

## **ATTACHMENT J.2**

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# **STANDARD CONTRACT PROVISIONS**

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Specifications for  
District of Columbia Government  
Construction Projects  
(Revised March 2011)



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## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

### (Construction)

**ARTICLE 1. QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS**—Bidders shall have the capability to perform classes of work contemplated, have the necessary plant and sufficient capital to execute the work properly within specified time.

Any Bidder who has not performed comparable work for the District within the last 5 years shall submit, at the Contracting Officer's discretion, a certified statement of his organization, plant, manpower, financial resources, and construction experience that he considers will qualify him for proposed contract. This information shall be certified by a Certified Public Accountant for contracts over \$25,000 and submitted on the AGC Form "Standard Questionnaires and Financial Statement for Bidders", obtainable from the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., at 1957 "B" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., 20008, or on an approved equivalent form. This requirement is not needed if the bidder has submitted such a statement to the District within a year prior to bid opening date, but will be required if bidder has previously submitted such a statement under one company name or organization or joint venture and is now bidding under another company name or organization or joint venture. A certified statement of prequalification approval by another jurisdiction may be considered as an alternative to foregoing procedure. A bidder shall submit a supplemental statement if requested by the District.

**ARTICLE 2. BID DOCUMENTS**—The Specifications (including all documents referenced therein and all documents attached thereto), drawings and addenda which form the basis of any bid shall be considered as part thereof and will form part of the bid. Copies of these documents will be furnished to or made available for the inspection of prospective bidders by that office indicated in the advertisement or invitation.

**ARTICLE 3. EXAMINATION OF BID DOCUMENTS AND SITE OF WORK**—Each Bidder shall carefully examine the site of the proposed work and the bid documents and fully acquaint himself with conditions relating to construction and labor so that he may fully understand the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending the execution of the work under the bid documents, and he shall judge for and satisfy himself as to conditions to be encountered affecting the character, quality and quantity of the work to be performed and materials to be furnished and to the requirements of the bid documents. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's own risk and shall not relieve him from any obligation under his bid or contract.

**ARTICLE 4. PREPARATION FOR BIDS**—The bid form furnished in the bid proposal and specifications shall be used in strict compliance with the requirements of the Invitation and Supplemental Instructions to Bidders in the specifications. Special care shall be exercised in the preparation of bids. Bidders must make their own estimates of the facilities and difficulties to be anticipated upon execution of the contract, including local conditions, uncertainty of weather and all other contingencies. All designations and prices shall be fully and clearly set forth in the bid submission. ALL PRICES SHALL BE INSERTED IN FIGURES TYPED OR PRINTED LEGIBLY ON THE BID FORM. All corrections on the bid documents must be initialed by the person signing the bid form.

**ARTICLE 5. ERROR IN BIDS**—Bidders or their authorized agents are expected to examine all bid documents and any addenda thereto, and all other instructions pertaining to the work which will be open to their inspection. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's own risk, and will not constitute reason for relief on plea of error in the bid. IN CASE OF ERROR IN THE EXTENSION OF PRICES IN THE BID, UNIT PRICES WILL GOVERN.

The bidder must submit his plea of error in writing to the Contracting Officer and must be prepared to document and prove his error.

**ARTICLE 6. LABOR AND MATERIAL NOT FURNISHED BY DISTRICT**—The District will not furnish any labor, material or supplies unless a provision to do so is included in the contract documents.

**ARTICLE 7. ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS**—No oral interpretations of the meaning of the drawings, specifications or other bid documents will be made to any bidder. Verbal clarification will not be binding on the District. All requests must be in writing and addressed to the Contracting Officer responsible for administering the contract. Requests for interpretations of bid documents must be received by the Contracting Officer not later than 10 days prior to bid opening date. All changes to the bid documents will be made by addenda mailed to all prospective bidders, who have obtained copies of the bid documents, not later than 7 days before bid opening date. In case of discrepancy among addenda, a later dated addendum has priority over earlier dated addenda. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to make inquiry as to any or all addenda issued, and failure of any prospective bidder to receive any such addenda issued by the Contracting Officer shall not relieve the bidder from any obligation under his bid as submitted. Bidders must acknowledge receipt of all addenda on the Bid Form; failure to do so may result in rejection of bid.. All addenda issued shall become part of the bid and contract documents. -

**ARTICLE 8. ALTERNATE BIDS**—Alternate bids will not be considered unless called for in the Bid Form.

**ARTICLE 9. BIDS FOR ALL OR PART**—Where bids are not qualified by specific limitations, the District reserves the right to award all or any of the items according to its best interests.

**ARTICLE 10. PRICE SCHEDULE INTERPRETATION**—Quantities appearing in the Price Schedule are approximate only and are prepared for the comparison of bids. Payment will be made only for actual material requirements accepted and for work performed and accepted. Schedule quantities may be increased, decreased or omitted and there shall be no adjustment in contract unit prices except as provided, and except for such materials actually purchased or work actually performed prior to notification of the change in items affected.

