

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Public Works

BOARD AGENDA # *C-1

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE April 28, 2015

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Adopt Plans and Specifications, Approval to Adopt Findings Concluding R.A. Nemetz Construction is a Non Responsible Bidder, and Approve the Award of the Construction Contract for the Pete Miller Road Bridge at Delta Mendota Canal Project, Federal Aid Project No. BRLOZ-5938(156) to Viking Construction Company of Rancho Cordova, California

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt the Plans and Specifications for the Pete Miller Road Bridge at Delta Mendota Canal Project.
2. Adopt Findings of staff in the Evaluation of Good Faith Efforts, dated January 30, 2015, concluding R.A. Nemetz Construction is a Non Responsible Bidder.
3. Approve the award of the contract in the amount of \$636,704.70 to Viking Construction Company of Rancho Cordova, California, for the construction of the Pete Miller Road Bridge at Delta Mendota Canal Project, Federal Aid Project No. BRLOZ-5938(156), subject to receipt of appropriate insurance and bonds.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs associated to assure the delivery of this project are in the amount of \$850,376.50, (\$636,704.70 contract; \$150,000 construction engineering; and \$63,670.80 for contingency). An Authorization to Proceed (E-76) has been secured from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the construction phase of the project in the amount of \$709,185. These funds are from the Caltrans Highway Bridge Program (HBP) and Local Seismic Safety Retrofit Program (LSSRP). Public Works will request that Caltrans obligate additional funds to increase the Federal participation for the project.

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2015-187

On motion of Supervisor De Martini, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, De Martini, and Chairman Withrow

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED):

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a contract with Viking Construction Company, for \$636,704.70 and sign necessary documents.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute change orders, not to exceed 10%, in accordance with Public Contract Code, Section 20142 and 20137.
6. Upon project completion, authorize the Director of Public Works to accept the completed improvements and perform all necessary closeout activities.

FISCAL IMPACT (CONTINUED):

An increased Federal participation will fulfill the contract obligation with Viking Construction Company and cover the construction engineering, contingency costs, and staff time. In the event additional funding is not realized, the remainder of the project will be funded with existing road funds. Funding is available in the current fiscal year's Public Works Road Projects budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Pete Miller Road bridge seismic retrofit project is being proposed as the bridge is deemed structurally deficient and has a bridge sufficiency rating of 68.2, per the Caltrans Bridge Investigation Report. Bridges must be rated structurally deficient or functionally obsolete with a sufficiency rating of less than 80 to be eligible candidates for rehabilitation and in special cases for replacement. The Pete Miller Road Bridge was constructed in 1949 as simple reinforced concrete (RC) span on RC seat abutments. The bridge is approximately 46 feet in length and 28 feet wide. The existing bridge has a narrow travel deck width allowing no room for shoulders on either side.

The scope of the seismic retrofit project includes work on the bridge deck, construction of a new structure approach, reinforcement of the bridge joints, and construction of a new beam guardrail. Additionally, realignment of the canal access roads is required to conform to the retrofit project.

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Class 1, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15301 (Existing Facilities) and Title 14, §15302 (Replace/Reconstruct). A Notice of Exemption was filed with the County Clerk on January 28, 2014. National Environmental Policy Act clearance was obtained on January 24, 2014, by the California Department of Transportation. The project is determined to be a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 326 Activity 5 listed in Appendix A of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration and State.

An invitation to bid was electronically posted to the Modesto Reprographics website on September 22, 2014 and in the Modesto Bee on September 22, 29, and October 6, 2014. The invitation to bid included the engineer's estimate of \$567,347.50 as well as the deadline for bids. On October 22, 2014, a total of five sealed bids were received, publicly opened, and read.

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A summary of the bids follows:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>
R.A. Nemetz Construction	\$627,275.30
Viking Construction Company	\$636,704.70
McGuire and Hester	\$652,370.20
American Paving Company	\$685,013.30
Valentine Corporation	\$697,399.00

The bids came in higher than the engineer's estimate because the design consultant underestimated the unit cost of a few bid items. The two bid items that had the largest unit cost discrepancy between the engineer's estimate and bids is the cost to remove the existing bridge barrier and the cost to install the new concrete bridge barrier.

Public Works Staff reviewed the apparent lowest responsive bid of R.A. Nemetz Construction and found it to be regular; however, R.A. Nemetz Construction did not meet the Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Program goal of 12% set for this project. As a result, Federal Regulation requires Good Faith Effort (GFE) documentation to be submitted by R.A. Nemetz Construction showing their efforts to attain the goal. The DBE Liaison Officer determined that the GFE was not well documented, and therefore R.A. Nemetz Construction did not meet the GFE requirement and was deemed a Non Responsible Bidder. Public Works Staff recommends awarding the contract to the second lowest responsive and responsible bidder Viking Construction Company in the amount of \$636,704.70.

R.A. Nemetz Construction was notified by letter on March 4, 2015 of the results of the GFE review and was given 7 working days from the date of the letter to contact the County to request a hearing. R.A. Nemetz Construction did not contact the County requesting a hearing regarding the GFE review.

The project is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in September 2015 and be completed in November 2015.

POLICY ISSUES:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Board's priorities of providing A Safe Community, A Healthy Community, and A Well Planned Infrastructure System by seismically retrofitting a deficient bridge in Stanislaus County.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Public Works staff is overseeing this project.

