor, any other Contractor or any subcontractor shall suffer loss or damage on the work, the Contractor shall settle with such other Contractor or subcontractor by agreement or arbitration, if such other Contractor or subcontractor will so settle. If such other Contractor or subcontractor shall assert any claim against the City on account of damage alleged to have been so sustained, the City shall notify this Contractor, who shall defend at his own expense any suit based upon such claim, and, if any judgement or claims against the City shall be allowed, the Contractor shall pay or satisfy such judgement or claim and pay all costs and expenses in connection therewith.

107. PROGRESS SCHEDULE

The Contractor shall submit for approval immediately after execution of the Agreement, a carefully prepared Progress Schedule, showing the proposed dates of starting and of completing each of the various sections of the work, the anticipated monthly payments to become due the Contractor and the accumulated percent of progress each month.

108. PAYMENTS

1. Partial Payments.

- a. The Contractor shall prepare his requisition of partial payment as of the last day of the month and submit it, with the required number of copies, to the City contracting officer for his approval. The amount of the payment due the Contractor shall be determined by adding to the total value of work completed to date, the value of materials properly stored on the site and deducting (1) five percent (5%) of the total amount, this sum to be retained until final payment and (2) the amount of all previous payments. The total

value of the work completed to date shall be based on the estimated quantities of work completed and on the unit prices contained in the agreement. The value of materials properly stored on site shall be based upon the estimated quantities of such materials and the invoice prices. Copies of all invoices shall be available for the inspection of the Architect and the City.

- b. Monthly or partial payments made by the City to the Contractor are moneys advanced for the purpose of assisting the Contractor to expedite the work of construction. The Contractor shall be responsible for the care and protection of all materials and work upon which payments have been made until final acceptance of such work and materials by the City. Such payments shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the City to require the fulfillment of all terms of the Contract and the delivery of all improvements embraced in this Contract complete and satisfactory to the City in all details.

2. Final Payment.

- a. After final inspection and acceptance by the Architect and the City of all work under the Contract, the Contractor shall prepare his requisition for final payment which shall be based upon the carefully measured and computed quantity of each item of work at the applicable unit prices stipulated in the Agreement. The total amount of the final payment due the Contractor under this Contract shall be the amount computed as described above less all previous payments. Final payment to the Contractor shall be made subject to his furnishing the City with a release in satisfactory form of all claims against the City arising under and by virtue of his contract, other than such claims, if any, as may be specifically excepted by the Contractor from the operation of the release as provided under Section 113 hereof.
- b. The City, before paying the final estimate, may require the Contractor to furnish releases or receipts from all subcontractors having performed any work and all persons having supplied materials, equipment (installed on the Project) and services to the Contractor, if the City deems the same necessary in order to protect its interest. The City, however, may if it deems such action advisable make payment in part or in full to the Contractor without requiring the furnishing of such releases or receipts and any

payments so made shall in no way impair the obligations of any surety or sureties furnished under this Contract.

- c. Withholding of any amount due the City under Section 403, entitled ALiquidated Damages@, under SPECIAL CONDITIONS, shall be deducted from the final payment due the Contractor.

3. Withholding Payments

The City may withhold from any payment otherwise due the Contractor so much as may be necessary to protect the City and if it so elects may also withhold any amounts due from the Contractor to any subcontractors or material dealers, for work performed or material furnished by them. The foregoing provisions shall be construed solely for the benefit of the City and will not require the City to determine or adjust any claims or disputes between the Contractor and his subcontractors or material dealers, or to withhold any moneys for their protection unless the City elects to do so. The failure or refusal of the City to withhold any moneys from the Contractor shall in no wise impair the obligations of any surety or sureties under any bond or bonds furnished under this Contract.

4. Payments Subject to Submission of Certificates.

Each payment to the Contractor by the City shall be made subject to submissions by the Contractor of all written certifications required of him and his subcontractors by Section II, Part II Supplementary General Conditions for Federally Assisted Activities.

109. CHANGES IN THE WORK

- a. The City may make changes in the scope of work required to be performed by the Contractor under the Contract by making additions thereto, or by omitting work therefrom, without invalidating the Contract, and without relieving the Contractor from any of his obligations under the Contract or any guarantee given by him pursuant to the Contract provisions, and without affecting the validity of the guaranty bonds, and without relieving or releasing the surety or sureties of said bonds. All such work shall be executed under the terms of the original Contract unless is expressly provided otherwise.