The price for any item, unless otherwise specified, shall include full compensation for all materials, tests, samples, manufacturers' guaranties, tools, equipment, labor and incidental work needed to complete specified items. Prices without exception shall be net, not subject to discount, and shall include all royalties and costs arising from patents, proprietary items, trademarks and copyrights.

**ARTICLE 11. CORRECTIONS**—Erasures and other changes in bids must be explained or noted over the signature of the bidder.

#### **ARTICLE 12. BOND REQUIREMENTS**

- A. BID GUARANTY**—On all bids of \$100,000.00 or more, security is required to insure the execution of the contract. No bid will be considered unless it is so guaranteed. Each bidder must furnish with his bid either a Bid Bond (Form No. DC 2640-5), with good and sufficient sureties, a certified check payable to the order of the Treasurer of the District of Columbia (uncertified check will not be accepted), negotiable United States bonds (at par value), or an irrevocable letter of credit in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of his bid, as a guaranty that he Will not withdraw said bid within the period specified therein after the opening of the same; or, if no period be specified, within ninety (90) days after said opening, and will, within the period specified therefore, or, if no period be specified, within ten (10) days, after the prescribed forms are forwarded to him for execution (or within any extension of time which may be granted by the officer to whom the bid was addressed) execute and deliver a written contract on the standard District form in accordance with bid as accepted and give bond with good and sufficient sureties, as specified below for the faithful performance and proper fulfillment of such contract and payment of laborers and material men as required by law or, in the event of the withdrawal of said bid within the period above stated, or the failure to enter into such contract and give such bond within the time above stated, that he will pay to the District the difference between the amount specified in said bid and the amount for which the District may procure the required work, if the latter amount be in excess of the former.

In case security is in the form of a certified check or United States bonds, the District may make such disposition of the same as will accomplish the purpose for which

submitted. Certified checks may be held uncollected at the bidder's risk. Certified checks and United States bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after award of contract and to successful bidders after the signing of prescribed forms of contract and bonds. Guaranty bonds will be returned only upon written application.

**B. PERFORMANCE BOND**—For any construction contract exceeding \$100,000.00, a Performance Bond (Form No. DC 2640-7) shall be required in a penal amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price at time of award. Additional performance bond protection shall be required in connection with any modification effecting an increase in price under any contract for which a bond is required pursuant to the above if:

1. The modification is for new or additional work which is beyond the scope of the existing contract; or,
2. The modification is pursuant to an existing provision of the contract and is expected to increase the contract price by \$50,000 or twenty-five percent (25%) of the original total contract price, whichever is less.

The penal amount of the bond protection shall be increased so that the total performance bond protection is one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as revised by both the modification requiring such additional protection and the aggregate of any previous modification. The increased penal amount may be secured either by increasing the bond protection provided by existing surety or sureties or by obtaining an additional performance bond from a new surety.

**C. PAYMENT BOND**— In accordance with the provisions of Section 504(b) of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985, payment bonds shall be required in an amount not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total amount payable by the terms of the contract.

Additional payment protection shall be required in connection with any notification effecting an increase in price under any contract for which a bond is required pursuant to the above if —

1. The modification is for new or additional work which is beyond the scope of the existing contract; or
2. The modification is pursuant to an existing provision of the contract and is expected to increase the contract price by \$50,000 or twenty-five percent (25%) of the original total contract price, whichever is less.

The penal amount of the additional bond protection shall generally be such that the total payment bond protection is fifty percent (50%) of the contract price as revised by both the modification requiring such additional protection, and the aggregate of any previous modifications. The additional protection may be secured either by increasing the bond protection provided by the existing surety or sureties or by obtaining an additional payment bond from a new surety.

**D. BOND SOURCE**—The bonds may be obtained from any surety company authorized by the U.S. Treasury Department as acceptable sureties on Federal Bonds and authorized to transact business in the District of Columbia by the Director, Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking.

**ARTICLE 13. SIGNATURE TO BIDS**—Each bid must show the full business address of the bidder and be signed by him with his usual signature. Bids by partnerships must be signed with the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership or by an authorized representative, followed by the signature and designation of the person signing. Bids by corporations must be signed with the name of the corporation, followed by the signature and

designation of the President or Vice President and attested by the Secretary of the corporation or other persons authorized to bind the corporation and the corporate seal affixed thereto. If bid is signed by other than the President or Vice President, evidence of authority to so sign must be furnished in the form of an extract of minutes, of a meeting of the Board of Directors or extract of bylaws certified by the Corporate Secretary and corporate seal affixed thereto. The names of all persons signing shall be typed or printed below the signatures. A bid by a person who affixes to his signature the word "President", "Vice President", "Secretary", "Agent", or other designation, without disclosing his principal, may be held personally to the bid. Bids submitted by a joint venture must be signed by all authorized parties to the joint venture.

**ARTICLE 14. MARKING AND MAILING BIDS**—Bids, addenda acknowledgment, and bid guaranty must be securely sealed in suitable envelopes, addressed and marked on the outside with the name of the bidder, invitation number and date of opening.