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CONTACT PERSON:

Matt Machado, Public Works Director. Telephone: (209) 525-4130.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Plans and Specifications
2. Contract for Construction Services
3. Caltrans Exhibit 9-E Evaluation of Good Faith Efforts
4. Good Faith Efforts Determination Letter

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ATTACHMENTS AVAILASLE
FROM YOUR CLERK

**The following Attachments are available
from the Clerk of the Board**

Attachments:

- 1. Plans and Specifications**
- 2. Contract for Construction Services**

EXHIBIT 9-E SAMPLE EVALUATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS**M e m o r a n d u m****To: PROJECT FILE****Date:** January 30, 2015

Project Number: BRLOZ-5938(156)
Bid Opening Date: October 22, 2014
Bidder: R.A. Nemetz Construction Co., Inc.
Type of Work: Bridge Seismic Retrofit
Bid Amount: \$627,275.30

From: STANISLAUS COUNTY**Subject:** Evaluation of Good Faith Efforts

Stanislaus County established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of **12** percent for this project. The bidder achieved **2.6** percent DBE participation.

The Stanislaus County Department of Public Works' evaluation of the apparent low bidder's Good Faith Efforts is based on the "*Guidance Concerning Good Faith Efforts*" contained in *49 CFR Part 26, Appendix A*. The efforts of the bidder were reviewed by the County's Department of Public Works (DPW) from the information provided in Exhibit 15-H "DBE Information – Good Faith Efforts" signed and submitted by R.A. Nemetz Construction Co., Inc.

DPW determined that the Low Bidder did not demonstrate Good Faith Efforts to meet the DBE participation goal of this project for the reasons cited in this evaluation report.

EVALUATION**A. Items of work the bidder made available to DBE firms**

The Low Bidder specified on Exhibit 15-H, page 15-2, the following items of work made available to DBE firms by percentage: SWPPP - \$1,725 (0.2%); Traffic Control - \$12,985 (2%); Erosion Control - \$10,941.30 (1.7%); AC Paving - \$28,175 (4.5) and; Metal Bridge Rail - \$22,290.82 (3.6%). The total amount of work made available was in the amount of \$76,117.12 with a DBE goal of 12.13%. **NOTE:** The percentages of work shown above, indicates that the DBE subcontractors would have to provide all materials and installation with their own forces to be able to claim 100% DBE participation for every item of work shown.

The low Bidder selected four DBEs as shown on his Exhibit 15-G for the following work: Storm Water Services in the amount of \$1,725; Erosion Control services in the amount of \$10,941.30; Material Supplier services in the amount of \$630 and; another Material Supplier in the amount of \$3,115, totaling \$16,411.30. The second material supplier, USC Supply is Not a certified DBE. The revised total amount and DBE participation is now \$13,296.30 or 2.1% DBE GOAL.

The Low Bidder did not break down work items to make it available to DBEs for items normally performed by its own forces. All of the above-mentioned items are shown as normally NOT performed by the Low Bidder as shown on page 15-2 in Exhibit 15-H. This indicates that poor efforts were made by the Low Bidder to further break down work items, which usually are performed by the Low Bidder in addition to claiming non-DBE as DBE.

The Low Bidder disqualified a DBE supplier (partial quote) base on a dollar amount difference between the DBE and a non-DBE. Should the low bidder selected the DBE supplier quote in its entirety; the Low

Bidder would have increased his DBE participation by an additional 2.35% and claiming a 4.45% total participation out of the project's Goal of 12%. Doing the above would have demonstrated that the Low Bidder is including all possible DBE quotes submitted to him and still be able to be the low bidder. The amount was not a sufficiently significant to disqualify a DBE's quote or a partial bid item, from participating, nor following the intent of the Federal and Caltrans regulation on the DBE program. Which states amongst other guidelines that, "In order for a proposer to be considered responsible and responsive, the proposer must make good efforts to meet the goal established for the contract."

The Low Bidder did not separate enough work into economically feasible units to facilitate DBE participation and did not took full advantage of the DBE who did submitted quotes, based on the aforementioned findings.

B. Solicitation effort documentation

The Low Bidder used Contractor's Estimate, Inc. whose listing shows 109 companies that were contacted via letter on 10/08/2014 and follow up via fax on 10/15/2014, there is no distinction as to who is or is not a DBE on this list of sub-contractors. He did not show any proof that he continued to actively seek, DBEs up to the bid day. I.e: records of phone calls, other faxing efforts, etc.

From a list that looks like information taken from the California Unified Certification Program (CUPC), it shows 124 DBE companies but the Bidder only contacted 42 via fax on 10/15/2014. Only allowing 7 calendar days for DBE to attain PS&E and submit quotes.

From an in-house list created by the Low Bidder's, of sub-contractor title "SUBCONTRACTOR AND SUPPLIERS LIST", pages 1-6. The list identifies 236 companies of which, 28 UDBE were identified. Those UDBE's were cross reference between the list and the a fax broadcast report dated 10-15-2014 from RA Nemetz Const. fax number, only 5 UDBE actually received a fax. No additional effort to contact DBE is shown in their GFE documentation. For clarification purposes, to be a UDBE you must be a DBE first.

The web posting and faxes sent to potential DBE subs, provided appropriate contract information listed in the RFP posted by the County.