- b. Except for the purpose of affording protection against any emergency endangering health, life, or property, the Contractor shall make no change in the materials used or in the specified manner of constructing and/or installing the Improvements or supply additional labor, services, or materials beyond that actually required for the execution of the Contract, unless in pursuance of a written order from the City authorizing the Contractor to proceed with the change. No claim for an adjustment of the Contract Price will be valid unless so ordered.
- c. If applicable unit prices are contained in the Agreement (established as a result of either a unit price bid or a Supplement Schedule of Unit Prices), the City shall order the Contractor to proceed with desired changes in the work, the value of such changes to be determined by the measured quantities involved and the applicable unit prices specified in the Contract; provided that, in case of a unit price contract the net value of all changes does not increase or decrease the original total amount shown in the Agreement by more than twenty-five percent (25%) in accordance with Section entitled Unit Prices, under INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.
- d. If applicable unit prices are not contained in the Agreement or if the total net change increases or decreases the total Contract Price more than twenty-five (25%), the City shall, before ordering the Contractor to proceed with desired changes, request an itemized proposal from him covering the work involved in the change after which the procedure shall be as follows:
 - (1) If the proposal is acceptable, the City will prepare the change order in accordance therewith for acceptance by the Contractor.
 - (2) If the proposal is not acceptable and prompt agreement between the two parties cannot be reached, the City may order the Contractor to proceed with the work on a cost-plus-limited basis; provided that this basis shall not apply to costs incurred by Contractor for any work done by any subcontractor, which work may proceed under the basis set forth in sub-subparagraph (3) below. A cost-plus-limited basis is defined as the net cost of the Contractor=s labor, materials, and insurance plus fifteen percent (15%) of said net cost to cover overhead and profit, the total cost not to exceed a specified limit.

(3) If the proposal of the Contractor is not acceptable in whole or part because of the proposals of one or more of the subcontractors and prompt agreement between the two parties cannot be reached, the City may order the Contractor to proceed with the work and reimburse Contractor for work done by any subcontractor on the basis of that subcontractor's net cost of labor, materials, and insurance plus twenty percent (20%) of said net cost to cover overhead and profit, the total cost not to exceed a specified limit. Contractor shall supply all data to City which is necessary to determine any such subcontractor=s net costs.

e. Each change order shall include in its final form:

- (1) A detailed description of the change in the work.
- (2) The Contractor's proposal (if any) of a confirmed copy thereof.
- (3) A definite statement as to the resulting change in the Contract price and/or time.
- (4) The statement that all work involved in the change shall be performed in accordance with the Contract requirements except as modified by the change order.

110. CLAIMS FOR EXTRA COST

- a. If the Contractor claims that any instructions by Drawings or otherwise involve extra cost or extension of time, he shall, within ten (10) days after the receipt of such instructions, and in any event before proceeding to execute the work, submit his protest thereto in writing to the City, stating clearly and in detail the basis of his objections. No such claim will be considered unless so made.
- b. Claims for additional compensation for extra work, due to alleged errors in ground elevations, contour lines, or bench marks, will not be recognized unless accompanied by certified survey data, made prior to the time the original ground was disturbed, clearly showing that errors exist which resulted, or would result, in handling more material, or performing more work, than would be reasonably estimated from the Drawings and maps issued.

- c. Any discrepancies which may be discovered between actual conditions and those represented by the documents shall at once be reported to the City and work shall not proceed, except at the Contractor's risk, until written instructions have been received by him from the City.
- d. If, on the basis of the available evidence, the City determines that an adjustment of the Contract Price and/or time is justifiable, the procedure shall then be as provided in Section 109 hereof.

111. TERMINATION, DELAYS, AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- a. Termination of Contract. If the Contractor refuses or fails to execute the work with such diligence as will insure its completion within the time specified in these Contract Documents, or as modified as provided in these Contract Documents, the City, by written notice to the Contractor, may terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the work. Upon such termination, the City may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and the Contractor and his sureties shall be liable to the City for any additional cost incurred by the City in its completion of the work and they shall also be liable to the City for liquidated damages for any delay in the completion of the work as provided below. If the Contractor's right to proceed is terminated, the City may take possession of and utilize in completing the work such materials, tools, equipment, and plant as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefor.
- b. Liquidated Damages for Delays. If the work is not completed within the time stipulated in Section 7 (Special Conditions) hereof, including any extensions of time for excusable delays as herein provided, the Contractor shall pay to the City as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages (it being impossible to determine the actual damages occasioned by the delay) for each calendar day of delay, until the work is completed, the amount as set forth in Section 7 (Special Conditions) hereof and the Contractor and his sureties shall be liable to the City for the amount thereof.

c. Excusable Delays. The right of the Contractor to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with liquidated damages for any delays in the completion of the work due:

(1) To any acts of the Government, including controls or restrictions upon or requisitioning of materials, equipment, tools, or labor by reason of war, National Defense, or any other national emergency;

(2) To any acts of the City;

(3) To causes not reasonably foreseeable by the parties to this Contract at the time of the execution of the Contract which are beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including, but not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of another Contractor in their performance of some other contract with the City, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and weather of unusual severity such as hurricanes, tornadoes, cyclones, and other extreme weather conditions; and

(4) To any delay of any subcontractor occasioned by any of the causes specified in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this paragraph "c".