**ARTICLE 15. RECEIVING BIDS, MODIFICATIONS OR WITHDRAWALS**—Bids received prior to the time set for opening will be securely kept unopened. The officer whose duty it is to open them will decide when the specified time has arrived and no bid received thereafter will be considered unless: (1) they are sent by registered mail or by certified mail for which an official dated post office stamp (postmark) on the original Receipt for Certified Mail has been obtained and it is determined by the District that the late receipt was due solely to delay in the mails for which the bidder was not responsible; or (2) if submitted by mail (or by telegram if authorized by the Contracting Officer), it is determined by the District that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the District after receipt at the District agency: Provided, that timely receipt, at such agency is established upon examination of an appropriate date or time stamp or other documentary evidence of receipt within the control of such agency.

Bidders using certified mail are cautioned to obtain a receipt for certified mail showing legible, dated postmark and to retain such receipt against the chance that it will be required as evidence that a late bid was timely mailed. The only evidence acceptable in this matter is as follows: (1) where the Receipt of Certified Mail identifies the post office station of mailing, evidence furnished by the bidder which establishes, that the business day of the station ended at an earlier time, in which case the time of mailing shall be deemed to be last minute of the business day; or (2) an entry in ink on the Receipt for Certified Mail showing the time of mailing and the initials of postal employee receiving the item and making the entry, with appropriate written verification of such entry from the post office station of mailing, in which case the time of mailing, shall be the time shown in the entry. If the postmark on the original Receipt for Certified Mail does not show a date, the bid shall not be considered.

The time of mailing of late bids submitted by registered or certified mail shall be deemed to be the last minute of the date shown in the postmark on the registered mail receipt or registered mail wrapper or on the Receipt for Certified Mail unless the bidder furnishes evidence from the post office station of mailing which establishes an earlier time.

No responsibility will attach to the District or any of its officers or employees for the premature opening of a bid not properly addressed and identified. Unless specifically authorized, telegraphic bids will not be considered, but modifications, by telegram, of bids already submitted will be considered if received prior to the hour set for opening, but should not reveal the amount of the original or revised bid.

**ARTICLE 16. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**—Bids may be withdrawn on written or telegraphic request received from bidders prior to the time fixed for opening, provided the name of the bidder appears on the outside of the envelope containing the bid. Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for the withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened.

**ARTICLE 17. OPENING OF BIDS**—At the time fixed for the opening of bids, their contents will be made public by the Office of Contracting and Procurement for the information of bidders and other properly interested persons.

**ARTICLE 18. AWARD OR REJECTION**—The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible Bidder complying with conditions of the bid documents, provided his bid is reasonable and it is in the best interest of the District to accept it. The Bidder, to whom award is made, will be notified by

the Contracting Officer at the earliest possible date. The District, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the District.

If more than one bid be offered by any one party, by or in the name of his or their clerk, partner, or other person, all such bids may be rejected. This shall not prevent a Bidder from proceeding under Article 8 hereof, nor from quoting different prices on different qualities of material or different conditions of delivery. A supplier or material man who has quoted prices on materials to a Bidder is not thereby disqualified from quoting to other bidders or from submitting a bid directly for the materials or work.

Each Bidder shall submit a bid on all items in the Price Schedule; failure to bid on all items may result in bid rejection.

In addition to requirements for qualification of bidders as set forth in Article 1 hereof, and as determined by the District, proposals will be considered irregular and may be rejected by the Contracting Officer for any of, but not limited to, the following reasons:

- A. Incompetency, inadequate plant or insufficient capital as revealed by Bidder's statement on AGC or equivalent form.
- B. Evidence of collusion.
- C. Uncompleted work which might hinder or prevent proper and prompt execution and completion of work contemplated.
- D. Evidence that Bidder has not adequately considered all aspects of contemplated work.
- E. Failure to settle bills satisfactorily, claims and judgments due for labor and material on Bidder's contracts in force on bid opening date.
- F. Default under previous contracts.
- G. Unacceptable rating as listed on published government lists.
- H. Proposal submission on form other than that form furnished by District, or altered or partially detached form.
- I. Unauthorized additions, deletions, omissions, conditional bids, or irregularities which may make proposal incomplete or ambiguous in meaning.
- J. Failure to acknowledge all addenda issued.
- K. Failure to submit bid in the properly labeled receptacle at that location designated as the Office of Contracting and Procurement, Bid Room, Suite 700, 441 4<sup>th</sup> St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 and prior to the time set for opening as governed by the Official Clock designated as such in that Bid Room.

**ARTICLE 19. CANCELLATION OF AWARDS**—The right is reserved to the District, without any liability upon the District, to cancel the award of any contract at any time prior to approval of a formal written contract signed by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer.