Not all reasonable efforts were used by the Low Bidder. The main source to contact and find Certified DBE able and willing to work in District 10 and in Stanislaus County is the CUPC. There was a very selective outreach on its use, for such a powerful tool. As stated earlier, the Low Bidder only concentrated his efforts to 5 categories: SWPPP, Traffic Control, Erosion Control, AC Paving and Material Suppliers. The Low Bidder did not use trade related organizations that concentrate on providing listings and/or services to access DBE companies. I.e.: Hispanic Contractors Association; Black Contractors Association and National Association of Black Women in Construction; Women Contractors Association, to mention a few.

The Low Bidder provided copies for the above-mentioned outreach, soliciting sub-contracting opportunities from DBEs.

C. Solicitation effort documentation

[How many DBEs were originally contacted by the Low Bidder and did the Low Bidder conduct follow-up solicitations? What were the dates and was sufficient time allowed by the Low Bidder for the DBEs to respond?]

The Low Bidder originally contacted 42 companies via letter on 10/08/2014 and follow up via fax on 10/15/2014. Bids were opened on 10/22/2014 and the Low Bidder received bids up to bid opening date.

[Were the DBE firms provided information about the contract (location of project, contract number, bid date, items of work made available and contact information) in the Invitation for Bid from the Low Bidder]

YES

[Did the Low Bidder solicit through all reasonable and available means (e.g., attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising and/or written notices) the interest of all certified DBEs who have the capability to perform the work of the contract?]

NO

[Did the Low Bidder provide proof of aforementioned items?]

NO, not most reasonable and available means were used.

County search results from the California Unified Certification Program (CUPC). DBE able and willing to work within Caltrans District 10 and in Stanislaus County.

SWPPP C-8852 – 8 DBEs

Traffic Control C-1201 – 24 DBEs

Erosion Control C-2066 – 4 DBEs

AC Paving C-3910 – 18 DBEs / C-3901 -15 DBEs

Metal Bridge Rail and Installation C-8320 – 3 DBEs

D. Rejected DBE documentation

[How many DBE quotes were accepted or rejected by the Low Bidder? Why were the quotes rejected?]

He accepted 4 DBE quotes and rejected (partial item) from Ruppert Construction Supply quote, the railing portion, as previously explained under section A, fifth paragraph.

[Was/were quote(s) rejected when it was only marginally higher and could have substantially increased the DBE commitment or even allow it to meet the DBE goal?]

YES, there was a rejection of a marginally, partial quote, that would have substantially, almost double, the increase of the DBE commitment but not enough to meet the DBE goal.

E. Publication effort made to advertise the projects to include DBE participation

[What publications were used and when to request DBE participation for this the project? Did the Low Bidder provide copies of publications?]

Contractor's Estimate, Inc., for: Trade and Focus Ads, published 10/08/2014 to bid opening date. Low Bidder provided copies of publication but no Proof of Publishing Affidavit by the publisher.

F. Agencies, organizations, or groups contacted to provide assistance in contacting, recruiting and using DBEs

[Did the Low Bidder make any contacts?]

CUCP – Listed 42 DBEs, fax letters to 33 on 10/15/2014

G. Efforts to provide information about the plans, specifications, and contract requirements

[Did the Low Bidder provide contract information to interested DBEs and were these listed in the GFE?]

Low Bibbers own "Subcontractor and Supplier List", 6 pages. 28 UDBE listed, only contacted 5.

Statements on Exhibit 15-H, pages 15-2 and 15-3.

H. Assistance with bonding, lines of credit, insurance, equipment, supplies, materials, and/or services

[Did the Low Bidder assist any DBEs and were these listed in the GFE?]

NO

I. Additional data to support a demonstration of Good Faith Effort

[Was any more information provided by the Low Bidder?]

NO

[Does the Low Bidder's level of reported participation tend to support a finding of good faith?]

NO

[Did the 2nd or 3rd low bidder meet the goal or get substantially more DBE commitment than the apparent low bidder? When an apparent low bidder fails to meet the goal and other bidders meet the goal, you may reasonably raise the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts, the apparent low bidder could have met the goal.]

Then second Low Bidder met and exceeded the Goal at 12.28%. He broke down ALL of the bid items by percentage of contract and calculated 81.37% or \$518,104.70 of work made available for UDBE (DBE).

The third Low Bidder did not reach the Goal but it was 1% higher than the first Low Bidder at 3.6% but with a much detail and comprehensive GFE.


FINDING OF STANISLAUS COUNTY

Stanislaus County Department of Public Works finds that the Low Bidder did not demonstrate Good Faith Efforts to meet the DBE participation for this contract, for the reasons cited in the evaluation report.

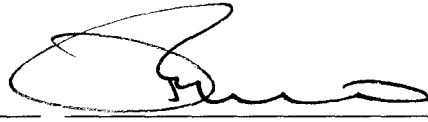
Consider the quantity, quality and intensity of the efforts of the Low Bidder to meet the DBE goal. Are these efforts of a bidder who is actively and aggressively trying to meet the goal? NO

Submitted by:

Approved by:



Charles T. Vasquez
DBELO



Colt Esenwein, P.E
Deputy Director

*Must be approved by someone other than the reviewer.



