

EXHIBIT A: STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

1. Contractor is Independent Contractor

- a. Contractor shall perform the work required by this Contract as an independent contractor.
- b. The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor (i) is not currently an employee of the federal government or the State of Oregon, and (ii) meets the specific independent contractor standards of ORS 670.600, as certified on the Independent Contractor Certification Statement attached as **Exhibit D**.
- c. Contractor will be responsible for any federal or state taxes applicable to any compensation or payment paid to Contractor under this contract.
- d. Contractor is not eligible for any federal Social Security, unemployment insurance, state Public Employees' Retirement System, or workers' compensation benefits from compensation or payments to Contractor under this contract.

2. Subcontracts and Assignment

Contractor shall not subcontract any of the work required by this contract, or assign, sell, dispose of, or transfer any of its interest in this contract, nor delegate duties under the contract, either in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the City. Such consent if provided shall not relieve the Contractor of any of the obligations under the contract. Any assignee or transferee shall be considered the agent of the contractor and be bound to abide by all provisions of the contract. If the City consents in writing to an assignment, sale, disposal or transfer of the Contractor's rights or delegation of Contractor's duties, the Contractor and its Surety, if any, shall remain liable to the City for complete performance of the Contract as if no such assignment, sale, disposal, transfer or delegation had occurred unless the City otherwise agrees in writing. [OAR 137-049-0200(2)]

Use of Subcontractors, material suppliers or equipment suppliers shall in no way release Contractor from any obligations of contract with City. Contractor will provide in all subcontract agreements that the Subcontractor, material supplier and equipment supplier will be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract to the extent that they relate to the Subcontractor's work, material or equipment. All Subcontracts are assignable to the City at City's option, in the event this agreement is terminated for default of Contractor.

Contractor covenants and agrees to bind any and all subcontractors for performance of work under this Contract in the same manner Contractor is bound to City. Contractor further agrees that if subcontractors are employed in the performance of this contract, the Contractor and its subcontractors are subject to the requirements and sanction of ORS Chapter 656, Workers' Compensation.

3. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

City and Contractor are the only parties to this Contract and are the only parties entitled to enforce its terms. Nothing in this Contract gives or provides any benefit or right, whether directly, indirectly, or otherwise, to third persons unless such third persons are individually identified by name herein and expressly described as intended beneficiaries of the terms of this Contract.

4. Successors in Interest

The provisions of this Contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and approved assigns, if any.

5. Contract Documents

The Contract Documents, which comprise the entire Contract between the City and Contractor, include all sections or parts of the bid package however denominated, including all documents and plans attached or referenced therein, the Notice to Contractors - Invitation to Bid, Offer, First-Tier Subcontractors Disclosure Form, Surety Bond, Public Improvement Contract, Contract Standard Terms and Conditions and Exhibits thereto, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Special Provisions, Plans, Construction Drawings, Standard Drawings, and Contract Addendums, all attached hereto, and incorporated herein by this reference, together with the Prevailing Wage (BOLI) if applicable AND any other separately bound reference, Oregon 2021 Standard Specifications for Construction, and City of Ashland Addenda, incorporated herein by this reference. All exhibits, schedules and lists attached to the Contract Documents, or delivered pursuant to the Contract Documents, or otherwise available from the City, shall be deemed a part of the Contract Documents and incorporated herein, where applicable, as if fully set forth herein.

6. Contractor's Representations

By executing this contract, the Contractor hereby certifies that the representations made by the Contractor in the Contract Documents, including specifically the Offer, are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference. Contractor further certifies that Contractor has given the City written notice of conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that it has discovered in the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by the City is acceptable to the Contractor, and the Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of terms and conditions for performing and furnishing the project work.

7. Drug Testing [ORS 279C.505(2)]

- a. Contractor shall certify to the City that it has a drug-testing program in place for all its employees that includes, at a minimum, the following:
 - i. A written employee drug-testing policy,
 - ii. Required drug testing for all new Subject Employees or alternatively, required testing of all Subject Employees every 12 months on a random selection basis, and
 - iii. Required testing of a Subject Employee when the Contractor has reasonable cause to believe the Subject Employee is under the influence of drugs.
- b. A drug-testing program that meets the above requirements will be deemed a "Qualifying Employee Drug-testing Program." For the purposes of this section, an employee is a "Subject Employee" only if that employee will be working on the Public Improvement project job site.
- c. By executing and returning this contract the Contractor certifies, represents and warrants to the City that a Qualifying Employee Drug-testing Program is in place at the time of execution, will continue in full force and effect for the duration of this contract, and that Contractor will comply with the provisions of subsection (d) below. Further, the City's performance obligation (which includes,

without limitation, the City's obligation to make payment) is contingent on Contractors compliance with this representation and warranty.

- d. Contractor will require each subcontractor providing labor for the project to:
 - i. Demonstrate to the Contractor that it has a Qualifying Employee Drug-testing Program for the subcontractor's Subject Employees, and represent and warrant to the Contractor that the Qualifying Employee Drug-testing Program is in place at the time of subcontract execution and will continue in full force and effect for the duration of the subcontract; or
 - ii. Require that the subcontractor's Subject Employees participate in the Contractor's Qualifying Employee Drug-testing Program for the duration of the subcontract.

8. Notice to Proceed

Written Notice to Proceed will be given by the City after the Contract has been executed and the Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and all required insurance documents approved. Notice To Proceed shall not be unreasonably delayed and shall generally occur within thirty (30) days of the contract date. Reasonable delay may be occasioned by the need to obtain necessary permits or easements or utility relocation. The Contractor shall commence the project work within ten (10) days of the date of the written Notice To Proceed. Contractor is not to commence work under the Contract prior to such written notice.

9. Suspension of the Work

The City, and its authorized representatives, may suspend portions or all of the project work due to causes including, but not limited to:

- a. Failure of the Contractor to correct unsafe conditions;
- b. Failure of the Contractor to carry out any provision of the Contract;
- c. Failure of the Contractor to carry out orders;
- d. Conditions, in the opinion of the City, which are unsuitable for performing the project work;
- e. Allowance of time required to investigate differing site conditions;
- f. Any reason considered to be in the public interest.

The contract time will not be extended, nor will the Contractor be entitled to any additional compensation if the work is suspended pursuant to subsections (a), (b) or (c). If the project work is suspended pursuant to subsection (f), the Contractor is entitled to a reasonable extension of the contract time and reasonable compensation for all verified costs resulting from the suspension plus a reasonable allowance for overhead with respect to such costs. Contractor shall not be paid on account of loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination. The foregoing provision concerning compensation in the event of a suspension of Work of this contract shall not apply if such suspension occurs as a result of the Contractor's violation of any Federal, State, or Local statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations, or as a result of any violation by the Contractor of the terms of this contract, including a determination by the City that the Contractor has not progressed satisfactorily with the Work in accordance with specifications.

10. Early Termination

- a. The City and the Contractor, by mutual written agreement, may terminate this Contract at any time.
- b. The City, on 30 days written notice to the Contractor, may terminate this Contract for any reason deemed appropriate in its sole discretion.
- c. The City may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time for any reason considered by the City, in the exercise of its sole discretion, to be in the public interest. The City will provide the Contractor, and the Contractor's surety, seven (7) days prior written notice of a termination for public convenience.
- d. Either the City or the Contractor may terminate this Contract in the event of a breach of the Contract by the other. Prior to such termination, however, the party seeking the termination shall give to the other party written notice of the breach and of the party's intent to terminate. If the Party has not entirely cured the breach within 15 days of the notice, then the party giving the notice may terminate the Contract at any time thereafter by giving a written notice of termination.

11. Payment on Early Termination

- a. If this contract is terminated under 10(a),(b), or (c), the City shall pay the Contractor for work performed in accordance with the Contract prior to the termination date.
- b. If this contract is terminated under 10(d), by the Contractor due to a breach by the City, then the City shall pay the Contractor as provided in subsection (a) of this section.
- c. If this contract is terminated under 10(d), by the City due to a breach by the Contractor, then the City shall pay the Contractor as provided in subsection (a) of this section, subject to set off of excess costs, as provided for in section 12, Remedies.

12. Remedies

In the event of termination under 10(d), by the City due to a breach by the Contractor, then the City may complete the work either itself, by agreement with another contractor, or by a combination thereof. In the event the cost of completing the work exceeds the remaining unpaid balance of the total compensation provided under this contract, then the Contractor shall pay to the City the amount of the reasonable excess. After notice of termination under paragraph 10(c), the Contractor and the Contractor's surety shall provide the City with immediate and peaceful possession of the Project site and premises, and materials located on and off the Project site and premises for which the Contractor received progress payment. In no circumstances shall Contractor be entitled to lost profits due to termination.

The remedies provided to the City under section 10 through 12 for a breach by the Contractor shall not be exclusive. The City also shall be entitled to any other equitable and legal remedies that are available.

In the event of breach of this Contract by the City, then the Contractor's remedy shall be limited to termination of the Contract and receipt of payment as provided in section 11(b).

13. Access to Records

Contractor shall maintain, and the City and its authorized representatives shall have access to all books, documents, papers and records of Contractor which relate to this contract for the purpose of making

audit, examination, excerpts, and transcripts for a period of three years after final payment. Copies of applicable records shall be made available upon request. Payment for cost of copies is reimbursable by the City.

14. Ownership of Work

All work products of the Contractor that result from this contract, including but not limited to background data, documentation and staff work that is preliminary to final reports, are the property of City. Draft documents and preliminary work submitted to the City for review and comment shall not be considered as owned, used or retained by the City until the final document is submitted.

The City shall own all proprietary rights, including but not limited to copyrights, trade secrets, patents and all other intellectual or other property rights in and to such work products. Pre-existing trade secrets of the Contractor shall be noted as such and shall not be considered as a work product of this contract. All such work products shall be considered “works made for hire” under the provisions of the United States Copyright Act and all other equivalent laws.

Use of any work product of the Contractor by the City for any purpose other than the use intended by this contract is at the risk of the City. Use of any work product by Contractor is prohibited without the written consent of the City. All documents or other materials submitted to City by Contractor shall become the sole and exclusive property of City. Such materials are subject to Oregon Public Records laws.

15. Compliance with Applicable Law

Contractor certifies and shall comply and require all Subcontractors to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, including specifically City of Ashland and State of Oregon Public contracting laws and rules applicable to the work under this Contract, including without limitation ORS Chapter 279A, ORS Chapter 279B, ORS Chapter 279C, ORS 279C.500 through 279C.670, and specifically ORS 279A.120(3), ORS 279C.515, ORS 279C.520, ORS 279C.530, ORS 279C.830 and ORS 279C.580 as set forth on **Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference**. In addition, the provisions of ORS 279C.360, ORS 279C.365(4), and ORS 279C.370 (Bid Documents and Disclosure); ORS 279A.010(p), 279A.120, 279C.375, and 279C.380(4), (Award of Contract and Bond); ORS 279A.110 (Prohibition on Discrimination in Subcontracting); ORS 279C.585 (Substitution first-tier Subcontractor); ORS 279C.650 to 279C.670 (Termination); ORS 279C.520, ORS 279C.540, 279C.545 (Hours); ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 (Oregon Prevailing Wage Law), if applicable; ORS 279C.550 to 279C.565 (Retainage); ORS 279C.4570 (Payments); and ORS 279C.600 to 279C.625 (Bonds) ORS 279A.125 (Recyclable Products) are all incorporated into this contract by this reference as though set forth in full. Without limiting the foregoing, Contractor expressly agrees to comply with: (i) any requirements of the DAVIS BACON ACT (40 U.S.C. 3142 and applicable Davis- Bacon Related Acts; (ii) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; (iii) Section V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; (iv) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, (v) ORS 659A.142, (vi) all regulations and administrative rules established pursuant to those laws; and (vii) all other applicable requirements of federal and state civil rights and rehabilitation statutes, rules and regulations. In addition, Contractor expressly agrees to comply with all federal and state tax laws. A condition or clause required by law to be in this contract shall be considered included and incorporated into the Contract and made a part hereof by these references.

16. Registration with Construction Contractor's Board

The Contractor, hereby certifies that the Contractor is licensed with the Construction Contractors Board or licensed by the State Landscape Contractor's Board in accordance with ORS 701.035 to 701.055 and, further, that all subcontractors performing work as described in ORS 701.005(2) (i.e., construction work) will be licensed with the Construction Contractors Board or licensed by the State Landscape Contractor's Board in accordance with ORS 701.035 to 701.055 before the subcontractors commence work under the contract.

17. Prevailing Wages/ BOLI Fee

- a. Contractor shall certify in the Contract and it shall be a condition of the bond, as provided in ORS 279C.800 through 279C.870, that in performing this Contract, Contractor will pay and cause to be paid not less than the prevailing rate of wages as of the date of the Public Notice, per hour, per day, and per week for and to each and every worker who may be employed in and about the performance of the Contract. In accordance with ORS 279C.838, each worker in each trade or occupation employed in the performance of the Contract either by Contractor, subcontractor or other person doing or contracting to do or contracting for the whole or any part of the work on the Contract shall be paid not less than the applicable state or federal prevailing rate of wage, whichever is higher. Copies of the current BOLI prevailing wage schedule and federal wage rate schedule, if applicable, can be found at the following website: https://www.oregon.gov/boli/WHD/PWR/Pages/pwr_state.aspx. When both federal and state prevailing wages are required to be included in the contract specifications, the City shall also include in the specifications information showing which prevailing rate of wage is higher for workers in each trade or occupation in each locality, as determined by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries under ORS 279C.815 (2)(c).
- b. Contractor shall be bound by and shall fully comply with ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, Oregon's Prevailing Wage Law. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO BE BOUND BY AND WILL COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF ORS 279C.840. Pursuant to ORS 279C.830(1), the existing prevailing rate of wage that may be paid to workers in each trade or occupation required, in the form of a BOLI document, is included in the contract and bid documents and made a part hereof by this reference. For public works for which the contract price is \$50,000 or more, all workers shall be paid not less than such specified minimum hourly rate of wage. [ORS 279C.830(1)]
- c. The City of Ashland shall pay the fee to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries pursuant to the administrative rule of the commissioner and as provided in ORS 279C.825(1). The fee shall be paid on or before the first progress payment or 60 days from the date work first begins on the Contract, or as otherwise provided by administrative rule, whichever is the earliest date. The fee is payable to the Bureau of Labor and Industries Wage and Hour Division Prevailing Wage Unit 800 N.E. Oregon Street #32 Portland Oregon 97232.
- d. Contractor and some subcontractors shall also file with the Construction Contractors Board a public works bond with a corporate surety authorized to do business in this state in the amount of \$30,000 as required by ORS 279C.836 and shall cause all subcontractors to do the same prior to starting work on the project. [ORS 279C.830(2)] The bond must provide that the contractor or subcontractor will pay claims ordered by the Bureau of Labor and Industries to workers performing labor upon public works projects. The bond must be a continuing obligation, and the surety's liability for the aggregate of claims that may be payable from the bond may not exceed the penal sum of the bond. The bond must remain in effect continuously until depleted by claims paid under this section, unless

the surety sooner cancels the bond. Contractor shall verify that subcontractors have complied with this requirement prior to permitting the subcontractor to start work on the project.

- e. If the Contract is for a public work and the Contract price is \$50,000 or more, Contractor shall supply and file, and require every Subcontractor to supply and file, with the City and with the Wage and Hour Division, Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), 800 NE Oregon #32, Portland, Oregon 97232 a certified statement in writing that conforms to the requirements of ORS 279C.845.

18. Hours of Labor /Overtime limitation [ORS 279C.520] [ORS 279C.540] [ORS 279C.545]

Pursuant to ORS 279C.520, no person may be employed for more than 10 hours in any one day, or 40 hours in any one week, except in cases of necessity, emergency or when the public policy absolutely requires it, and in such cases, except in cases of contracts for personal services, the employee shall be paid at least time and a half pay:

- (a)
 - (1) For all overtime in excess of eight hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week when the work week is five consecutive days, Monday through Friday; or
 - (2) For all overtime in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week when the work week is four consecutive days, Monday through Friday; and
- (b) For all work performed on Saturday and on any legal holiday specified in ORS 279C.540.
- (c) Collective bargaining and negotiated labor agreements may provide exceptions to the requirements of this section and from ORS 279C.520 and ORS 279C.540.
- (d) When labor is employed by the City through another as a contractor, any worker employed by the contractor shall be foreclosed from the right to collect for any overtime provided in ORS 279C.540 unless a claim for payment is filed with the contractor within 90 days from the completion of the contract, providing the contractor has:
 - (1) Caused a circular clearly printed in boldfaced 12-point type font and containing a copy of this section to be posted in a prominent place alongside the door of the timekeeper's office or in a similar place that is readily available and freely visible to workers employed on the work.
 - (2) Maintained the circular continuously posted from the inception to the completion of the contract on which workers are or have been employed.
- (e) At or before the commencement of work, the Contractor shall give notice in writing to employees or by posting, of the number of hours and days per week the employees may be required to work. [279C.520(2)(5)]

19. Medical Care and Workers Compensation [ORS 279C.530]

- (1) Pursuant to ORS 279C.530(1), Contractor shall promptly, as due, make payment to any person, co-partnership, association or corporation furnishing medical, surgical and hospital care services or other needed care and attention, incident to sickness or injury, to the employees of the contractor, of all sums that the contractor agrees to pay for the services and all moneys and sums that the contractor collected or deducted from the wages of employees under any law, contract or agreement for the purpose of providing or paying for the services.
- (2) Pursuant to ORS 279C.530(2), All employers, including Contractor, that employ subject workers who work under this contract in the State of Oregon shall comply with ORS 656.017 and provide

the required Workers Compensation coverage unless such employers are exempt under ORS 656.126. Contractor shall ensure that each of its subcontractors complies with these requirements.

20. Retainage

The withholding of retainage by a contractor or subcontractor on public improvement contracts shall be in accordance with ORS 701.420. [ORS 279C.555] “Retainage” means the difference between the amount earned by a contractor on a public improvement contract and the amount paid on the contract by the City. [ORS 279C.550] Moneys retained by a contracting agency under ORS 279C.570(7) shall either be: (a) retained in a fund by the City and paid to the contractor in accordance with ORS 279C.570; or (b) At the election of the contractor, paid to the contractor in accordance with the two options below:

- The contractor may deposit bonds, securities, or other instruments with the City or in any bank or trust company to be held in lieu of the cash retainage for the benefit of the contracting agency. In such event the City shall reduce the retainage in an amount equal to the value of the bonds, securities or instruments. and pay the amount of the reduction to the contractor in accordance with ORS 279C.570. Interest on the bonds or securities shall accrue to the contractor. {or}
- If the contractor elects, the City shall deposit the retainage, as accumulated, in an interest-bearing account in a bank, savings bank, trust company or savings association for the benefit of the City. Earnings on the account shall accrue to the contractor.

If the contracting agency incurs additional costs as a result of the exercise of the options in ORS 279C.560(1) or (5), the City may recover such costs from the contractor by reduction of the final payment. As work on the contract progresses, the contracting agency shall, upon demand, inform the contractor of all accrued costs. Bonds and securities deposited or acquired in lieu of retainage, as permitted above, shall be of a character approved by the City Attorney and City Finance Director, including but not limited to:

- a. Bills, certificates, notes or bonds of the United States.
- b. Other obligations of the United States or its agencies.
- c. Obligations of any corporation wholly owned by the federal government.
- d. Indebtedness of the Federal National Mortgage Association.
- e. General obligation Bond of the State of Oregon or a political subdivision thereof.

Unless the City finds that accepting a bond or instrument poses an extraordinary risk that is not typically associated with such bond or instrument, the contractor may deposit a surety bond for all or any portion of the amount of funds retained, or to be retained, by the City in a form acceptable to the City. The bond and any proceeds there from shall be made subject to all claims and liens and in the same manner and priority as set forth for retainage under ORS 279C.550 to 279C.570 and 279C.600 to 279C.625. The City shall reduce the retainage in an amount equal to the value of the bond and pay the amount of the reduction to the contractor in accordance with ORS 279C.570. Whenever a City accepts a surety bond from a contractor in lieu of retainage, the contractor shall accept like bonds from any subcontractor or supplier from which the contractor has retainage. The contractor shall then reduce the retainage in an amount equal to the value of the bond and pay the amount of the reduction to the subcontractor or supplier. [279C.560]

21. Progress Payments

- a. Payment for all work under the Contract will be made promptly by the City at the price or prices bid, and those prices shall include full compensation for all approved incidental work.
- b. Contractor shall make progress estimates of work performed in any calendar month and submit to the City for approval, before the fifth of the following month, or as mutually agreed between the Contractor and City. These estimates shall include value of labor performed and materials incorporated in the work since commencing work under the Contract. Such estimates need not be made by strict measurements and may be approximate only and shall be based upon the whole amount of money that will become due according to terms of the Contract when Project has been completed. The City may include in payments eighty five percent (85%) of the cost to Contractor of materials or equipment not yet incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the site, or at some other location agreed upon in writing. Such a payment shall be conditioned upon submission by the Contractor of bills of sale or such other documentation satisfactory to the City Attorney to establish the City's title to such materials or equipment or otherwise protect the City's interest including applicable insurance and transportation to the site, and a statement from Contractor explaining why it is necessary to procure said equipment and/or materials. When such payments are made, the Contractor warrants and guarantees that the title to all materials and equipment covered by a progress payment, whether incorporated in the project or not, will pass to the City upon receipt of such payment by the Contractor, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests or encumbrances. Notwithstanding the above, when the progress estimate indicates that the progress payment would be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), no progress payment will be made for that estimate period, unless approved by the City.
- c. If the Contract price is determined, in whole or in part, on a Lump Sum basis, Contractor shall prepare an itemized cost breakdown relating thereto and have the City approve same before commencing work; progress estimates based on said itemized cost breakdown may be the basis for progress payments. Upon direction by the City, Contractor shall provide for revision of the costs breakdown to reflect the true costs of the work as it progresses.
- d. If the Contract price is determined wholly on a unit basis, City may use unit prices bid in making progress estimates on the work. In case said unit prices do not, in the opinion of the City, truly represent actual relative costs of different parts of work, a percentage of the Unit Price may be used in making progress estimate adjustments.
- e. If the City receives written notice of any unsettled claims for damage or other costs due to Contractor's operations including, without limitation, claims from any City Department or other governmental agency, an amount equal to the claim may be withheld from the progress payments, final payments or retainage until such claim has been resolved to the satisfaction of City.
- f. Progress payments will be made by City on a monthly basis within thirty (30) days from sign off by the Contractor of the progress payment or fifteen (15) days after the payment is approved by City of work performed, whichever is the earlier date. Failure to pay progress payments within the timeframe set forth above will result in the imposition of interest as required by ORS 279C.570(2)(3). Defective or improper invoices will be addressed as set forth in ORS 279C.570(4)(5)(6).
- g. Payment will be issued by City for the amount of the approved estimate, less five percent (5%) retainage. Except as provided in paragraph 19 above and the applicable ORS Sections noted herein, such amount of retainage shall be withheld and retained by City until it is included in and paid to Contractor as part of the final payment of the Contract amount. Upon Substantial Completion of the work under the Contract which shall be understood to be not less than ninety-seven and one-half

percent (97.5%) of the work, the City may, at its discretion, reduce the retained amount equivalent to not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract value or estimated value or estimated cost, whichever is greater, of the work remaining to be done. [279C.570(7)]

- h. The City may decline to approve an application for payment and may withhold such approval if, in the City's opinion, and in good faith, the work has not progressed to the point indicated by the Contractor's submittal. The City may also decline to approve an application for payment or may reduce said payment or, because of subsequently discovered evidence or subsequent inspections, City may nullify the whole or any part of any payment previously made to such extent as may be necessary in their opinion to protect the City from loss because of: (1) defective work not remedied, (2) third party claims filed or failure of the Contractor to make payments properly to Subcontractors for labor, materials or equipment, unless Surety consents to such payment, (3) reasonable doubt that the work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract sum, (4) damage to another contractor's work, (5) reasonable indication that the work will not be completed within the Contract time, (6) unsatisfactory prosecution of the work by the Contractor, (7) claims against the Contractor by the City, (8) failure to submit a construction schedule or failure to keep said construction schedule updated, or (9) exceeding work limits. When any or all of the criteria set forth above have been remedied satisfactorily to the City, payment shall be made for amounts withheld because of them. Withholding of progress payments or partial payments under the criteria set forth above shall not entitle the Contractor to interest on such withheld payments or partial payments, except as provided in ORS 279C.570(9).
- i. If Contractor fails to complete the Project within the time limit fixed in the Contract or any extension, no further estimate may be accepted, or progress or other payments allowed until the Project is completed, unless approved otherwise by City. Progress estimates are for the sole purpose of determining progress payments and are not to be relied on for any other purpose. A progress payment is not considered acceptance or approval of any work or materials or waiver of any defects therein. [ORS 279.570(2)].

22. Final Estimate and Final Payment

- a. **SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION.** Contractor shall notify the City in writing when all or a portion of the work is considered substantially complete. If it appears to the City that the work is not substantially complete, the City shall not make an inspection. The City may make a general list of major work components remaining. If it appears that the work is substantially complete, the City shall, within fifteen (15) days after receiving notice, make an inspection and either accept the work or notify Contractor of work yet to be performed. If accepted, City shall prepare a Certificate of Substantial Completion, **Exhibit F**. Upon acceptance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion by both parties, the City shall be responsible for operation and maintenance of that part of the work described in the Certificate of Substantial Completion, subject to the warranty requirements and protection of the work and all other applicable terms of the contract documents. The date of substantial completion of all the work shall stop the accrual of liquidated damages, if applicable.
- b. **FINAL COMPLETION.** Contractor shall notify the City in writing when work is 100% complete. If it appears to the City that the work is not 100% complete, the City shall not make a final inspection. The City may make a general list of major work components remaining. If it appears that the work is 100% complete, the City shall, within fifteen (15) days after receiving notice, make a final inspection and either accept the work or notify Contractor of work yet to be performed on the Contract. A Certificate of Final Completion shall not be prepared until all provisions of the Contract have been met, including but not limited to, the submission by the Contractor of a signed Certificate of Compliance, **Exhibit G** and executed "Release of Liens and Claims", **Exhibit H**.

When the work is 100% complete, the City shall prepare a final pay estimate and Certificate of Final Completion accepting the work as of a certain date. The Contractor shall execute and return the final pay estimate and Certificate of Final Completion within five (5) working days of receipt. Unless otherwise provided as a Special Provision, when City accepts the Certificate of Final Completion, the date the Contractor signs the Certificate of Final Completion shall be the date the City accepts Ownership of the work and the start date of the warranty period. The contractor may substitute a Warranty Bond in replacement of the Performance and Payment Bonds in accordance with Section 29. The City shall include in the final pay estimate an addition to the contract amount for any contract deduction from the contract amount for any liquidated damages and a deduction from the contract price in a fair and equitable amount for any damages to the City or for any costs incurred or likely to be incurred by the City due to Contractor's failure to meet any contract provision or specification other than timely completion.

If the Contractor believes the quantities and amounts specified in the final pay estimate prepared by the City to be incorrect, Contractor shall submit to the City within five (5) working days of receipt of the City's final pay estimate, an itemized statement of any and all claims for additional compensation under the Contract which are based on differences in measurements or errors of computation. Any such claim not so submitted and supported by an itemized statement within said period is expressly waived and the City shall not be obligated to pay the same.

The Contractor shall commence any suit or action to collect or enforce the claim or claims for any additional compensation arising from errors of computation in the final estimate within a period of one (1) year following the original mailing of the City's final estimate and Certificate of Final Completion to the Contractor's last known address as shown in the records of City. The City's issuance of a revised final estimate pursuant to this subsection does not alter the original final estimate date. If said suit, action or proceeding is not commenced in said one (1) year period, the final estimate and Certificate of Final Completion or revised final estimate and Certificate of Final Completion, if revisions are made, shall be conclusive with respect to the amount earned by the Contractor, and the Contractor expressly waives any and all claims for compensation and any and all causes of suit or action for the enforcement thereof that Contractor might have had.

Upon return of the fully executed Certificate of Final Completion from the Contractor, the City will submit the Certificate of Final Completion and final estimate to the City for approval. Upon approval and acceptance by the City, Contractor will be paid a total payment equal to the amount due under the Contract including retainage within thirty (30) days in accordance with ORS 279C.570. Failure to pay within 30 days shall implicate the interest on final payment/ retainage requirements of ORS 279C.570(8).

Monies earned by the Contractor are not due and payable until the procedures set forth in the contract documents for inspection, approval and acceptance of the work; for determination of the work done and the amount due therefore; for the preparation of the final estimate and Certificate of Final Completion and processing the same for payment; for consideration of the Contractor's claim, or claims, if any; and for the preparing of a revised final estimate and Certificate of Final Completion and processing same for payment all have been carried out.

As a prerequisite to final payment, if Contractor is not domiciled in or registered to do business in the State of Oregon, the Contractor will provide City with evidence that the requirement of ORS 279A.120(3) has been satisfied.

If City declares a default of the Contract, and Surety completes said Contract, all payments made after declaration of default and all retainage held by City shall be paid to Surety and not to Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

Acceptance by Contractor of final payment shall release City from any and all claims by Contractor whether known or unknown, arising out of and relating to the work. No payment, however, final or otherwise, shall operate to release Contractor or its Sureties from warranties or other obligations required in the performance of the Contract.

Disputes as to compensation resolved in favor of the contractor implicate the interest provisions of ORS 279.570(9).

23. Change Orders / Extra Work

The Contractor agrees to complete this Contract in accordance with the attached specifications and requirements, including any change orders. A change order submitted by the City must be agreed upon by the Contractor and the City, and in the event of failure to so agree, the City may then proceed with any additional work in any manner the City may choose. A decision by the City to proceed to have work done by another party shall in no way relieve either the Contractor or City of this Contract and neither will such action be cause for collection of damages by either party to the contract, one from the other. Only the City designated Contracting Officer or individual with delegated contracting authority can authorize extra (and/or changed) work and compensation. Such authorization must be in writing. The parties expressly recognize that, except when such order is in writing by an individual with delegated authority, City personnel are not authorized to order extra (and/or) changed work or to waive contract requirements or authorize additional compensation. Failure of the Contractor to secure City authorization for extra work shall constitute a waiver of any and all claims or rights to adjustment in the contract price or contract time due to such unauthorized extra work and thereafter Contractor shall be entitled to no compensation whatsoever for the performance of such work. Contractor further expressly waives any and all right or remedy by way of restitution and *quantum meruit* for any and all extra work performed by Contractor without express and prior authorization of the City.

24. Contractor/Subcontractor Payment Obligations

- a. The Contractor is required to include in each subcontract for property or services entered into by the Contractor and a first-tier subcontractor, including a material supplier, for the purpose of performing this contract:
 - i. A payment clause that obligates the Contractor to pay the first-tier subcontractor for satisfactory performance under its subcontract within 10 days out of such amounts as are paid to the Contractor by the City under such contract; [279C.580(3)(a)] and
 - ii. An interest penalty clause that obligates the Contractor, if payment is not made within 30 days after receipt of payment from the City, to pay to the first-tier subcontractor an interest penalty on amounts due in the case of each payment not made in accordance with the payment clause included in the subcontract pursuant to paragraph (a)(i) above. A contractor or first-tier subcontractor shall not be obligated to pay an interest penalty if the only reason that the contractor or first-tier subcontractor did not make payment when payment was due is that the contractor or first-tier subcontractor did not receive payment from the City or contractor when payment was due. The interest penalty shall be:
 - A. For the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment of the amount is due made; and

B. Computed at the rate specified in ORS 279C.515(2). [279C.580(3)(b)]

- b. The Contractor is further required to include in each of its subcontracts, for the purpose of performance of such contract condition, a provision requiring the first-tier subcontractor to include a payment clause and an interest penalty clause conforming to the standards of section a. above in each of its subcontracts and to require each of its subcontractors to include such clauses in their subcontracts with each lower-tier subcontractor or supplier. [279C.580(4)]
- c. The Contractor shall not request payment of any amount withheld or retained in accordance with ORS 279C.580(5) until such time as the Contractor has determined and certified to the City that the subcontractor is entitled to the payment of such amount. [279C.570(1)].
- d. A dispute between the Contractor and a subcontractor relating to the amount or entitlement of a subcontractor to a payment or a late payment interest penalty under a clause included in the subcontract pursuant to subsections (3) and (4) of ORS 279C.580 does not constitute a dispute to which the City is a party. The City shall not be included as a party in any administrative or judicial proceeding involving such a dispute. [279C.580(2)]
- e. The Contractor shall make payment promptly, as due, to all persons supplying to the Contractor labor or material for the performance of the work provided for in the contract. [ORS 279C.505(1)(a)] The Contractor shall pay all contributions or amounts due the Industrial Accident Fund and the State Unemployment Compensation Fund from the Contractor or Subcontractor incurred in the performance of the contract. [ORS 279C.505(1)(b)] The Contractor shall not permit any claim or lien to be filed or prosecuted against the City and shall be fully responsible for any lien or claim filed against the City on account of any labor or material furnished. [ORS 279C.505(1)(c)] The Contractor shall pay to the Department of Revenue all sums withheld from employees pursuant to ORS 316.167. [ORS 279C.505(1)(d)]
- f. Pursuant to ORS 279C.515(1), if Contractor fails, neglects or refuses to make prompt payment of any claim for labor or services furnished to the Contractor or a subcontractor by any person in connection with the Contract as such claim becomes due, the proper officer(s) representing the City may pay the claim and charge the amount of the payment against funds due or to become due Contractor under this Contract.
- g. Pursuant to ORS 279C.515(2), if the Contractor or a first-tier subcontractor fails, neglects or refuses to make payment to a person furnishing labor or materials in connection with the public improvement contract within 30 days after receipt of payment from the contracting agency or a contractor, the contractor or first-tier subcontractor shall owe the person the amount due plus interest charges commencing at the end of the 10-day period that payment is due under ORS 279C.580 (4) and ending upon final payment, unless payment is subject to a good faith dispute as defined in ORS 279C.580. The rate of interest charged to the contractor or first-tier subcontractor on the amount due shall equal three times the discount rate on 90-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Federal Reserve district that includes Oregon on the date that is 30 days after the date when payment was received from the contracting agency or from the contractor, but the rate of interest may not exceed 30 percent. The amount of interest may not be waived.
- h. Pursuant to ORS 279C.515(3), if the Contractor or a subcontractor fails, neglects or refuses to make payment to a person furnishing labor or materials in connection with the public improvement contract, the person may file a complaint with the Construction Contractors Board, unless payment is subject to a good faith dispute as defined in ORS 279C.580.
- i. Pursuant to ORS 279C.515(4), the payment of a claim in the manner authorized in this section does not relieve the contractor or the contractor's surety from obligation with respect to any unpaid claims.

- j. Living Wage Rates: If the amount of this contract is \$18,703 or more, and Contractor is not paying prevailing wage for the work, Contractor must comply with Chapter 3.12 of the Ashland Municipal Code by paying a living wage, as defined in this chapter, to all employees performing work under this contract and to any subcontractor who performs 50% or more of the work under this contract. Contractor must post the attached Living Wage Notice predominantly in areas where it will be seen by all employees.

25. Inspection and Acceptance

Inspection and acceptance of all work required under this contract shall be performed by the City. The Contractor shall be advised of the acceptance or of any deficiencies in the deliverable items.

26. Liquidated Damages

City and Contractor recognize that time is of the essence of this Contract and that City will suffer substantial financial loss if the project work is not completed within the timeframe specified in Section (1) of the Public Improvement Contract. City and Contractor also recognize the delays, expense, and difficulties involved in proving in a legal or other dispute resolution preceding the actual loss suffered by City if the project work is not completed on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, City and Contractor agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty) the Contractor shall pay the City a dollar amount per day based on calculations set forth in the Oregon Standard Specifications for Construction and the Special Provisions for this project, for each and every day that elapses in excess of the contract time or the final adjusted contract time. This amount is a genuine pre-estimation of the damages expected because of a delay in the completion of this project.

Any sums due as liquidated damages shall be deducted from any money due or which may become due to the Contractor under this Contract. Payment of liquidated damages shall not release the Contractor from obligations in respect to the fulfillment of the entire contract, nor shall the payment of such liquidated damages constitute a waiver of the City's right to collect any additional damages which may be sustained by failure of the Contractor to complete the work on time. Permitting the Contractor to continue and finish the project work or any part thereof after the contract time, or adjusted contract time, has expired shall in no way operate as a waiver on the part of the City or any of its rights under this contract. The City may in its discretion grant the Contractor an extension of time upon a showing made by the Contractor that the work has been unavoidably delayed by conditions beyond the control of the parties.

27. Liability, Indemnity and Hold Harmless

Contractor warrants that all its work will be performed in accordance with generally accepted practices and standards as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state, and local laws, it being understood that acceptance of Contractor's work by City shall not operate as a waiver or release. The Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify, and defend City, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability, actions, claims, losses, damages or other costs of whatsoever nature, including attorney's fees and witness costs (at both trial and appeal level, whether or not a trial or appeal ever takes place) that may be asserted by any person or entity arising from, during or in connection with the performance of the work, actions or failure to perform actions, and other activities of Contractor or its officers, employees, subcontractors or agents, under this contract, including the professional negligent acts, errors, or omissions of Contractor or its officers, employees, subcontractors, or agents except liability arising out of the sole gross negligence of the City and its employees. The Contractor shall assume all responsibility for the work and shall bear all losses and damages directly or indirectly resulting to the

Contractor, to the City, and to their officers, agents, and employees on account of (a) the character or performance of the work, (b) unforeseen difficulties, (c) accidents, or (d) any other cause whatsoever. The Contractor shall assume this responsibility even if (a) fault is the basis of the claim, and (b) any act, omission or conduct of the City connected with the Contract is a condition or contributory cause of the claim, loss, damage or injury. Contractor waives any and all statutory or common law rights of defense and indemnification by the City. Such indemnification shall also cover claims brought against City under state or federal workers compensation laws. Contractor shall also defend and indemnify City from all loss or damage that may result from Contractor's wrongful or unauthorized use of any patented article or process. If any aspect of this indemnity shall be found to be illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this indemnification. Any specific duty or liability imposed or assumed by the Contractor as may be otherwise set forth in the Contract documents shall not be construed as a limitation or restriction of the general liability or duty imposed upon the Contractor by this section. In the event any such action or claim is brought against the City, the Contractor shall, if the City so elects and upon tender by the City, defend the same at the Contractor's sole cost and expense, promptly satisfy any judgment adverse to the City or to the City and the Contractor jointly, and reimburse the City for any loss, cost, damage, or expense, including attorney fees, suffered or incurred by the City.

28. Insurance

The Contractor shall provide and maintain during the life of this Contract the insurance coverage as described in **Exhibit C**. All costs for such insurance shall be borne by the Contractor and shall be included in the contract price. In case of the breach of any provision of this section, the City may elect to take out and maintain at the expense of the Contractor such insurance as the City may deem proper. The City may deduct the cost of such insurance from any monies that may be due or become due the Contractor under this Contract. Failure to maintain insurance as provided is also cause for immediate termination of the Contract. Contractor shall furnish City certificates of insurance acceptable to City prior to execution by the City and before Contractor or any subcontractor commences work under this Contract. The certificate shall show the name of the insurance carrier, coverage, type, amount (or limits), policy numbers, effective and expiration dates and a description of operations covered. The certificate will include the deductible or retention level and required endorsements. Insuring companies or entities are subject to City's acceptance. If requested, copies of insurance policies shall be provided to the City. Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles, self-insured retention's, and/or self-insurance. Approval of the insurance shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Contractor hereunder.

29. Performance, Payment and Warranty Bonds / Notice of Bond Claims

At the time of execution of the Contract, the Contractor shall furnish: (1) Performance Bond and (2) Payment Bond written by a corporate surety or other financial assurance in an amount equal to the amount of the Contract based upon the estimate of quantities or lump sum as set forth in the Contract and in accordance with ORS 279.380. The bonds shall be continuous in effect and shall remain in full force and effect until compliance with and fulfillment of all terms and provisions of the Contract, including the obligations of Sections 27 and 30, all applicable laws and the prompt payment of all persons supplying labor and/or material for prosecution of the work. The bond(s) or other financial assurance is subject to approval by the City.

Contractor shall furnish a separate warranty bond written by a corporate surety or other financial assurance, in an amount equal to 10% of the final amount of the contract. The City may permit the

warranty amount to be included in the initial performance and payment bonds. The warranty bond or other financial assurance shall be in effect for a period of one year from the date of Final Completion. The City may require a separate warranty bond or financial assurance for any repairs done pursuant to the warranty obligation. Such separate warranty bond or financial assurance shall be for a period of one year from the date of completion of such repairs.

The notice of claim on a bond required by ORS 279C.600 must be sent by registered or certified mail or hand delivered no later than 120 days after the day the person last provided labor or furnished materials or 120 days after the worker listed in the notice of claim by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries last provided labor. The notice may be sent or delivered to the contractor at any place the contractor maintains an office or conducts business or at the residence of the contractor. Notwithstanding the above, if the claim is for a required contribution to a fund of any employee benefit plan, the notice required by ORS 279C.600 must be sent or delivered within 150 days after the employee last provided labor or materials.

The notice of claim must be in writing substantially as set forth in ORS 279C.605(3)-(5).

30. One-Year Warranty

In addition to and not in lieu of any other warranties required under the Contract, Contractor shall make all necessary repairs and replacements to remedy, in a manner satisfactory to the City and at no cost to the City, any and all defects, breaks, or failures of the work occurring within one year following the date of completion due to faulty or inadequate materials or workmanship. Repair damage or disturbances to other improvements under, within, or adjacent to the work, whether or not caused by settling, washing, or slipping, when such damage or disturbance is caused, in whole or in part, from activities of the Contractor in performing its duties and obligations under this Contract when such defects or damage occur within the warranty period. The one-year warranty period shall, with relation to such required repair, be extended one year from the date of completion of such repair.

If Contractor, after written notice, fails within ten days to proceed to comply with the terms of this section, City may have the defects corrected, and the Contractor and Contractor's surety shall be liable for all expense incurred. In case of an emergency where, in the opinion of the City, delay would cause serious loss or damage, repairs may be made without notice being given to Contractor and Contractor or Surety shall pay the cost of repairs. Failure of the City to act in case of an emergency shall not relieve Contractor or Surety from liability and payment of all such costs.

31. Nondiscrimination in Labor

No person shall be subject to discrimination in the receipt of the benefits of any services or activities made possible by or resulting from this Agreement on the grounds of sex, race, color, creed, marital status, age, sexual orientation or national origin. Contractor shall comply with provisions of Owner's Equal Opportunity Policy and comply with ORS Chapter 659 and ORS Chapter 659A relating to unlawful employment practices and discrimination by employers against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, marital status or age if the individual is 18 years of age or older. Particular reference is made to ORS 659A.030, which states that it is unlawful employment practice for any employer, because of the race, religion, color, sex, national origin, marital status or age if the individual is 18 years or older or because of the race, religion, color, sex, national origin or age of any other person with whom the individual associates, or because of a juvenile record that has been expunged pursuant to ORS 419A.260 and ORS 419A.262 of any individual, or to refuse to hire or employ or to bar or discharge from employment such individual or to

discriminate against such individual in compensation or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment. Any violation of this provision shall be considered a material violation of the Agreement and shall be grounds for cancellation, termination, or suspension in whole or in part (q).

32. Construction Debris and Yard Waste

Contractor shall salvage or recycle construction and demolition debris, if feasible and cost effective. If the contract includes lawn and landscaping maintenance, Contractor shall compost or mulch yard waste material at an approved site, if feasible and cost effective. [ORS 279C.510(1) & (2)]

33. Environmental Regulations

Pursuant to ORS 279C.525(1), the following is a list of federal, state and local agencies which have enacted ordinances or regulations dealing with the prevention of environmental pollution and the preservation of natural resources that may affect the performance of the contract.