**ARTICLE 20. CONTRACT AND BOND**—The Bidder to whom award is made must, when required, enter into a written contract on the standard District form, with satisfactory security in the amount required (see Article 12) within the period specified, or no period be specified, within 10 days after the prescribed forms are presented to him for signature.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS  
(Construction Contract)**

**ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS**

- A. "District" as used herein means the District of Columbia, a municipal corporation.
- B. "Mayor" as used herein means the elected head of the District as set forth in Public Law 93-198 dated December 24, 1973, Title 4, Part B, Section 422(1).
- C. "Contracting Officer" as used herein means the District official authorized to execute and administrate the Contract on behalf of the District.
- D. "Contract Documents" or "Contract" as used herein means Addenda, Contract Form, Instructions to Bidders, General Provisions, Labor Provisions, Performance and Payment Bonds, Specifications, Special Provisions, Contract Drawings, approved written Change Orders and Agreements required to acceptably complete the Contract, including authorized extensions thereof.

**ARTICLE 2. SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS**—The Contractor shall keep on the work site a copy of Contract drawings and specifications and shall at all times give the Contracting Officer access thereto. Anything mentioned in the specifications and not shown on the Contract drawings, or shown on the Contract drawings and not mentioned in the specifications, shall be of like effect as if shown or mentioned in both.

All Contract requirements are equally binding. Each Contract requirement, whether or not omitted elsewhere in the Contract, is binding as though occurring in any or all parts of the Contract. In case of discrepancy:

- 1. The Contracting Officer shall be promptly notified in writing of any error, discrepancy or omission, apparent or otherwise.
- 2. Applicable Federal and D. C. Code requirements have priority over: the Contract form, General Provisions, Change Orders, Addenda, Contract drawings, Special Provisions and Specifications.
- 3. The Contract form, General Provisions and Labor Provisions have priority over: Change Orders, Addenda, Contract drawings, Special Provisions and Specifications.
- 4. Change Orders have priority over: Addenda, Contract drawings and Specifications.
- 5. Addenda have priority over: Contract drawings, Special Provisions and Specifications. A later dated Addendum has priority over earlier dated Addenda.
- 6. Special Provisions have priority over: Contract drawings and other specifications.
- 7. Shown and indicated dimensions have priority over scaled dimensions.
- 8. Original scale drawings and details have priority over any other different scale drawings and details.
- 9. Large scale drawings and details have priority over small scale drawings and details.
- 10. Any adjustment by the Contractor without a prior determination by the Contracting Officer shall be at his own risk and expense. The Contracting Officer will furnish from time to time such detail drawings and other information as he may consider necessary, unless otherwise provided.

### ARTICLE 3. CHANGES

- A. DESIGNATED CHANGE ORDERS**—The Contracting Officer may, at any time, without notice to the sureties, by written order designated or indicated to be a change order, make any change in the work within the general scope of the Contract, including but not limited to changes
1. In the Contract drawings and specifications;
  2. In the method or manner of performance of the work;
  3. In the District furnished facilities, equipment, materials or services; or
  4. Directing acceleration in the performance of the work.

Nothing provided in this Article shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the prosecution of the work so changed.

- B. OTHER CHANGE ORDERS**—Any other written order or an oral order (which term as used in this Section (B) shall include direction, instruction, interpretation, or determination) from the Contracting Officer which causes any such change, shall be treated as a Change Order under this Article, provided that the Contractor gives the Contracting Officer written notice stating the date, circumstances and sources of the order and that the Contractor regards the order as a Change Order.
- C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**—Except as herein provided, no order, statement or conduct of the Contracting Officer shall be treated as a change under this Article or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment hereunder. If any change under this Article causes an increase or decrease in the Contract's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work under this Contract whether or not changed by any order, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the Contract modified in writing accordingly; provided, however, that except for claims based on defective specifications, no claim for any change under (B) above shall be allowed for any cost incurred more than 20 days before the Contractor gives written notice as therein required unless this 20 days is extended by the Contracting Officer and provided further, that in case of defective drawings and specifications, the equitable adjustment shall include any increased cost reasonably incurred by the Contractor in attempting to comply with such defective drawings and specifications.

If the Contractor intends to assert a claim for an equitable adjustment under this Article, he must, within 30 days after receipt of a written Change Order under (A) above or the furnishing of a written notice under (B) above, submit to the Contracting Officer a written statement setting forth the general nature and monetary extent of such claim, unless this period is extended by the Contracting Officer. The statement of claim hereunder may be included in the notice under (B) above.

No claim by the Contractor for an equitable adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under the Contract.

- D. CHANGE ORDER BREAKDOWN**—Contract prices shall be used for Change Order work where work is of similar nature; no other costs, overhead or profit will be allowed.

Where Contract prices are not appropriate and the nature of the change is known in advance of construction, the parties shall attempt to agree on a fully justifiable price adjustment and/or adjustment of completion time.

When Contract prices are not appropriate, or the parties fail to agree on equitable adjustment, or in processing claims, equitable adjustment for Change Order work shall be per this Article and Article 4 and shall be based upon the breakdown shown in following

subsections 1. through 7. The Contractor shall assemble a complete cost breakdown that lists and substantiates each item of work and each item of cost.