Attachment 4
Good Faith Efforts
Determination Letter

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

*Matt Machado, PE, LS
Director, County Surveyor*

*Chris Brady, PE
Deputy Director - Construction/Roads/Bridges*

*Colt Esenwein, PE
Deputy Director - Engineering/Survey/Fleet*

*David Leamon, PE
Deputy Director - Development/Traffic*

*Kathy Johnson
Assistant Director - Business/Finance*

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Sent Via Fax (209)744-1005

March 4, 2015

Mr. Robert Nemetz, President
R.A. Nemetz Construction Company
P.O. Box 5308
Galt, CA 95632

SUBJECT: Good Faith Efforts (GFE) Determination - Pete Miller Bridge at Delta
Mendota Canal Bid. Federal Project BRLOZ-5938(156)

Dear Mr. Nemetz:

This letter is to inform you that, upon review of your submitted Good Faith Efforts for the aforementioned bid and based on the "Guidance Concerning Good Faith Efforts" contained in 49 CFR Part 26, Appendix A. The County has determined that, your submitted documentation did not demonstrated a Good Faith Effort to meet the DBE participation goal for this project for reasons cited on the attached evaluation. Thus, finding your bid non responsive and responsible.

In accordance with 49 CFR 26.53(d), you have the opportunity for an administrative reconsideration before the County awards the contract to another bidder. You have seven (7) working days from the date of this letter, to contact me at (209) 525-4144 to request a hearing and set up a date and time for the hearing.

Regards,

Charles T. Vasquez, DBELO

Cc: Colt Esewein, Deputy Director

Attachment: Caltrans Exhibit 9-E Evaluation of Good Faith Efforts

**COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, by and between VIKING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., whose place of business is located at 11315 Sunrise Gold Circle, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, California 95742 ("Contractor"), and the COUNTY OF STANISLAUS ("County"), acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in the County by the laws of the State of California.

WHEREAS, County, by its Resolution No. 2015-187 adopted on the 28th day of April, 2015 awarded to Contractor the following Contract:

**PETE MILLER ROAD BRIDGE AT DELTA MENDOTA CANAL
Contract No. 9407
Federal Aid Project No. BRLOZ-5938(156)**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, Contractor and County agree as follows:

Article 1. Work

- 1.1 Contractor shall complete all Work specified in the Contract Documents, in accordance with the Specifications, Drawings, and all other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

Article 2. Architect/Engineer and Project Manager

- 2.1 Dokken Engineering designed the Project and furnished the Plans and Specifications. Dokken Engineering shall have the rights assigned to Architect/Engineer in the Contract Documents.
- 2.2 County has designated the Public Works Construction Manager as its Project Manager to act as County's Representative in all matters relating to the Contract Documents.

Article 3. Contract Time and Liquidated Damages

- 3.1 Contractor shall commence Work on the date established in the Notice to Proceed. County reserves the right to modify or alter the Commencement Date of the Work.
- 3.2 Contractor shall achieve Final Completion of the entire Work and be ready for Final Payment in accordance with Contract Closeout Sixty (60) Working Days from the date when the Contract Time commences to run as provided in the Agreement.
- 3.3 Liquidated Damages shall comply with SC-08 of the Special Conditions and 8-1.10 of the Standard Specifications.

- 3.4 Liquidated damages shall apply cumulatively and except as provided below, shall be presumed to be the damages suffered by County resulting from delay in completion of the Work.
- 3.5 Liquidated damages for delay shall only cover administrative, overhead, interest on bonds, and general loss of public use damages suffered by County as a result of delay. Liquidated damages shall not cover the cost of completion of the Work, damages resulting from Defective Work, lost revenues or costs of substitute facilities, or damages suffered by others who then seek to recover their damages from County (for example, delay claims of other contractors, subcontractors, tenants, or other third-parties), and defense costs thereof.

Article 4. Contract Sum

- 4.1 County shall pay Contractor the Contract Sum for completion of Work in accordance with Contract Documents as set forth in Contractor's Bid.

Article 5. Contractor's Representations

In order to induce County to enter into this Agreement, Contractor makes the following representations and warranties:

- 5.1 Contractor has visited the Site and has examined thoroughly and understood the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, Site, locality, actual conditions, as-built conditions, and all local conditions, and federal, state and local laws and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of Work or which relate to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor and safety precautions and programs incident thereto.
- 5.2 Contractor has examined thoroughly and understood all reports of exploration and tests of subsurface conditions, as-built drawings, drawings, products specifications or reports, available for Bidding purposes, of physical conditions, including Underground Facilities, which have been made available for Bidders or which may appear in the Drawings. Contractor accepts the determination set forth in these Documents of the limited extent of the information contained in such materials upon which Contractor may be entitled to rely. Contractor agrees that except for the information so identified, Contractor does not and shall not rely on any other information contained in such reports and drawings.
- 5.3 Contractor has conducted or obtained and has understood all such examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies (in addition to or to supplement those referred to in Section 5.2 of this Document that pertain to the subsurface conditions, as-built conditions, Underground Facilities and all other physical conditions at or contiguous to the Site or otherwise that may affect the cost, progress, performance or furnishing of Work, as Contractor considers necessary for the performance or furnishing of Work at the Contract Sum, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, including specifically the provisions of the Special Conditions; and no additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports,

studies or similar information or data are or will be required by Contractor for such purposes.

