Section 13.14.1.4 Rates of pay, or other forms of compensation; and

Section 13.14.1.5 Selection for training and apprenticeship.

Section 13.14.2 Unless otherwise permitted by law and directed by the Department, the Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Department setting forth the provisions of this Section concerning non-discrimination and affirmative action.

Section 13.14.3 The Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment pursuant to the non-discrimination requirements set forth in this Section.

Section 13.14.4 The Contractor agrees to send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Department, advising each labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this Section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

Section 13.14.5 The Contractor agrees to permit access by the Department to all books, records and accounts pertaining to its employment practices for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with this Section, and shall post copies of the notices in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

Section 13.14.6 The Contractor shall include in every subcontract the equal opportunity clauses of this Section so that such provisions shall be binding upon each Subcontractor or vendor.

Section 13.14.7 The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any Subcontractor as the Contracting Officer may direct as a means of enforcing these provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.

Section 13.15 <u>Buy American Act Provision.</u> The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. § 10a), including, but not limited to, the purchase of steel.

Section 13.16 <u>Contract Work Hours And Safety Standards Act Provision.</u> The Contractor agrees that the construction work performed under this Contract shall be subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333).

Section 13.17 <u>Davis-Bacon Act Provision.</u> The Contractor agrees that the construction work performed under this Contract shall be subject to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 276a-

276a-7). The wage rates applicable to this Project are attached as **Exhibit C**. The Contractor further agrees that it and all of its subcontractors shall comply with the regulations implementing the Davis-Bacon Act and such regulations are hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 13.18 False Claims Act. Contractor shall be governed by all laws and regulations prohibiting false or fraudulent statements and claims made to the government, including the prescriptions set forth in District of Columbia Code § 22-2514.

Section 13.19 Interpretation of Contract. All of the documents comprising the Contract should be read as complementary, so that what is called for by one is called for by all. Ambiguities should be construed in favor of a broader scope of work for the Contractor, as the intent of the Contract is, with specific identified exceptions, to require the Contractor to assume entire responsibility for construction of the Project. If there is any inconsistency among the documents comprising the Contract, the order of precedence among them is as follows, with the first listed document having the highest priority: this Agreement and its Exhibits, the General Conditions, and the Construction Documents released by the Department. Any Change Order issued and executed by the Department shall supersede those portions of earlier dated contract documents to which it pertains.

Section 13.20 Independent Contractor. In carrying out all its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor shall be acting as an independent Contractor, and not as an employee or agent of the Department, or joint venture or partner with the Department. The Contractor shall have exclusive authority to manage, direct, and control the Work, and shall be responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures, as well as for Project safety.

Section 13.21 Confidential Information. In the course of the Contractor's performance of the Work, the Department may make available to the Contractor information that the Department designates as trade secrets or other confidential engineering, technical and business information. This information shall be marked "Confidential" by the Department prior to issuance to the Contractor. As long as, and to the extent that, such information remains confidential and available to others only with the consent of the Department, or is not generally available to the public from other sources, the Contractor shall maintain such information in strict confidence and shall not disclose any such information to others (including its employees or Subcontractors), except to the extent necessary to enable the Contractor to carry out the Project. The Contractor shall similarly obligate any and all persons to whom such information is necessarily disclosed to maintain the information in strict confidence. The Contractor agrees that, in the event of any breach of this confidentiality obligation, the Department shall be entitled to equitable relief, including injunctive relief or specific performance, in addition to all other rights or remedies otherwise available.

Section 13.22 No Third-Party Beneficiary Rights. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating third-party beneficiary rights in any person or entity, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

Section 13.23 Media Releases. Neither the Contractor, its employees, agents or Subcontractors or material suppliers shall make any press release or similar media release related to the Project unless such press release have been discussed with the Department prior to its issuance.

Section 13.24 Construction. This Agreement shall be construed fairly as to all parties and not in favor of or against any party, regardless of which party prepared the Agreement.

Section 13.25 Notices. All notices or communications required or permitted under the Contract shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered or sent by telecopier or by recognized overnight carrier to the intended recipient at the address stated below, or to such other address as the recipient may have designated in writing. Any such notice or communication shall be deemed delivered as follows: if hand delivered, on the day so delivered, if sent by telecopier, on confirmation of successful transmission, and if sent by recognized overnight carrier, the next business day.