1. **Labor**—Payment will be made for direct labor cost plus indirect labor cost such as insurance, taxes, fringe benefits and welfare provided such costs are considered reasonable. Indirect costs shall be itemized and verified by receipted invoices. If verification is not possible, up to 18 percent of direct labor costs may be allowed. In addition, up to 20 percent of direct plus indirect labor costs may be allowed for overhead and profit.
2. **Bond**—Payment for additional bond cost will be made per bond rate schedule submitted to the Office of Contracting and Procurement with the executed Contract.
3. **Materials**—Payment for cost of required materials will be F.O.B. destination (the job site) with an allowance for overhead and profit.
4. **Rented Equipment**—Payment for required equipment rented from an outside company that is neither an affiliate of, nor a subsidiary of, the Contractor will be based on receipted invoices which shall not exceed rates given in the current edition of the Rental Rate Blue Book for Construction Equipment published by Data Quest. If actual rental rates exceed manual rates, written justification shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer for consideration. No additional allowance will be made for overhead and profit. The Contractor shall submit written certification to the Contracting Officer that any required rented equipment is neither owned by nor rented from the Contractor or an affiliate of or subsidiary of the Contractor.
5. **Contractor's Equipment**— Payment for required equipment owned by the Contractor or an affiliate of the Contractor will be based solely on an hourly rate derived by dividing the current appropriate monthly rate by 176 hours. No payment will be made under any circumstances for repair costs, freight and transportation charges, fuel, lubricants, insurance, any other costs and expenses, or overhead and profit. Payment for such equipment made idle by delays attributable to the District will be based on one-half the derived hourly rate under this subsection.
6. **Miscellaneous**—No additional allowance will be made for general superintendence, use of small tools and other costs for which no specific allowance is herein provided.
7. **Subcontract Work**—Payment for additional necessary subcontract work will be based on applicable procedures in 1. through 6., to which total additional subcontract work up to an additional 10 percent may be allowed for the Contractor's overhead and profit.

#### **ARTICLE 4. EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENT OF CONTRACT TERMS**

The Contractor is entitled to an equitable adjustment of the contract terms whenever the following situations develop:

##### *Differing Site Conditions:*

- (1) During the progress of the work, if subsurface or latent physical conditions are encountered at the site differing materially from those indicated in the contract or if unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work provided for in the contract, are encountered at the site, the Contractor, upon discovering such conditions, shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer in writing of the specific differing conditions before they are disturbed and before the affected work is performed.

- (2) Upon written notification, the Contracting Officer will investigate the conditions, and if he/she determines that the conditions materially differ and cause an increase or decrease in the cost or time required for the performance of any work under the contract, an adjustment, excluding loss of anticipated profits, will be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of his/her determination whether or not an adjustment of the contract is warranted.
- (3) No contract adjustment which results in a benefit to the Contract will be allowed unless the Contractor has provided the required written notice.
- (4) No contract adjustment will be allowed under this clause for any effects caused on unchanged work.

*Suspension of Work Ordered by the Contracting Officer:*

- (1) If the performance of all or any portion of the work is suspended or delayed by the Contracting Officer in writing for an unreasonable period of time (not originally anticipated, customary, or inherent to the construction industry) and the Contractor believes that additional compensation and/or contract time is due as a result of such suspension or delay, the Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer in writing a request for equitable adjustment within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the notice to resume work. The request shall set forth the reasons and support for such adjustment.
- (2) Upon receipt, the Contracting Officer will evaluate the Contractor's request. If the Contracting Officer agrees that the cost and/or time required for the performance of the contract has increased as a result of such suspension and the suspension was caused by conditions beyond the control or and not the fault of the contractor, its suppliers, or subcontractors at any approved tier, and not caused by weather, the Contracting Officer will make an adjustment (excluding profit) and modify the contract in writing accordingly. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contract of his/her determination whether or not an adjustment of the contract is warranted.
- (3) No contract adjustment will be allowed unless the Contractor has submitted the request for adjustment within the time prescribed.
- (4) No contract adjustment will be allowed under this clause to the extent that performance would have been suspended or delayed by any other cause, or for which an adjustment is provided for or excluded under any other term of condition of this contract.

*Significant Changes in the Character of Work:*

- (1) The Contracting Officer reserves the right to make, in writing, at any time during the work, such changes in quantities and such alterations in the work as are necessary to satisfactorily complete the project. Such changes in quantities and alterations shall not invalidate the contract nor release the surety, and the Contractor agrees to perform the work as altered.
- (2) If the alterations or changes in quantities significantly change the character of the work under the contract, whether or not changed by any such different quantities or alterations, an adjustment, excluding loss of anticipated profits, will be made to the contract. The basis for the adjustment shall be agreed upon prior to the performance of the work. If a basis cannot be agreed upon, then an adjustment will be made either for or against the Contractor in such amount as the Contracting Officer may determine to be fair and reasonable.