- 5.4 Contractor has correlated its knowledge and the results of all such observations, examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

Article 6. Contract Documents

- 6.1 Contract Documents consist of the following documents, including all changes, Addenda, and Modifications thereto:

Notice of Award
Agreement
Notice to Proceed
Construction Performance Bond
Construction Labor and Material Payment Bond
Special Conditions
Addenda
Special Provisions
Drawings
Encroachment Permit [if applicable]
Form FHWA-1273 [if applicable]

- 6.2 There are no Contract Documents other than those listed in this Document, Article 6.

Article 7. Indemnity

- 7.1 County and each of its officers, employees, consultants and agents including, but not limited to the Board, Architect/Engineer and each County Representative, shall not be liable or accountable in any manner for loss or damage that may happen to any part of the Work; loss or damage to materials or other things used or employed in performing the Work; injury, sickness, disease, or death of any person; or damage to property resulting from any cause whatsoever except their sole negligence, willful misconduct or active negligence, attributable to performance or character of the Work, and Contractor releases all of the foregoing persons and entities from any and all such claims.

- 7.2 To the furthest extent permitted by law (including without limitation California Civil Code Section 2782), Contractor shall assume defense of, and indemnify and hold harmless, County and each of its officers, employees, consultants and agents, including but not limited to the Board, Architect/Engineer and each County representative, from claims, suits, actions, losses and liability of every kind, nature and description, including but not limited to claims and fines of regulatory agencies and attorney's fees and consultant's fees, directly or indirectly arising out of, connected with or resulting from performance of the Work, failure to perform the Work, or condition of the Work which is caused in whole or part by any act or omission of Contractor, Subcontractors, anyone directly or indirectly

employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether it is caused in part by the negligence of County or by any person or entity required to be indemnified hereunder.

- 7.3 With respect to third-party claims against Contractor, Contractor waives any and all rights to any type of express or implied indemnity against County and each of its officers, employees, consultants and agents including, but not limited to County, the Board, Architect/Engineer and each County representative.
- 7.4 Approval or purchase of any insurance contracts or policies shall in no way relieve from liability nor limit the liability of Contractor, its Subcontractors of any tier, or the officers or agents of any of them.
- 7.5 To the furthest extent permitted by law (including, without limitation, Civil Code Section 2782), the indemnities, releases of liability and limitations of liability, claims procedures, and limitations of remedy expressed throughout the Contract Documents shall apply even in the event of breach of contract, negligence (active or passive), fault or strict liability of the party(is) indemnified, released, or limited in liability, and shall survive the termination, rescission, breach, abandonment, or completion of the Work or the terms of the Contract Documents. If Contractor fails to perform any of these defense or indemnity obligations, County may in its discretion back charge Contractor for County's costs and damages resulting therefrom and withhold such sums from progress payments or other contract moneys which may become due.
- 7.6 The indemnities in the Contract Documents shall not apply to any indemnified party to the extent of its sole negligence or willful misconduct; nor shall they apply to County or other indemnified party to the extent of its active negligence.

Article 8. Miscellaneous

- 8.1 Terms and abbreviations used in this Agreement are defined in Special Conditions, Section 1: DEFINITIONS AND TERMS and will have the meaning indicated therein.
- 8.2 It is understood and agreed that in no instance are the persons signing this Agreement for or on behalf of County or acting as an employee, agent, or representative of County, liable on this Agreement or any of the Contract Documents, or upon any warranty of authority, or otherwise, and it is further understood and agreed that liability of the County is limited and confined to such liability as authorized or imposed by the Contract Documents or applicable law.
- 8.3 Contractor shall not assign any portion of the Contract Documents, and may subcontract portions of the Contract Documents only in compliance with the Subcontractor Listing Law, California Public Contract Code §4100 *et seq.*
- 8.4 The Contract Sum includes all allowances (if any).

- 8.5 In entering into a public works contract or a subcontract to supply goods, services or materials pursuant to a public works contract, Contractor or Subcontractor offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. §15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 (commencing with §16700) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services or materials pursuant to the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time County tenders final payment to Contractor, without further acknowledgment by the parties.
- 8.6 Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, as determined by Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, are deemed included in the Contract Documents and on file at County's Office, and shall be made available to any interested party on request. Pursuant to California Labor Code §1861, Contractor represents that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and Contractor shall comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Work of the Contract Documents.
- 8.7 Should any part, term or provision of this Agreement or any of the Contract Documents, or any document required herein or therein to be executed or delivered, be declared invalid, void or unenforceable, all remaining parts, terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be invalidated, impaired or affected thereby. If the provisions of any law causing such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability may be waived, they are hereby waived to the end that this Agreement and the Contract Documents may be deemed valid and binding agreements, enforceable in accordance with their terms to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law. In the event any provision not otherwise included in the Contract Documents is required to be included by any applicable law, that provision is deemed included herein by this reference (or, if such provision is required to be included in any particular portion of the Contract Documents, that provision is deemed included in that portion).
- 8.8 This Agreement and the Contract Documents shall be deemed to have been entered into in the County of Stanislaus, State of California, and governed in all respects by California law (excluding choice of law rules). The exclusive venue for all disputes or litigation hereunder shall be in Stanislaus County Superior Court. Contractor accepts the Claims Procedure in Special Conditions, Article SC-16, WORK DISPUTES, as a claims procedure by agreement under the California Government Code, Title 1, Division 3.6, Part 3, Chapter 5.
- 8.9 Notices: Any notices, documents, correspondence or other communications concerning this Agreement or the work hereunder may be provided by personal delivery, facsimile or mail and shall be addressed as set forth below. Such communication shall be deemed served or delivered: a) at the time of delivery if such communication is sent by personal

delivery; b) at the time of transmission if such communication is sent by facsimile; and c) 48 hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail as reflected by the official U.S. postmark if such communication is sent through regular United States mail.