If to the Department:

Brian J. Hanlon
Director
Department of General Services
2000 14th St, NW – 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

If to the Contractor:

This Paragraph shall be read as imposing minimum requirements for distribution of required contractual notices, and not as displacing distribution requirements with respect to design documents, construction submittals, periodic reports, and other documents.

Section 13.26 Limitations. The Contractor agrees that any statute of limitations applicable to any claim or suit by the Department arising from this Contract or its breach shall not begin to run, or shall be deemed to be tolled, until Final Completion or, with respect to latent defects or nonconformities, such later time as the Department knew or should have known of the defect or nonconformity.

Section 13.27 Binding Effect; Assignment. The Contract shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon and enforceable by, the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. The Contractor acknowledges that, in entering into the Contract, the Department is relying on the particular qualifications of the Contractor, and the Contractor therefore shall not delegate or assign any of its duties or obligations under the Contract, except in accordance with the Contract's provisions relating to subcontracting, or pursuant to the

Department's prior written consent. The Contractor shall not assign its rights under the Contract, including the right to all or a portion of its compensation, without the Department's prior written consent. Any delegation or assignment made contrary to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be null and void.

Section 13.28 Survival. All agreements warranties, and representations of the Contractor contained in the Contract or in any certificate or document furnished pursuant to the Contract shall survive termination or expiration of the Contract.

Section 13.29 No Waiver. If the Department waives any power, right, or remedy arising from the Contract or any applicable law, the waiver shall not be deemed to be a waiver of the power, right, or remedy on the later recurrence of any similar events. No act, delay, or course of conduct by the Department shall be deemed to constitute the Department's waiver, which may be effected only by an express written waiver signed by the Department.

Section 13.30 Remedies Cumulative. Unless specifically provided to the contrary in the Contract, all remedies set forth in the Contract are cumulative and not exclusive of any other remedy the Department may have, including, without limitation, at law or in equity. The Department's rights and remedies will be exercised at its sole discretion, and shall not be regarded as conferring any obligation on the Department's to exercise those rights or remedies for the benefit of the Contractor or any other person or entity.

Section 13.31 Headings/Captions. The headings or captions used in this Agreement or its table of contents are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute a part of the Contract, nor shall they be used in interpreting the Contract.

Section 13.32 Entire Agreement; Modification. The Contract supersedes all contemporaneous or prior negotiations, representations, course of dealing, or agreements, either written or oral. No modifications to the Contract shall be effective unless made in writing signed by both the Department and the Contractor, unless otherwise expressly provided to the contrary in the Contract.

Section 13.33 Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement, and in lieu of each such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision, there shall be added automatically as a part of this Agreement a provision as similar in terms to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be valid, legal and enforceable; each part of this Agreement is intended to be severable.

Section 13.34 Anti-Deficiency Act. The Department's obligations and responsibilities under the terms of the Contract and the Contract Documents are and shall remain subject to the provisions of (i) the federal Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. §§1341, 1342, 1349, 1350, 1351, (ii)

the D.C. Code 47-105, (iii) the District of Columbia Anti-Deficiency Act, D.C. Code §§ 47-355.01 - 355.08, as the foregoing statutes may be amended from time to time, and (iv) Section 446 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act. Neither the Contract nor any of the Contract Documents shall constitute an indebtedness of the Department, nor shall it constitute an obligation for which the Department is obligated to levy or pledge any form of taxation, or for which the Department has levied or pledged any form of taxation. **IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 446 OF THE HOME RULE ACT, D.C. CODE § 1-204.46, NO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICIAL IS AUTHORIZED TO OBLIGATE OR EXPEND ANY AMOUNT UNDER THE CONTRACT OR CONTRACT DOCUMENTS UNLESS SUCH AMOUNT HAS BEEN APPROVED, IS LAWFULLY AVAILABLE AND APPROPRIATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS.**

ARTICLE 14
TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

Section 14.1 **Cancellation Before Notice to Proceed.** The Department may cancel the Contract at any time before issuance of a Notice to Proceed, in the Department's sole discretion. Such a cancellation shall not be a breach of the Contract, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation or damages if cancellation occurs.