Provided, however, that the Contractor promptly notify the City in writing within ten (10) days the cause of the delay. Upon receipt of such notification, the City shall ascertain the facts and the cause of the delay. If, upon the basis of facts and the terms of the Contract, the delay is properly excusable, the City shall extend the time for completing the work for a period of time commensurate with the period of excusable delay.

112. ASSIGNMENT OR NOVATION

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer, whether by an assignment or novation, any of its rights, duties, benefits, obligations, liabilities, or responsibilities under this Contract without the

written consent of the City; provided, however, that assignments to banks, trust companies, or other financial institutions may be made without the consent of the City. No assignment or novation expressly provides that the assignment of any of the Contractor's rights or benefits under the Contract is subject to a prior lien for labor performed, services rendered, and materials, tools, and equipment supplied for the performance of the work under this Contract in favor of all persons, firms, or corporations rendering such labor or services or supplying such materials, tools, or equipment.

113. DISPUTES

- a. All disputes arising under this Contract or its interpretation, whether involving law or fact or both, or extra work, and all claims for alleged breach of contract shall, within ten (10) days of the first event giving rise to the dispute, be presented by the Contractor to the City for decision. All papers pertaining to claims shall be filed in quadruplicate. Such notice need not detail the amount of the claim but shall state the facts surrounding the claim in sufficient detail to identify the claim together with its character and scope. In the meantime, the Contractor shall proceed with the work as directed by the City. Any claim not presented within the time limit specified within this paragraph shall be deemed to have been waived, except that if the claim is of a continuing character and notice of the claim is not given within ten (10) days of the first event giving rise to it, the claim will be considered only for a period commencing ten (10) days prior to the receipt by the City of notice thereof.
- b. The Contractor shall submit in detail his claim and his proof thereof. Each decision by the City will be in writing and will be mailed to the Contractor by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, directed to his last known address or actually delivered to Contractor or its managing agent. All interpretations or decisions of the City shall be consistent with the Contract and its intent.
- c. If the Contractor does not agree with any decision of the City, he shall in no case allow the dispute to delay the work but shall notify the City promptly that he is proceeding with the work under protest and he may then accept the matter in question from the final release. If

the Contractor does not agree with any decision of the City, he may submit the matter to arbitration no later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the Contractor received the City's decision; provided, however, that the City shall not be required to submit to arbitration without its prior written consent; and if the City does consent to arbitration, then the Contractor shall pay all costs of such arbitration.

114. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS

Anything mentioned in the Technical Specifications and not shown on the Drawings, or shown on the Drawings and not mentioned in the Technical Specifications, shall be of like effect as if shown on or mentioned in both. In case of difference between Drawings and Technical Specifications, the Technical Specifications shall govern. In case of any discrepancy on Drawings or Technical Specifications, the matter shall be immediately submitted to the City, without whose decision, said discrepancy shall not be adjusted by the Contractor, save only at his own risk and expense.

115. SHOP DRAWINGS

- a. All required shop drawings, machinery details, layout drawings, etc. shall be submitted to the Architect or the City, as directed by the City, in two copies for approval sufficiently in advance of requirements to afford ample time for checking, including time for correcting, resubmitting and rechecking if necessary. The Contractor may proceed, only at his own risk, with manufacture or installation of any equipment or work covered by said shop drawings, etc. until they are approved and no claim, by the Contractor, for extension of the Contract time will be granted by reason of his failure in this respect.
- b. Any drawing submitted without the Contractor's stamp of approval will not be considered and will be returned to him for proper resubmission. If any drawings show variations from the requirements of the Contract because of standard shop practice or other reason, the Contractor shall make specific mention of such variation in his letter of transmittal in order that, if acceptable, suitable action may be taken for proper adjustment of contract price

and/or time, otherwise the Contractor will not be relieved of the responsibility for executing the work in accordance with the Contract even though the drawings have been approved.

- c. If a shop drawing with the Contractor involves only a minor adjustment in the interest of the City not involving a change in Contract price or time, the Architect may approve the drawing. The approval shall be general, shall not relieve the Contractor from his responsibility for adherence to the Contract or for any error in the drawing and shall contain in substance the following:

"The modification shown on the attached drawing is approved in the interest of the City to effect an improvement for the Project and is ordered with the understanding that it does not involve any change in the Contract price or time; that it is subject generally to all Contract stipulation and covenants; and that it is without prejudice to any and all rights of the City under the Contract and surety bond or bonds."

116. REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to make timely requests of the City for any additional information not already in his possession which should be furnished by the City under the terms of this Contract, and which he will require in the planning and execution of the work. Such requests may be submitted in writing from time to time as the need is approached, but each shall be filed in ample time to permit appropriate action to be taken by all parties involved so as to avoid delay. Each request shall be in writing, and list the various items and the latest date by which each will be required by the Contractor. The first list shall be submitted within two (2) weeks after Contract award and shall be as complete as possible at that time. The Contractor shall, if requested, furnish promptly any assistance and information the City may require in responding to these requests of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be fully responsible for any delay in his work or to others arising from his failure to comply fully with the provisions of this Section.

117. MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP