

**DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT  
FOR  
SR 21 at I-95 Diverging Diamond Interchange PROJECT  
PI No. 0012722**

**Between**

**Georgia Department of Transportation,**

**State of Georgia**

**and**

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**DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT  
FOR SR 21 AT I-95 DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

This Design and Build Agreement for the SR 21 at I-95 Diverging Diamond Interchange Project (this “Agreement”, or “DB Agreement” or the “DBA”) is entered into and effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 by and between the Georgia Department of Transportation (“GDOT”), an agency of the State of Georgia, and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ (“DB Team”).

R E C I T A L S

A. Pursuant to Section 32-2-81, et seq. of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (the “Code”), GDOT is authorized to “combine any or all of the environmental services, utility relocation services, right of way services, design services, and construction phases of a public road or other transportation purpose project into a single contract using a design-build procedure.”

B. Pursuant to Section 32-2-81 of the Code, “the term ‘design-build procedure’ means a method of contracting under which the department contracts with another party for the party to both design and build the structures, facilities, systems, and other items specified in the contract.” GDOT may use the design-build procedure for buildings, bridges and approaches, rail corridors, technology deployments, and limited or controlled access projects or projects that may be constructed within existing rights of way where the scope of work can be clearly defined or when a significant savings in project delivery time can be attained.

C. Pursuant to the provisions of the Code and Chapter 672-18 of the Rules of the State Department of Transportation (the “Rules”), GDOT issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) on December 12, 2014, as amended, requesting submittals of a Statement of Qualifications (“SOQ”) from respondents desiring to develop the SR 21 at I-95 Diverging Diamond Interchange (the “Project”) through a Design-Build Agreement.

D. GDOT received ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) responsive SOQ by February 6, 2015, and subsequently Shortlisted or qualified ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) responsive Proposers.

E. On February 20, 2015, GDOT issued to the shortlisted Proposers a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) with respect to the Project.

F. On April 17, 2015, GDOT received responses to the RFP, including the response of \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of DB Team (the “Proposal”).

G. As part of the RFP, GDOT required that Shortlisted Proposers commit to entering into a DB Agreement with GDOT for the design and construction of the Project.

H. An RFP Technical Review Committee comprised of GDOT staff determined the DB Team was the Proposer which best met the selection criteria contained in the RFP.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Work to be performed by DB Team, and DB Team’s financing obligations with respect thereto, the foregoing premises and the covenants and agreements set forth herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:



**Article 1      DEFINITIONS; DB DOCUMENTS; ORDER OF PRECEDENCE;  
PRINCIPAL PROJECT DOCUMENTS**

**1.1      Abbreviations and Definitions**

Abbreviations and definitions for certain terms used in this Agreement and the other DB Documents are contained in Exhibit 1.

**1.2      DB Documents; Order of Precedence**

Each of the DB Documents is an essential part of the agreement between the Parties. The DB Documents are intended to be complementary and to be read together with this Agreement, as a complete agreement. Each of the DB Documents (other than this Agreement) is hereby expressly incorporated herein by reference.

**1.2.1** Subject to Article 1.2.2, in the event of any conflict, ambiguity or inconsistency among the DB Documents, the order of precedence, from highest to lowest, shall be as follows:

**1.2.1.1** Supplemental Agreements and Agreement amendments, and all exhibits, riders, and attachments thereto;

**1.2.1.2** The Agreement (also referred to as Volume 1) and all exhibits thereto (other than Exhibit 2);

**1.2.1.3** Volume 2 “Technical Provisions for DB Agreement” amendments, and all exhibits and attachments to such amendments;

**1.2.1.4** Volume 2 “Technical Provisions for DB Agreement”, and all exhibits and attachments to the Technical Provisions;

**1.2.1.5** Volume 3 “Programmatic Technical Provisions for DB Agreement” amendments, and all exhibits and attachments to such amendments;

**1.2.1.6** Volume 3 “Programmatic Technical Provisions for DB Agreement”, and all exhibits and attachments thereto;

**1.2.1.7** Volume 3 “Manuals (Technical Documents) amendments; provided that GDOT in its sole discretion may designate that such amendments or portions thereof take precedence over the Technical Provisions to the extent provided in Articles 7.2.5;