Section 14.2 **Termination for Default.** The Department may terminate the Contract for default if the Contractor fails materially to perform any of its duties or obligations under the Contract. In particular, but without limitation, the Department may terminate the Contract if:

Section 14.2.1 the Contractor fails to prosecute the Work diligently, in accordance with the Project Schedule or to make such progress in the Work as the Department reasonably believes is necessary to complete the Project within the time required by the Contract; or

Section 14.2.2 the Contractor fails to perform the Work in a good and workmanlike manner or to correct defects in the Work promptly upon notice by the Department; or

Section 14.2.3 the Department reasonably determines that the Contractor has abandoned the Work, or has failed to pay laborers, mechanics, materialmen, Subcontractors or suppliers when payment is due; or

Section 14.2.4 becomes insolvent, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, files a voluntary petition under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code or has an involuntary petition filed against it under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code, or has a receiver appointed, or files for dissolution or otherwise is dissolved; or

Section 14.2.5 the Contractor fails to pay its debts in a timely manner or becomes insolvent or the Department reasonably determines that the Contractor does not have the

financial ability to carry out its obligations under the Contract and the Contractor fails to give the Department prompt and reasonable assurances of its ability to perform.

Section 14.2.6 the Department must provide the Contractor with written notice of its intent to terminate the Contract under this provision seven (7) days before actually putting the termination into effect. If the Contractor has begun its curative action and has made progress satisfactory to the Department within the seven days, the Department may so notify the Contractor and the termination will not take effect. Otherwise, the termination shall take effect after seven days without further notice or opportunity to cure.

Section 14.2.7 If the Department terminates the Contract for default, the Department will have the right to take over the Work, to accept assignment of some or all Subcontracts or agreements with material suppliers, to take possession of the Project, to take and use all tools, equipment and supplies then being used in connection with the Work, and to finish the Project by whatever method it deems expedient, including accepting assignment of all outstanding Subcontracts and Supply Agreements.

Section 14.3 <u>Termination for Convenience</u>

Section 14.3.1 The Department may, upon seven (7) days written notice to the Contractor, terminate the Contract in whole or specified part, for its convenience, whether the Contractor is in breach of Contract or not. The notice of termination shall state the effective date of termination, the extent of the termination, and any specific instructions.

Section 14.3.2 After receiving notice of termination for convenience, the Contractor shall (1) stop work on the terminated portion of the Project as of the effective date of the termination and stop placing subcontracts or supply agreements thereunder; (2) consult with the Department regarding the disposition of existing orders and subcontracts, and use its best efforts to terminate them on terms favorable to the Department; (3) consult with the Department to decide what actions should be taken to protect work in place and equipment that has been delivered and not yet installed, and to render the site safe, and proceed to take such actions as may be agreed upon or, absent agreement, as may be reasonable; (4) take necessary or directed action to protect and preserve property in the Contractor's possession in which the Department has or may acquire an interest and, as directed by the termination notice or other order from the Department, deliver the property to the Department; and (5) promptly deliver to the Department all computer files it has prepared relating to the Project. The Contractor shall also promptly notify the Department, in writing, of any legal proceeding arising from any subcontract or supply agreement related to the terminated portion of the Project, and, in consultation with the Department, settle outstanding liabilities arising out of the terminated portion of the Project on the best terms reasonably possible.

Section 14.3.3 The Contractor shall be entitled to receive only the following with respect to the terminated portion of the Project: (1) Cost of Work performed up to the date of

termination; (2) reasonable costs of terminating outstanding subcontracts and supply agreements and other similar wind-up costs in a reasonable amount; (3) a fair and reasonable portion of the overhead and profit attributable to the Work performed on the terminated portion of the Project, up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall not be entitled to recover overhead or profits on unperformed portions of the Work. Further, if it appears to the Department that the cost of completing Work would have exceeded the Lump Sum Price, the Department shall have the right to adjust the settlement figure downward in an appropriate amount.

Section 14.3.4 Payment of such amounts shall be the Contractor's sole remedy for termination for convenience.

Section 14.3.5 The Contractor shall, promptly after termination, submit a proposal for settlement of the amounts due to it as a result of the termination for convenience. The proposal shall be consistent with the requirements of Subparagraphs 14.4.2 through 14.4.4, and shall be accompanied by such documentation of costs as the Department may reasonably require. Such documentation may include cost and price data in accordance with the Department's Regulations.

Section 14.4 Effect of Wrongful Termination. Any termination for cause which is later determined to have been improperly effected shall be deemed to have been a termination for convenience pursuant to Paragraph 14.3 and shall be governed by that Paragraph.

