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.
I. 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 “Liquidated 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

a. Unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Technical Specifications, all workmanship, equipment, materials and articles incorporated in the work shall be new and the best grade of the respective kinds for the purpose. Where equipment, materials, articles or workmanship are referred to in the Technical Specifications as equal to any particular standard, the City shall decide the question of equality.

b. The Contractor shall furnish to the City for approval the manufacturer's detailed specifications for all machinery, mechanical and other special equipment, which he contemplates installing together with full information as to type, performance characteristics, and all other pertinent information as required, and shall likewise submit for approval as required full information concerning all other materials or articles which he proposes to incorporate in the work. (See Section 118 hereof)

c. Machinery, mechanical and other equipment, materials or articles installed or used without such prior approval shall be at the risk of subsequent rejection.

d. Materials specified by reference to the number or symbol of a specific standard, such as A.S.T.M. Standard, a Federal Specification or other similar standard, shall comply with requirements in the latest revision thereof and any amendment or supplement thereto in effect on the date of the Invitation for Bids, except as limited to type, class or grade, or modified in such reference. The Standards referred to, except as modified in the Technical Specifications shall have full force and effect as though printed therein.

e. The City may require the Contractor to dismiss from the work such employee or employees as the City may deem incompetent, or careless, or insubordinate.
118. SAMPLES, CERTIFICATES AND TESTS

a. The Contractor shall submit all material or equipment samples, certificates, affidavits, etc. as called for in the Contract Documents or required by the Architect, promptly after award of the Contract and acceptance of the Contractor's Bond. No such material or equipment shall be manufactured or delivered to the site, except at the Contractor's own risk, until the required samples or certificates have been approved in writing by the City or the Architect. Any delay in the work caused by late or improper submission of samples or certificates for approval shall not be considered just cause for an extension of the contract time.

Each sample submitted by the Contractor shall carry a label giving the name of the Contractor, the project for which it is intended, and the name of the producer. The accompanying certificate or letter from the Contractor shall state that the sample complies with Contract requirements, shall give the name and brand of the product, its place of origin, the name and address of the producer and all specifications or other detailed information which will assist the Architect or the City in passing upon the acceptability of the sample promptly. It shall also include the statement that all materials or equipment furnished for use in the project will comply with the samples and/or certified statements.

b. Approval of any materials shall be general only and shall not constitute a waiver of the City’s right to demand full compliance with Contract requirements. After actual deliveries, the City or the Architect will have such check tests made as they deem necessary in each instance and may reject materials and equipment and accessories for cause, even though such materials and equipment have been given general approval. If materials, equipment or accessories which fail to meet check tests have been incorporated in the work, the City or the Architect will have the right to cause their removal and replacement by proper materials or to demand and secure such reparation by the Contractor as is equitable.

c. Except as otherwise specifically stated in the Contract, the costs of sampling and testing will be divided as follows:

(1) The Contractor shall furnish without extra cost, including packing and delivery charges, all samples required for testing purposes, except those samples taken on the project by the City or the Architect;

(2) The Contractor shall assume all costs of retesting materials which fail to meet Contract requirements;

(3) The Contractor shall assume all costs of testing materials offered in substitution for those found deficient; and

(4) The City will pay for all other testing expenses.

119. CARE OF WORK

a. The Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of his fault or negligence in connection with the prosecution of the work and shall be responsible for the proper care and protection of all work performed until completion
and final acceptance, whether or not the same has been covered in whole or in part by payments made by the City.

b. In an emergency affecting the safety of life, limb or property, including adjoining property, the Contractor, without special instructions or authorization from the City is authorized to act at his own discretion to prevent such threatened loss or injury, and he shall so act. He shall likewise act if instructed to do so by the City. Any compensation claimed by the Contractor on account of such emergency work will be determined by the City as provided in Section 109 hereof.

c. The Contractor shall avoid damage as a result of his operations to existing sidewalks, streets, curbs, pavements, utilities (except those which are to be replaced or removed), adjoining property, etc., and he shall at his own expense completely repair any damage thereto caused by his operations.

d. The Contractor shall shore up, brace, underpin, secure and protect as may be necessary all foundations and other parts of existing structures adjacent to, adjoining, and in the vicinity of the site, which may be in any way affected by the excavations or other operations connected with the construction of the Improvements embraced in this Contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for the giving of any and all required notices to any adjacent or adjoining property owner or other party before the commencement of any work. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the City from any damages on account of settlements or the loss of lateral support of adjoining property and from all loss or expense and all damages for which the City may become liable in consequence of such injury or damage to adjoining structures and their premises.