- (3) If the alterations or changes in quantities significantly change the character of the work to be performed under the contract, the altered work will be paid for as provided elsewhere in the contract.
- (4) The term "significant change" shall be construed to apply only to the following circumstances:
  - (a) When the character of the work as altered differs materially in kind or nature from that involved or included in the original proposed construction; or
  - (b) When an item of work is increased in excess of 125 percent or decreased below 75 percent of the original contract quantity. Any allowance for an increase in quantity shall apply only to that portion in excess of 125 percent of original contract item quantity, or in the case of a decrease below 75 percent, to the actual amount of work performed.

**ARTICLE 5. TERMINATION-DELAYS**—If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work, or any separable part thereof, with such diligence as will insure its completion within the time specified in the Contract, or any extension thereof, or fails to complete said work within specified time, the District may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate his right to proceed with the work or such part of the work involving the delay. In such event the District may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and utilize in completing the work such materials, appliances, and plant as may have been paid for by the District or may be on the site of the work and necessary therefore. Whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated, he and his sureties shall be liable for any liability to the District resulting from his refusal or failure to complete the work within the specified time.

If fixed and agreed liquidated damages are provided in the Contract and if the District does not so terminate the Contractor's right to proceed, the resulting damage will consist of such liquidated damages until the work is completed or accepted.

The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be so terminated nor the Contractor charged with resulting damage if:

1. The delay in the completion the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted to acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of the District in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the District, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, climatic conditions beyond the normal which could be anticipated, or delays of subcontractors or suppliers arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of both the Contractor and such subcontractors or suppliers (the term subcontractors or suppliers shall mean subcontractors or suppliers at any tier); and
2. The Contractor, within 10 days from the beginning of any such delay, (unless the Contracting Officer grants a further period of time before the date of final payment under the Contract) notifies the Contracting Officer in writing of the causes of delay.

The Contracting Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay and extend the time far completing the work when, in his judgment, the findings of fact justify such an extension, and his findings of fact shall be final and conclusive on the parties, subject only to appeal as provided in Article 7 herein.

If, after notice of termination of the Contractor's right to proceed under the provisions of this Article, it is determined for any reason that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this Article, or that the delay was excusable under the provisions of this Article, the rights and

obligations of the parties shall be in accordance with Article 6 herein. Failure to agree to any such adjustment shall be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of Article 7 herein.

The rights and remedies of the District provided in this Article are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

The District may, by written notice, terminate the Contract or a portion thereof as a result of an Executive Order of the President of the United States with respect to the prosecution of war or in the interest of national defense. When the Contract is so terminated, no claim for loss of anticipated profits will be permitted.

#### **ARTICLE 6. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE DISTRICT**

- A.** The performance of work under the Contract may be terminated by the District in accordance with this Article in whole, or in part, whenever the Contracting Officer shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the District. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the Contractor of a Notice of Termination specifying the extent to which performance of work under the Contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.
- B.** After receipt of a Notice of Termination, and except as otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall:
  1. Stop work under the Contract on the date and to the extent specified in the Notice of Termination.
  2. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under the Contract as is not terminated.
  3. Terminate all orders and subcontracts to the extent that they relate to the performance of work terminated by the Notice of Termination.
  4. Assign to the District, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the Contracting Officer, all of the right, title and interest of the Contractor under the orders and subcontracts so terminated, in which case the District shall have the right, in its discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts.
  5. Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders or subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of the Contracting Officer to the extent he may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all purposes of this Article.
  6. Transfer title to the District and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent, if any, directed by the Contracting Officer
    - a. The fabricated or unfabricated parts, work in progress, completed work, supplies, and other material procured as a part of, or acquired in connection with, the performance of the work terminated by the Notice of Termination, and
    - b. The completed, or partially completed plans, drawings information and other property which, if the Contract had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to the District.
  7. Use his best efforts to sell, in the manner, at the terms, to the extent, and at the price or prices directed or authorized by the Contracting Officer, any property of the types referred to in 6 above provided, however, that the Contractor:
    - a. Shall not be required to extend credit to any purchaser, and

- b. May acquire any property under the conditions prescribed and at a price or prices approved by the Contracting Officer, and
  - c. Provided further, that the proceeds of any such transfer or disposition shall be applied in reduction of any payments to be made by the District to the Contractor under the Contract or shall otherwise be credited to the price or cost of the work covered by the Contract or paid in such other manner as the Contracting Officer may direct.
- 8. Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by the Notice of Termination.
  - 9. Take such action as may be necessary, or as the Contracting Officer may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to the Contract which is in the possession of the Contractor and in which the District has or may acquire an interest.
  - 10. The Contractor shall proceed immediately with the performance of the above obligations notwithstanding any delay in determining or adjusting the cost, or any item of reimbursable cost, under this Article.
  - 11. "Plant clearance period" means, for each particular property classification (such as raw materials, purchased parts and work in progress) at any one plant or location, a period beginning with the effective date of the termination for convenience and ending 90 days after receipt by the Contracting Officer of acceptable inventory schedules covering all items of that particular property classification in the termination inventory at that plant or location, or ending on such later date as may be agreed to by the Contracting Officer and the Contractor. Final phase of a plant clearance period means that part of a plant clearance period which occurs after the receipt of acceptable inventory schedules covering all items of the particular property classification at the plant or location.