If to County:

Chris Brady, Deputy Director - Construction/Roads/Bridges
Stanislaus County Public Works
1716 Morgan Road, Modesto CA 95358


If to Contractor:


Randy Jenco, President
Viking Construction Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 1508
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement in quadruplicate the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

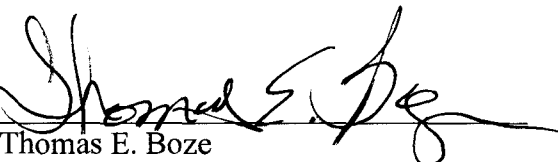
VIKING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

By: 
Matt Machado, Director
Public Works Department

By: 
Randy Jenco
President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


John P. Doering, County Counsel

By: 
Thomas E. Boze
Deputy County Counsel

**Pete Miller Road Bridge at Delta Mendota Canal
Federal Aid Project No. BRLOZ-5938(156)**

Item No.	Item Code	Item	Estimated Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price (In Figures)	Item Total (In Figures)
1	120090	Construction Area Signs	1	LS	1500.00	1500.00
2	120100	Traffic Control System	1	LS	20000.00	20000.00
3	120119	Traffic Cone	76	EA	10.00	760.00
4	120200	Flashing Beacon (Portable)	2	EA	500.00	1000.00
5	129000	Temporary Railing (Type K)	480	LF	30.00	14400.00
6	129110	Temporary Crash Cushion	4	EA	2000.00	8000.00
7	130005 A	Implement Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan	1	LS	2500.00	2500.00
8	130100	Job Site Management	1	LS	10000.00	10000.00
9	130330	Storm Water Annual Report	1	EA	1000.00	1000.00
10	130520	Temporary Hydraulic Mulch	1770	SQYD	1.75	3097.50
11	130610	Temporary Check Dam	LF	40	23.00	920.00
12	130640	Temporary Fiber Roll	700	LF	6.50	4550.00
13	130680	Temporary Silt Fence	1230	LF	5.00	6150.00
14	130710	Temporary Construction Entrance	1	EA	5000.00	5000.00
15	141000	Temporary Fence (Type ESA)	1010	LF	6.00	6060.00
16	150606	Remove Fence (Type BW)	265	LF	10.00	2650.00
17	150661	Remove Guardrail	44	LF	75.00	3300.00
18	150770	Remove Asphalt Concrete Pavement	2590	SQFT	1.00	2590.00
19	152320	Reset Roadside Sign	3	EA	150.00	450.00
20	152390	Relocate Roadside Sign	9	EA	150.00	1350.00
21	153310	Core Concrete (10")	4	LF	2000.00	8000.00
22	156579	Remove Bridge Railing	304	LF	170.00	51680.00
23	156580	Remove Bollard	2	EA	100.00	200.00
24	190101	Roadway Excavation	900	CY	40.00	36000.00

25	190110	Lead Compliance Plan	1	LS	2500.00	2500.00
26	190113	Asbestos Compliance Plan	1	LS	2500.00	2500.00
27	190185	Shoulder Backing	4	TON	500.00	2000.00
28	198010	Imported Borrow	1300	CY	45.00	58500.00
29	210430	Hydroseed	15710	SQFT	0.12	1885.20
30	260203	Class 2 Aggregate Base	520	CY	55.00	28600.00
31	260303	Class 3 Aggregate Base	310	CY	55.00	17050.00
32	390132	Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A)	245	TON	140.00	34300.00
33	414220	Replace Joint Seal (Asphalt Rubber)	74	LF	55.00	4070.00
34	510053	Structural Concrete, Bridge	1	CY	2500.00	2500.00
35	510087	Structural Concrete, Approach Slab (Type R)	18	CY	1850.00	33300.00
36	510800	Paving Notch Extension	46	CF	200.00	9200.00
37	519101	Joint Seal (Type A)	61	LF	80.00	4880.00
38	519102	Joint Seal (Type AL)	25	LF	75.00	1875.00
39	520102	Bar Reinforcing Steel (Bridge)	125	LB	10.00	1250.00
40	750496	Miscellaneous Metal (Restrainer - Pipe Type)	299	LB	14.00	4186.00
41	750497	Miscellaneous Metal (Restrainer - Bar Type)	2420	LB	15.00	36300.00
42	800004	Fence (Type BW, 5-Strand, Wood Post)	205	LF	25.00	5125.00
43	820151	Object Marker (Type L-1)	7	EA	50.00	350.00
44	839543	Transition Railing (Type WB-31)	4	EA	4325.00	17300.00
45	839585	Alternative Flared Terminal System	4	EA	3125.00	12500.00
46	839590	Bollard	2	EA	500.00	1000.00
47	839741	Concrete Barrier (Type 90 MOD)	304	LF	34.50	100776.00
48	999990	Mobilization	1	LS	63600.00	63600.00
TOTAL BID						636,764.70

(SIGNED)  Date: 10-22-14
 Note: All line items must have an entry placed in its appropriate box, and this form must be signed for the bid to be accepted as complete.