**1.2.1.8** Volume 3 Manuals (Technical Documents);

**1.2.1.9** DB Team’s Proposal commitments set forth in Exhibit 2 hereto, including DB Team’s schematic plan of the Project, to the extent specified in Exhibit 2 that certain provisions therein shall supersede the specified provisions of the other DB Documents. Moreover, if the Proposal, including DB Team’s schematic plan, includes statements, offers, terms, concepts or designs that can reasonably be interpreted as offers to provide higher quality items than otherwise required by the other DB Documents or to perform services or meet standards in addition to or better than those otherwise required, or otherwise contains terms or designs which are more advantageous to GDOT than the requirements of the other DB Documents, as reasonably determined by GDOT, then DB Team’s obligations hereunder shall

include compliance with all such statements, offers, terms, concepts and designs, which shall have the priority of Agreement amendments (Article 1.2.1.1) and Technical Provisions amendments (Article 1.2.1.3), as applicable.

**1.2.2** If the DB Documents contain differing provisions on the same subject matter, the provisions that establish the higher quality manner or method of performing the Work or use more stringent standards will prevail. Additional details in a lower priority DB Document shall be given effect except to the extent they irreconcilably conflict with requirements, provisions and practices contained in the higher priority DB Document. If the DB Documents contain differing provisions on the same subject matter that cannot be reconciled by applying the foregoing rules, then the provisions (whether setting forth performance or prescriptive requirements) contained in the document of higher order of precedence shall prevail over the provisions (whether setting forth performance or prescriptive requirements) contained in the document of lower order of precedence.

**1.2.3** Where there is an irreconcilable conflict among any standards, criteria, requirements, conditions, procedures, specifications or other provisions applicable to the Project set forth in one or more manual(s) or publication(s) referenced within a DB Document or set of DB Documents with the same order of priority (including within documents referenced therein), the standard, criterion, requirement, condition, procedure, specification or other provision offering higher quality or better performance will apply, unless GDOT in its sole discretion accepts otherwise in writing. If there is an irreconcilable conflict between manuals or publications referenced in DB Document of differing priorities, the order of precedence set forth in Article 1.2.1 will apply. If either Party becomes aware of any such conflict, it shall promptly notify the other party of the conflict in writing. GDOT shall issue a written determination respecting which of the conflicting items is to apply promptly after it becomes aware of any such conflict.

### **1.3 Order of Precedence of Project Management Plan**

In the event of any conflict, ambiguity or inconsistency between the Project Management Plan and any of the DB Documents, the latter shall take precedence and control.

### **1.4 Reserved**

### **1.5 Reference Information Documents**

**1.5.1** DB Team acknowledges that GDOT has provided and disclosed to DB Team the Reference Information Documents (“RID”). The RID are not mandatory or binding on DB Team. DB Team is not entitled to rely on the RID as presenting design, engineering, operating or maintenance solutions or other direction, means or methods for complying with the requirements of the DB Documents, Governmental Approvals or Law.

**1.5.2** Except as expressly set forth herein, DB Team acknowledges that GDOT neither represents nor warrants that the information contained in the RID is complete or accurate or that such information is in conformity with the requirements of the DB Documents, Governmental Approvals or Laws, and GDOT is not responsible or liable in any respect for any causes of action, claims or Losses whatsoever suffered by any DB Team-Related Entity by reason of any use of information contained in, or any action or forbearance in reliance on, the RID.

## Article 2 GRANT OF AUTHORITY AND RIGHT OF WAY

### 2.1 Grant of Authority for Undertaking

**2.1.1** GDOT hereby grants to DB Team the revocable right, and DB Team accepts the obligation, to design and construct (including any maintenance obligations during such period as required pursuant to the DB Documents) the Project in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and the other DB Documents.

### 2.2 Right of Way; Construction Easement; Ownership

**2.2.1** The Project shall be constructed on and within the property as identified in the NEPA Approval and any amendment thereto (the "Property"). GDOT shall be responsible to provide DB Team with access rights to the Property, together with the Existing Right of Way and Required Right of Way as set forth below.

**2.2.1.1** Upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including as set forth in this Article 2.2, and subject to the terms and conditions of the DB Documents, as of the date of the Agreement or such other date as shall be mutually agreed upon in writing by GDOT and DB Team (the "Effective Date"), GDOT shall and does, subject to and upon issuance of the written notice to DB Team authorizing DB Team to proceed with the portion of the Work described in Article 3.3.1.1 ("NTP 1"):

(a) Grant to DB Team a non-exclusive right of access, ingress and egress to all real property comprising the Existing Right of Way as more particularly described and designated in Exhibit 4, subject to the exclusions and reservations set forth in this Agreement, in accordance with the terms described in the DB Documents, and

(b) as and to the extent that GDOT, has acquired a right of access or interest in any property as described and designated in Exhibit 4, grant a non-exclusive right of access, ingress and egress to the real property described therein.