120. ACCIDENT PREVENTION

a. The Contractor shall exercise proper precaution at all times for the protection of persons and property and shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property, either on or off the site, which occur as a result of his fault or negligence in connection with the prosecution of the work. The safety provisions of applicable Federal, State and local laws and ordinances and building and construction codes shall be observed and the Contractor shall take or cause to be taken such additional safety and health measures as the City may determine to be reasonably necessary. Machinery, equipment, and all hazards shall be guarded in accordance with the safety provisions of the Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction published by the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., to the extent that such provisions are not in conflict with applicable local laws.

b. The Contractor shall maintain an accurate record of all cases of death, occupational disease, and injury requiring medical attention or causing loss of time from work, arising out of and in the course of employment on work under the Contract. The Contractor shall promptly furnish the Owner with reports concerning these matters.

121. SANITARY FACILITIES

The Contractor shall furnish, install, and maintain ample sanitary facilities for the workmen. As the needs arise a sufficient number of enclosed temporary toilets shall be conveniently placed as required by the sanitary codes of the State and Local Government. Drinking
water shall be provided from an approved source, so piped or transported as to keep it safe and fresh and served from single service containers or satisfactory types of sanitary drinking stands or fountains. All such facilities and services shall be furnished in strict accordance with existing and governing health regulations.

122. USE OF PREMISES

a. The Contractor shall confine his equipment, storage of materials, and construction operations to the Contract limits as shown on the Drawings and as prescribed by ordinances or permits, or as may be directed by the City, and shall not unreasonably encumber the site or public rights of way with his materials and construction equipment.

b. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable instructions of the City and the ordinances and codes of the Local Government regarding signs, advertising, traffic, fires, explosives, danger signals, barricades.

123. REMOVAL OF DEBRIS, CLEANING, ETC.

The Contractor shall, periodically or as directed during the progress of the work, remove and legally dispose of all surplus excavated material and debris, and keep the Project Area and public rights of way reasonably clear. Upon completion of the work, he shall remove all temporary construction facilities, debris and unused materials provided for the work, and put the whole site of the work and public rights of way in a neat and clean condition. Trash burning on the site of the work will be subject to prior approval of the City and existing State and local regulations.

124. INSPECTION

a. All materials and workmanship shall be subject to inspection, examination or test by the City or the Architect at any and all times during manufacture or construction and at any and all places where such manufacture or construction is carried on. The City shall have the right to reject defective or substandard material and workmanship or require its correction. Unacceptable workmanship shall be satisfactorily corrected. Rejected material shall be promptly segregated and removed from the Project Area and replaced with material of specified quality without charge therefor. If the Contractor fails to proceed at once with the correction of rejected workmanship or defective material, the City may contract or otherwise have the defects remedied or rejected materials removed from the Project Area and charge the cost of the same against any moneys which may be due the Contractor, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the City.

b. The Contractor shall furnish promptly all materials reasonably necessary for any tests which may be required. (See Section 118 hereof). All tests by the City will be performed in such a manner as not to delay the work unnecessarily and will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Technical Specifications.

c. The Contractor shall notify the City sufficiently in advance of back-filling or concealing any facilities to permit proper inspection. If any facilities are concealed without approval or consent by the City, the Contractor shall uncover for inspection and recover such facilities all at his own expense, when so requested by the City.
Should it be considered necessary or advisable by the City at any time before final acceptance of the entire work to make an examination of work already completed by uncovering the same, the Contractor shall on request promptly furnish all necessary facilities, labor, and material. If such work is found to be defective in any important or essential respect, due to fault of the Contractor or his subcontractors, the Contractor shall defray all the expenses of such examination and of satisfactory reconstruction. If, however, such work is found to meet the requirements of the Contract, the actual cost of labor and material necessarily involved in the examination and replacement, plus 15 percent of such costs to cover superintendence, general expenses, and profit, shall be allowed the Contractor and he shall, in addition, if completion of the work of the entire Contract has been delayed thereby, be granted a suitable extension of time on account of the additional work involved.

d. Inspection of materials and appurtenances to be incorporated in the Improvements embraced in this Contract may be made at the place of production, manufacture or shipment, whenever the quantity justifies it, and such inspection and acceptance, unless otherwise stated in the Technical Specifications, shall be final, except as regards (1) latent defects, (2) departures from specific requirements of the Contract, (3) damage or loss in transit, or (4) fraud or such gross mistakes as amount to fraud. Subject to the requirements contained in the preceding sentence, the inspection of materials as a whole or in part will be made at the Project Site.

e. Neither inspection, testing, approval nor acceptance of the work in whole or in part, by the City or its agents shall relieve the Contractor or his sureties of full responsibility for materials furnished or work performed not in strict accordance with the Contract.