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

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
- III. Nonsegregated Facilities
- IV. Davis-Bacon and Related Act Provisions
- V. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act Provisions
- VI. Subletting or Assigning the Contract
- VII. Safety: Accident Prevention
- VIII. False Statements Concerning Highway Projects
- IX. Implementation of Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- X. Compliance with Governmentwide Suspension and Debarment Requirements
- XI. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying

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

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

ATTACHMENTS

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

II. NONDISCRIMINATION

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

I. GENERAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Subject to the applicability criteria noted in the following sections, these contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.

1. Equal Employment Opportunity: Equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (28 CFR 35, 29 CFR 1630, 29 CFR 1625-1627, 41 CFR 60 and 49 CFR 27) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140 shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under

this contract. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR 35 and 29 CFR 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

d. The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with its obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of their avenues of appeal.

6. Training and Promotion:

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minorities and women who are

applicants for employment or current employees. Such efforts should be aimed at developing full journey level status employees in the type of trade or job classification involved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minorities and women. The failure of a union to provide sufficient referrals (even though it is obligated to provide exclusive referrals under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement) does not relieve the contractor from the requirements of this paragraph. In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the contracting agency.

8. Reasonable Accommodation for Applicants / Employees with Disabilities: The contractor must be familiar

with the requirements for and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and all rules and regulations established there under. Employers must provide reasonable accommodation in all employment activities unless to do so would cause an undue hardship.

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

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

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

10. Assurance Required by 49 CFR 26.13(b):

a. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and the State DOT's U.S. DOT-approved DBE program are incorporated by reference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

will be required to collect and report training data. The employment data should reflect the work force on board during all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.

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

IV. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

This section is applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (regardless of subcontract size). The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. This excludes roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. Contracting agencies may elect to apply these requirements to other projects.

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

1. Minimum wages

a. All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work, will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions

of paragraph 1.d. of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.b. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

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

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

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

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

(2) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(3) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Wage and Hour Administrator for determination. The Wage and Hour Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or

will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(4) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs 1.b.(2) or 1.b.(3) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

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

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

2. Withholding

The contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract, or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contracting agency may, after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

3. Payrolls and basic records

a. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-

Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

b.(1) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the contracting agency. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the contracting agency for transmission to the State DOT, the FHWA or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the contracting agency..

(2) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(i) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under §5.5 (a)(3)(ii) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, the appropriate information is being maintained under §5.5 (a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, and that such information is correct and complete;

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

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

(3) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(2) of this section.

(4) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

c. The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3.a. of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the FHWA may, after written notice to the contractor, the contracting agency or the State DOT, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

4. Apprentices and trainees

a. Apprentices (programs of the USDOL).

Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed.

Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly

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

In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

b. Trainees (programs of the USDOL).

Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration.

Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

c. Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

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

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

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

6. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert Form FHWA-1273 in any subcontracts and also require the subcontractors to include Form FHWA-1273 in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

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

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

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

10. Certification of eligibility.

a. By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

b. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

c. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

V. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

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

1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section, the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section.

3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The FHWA or the contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2.) of this section.

4. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1.) through (4.) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1.) through (4.) of this section.

VI. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

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

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

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

(1) the prime contractor maintains control over the supervision of the day-to-day activities of the leased employees;

(2) the prime contractor remains responsible for the quality of the work of the leased employees;

(3) the prime contractor retains all power to accept or exclude individual employees from work on the project; and

(4) the prime contractor remains ultimately responsible for the payment of predetermined minimum wages, the submission of payrolls, statements of compliance and all other Federal regulatory requirements.

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

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

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

4. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the

contracting agency has assured that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract.

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

VII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

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

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

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704).

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

VIII. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

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

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

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

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

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

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 1, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

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

IX. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

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

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract, or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, or subcontractor, as appropriate, will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

1. That any person who is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract is not prohibited from receiving an award due to a violation of Section 508 of the Clean Water Act or Section 306 of the Clean Air Act.
2. That the contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraph (1) of this Section X in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

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

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

1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:

- a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this

covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the

department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

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

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.

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

XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS
PREFERENCE FOR APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT
HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS
ROAD CONTRACTS**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid projects funded under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Female and Minority Goals

To comply with Section II, "Nondiscrimination," of "Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contracts," the following female and minority utilization goals for Federal-aid construction contracts and subcontracts that exceed \$10,000.

The nationwide goal for female utilization is 6.9 percent.