**2.2.1.2** GDOT and DB Team acknowledge and agree that GDOT is and shall remain throughout the Term the sole owner of fee title to the Property.

**2.2.1.3** GDOT has reserved the right to enter upon, possess, control and utilize the Property with or without payment of compensation to DB Team.

**2.2.1.4** GDOT has granted, and has further reserved the right to grant, to other parties utility and other permits and easements and modifications thereto and rights of use to the Property subject to the limitations of the DB Documents.

**2.2.2** All Required Right of Way, as established in and designated within Exhibit 4, and Additional Properties, meaning those parcels or portions of property proposed by DB Team in addition to the Right of Way, including (if applicable) with respect to an accepted Alternative Technical Concept ("ATC") or otherwise contiguous to the Property and to be used for Project or in connection with the construction thereof, as expressly designated as "Additional Properties" within the Right of Way Acquisition Plan, other than temporary interests in property for Project Specific Locations, shall be acquired in the name of GDOT.

**2.2.3** DB Team represents that it has reviewed the Existing Right of Way and Required Right of Way, together with the scheduled delivery dates for the Required Right of Way and confirmed that the access rights to the property and timing for the grant of such rights as identified therein are sufficient and complete so as to allow DB Team access to all areas of the Property as required for the performance and completion of the Work. DB Team shall give written notice to GDOT, setting forth with specificity the legal description of any Additional Properties, within ten (10) days of DB Team's determination of such need.

**2.2.3.1** GDOT shall exercise the powers of condemnation when required to complete the acquisition of Additional Properties, including through the, subject to this Article 2.2.3, Section 7 of the Technical Provisions, and all applicable Laws relating to such acquisition, including the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, P.L. 91-646, as amended (the "Uniform Act").

**2.2.3.2** Except as provided in this Article 2.2.3, DB Team shall be responsible for all costs, expenses, and delays associated with acquiring all Additional Properties under this Agreement, including (a) the cost of acquisition services and document preparation, (b) the cost of condemnation proceedings required by the Office of the Georgia Attorney General, through jury trials and appeals, including attorneys' and expert witness fees, and all fees and expenses for exhibits, transcripts, photos and other documents and materials production, (c) the purchase prices, court awards or judgments, for all parcels required for the Project or the Work, (d) the cost of permanent or temporary acquisition of leases, easement and other interests in real property, including for drainage, temporary work space, lay down areas, material storage areas, earthwork borrow sites, and any other convenience of DB Team, (e) the cost of permitting, (f) closing costs associated with parcel purchases, in accordance with the Uniform Act and GDOT policies, and (g) relocation assistance payments and costs, in accordance with the Uniform Act. If GDOT incurs any such costs and expenses on DB Team's behalf, GDOT may submit any invoices for such costs and expenses to DB Team, in which case DB Team shall pay the invoices within thirty (30) days of DB Team's receipt of such invoices. As a condition precedent to GDOT exercising its condemnation powers and the Office of Georgia Attorney General initiating any condemnation proceedings with respect to a parcel, DB Team shall pay to GDOT the estimated amount of the costs of the condemnation proceedings, including the required monetary court deposit associated with such parcel and estimated attorneys' fees. If GDOT pays any such costs and expenses on DB Team's behalf, DB Team shall reimburse GDOT within thirty (30) days of DB Team's receipt of an invoice therefor. Other than excess amounts, if any, remaining after such condemnation proceedings, which shall be returned to DB Team, DB Team shall not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any costs or expenses as set forth in this Article, nor shall such costs or expenses be included on account of any Compensation Event.

**2.2.3.3** Except as otherwise authorized by Law for temporary Project Specific Locations, GDOT (a) shall not be obligated to exercise its power of eminent domain in connection with DB Team's acquisition of any such temporary right or interest, nor shall (b) have any obligations or responsibilities with respect to the acquisition, maintenance or disposition of such temporary rights or interests.

**2.2.3.4** Except for GDOT's failure to deliver such portion of the Required Right of Way, exclusive of Additional Properties, as required pursuant to this Article 2.2, and solely to the extent (a) any such delay in delivery of access to any portion of the Required Right of Way (i) results in a GDOT-Caused Delay which constitutes a Relief Event, (ii) is as a result of

a GDOT Change, as described in Article 14, or (b) this Agreement expressly otherwise provides for a Relief Event and/or Compensation Event on account thereof, DB Team shall be solely responsible for all costs and delay associated therewith. Further, DB Team shall be solely responsible for all costs and delay associated with the acquisition of any Additional Properties.