Section 14.5 Continued Responsibility After Termination. If the Contractor is terminated, either for default or otherwise, the Contractor shall remain responsible for defects or non-conformities in all Work performed to the date of the termination.

Section 14.6 Suspension

Section 14.6.1 Suspension at the Convenience of the Department. The Department may at any time, with or without cause, suspend, delay, reduce or interrupt performance of all or any portion of the Work for such period or periods as the Department elects by giving the Contractor written notice specifying which portion of the Work is to be suspended and the effective date of such suspension. Such suspension, delay or interruption shall continue until the Department terminates such suspension, delay or interruption by written notice to the Contractor. No such suspension, delay, interruption or reduction by the Department shall constitute a breach or default by the Department under the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall continue to diligently perform any remaining Work that is not suspended, delayed, reduced or interrupted and shall take all actions necessary to maintain and safeguard all materials, equipment, supplies and Work in progress affected by the suspension, delay, reduction or interruption.

Section 14.6.2 Payment Upon Suspension For Convenience. In the event of suspension, delay, reduction or interruption for convenience by the Department, the Department shall pay the Contractor and the Lump Sum Price shall be increased by such amounts (subject to

the payment and related requirements of the Contract Documents) as follows:

Section 14.6.2.1 Additional Costs of the Work, if any, which are incurred by the Contractor, its Subcontractors and Vendors as a result of continuing to maintain dedicated personnel, materials and equipment at the Site at the Department's request during any suspension, delay or interruption period, including for the purpose of safeguarding all material, equipment, supplies and the Work in progress caused solely by such suspension, delay or interruption ordered by the Department for convenience, but the Lump Sum Price shall be increased only if and to the extent such delay, suspension or interruption exceeds a period of ten (10) consecutive days following commencement of the Work; and

Section14.6.2.2 Other reasonable and unavoidable Costs of the Work, if any, which are directly related to any subsequent re-mobilization of the suspended, delayed or interrupted the Work caused solely by such suspension, delay or interruption ordered by the Department for convenience, but the Lump Sum Price shall be increased only if and to the extent such delay, suspension or interruption exceeds a period of three (3) consecutive days following commencement of the Work.

Section 14.6.2.3 Provided, however, that no adjustment shall be made to the extent that performance was otherwise subject to suspension, delay or interruption by another cause for which the Contractor is responsible. Furthermore, the Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in overhead or profit for a suspension ordered by the Department.

ARTICLE 15
OTHER CONDITIONS AND SERVICES

RESERVED

ARTICLE 16
DEFINITIONS

Section 16.1 **Agreement.** The term Agreement shall mean this Agreement consisting of 41 pages. It does include exhibits attached hereto or any document incorporated by reference.

Section 16.2 **Change Directive.** A written direction signed and issued by the Department ordering the Contractor either to provide pricing and schedule impact information for a described change to the Work or to proceed with a described change and provide pricing and schedule impact information after beginning the changed Work.

Section 16.3 **Change Event.** Any condition, event, act, omission or breach, other than the issuance of a Change Directive, which the Contractor believes entitles it to a change in the Lump Sum Price, or the Substantial or Final Completion Date.

Section 16.4 **Change Order.** A written document, executed by the Department and the Contractor, setting forth the agreed terms upon which a change to the Contract has been made.

Section 16.5 **Construction Documents.** The final Drawings and Specifications, as prepared, sealed by the Architect/Engineer's design professional in accordance with the law, and issued by the Contractor for the purpose of obtaining bids from potential trade Subcontractors and material suppliers for use in constructing the Project.

Section 16.6 **Contract.** The entire, integrated agreement between the Department and the Contractor with respect to the Project, consisting of this Agreement and the Exhibits to the Agreement, the Construction Documents released for the Contractor's use and any Change Directives or Change Orders that have been executed by the Department.

Section 16.7 **Drawings.** The Drawings are the graphic and pictorial portions of the Contract Documents, wherever located and wherever issued, showing the design, locations and dimensions of the Work, generally including plans, elevations, sections, details, schedules and diagrams.

Section 16.8 **Final Completion.** The point at which Substantial Completion has been achieved, all punch list items noted at Substantial Completion have been completed and all documents the Contractor is required to deliver to the Department as a condition to receiving final payment.

Section 16.9 **Final Completion Date.** The date established herein by which the Contractor shall achieve Final Completion. The Final Completion Date may be modified only by Change Order or Change Directive in accordance with the Agreement.