The goals for minority utilization [45 Fed Reg 65984 (10/3/1980)] are as follows:

Minority Utilization Goals

Economic Area		Goal (Percent)
174	Redding CA: Non-SMSA Counties: CA Lassen; CA Modoc; CA Plumas; CA Shasta; CA Siskiyou; CA Tehema	6.8
175	Eureka, CA Non-SMSA Counties: CA Del Norte; CA Humboldt; CA Trinity	6.6
176	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA: SMSA Counties: 7120 Salinas-Seaside-Monterey, CA CA Monterey 7360 San Francisco-Oakland CA Alameda; CA Contra Costa; CA Marin; CA San Francisco; CA San Mateo 7400 San Jose, CA CA Santa Clara, CA 7485 Santa Cruz, CA CA Santa Cruz 7500 Santa Rosa CA Sonoma 8720 Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA CA Napa; CA Solano Non-SMSA Counties: CA Lake; CA Mendocino; CA San Benito	28.9 25.6 19.6 14.9 9.1 17.1 23.2
177	Sacramento, CA: SMSA Counties: 6920 Sacramento, CA CA Placer; CA Sacramento; CA Yolo Non-SMSA Counties CA Butte; CA Colusa; CA El Dorado; CA Glenn; CA Nevada; CA Sierra; CA Sutter; CA Yuba	16.1 14.3
178	Stockton-Modesto, CA: SMSA Counties: 5170 Modesto, CA CA Stanislaus 8120 Stockton, CA CA San Joaquin Non-SMSA Counties CA Alpine; CA Amador; CA Calaveras; CA Mariposa; CA Merced; CA Toulumne	12.3 24.3 19.8
179	Fresno-Bakersfield, CA SMSA Counties: 0680 Bakersfield, CA CA Kern 2840 Fresno, CA CA Fresno Non-SMSA Counties:	19.1 26.1 23.6

	CA Kings; CA Madera; CA Tulare	
180	Los Angeles, CA: SMSA Counties: 0360 Anaheim-Santa Ana-Garden Grove, CA CA Orange 4480 Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA CA Los Angeles 6000 Oxnard-Simi Valley-Ventura, CA CA Ventura 6780 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA CA Riverside; CA San Bernardino 7480 Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA CA Santa Barbara Non-SMSA Counties CA Inyo; CA Mono; CA San Luis Obispo	11.9 28.3 21.5 19.0 19.7 24.6
181	San Diego, CA: SMSA Counties 7320 San Diego, CA CA San Diego Non-SMSA Counties CA Imperial	16.9 18.2

For each July during which work is performed under the contract, you and each non-material-supplier subcontractor with a subcontract of \$10,000 or more must complete Form FHWA PR-1391 (Appendix C to 23 CFR 230). Submit the forms by August 15.

Training

This section applies if a number of trainees or apprentices is specified in the special provisions.

As part of your equal opportunity affirmative action program, provide on-the-job training to develop full journeymen in the types of trades or job classifications involved.

You have primary responsibility for meeting this training requirement.

If you subcontract a contract part, determine how many trainees or apprentices are to be trained by the subcontractor.

Include these training requirements in your subcontract.

Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation must be in their 1st year of apprenticeship or training.

Distribute the number of apprentices or trainees among the work classifications on the basis of your needs and the availability of journeymen in the various classifications within a reasonable recruitment area.

Before starting work, submit to the City/County of _____:

1. Number of apprentices or trainees to be trained for each classification
2. Training program to be used
3. Training starting date for each classification

Obtain the City/County of _____'s approval for this submitted information before you start work. The City/County of _____ credits you for each apprentice or trainee you employ on the work who is currently enrolled or becomes enrolled in an approved program.

The primary objective of this section is to train and upgrade minorities and women toward journeymen status. Make every effort to enroll minority and women apprentices or trainees, such as conducting systematic and direct recruitment through public and private sources likely to yield minority and women apprentices or trainees, to the extent they are available within a reasonable recruitment area. Show that you have made the efforts. In making these efforts, do not discriminate against any applicant for training.

Do not employ as an apprentice or trainee an employee:

1. In any classification in which the employee has successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman status or in which the employee has been employed as a journeyman
2. Who is not registered in a program approved by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training

Ask the employee if the employee has successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman status or has been employed as a journeyman. Your records must show the employee's answers to the questions.

In your training program, establish the minimum length and training type for each classification. The City/County of _____ and FHWA approves a program if one of the following is met:

1. It is calculated to:
 - 1.1. Meet the your equal employment opportunity responsibilities
 - 1.2. Qualify the average apprentice or trainee for journeyman status in the classification involved by the end of the training period
2. It is registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training and it is administered in a way consistent with the equal employment responsibilities of federal-aid highway construction contracts

Obtain the State's approval for your training program before you start work involving the classification covered by the program.

Provide training in the construction crafts, not in clerk-typist or secretarial-type positions. Training is allowed in lower level management positions such as office engineers, estimators, and timekeepers if the training is oriented toward construction applications. Training is allowed in the laborer classification if significant and meaningful training is provided and approved by the division office. Off-site training is allowed if the training is an integral part of an approved training program and does not make up a significant part of the overall training.

The City/County of _____ reimburses you 80 cents per hour of training given an employee on this contract under an approved training program:

1. For on-site training
2. For off-site training if the apprentice or trainee is currently employed on a federal-aid project and you do at least one of the following:
 - 2.1. Contribute to the cost of the training
 - 2.2. Provide the instruction to the apprentice or trainee
 - 2.3. Pay the apprentice's or trainee's wages during the off-site training period
3. If you comply with this section.

Each apprentice or trainee must:

1. Begin training on the project as soon as feasible after the start of work involving the apprentice's or trainee's skill
2. Remain on the project as long as training opportunities exist in the apprentice's or trainee's work classification or until the apprentice or trainee has completed the training program

Furnish the apprentice or trainee:

1. Copy of the program you will comply with in providing the training
2. Certification showing the type and length of training satisfactorily completed

Maintain records and submit reports documenting your performance under this section.