Federal Agencies:

Agriculture, Department of
Forest Service
Soil Conservation Service
Commerce Department of
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Defense, Department of
Army Corps of Engineers
Energy, Department of
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Environmental Protection Agency
Health and Human Services Department of
Housing and Urban Development
Solar Energy and Energy Conservation Bank
Interior, Department of
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Mines
Bureau of Reclamation
Geological Survey
Minerals Management Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Labor, Department of
Mine Safety and Health Administration
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Transportation, Department of
Coast Guard
Federal Highway Administration
Water Resources Council

State Agencies:

Administrative Services
Department of Agriculture

Department of Consumer & Business Services
Department of Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Division Energy
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Forestry
Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
Department of Human Resources
Department of Land Conservation and Development Commission
Parks and Recreation
Department of Soil and Water Conservation Commission
State Engineer
State Land Board (Lands, Division of State)
Water Resources Department

Local Agencies:

CITY of ASHLAND
City Council (Ashland Municipal Code)
County Courts
County Commissioners of Jackson County,
County Service Districts
Sanitary Districts
Water Districts
Fire Protection Districts
Historical Preservation Commissions
Planning Commission

If the Contractor awarded the project is delayed or must undertake additional work by reason of existing ordinances, rules or regulations of agencies not cited above or due to the enactment of new or the amendment of existing statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations relating to the prevention of environmental pollution and the preservation of natural resources occurring after the submission of the successful bid, the City may:

- (a) Terminate the contract;
- (b) Complete the work itself;
- (c) Use non-City forces already under contract with the City;
- (d) Require that the underlying property owner be responsible for cleanup;
- (e) Solicit bids for a new contractor to provide the necessary services; or
- (f) Issue the contractor a change order setting forth the additional work that must be undertaken.

The solicitation documents make specific reference to known conditions at the construction site that may require the successful bidder to comply with the ordinances, rules or regulations identified above. If Contractor encounters a condition not referred to in the solicitation documents, not caused by the successful bidder and not discoverable by a reasonable pre-bid visual site inspection, and the condition requires compliance with the ordinances, rules or regulations enacted by the governmental entities identified above, the successful bidder shall immediately give notice of the condition to the contracting agency. Except in the case of an emergency and except as may otherwise be required by any environmental or natural resource ordinance, rule or regulation, the Contractor shall not commence work nor incur any additional job site costs in regard to the condition encountered and described in

subsection (3) of this section without written direction from the contracting agency. Upon request by the City, the Contractor shall estimate the emergency or regulatory compliance costs as well as the anticipated delay and costs resulting from the encountered condition. This cost estimate shall be promptly delivered to the contracting agency for resolution. Within a reasonable period of time following delivery of an estimate of this section, the City may:

- (a) Terminate the contract;
- (b) Complete the work itself;
- (c) Use non-City forces already under contract with the City;
- (d) Require that the underlying property owner be responsible for cleanup;
- (e) Solicit bids for a new contractor to provide the necessary services; or
- (f) Issue the contractor a change order setting forth the additional work that must be undertaken.

If the City chooses to terminate the contract under either subsection (a) of this section, the Contractor shall be entitled to all costs and expenses incurred to the date of termination, including overhead and reasonable profits, on the percentage of the work completed. The City shall have access to the contractor's bid documents when making the contracting agency's determination of the additional compensation due to the contractor. If the contracting agency causes work to be done by another contractor under either subsection (c) or (e) above, the initial contractor may not be held liable for actions or omissions of the other contractor. The change order under either subsection (f) of this section shall include the appropriate extension of contract time and compensate the contractor for all additional costs, including overhead and reasonable profits, reasonably incurred as a result of complying with the applicable statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations. The City shall have access to the contractor's bid documents when making the contracting agency's determination of the additional compensation due to the contractor.

Notwithstanding the above, the City has allocated all or a portion of the known environmental and natural resource risks to a Contractor by listing such environmental and natural resource risks in the solicitation documents.

34. Waiver

The failure of the City to enforce any provision of this contract shall not constitute a waiver by the City of that or any other provision. City shall not be precluded or estopped by any measurement, estimate or certificate made either before or after completion and acceptance of work or payment therefore, from showing the true amount and character of work performed and materials furnished by the Contractor, or from showing that any such measurement, estimate or certificate is untrue or incorrectly made, or that work or materials do not conform in fact to the Contract. City shall not be precluded or estopped, notwithstanding any such measurement, estimate or certificate, or payment in accordance therewith, from recovering from the Contractor and their Sureties such damages as it may sustain by reason of their failure to comply with terms of the Contract, or from enforcing compliance with the Contract. Neither acceptance by City, or by any representative or agent of the City, of the whole or any part of the work, nor any extension of time, nor any possession taken by City, nor any payment for all or any part of the project, shall operate as a waiver of any portion of the Contract or of any power herein reserved, or any right to damages herein provided. A waiver of any breach of the Contract shall not be held to be a waiver of any other breach.

35. Errors

The Contractor shall perform such additional work as may be necessary to correct errors in the work required under this Contract without undue delays and without additional cost.

36. Severability

If any term or provision of this contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular term or provision held invalid.

37. Attorney's Fees

If a suit or action is filed to enforce any of the terms of this contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party, in addition to costs and disbursements provided by statute, any sum which a court, including any appellate court, may adjudge reasonable as attorney's fees.

38. Business License

The Contractor shall obtain a City of Ashland business license as required by City ordinance prior to beginning work under this Contract. The Contractor shall provide a business license number in the space provided in this contract.

39. Notices/Bills/Payments

All notices, bills, and payments shall be made in writing and may be given by personal delivery or by mail. Notices, bills, and payments sent by mail should be addressed as follows:

City of Ashland
Rocky Houston, Director
Parks & Recreation Department
20 E. Main Street
Ashland, OR 97520

and when so addressed, shall be deemed given upon deposit in the United States Mail, postage prepaid. In all other instances, notices, bills, and payments shall be deemed given at the time of actual delivery. Changes may be made in the names and addresses of the person to whom notices, bills, and payments are to be given by giving notice pursuant to this paragraph.

40. Conflict of Interest

Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services. The Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this contract no person having any such interest shall be employed.

41. Merger Clause

THIS CONTRACT AND ATTACHED EXHIBITS CONSTITUTE THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES. NO WAIVER, CONSENT, MODIFICATION OR CHANGE OF TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BIND EITHER PARTY UNLESS IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES. SUCH WAIVER, CONSENT, MODIFICATION OR CHANGE, IF MADE, SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY IN THE SPECIFIC INSTANCE AND FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE GIVEN. THERE ARE NO UNDERSTANDINGS, AGREEMENTS, OR REPRESENTATIONS, ORAL OR WRITTEN, NOT SPECIFIED HEREIN REGARDING THIS CONTRACT. BY ITS SIGNATURE, CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES IT HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THIS CONTRACT, AND AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.