At any time after expiration of the plant clearance period, as defined above, the Contractor may submit to the Contracting Officer a list, certified as to quantity and quality, of any or all items of termination inventory not previously disposed of, exclusive of items the disposition of which has been directed or authorized by the Contracting Officer, and may request the District to remove such items or enter into a storage agreement covering them. Not later than 15 days thereafter, the District will accept title to such items and remove them or enter into a storage agreement covering the same; provided, that the list submitted shall be subject to verification by the Contracting Officer upon removal of the items or, if the items are stored, within 45 days from the date of submission of the list, and any necessary adjustments to correct the list as submitted, shall be made prior to final settlement.

- C. After receipt of a Notice of Termination, the Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer his termination claim, in the form with the certification prescribed by the Contracting Officer. Such claim shall be submitted promptly but in no event later than one year from the effective date of termination, unless one or more extensions in writing are granted by the Contracting Officer upon request of the Contractor made in writing within such one year period or authorized extension thereof. However, if the Contracting Officer determines that the facts justify such action, he may receive and act upon any such termination claim at any time after such one year period or extension thereof. Upon failure of the Contractor to submit his termination claim within the time allowed, the Contracting Officer may, subject to any review required by the District's procedures in effect as of the date of execution of the Contract, determine, on the basis of information available to him, the amount, if any, due to the Contractor by reason of the termination and shall thereupon pay to the Contractor the amount so determined.

- D. Subject to the provisions of C above, and subject to any review required by the District's procedures in effect as of the date of execution of the Contract, the Contractor and Contracting Officer may agree upon the whole or any part of the amount or amounts to be paid to the Contractor by reason of the total or partial termination of work pursuant to this Article, which amount or amounts may include a reasonable allowance for profit on work done; provided, that such agreed amount or amounts, exclusive of settlement costs, shall not exceed the total Contract price as reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made and as further reduced by the Contract price of work not terminated. The Contract shall be amended accordingly, and the Contractor shall be paid the agreed amount. Nothing in E below prescribing the amount to be paid to the Contractor in the event of failure of the Contractor and the Contracting Officer to agree upon the whole amount to be paid to the Contractor by reason of the termination of work pursuant to this Article, shall be deemed to limit, restrict or otherwise determine or effect the amount or amounts which may be agreed upon to be paid to the Contractor pursuant to this paragraph.
- E. In the event of the failure of the Contractor and the Contracting Officer to agree as provided in D above upon the whole amount to be paid to the Contractor by reason of the termination of work pursuant to this Article, the Contracting Officer shall, subject to any review required by the District's procedures in effect as of the date of execution of the Contract, determine, on the basis of information available to him, the amount, if any, due the Contractor by reason of the termination and shall pay to the Contractor the amounts determined by the Contracting Officer, as follows, but without duplication of any amounts agreed upon in accordance with D above:
1. With respect to all Contract work performed prior to the effective date of the Notice of Termination, the total (without duplication of any items) of:
    - a. The cost of such work;
    - b. The cost of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of work under subcontracts or orders as provided in B 5. above, exclusive of the amounts paid or payable on account of supplies or materials delivered or services furnished by the subcontractor prior to the effective date of the Notice of Termination of work under the Contract, which amounts shall be included in the cost on account of which payment is made under E1.a. above; and
    - c. A sum, as profit on E.1.a. above, determined by the Contracting Officer to be fair and reasonable; provided however, that if it appears that the Contractor would have sustained a loss on the entire Contract had it been completed, no profit shall be included or allowed under this subparagraph and an appropriate adjustment shall be made reducing the amount of the settlement to reflect the indicated rate of loss; and provided further that profit shall be allowed only on preparations made and work done by the Contractor for the terminated portion of the Contract but may not be allowed on the Contractor's settlement expenses. Anticipatory profits and consequential damages will not be allowed. Any reasonable method may be used to arrive at a fair profit, separately or as part of the whole settlement.
  2. The reasonable cost of the preservation and protection of property incurred pursuant to B.9; and any other reasonable cost incidental to termination of work under the Contract including expense incidental to the determination of the amount due to the Contractor as the result of the termination of work under the Contract.