125. REVIEW BY THE CITY

The City, its authorized representatives and agents, and the Architect, shall, at all times have access to and be permitted to observe and review all work, materials, equipment, payrolls, personnel records, employment conditions, and other relevant data and records pertaining to this Contract; provided, however, that all instructions and approvals with respect to work will be given to the Contractor only by the City through its authorized representative or agents.

126. FINAL INSPECTION

When the work embraced in this Contract is substantially completed, the Contractor shall notify the City in writing that the work will be ready for final inspection on a definite date which shall be stated in such notice. The notice shall bear the signed concurrence of the representative of the City having charge of inspection. If the City determines that the status of the Improvements is as represented, it will make the arrangements necessary to have final inspection commenced on the date stated in such notice, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

127. DEDUCTION FOR UNCORRECTED WORK

If the City deems it not expedient to require the Contractor to correct work not done in accordance with the Contract Documents, an equitable deduction from the Contract Price
will be made by agreement between the Contractor and the City and subject to settlement, in case of dispute, as herein provided.

128. TIME

a. The Contract Time is the period of time allotted in the Contract for completion of the Work. The date of commencement of the Work is the date established in a notice to proceed issued by the City to the Contractor. The Contractor shall begin the Work upon receipt of the notice to proceed.

b. The term "day" as used herein shall mean calendar day.

c. If a date of completion is included in the Contract, it shall be the Date of Substantial Completion of the Work, including authorized extensions thereto. The "Date of Substantial Completion of the Work" is the date certified by the City when construction is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract, so the City may occupy the Work for the use for which it is intended.

129. INSURANCE

The Contractor shall carry the following insurance, at his expense, and no direct payment for premiums shall be made by the City. Carriage of such insurance shall in no way alleviate the Contractor of his responsibilities under the contract.

a. The Contractor will be required to carry insurance of the kinds and in the amounts hereinafter specified. The Contractor shall not commence work under the contract until he has obtained all the insurance required by these specifications and until such insurance has been approved by the City Attorney, nor shall the Contractor allow any subcontractor to commence work on his subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor shall have been so obtained and approved.

b. Insurance

The Contractor shall provide Commercial General Liability in an amount not less than $1,500,000.00 combined single limit and Automobile Liability Insurance in an amount not less than $1,500,000.00 combined single limit shall be in a company licensed to do business in Minnesota; and shall provide for the following: Liability for Premises, Operations, Completed Operations, Independent Contractors, and Contractual Liability. Property damage coverage for explosion, collapse, and underground to be included. City of Duluth shall be named as Additional Insured under the Commercial General Liability policy. Contractor shall also provide evidence of Statutory Workers’ Compensation Insurance. Contractor to provide Certificate of Insurance evidencing such coverage with 30-day notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change provision included.

c. Subcontractor’s Insurance

In the event any work contemplated by the contract is sublet, the Contractor shall have the duty to assure that the subcontractors provide insurance in accord with the minimum requirements hereinabove imposed on the Contractor.
d. Proof of Insurance
The Contractor shall not proceed with the work contemplated in this contract until he has furnished the City Attorney of the City of Duluth with satisfactory proof of the existence and carriage of insurance of the kinds and in the amounts specified.

e. Indemnification
The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the City and all of its officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions or claims of any character, name and description brought for on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons or property, by or from the act or acts of said Contractor, or by or in consequence of any negligence in safeguarding the work, or through the use of unacceptable materials in constructing the work, or by or on account of any act or omission, neglect or misconduct of said Contractor, or from any claims or amount arising or recovered under the Workmen’s Compensation Law or any other law, by-law, ordinance, order or decree, and so much of the money due the said Contractor under and by virtue of his contract, as shall be considered necessary by the City may be retained for the use of the City or in case no money is due, his surety shall be held until such suit or suits, action or actions, claim or claims, for injuries or damages as aforesaid, shall have been settled and suitable evidence to that effect furnished to the City. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the City from any and all losses caused by or on account of any claims or amounts recovered for any infringement of patent, trademark, or copyright.

The unauthorized use by the Contractor of public or private property for any purpose may be considered an injury or damage to the property so used.