Section 16.10 **Fully Complete.** To undertake all of the Work necessary to fully construct and complete the Project and execute all tasks necessary to obtain the final Certificate of Occupancy for the Project from the District of Columbia; submit final lien releases from the Contractor and Subcontractors and material suppliers; complete all punch list items to the Department's approval and sign-off; and cause all representations, warranties and guarantees to be honored and otherwise fulfill all of the requirements set forth in the Contract.

Section 16.11 **Hazardous Material.** Any toxic substance or hazardous chemical defined or regulated pursuant to federal, state or local laws relating to pollution, treatment, storage or disposal of waste, or protection of human health or the environment. Such laws include, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act and laws

relating to emission, spills, leaks, discharges, releases or threatened releases of toxic material. The term Hazardous Materials shall also include petroleum and petroleum bi-products

Section 16.12 Notice to Proceed. A written notice to proceed, signed by the Department, directing the Contractor to proceed with the Project or any portion of the Project.

Section 16.13 Project Schedule. The schedule for the project agreed to by the Department and the Contractor herein. Such schedule shall not be changed except by a Change Order or Change Directive issued by the Department. The schedule shall be in a form and contain such detail as may be agreed upon by the parties.

Section 16.14 Specifications. The Specifications are that portion of the Contract Documents consisting of the written requirements for materials, equipment, construction systems, standards and workmanship for the Work, and performance of related services.

Section 16.15 Subcontractor. Any person, natural or legal, to whom the Contractor delegates performance of any portion of the Work required by the Contract. The term "Subcontractor," used without a qualifier, shall mean a subcontractor in direct privity with the Contractor. "Subcontractors at all tiers" shall mean not only those Subcontractors in direct privity with the Contractor, but also those performing Work pursuant to sub-subcontracts, subsubsubcontracts, and so on. "Subcontractors" shall include both those who are retained to perform labor only and those who are retained both to perform labor and to supply material or equipment. "Subcontractors" shall also include design professionals who are not the Contractor's employees and to whom the Contractor delegates any part of its responsibilities under the Contract, except that references to "trade Subcontractors" shall exclude design professionals.

Section 16.16 Substantial Completion. Substantial Completion shall mean that all of the following have occurred: (1) the construction and installation work have been completed with only minor punch list items remaining to be completed; (2) a certificate of occupancy and all other required permits or approvals have been obtained; (3) all operating and maintenance manuals, training videotapes and warranties required by the Contract have been delivered to the Department; (4) any supplemental training session required by the Contract for operating or maintenance personnel have been completed; (5) all clean-up required by the Contract has been completed; and (6) the Project is ready for the Department to use it for its intended purpose. "Minor punch list items" are defined for this purpose as items that, in the aggregate, can be completed within ninety (90) days without interfering with the Department's normal use of the Project.

Section 16.17 Substantial Completion Date. The date established herein by which the Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion. The Substantial Completion Date may be modified only by Change Order or Change Directive in accordance with the Agreement.

ARTICLE 17
GENERAL CONDITIONS

Section 17 **General Conditions.** To the extent that this Agreement is silent on an action or requirement of the Contractor, and current as of the date of this Agreement the Standard Contract Provisions For Use With Specifications for District of Columbia Construction Projects Revised March 2011 shall govern the Contractor's obligations with respect to such action or requirement under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18
INDEMNIFICATION

Section 18 **Indemnification.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Department and Department's consultants, agents, and employees from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees arising out of or resulting from performance of work, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than Work itself), but only to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, a subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

ARTICLE 19
ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Section 19 **Oder of Precedence.** A conflict in language shall be resolved by giving precedence to the document in the highest order of priority that contains language addressing the issue in question. The following documents are incorporated into the contract by reference and made a part of the contract in the following order of precedence:

Section 19.1 **Exhibit A**: Drawings and Images

Section 19.2 **Exhibit B**: Bidder's Offer Letter

Section 19.3 **Exhibit C**: Davis Bacon Wage Rates

Section 19.4 **Exhibit D**: Standard Contract Provisions for Use with Specifications for District of Columbia Government Construction Projects (Revised March 2011)

Section 19.5 **Exhibit E** Subcontracting Plan

Section 19.6 **Exhibit F** Key Personnel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, an agency within the executive branch of the Government of the District of Columbia

By: _____
Name: Brian J. Hanlon
Title: Director, Chief Contracting Officer
Date: _____

[COMPANY NAME]

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____
Date: _____