- F. The total sum to be paid to me Contractor under E.1. above shall not exceed the total Contract price as reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made and as further reduced by the Contract price of work not terminated. Except for normal spoilage, and except to the extent that the District shall have otherwise expressly assumed the risk of loss, there shall be excluded from the amounts payable to the Contractor under E.1. above, the fair value, as determined by the Contracting Officer, of property which is destroyed, lost, stolen or damaged so as to become undeliverable to the District, or to a buyer pursuant to B.7 above.
- G. The Contractor shall have the right of appeal, under Article 7 herein, from any determination made by the Contracting Officer under C. or E. above, except that, if the Contractor has failed to submit his claim within the time provided in C above and has failed to request extension of such time, he shall have no such right of appeal. In any case where the Contracting Officer has made a determination of the amount due under C. or E. above, the District shall pay to the Contractor the following:
1. If there is no right of appeal hereunder or if no timely appeal has been taken, the amount so determined by the Contracting Officer, or
  2. If an appeal had been taken, the amount finally determined on such appeal.
- H. In arriving at the amount due the Contractor under this Article there shall be deducted:
1. all unliquidated advance or other payments on account theretofore made to the Contractor, applicable to the terminated portion of the Contract;
  2. any claim which the District may have against the Contractor in connection with the Contract; and
  3. the agreed price for, or the proceeds of sale of, any materials, supplies or other things kept by the Contractor or sold, pursuant to the provisions of this Article and not otherwise recovered by or credited to the District.
- I. If the termination hereunder be partial, prior to the settlement of the terminated portion of the Contract, the Contractor may file with the Contracting Officer a request in writing for an equitable adjustment of the price or prices specified in the Contract relating to the continued portion of the Contract (the portion not terminated by the Notice of Termination), and such equitable adjustment as may be agreed upon shall be made at such price or prices; however, nothing contained herein shall limit the right of the District and the Contractor to agree upon the amount or amounts to be paid to the Contractor for the completion of the continued portion of the Contract when said Contract does not contain an established Contract price for such continued portion.
- J. The District may from time to time, under such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, make partial payments against costs incurred by the Contractor in connection with the terminated portion of the Contract whenever in the opinion of the Contracting Officer the aggregate of such payments shall be within the amount to which the Contractor will be entitled hereunder. If the total of such payments is in excess of the amount finally agreed or determined to be due under this Article, such excess shall be payable by the Contractor to the District upon demand, together with interest computed at the rate of 6 percent per annum for the period from the date such excess is received by the Contractor to the date on which such excess is repaid to the District; provided however, that no interest shall be charged with respect to any such excess payment attributable to a reduction in the Contractor's claim by reason of retention or other disposition of termination inventory until ten days after the date of such retention or disposition, or such later date as determined by the Contracting Officer by reason of the circumstances.

- K. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract or by applicable statute, the Contractor, from the effective date of termination and for a period of three years after final settlement under the Contract, shall preserve and make available to the District at all reasonable times at the office of the Contractor, but without direct charge to the District, all his books, records, documents and other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under the Contract and relating to the work terminated hereunder, or, to the extent approved by the Contracting Officer, photographs and other authentic reproductions thereof.

## ARTICLE 7. DISPUTES

- A. All disputes arising under or relating to this contract shall be resolved as provided herein.
- B. Claims by a Contractor against the District.

"Claim", as used in Section B of this clause, means a written assertion by the Contractor seeking, as a matter of right, the payment of money in a sum certain, the adjustment or interpretation of contract terms, or other relief arising under or relating to this contract. A claim arising under a contract, unlike a claim relating to that contract, is a claim that can be resolved under a contract clause that provides for the relief sought by the claimant.

- (a) All claims by a Contractor against the District arising under or relating to a contract shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer for a decision. The contractor's claim shall contain at least the following:

- (1) A description of the claim and the amount in dispute;
  - (2) Any data or other information in support of the claim;
  - (3) A brief description of the Contractor's efforts to resolve the dispute prior to filing the claim; and
  - (4) The Contractor's request for relief or other action by the Contracting Officer.
- (b) The Contracting Officer may meet with the Contractor in a further attempt to resolve the claim by agreement.
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- (c) For any claim of \$50,000 or less, the Contracting Officer shall issue a decision within sixty (60) days from receipt of a written request from a Contractor that a decision be rendered within that period.
  - (d) For any claim over \$50,000, the Contracting Officer shall issue a decision within ninety (90) days of receipt of the claim. Whenever possible, the Contracting Officer shall take into account factors such as the size and complexity of the claim and the adequacy of the information in support of the claim provided by the Contractor.
  - (e) The Contracting Officer's written decision shall do the following:
    - (1) Provide a description of the claim or dispute;
    - (2) Refer to the pertinent contract terms;
    - (3) State the factual areas of agreement and disagreement;
    - (4) State the reasons for the decision, including any specific findings of fact, although specific findings of fact are not required and, if made, shall not be binding in any subsequent proceeding;
    - (5) If all or any part of the claim is determined to be valid, determine the amount of monetary settlement, the contract adjustment to be made, or other relief to be granted;
    - (6) Indicate that the written document is the contracting officer's final decision; and
    - (7) Inform the Contractor of the right to seek further redress by appealing the decision to the Contract Appeals Board.
  - (f) Any failure by the Contracting Officer to issue a decision on a contract claim within the required time period will be deemed to be a denial of the claim, and