130. PATENTS

The Contractor shall hold and save the City, its officers, employees, representatives and agents, and the Architect, harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for, or on account of, any patented or unpatented invention, process, article, or appliance manufactured or used in the performance of the Contract, including its use by the City, unless otherwise specifically stipulated in the Technical Specifications.

131. WARRANTY

No material, supplies, or equipment to be installed or furnished under this Contract shall be purchased subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sale, lease-purchase or other agreement by which an interest therein or in any part thereof is retained by the seller or supplier. The Contractor shall warrant good title to all materials, supplies, and equipment installed or incorporated in the work and upon completion of all work, shall deliver the same together with all improvements and appurtenances constructed or placed thereon by him to the City free from any claims, liens, or charges. Neither the Contractor nor any person, firm or corporation furnishing any material or labor for any work covered by this Contract shall have any right to a lien upon any improvement or appurtenance thereon. Nothing contained in this paragraph, however, shall defeat or impair the right of persons furnishing materials or labor to recover under any bond given by the Contractor for their protection or any rights under any law permitting such persons to look to funds due the Contractor in the hands of the City. The provisions of this paragraph shall be inserted in all subcontracts and material
contracts and notices for the work when no formal contract is entered into for such materials.

132. GENERAL GUARANTY

a. Neither the final certificate of payment nor any provisions in the Contract nor partial or entire use of the improvements embraced in this Contract by the City or the public shall constitute an acceptance of liability in respect to any express warranties or responsibility for faulty materials or workmanship. The Contractor shall promptly remedy any defects in the work and pay for any damage to other work resulting therefrom which subsequently appears. The City will give notice of defective materials and work with reasonable promptness.

b. If, within one year after the Date of Substantial Completion or within such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract, any of the Work is found to be defective or not in accordance with the specifications of the Contract, the Contractor shall correct it promptly upon receipt of a written notice from the City to do so, unless the City has previously given the Contractor a written acceptance of such condition or work.

133. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

**Waste Disposal**

The SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the most recent Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) waste disposal requirements and include said disposal requirements in the project’s base bid specifications. Waste material, including but not limited to: construction/demolition debris, asbestos-containing material, residential lead paint waste, hazardous waste, and above- and under-ground tanks, shall be disposed of at MPCA-permitted landfill sites only. Copies of all notification, shipment, and landfill receipt records shall be maintained in the subrecipient’s project file.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155  
(800) 657-3864

a. **Construction/Demolition Waste.** Construction/demolition debris will be disposed of at a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) permitted landfill site only, with copies of all landfill receipts for said debris maintained in the subrecipient's project file. *(Solid Waste Management Rules, Chapter 7001 & 7035)*

b. **Asbestos-Containing Waste.** All asbestos removal and disposal shall be in strict accordance with all applicable permits. The contract bidder shall include the price of all permits, testing, removal, and disposal in the project base bid.

- Project asbestos-containing material removal pursuant to USEPA 40 CFR 61.145 Standard for Demolition and Renovation.
- All asbestos-containing waste material shall be disposed of pursuant to USEPA 40 CFR 61.150 at a MPCA permitted landfill site only, in accordance with the provisions of USEPA 40 CFR 61.154.
- For all asbestos-containing material, a copy of the MPCA Notification of Demolition and Renovation record and all Waste Shipment records shall be maintained in the subrecipient's project file.
c. **Hazardous Waste Material.** The MPCA shall be contacted for instructions on handling and disposing of materials containing Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) or any other identified/encountered hazardous materials. A copy of all correspondence and disposal records shall be maintained in the subrecipient's project file.

- [MPCA Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet Checklist -- August 1993](#)

d. **Above and Below Ground Storage Tanks.** The MPCA Tanks and Spills Section shall be contacted for instructions on handling or removal of all above- and underground tanks identified/encountered. A copy of all correspondence and disposal records shall be maintained in the subrecipient's project file.

e. **Residential Lead Paint Waste.** Projects whose activities produce residential lead paint waste are responsible for the management and proper disposal of the waste at an MPCA permitted landfill site only, pursuant to Minn. Stat. sections 116.87, 116.875, 116.88. A copy of the Residential Lead Abatement Notification and Shipping forms shall be maintained in the subrecipient's project file.

134. **CONTRACTOR’S RECORDS**

The contractor agrees that, as provided in Minnesota Statutes 16C.05, Subd. 5, contractor’s books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices are subject to examination by the city or the state auditor for six years from the date of execution of this contract.

(End of General Conditions)