### **Article 3 CONTRACT TIME**

#### **3.1 Term of Agreement**

**3.1.1** This Agreement shall remain in effect until Final Acceptance, subject to the survival of all such obligations as expressly provided herein, including without limitation, any warranty periods (the “Term”); provided that this Agreement shall be subject to earlier termination in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the DB Documents.

#### **3.2 Project Schedule**

**3.2.1** As a material consideration for entering into this Agreement, DB Team hereby commits, and GDOT is relying upon DB Team’s commitment, to develop, design and fully construct the Project in accordance with the milestones and time periods set forth in this Agreement and the other DB Documents, including without limitation, in the Technical Provisions, the Project Schedule and Milestone Schedule Deadlines, subject only to delays caused by Relief Events specifically provided hereunder. The time limitations set forth for DB Team’s performance of its covenants and obligations as required pursuant to the DB Documents, including without limitation performance of the Work as required pursuant to the Milestone Schedule Deadlines and Project Schedule, are of the essence, and except where this Agreement expressly provides for extension of time due to a Relief Event or allows delay subject to payment of Liquidated Damages or other compensation to GDOT, DB Team waives any right at law or in equity to tender or complete performance beyond the applicable time period, or to require GDOT to accept such performance. All references to days shall mean Calendar Days unless otherwise specified.

#### **3.3 Contract Time, Date of Commencement, and Notice to Proceed**

**3.3.1** DB Team’s time period for completion of the Work is the period from the Effective Date through the Maintenance Acceptance Date, as may be adjusted for any Relief Event as expressly provided in the Agreement (the “Contract Time”). All Work shall be performed in accordance with the Milestone Schedule attached as Exhibit 9, provided or updated from the Technical Proposal Preliminary Schedule Submittal, as stated in Article 3.3.2.

**3.3.1.1** GDOT anticipates issuing NTP 1 promptly following the Effective Date, and shall in any case provide for issuance of NTP 1 within thirty (30) days from DB Team’s satisfaction of the conditions for contract execution. Issuance of NTP1 authorizes DB Team to commence preliminary design activities. Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 636.103 (23 CFR Section 636.103) defines preliminary design to include, but is not limited to preliminary engineering and other activities and analyses, such as topographic surveys, metes and bounds surveys, geotechnical investigations, hydrologic analysis, hydraulic analysis, utility engineering, traffic studies, financial plans, revenue estimates, hazardous materials assessments, general estimates of the types and quantities of materials, and other work needed to establish the parameters for the Final Design. Prior to completion of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) review process, any such preliminary

engineering and other activities and analyses must not materially affect the objective consideration of alternatives in the NEPA review process. Preliminary design activities shall be completed in accordance with the Project Management Plan, the Technical Provisions, and other activities anticipated to be performed after NTP1, including satisfying the conditions to issuance of NTP 3 under Article 3.3.1.3.

**3.3.1.2** Issuance of NTP 2 authorizes the DB Team to perform Final Design activities. Title 23, CFR, Section 636.103 (23 CFR Section 636.103) defines Final Design as any design activities following preliminary design and expressly includes the preparation of final construction plans and detailed specifications for the performance of construction work. NTP 2 will be issued once the environmental document is approved, or with NTP 1 if the environmental document has been approved by the contract execution date.

**3.3.1.3** Issuance of NTP 3, also referred to as Released for Construction (“RFC”), authorizes DB Team to perform all other Work and activities pertaining to the Project, subject to conforming RFC plans as may be related to commencement of any element of the Construction Work. DB Team may not proceed to commence any construction activity with respect to the Project except as authorized pursuant to an RFC. An RFC may be issued for the entire project or any Construction Phase of the project. GDOT anticipates issuing NTP 3 within five (5) days from DB Team’s satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) Submittal by DB Team to GDOT and GDOT’s acceptance of the Project Management Plan in accordance with Article 9.1 of this Agreement and Section 2 of the Technical Provisions;

(b) Submittal by DB Team to GDOT and acceptance by GDOT of DB Team’s Final Plans for the Project under Section 1.2 of the Technical Provisions;

(c) Submittal by DB Team to GDOT and acceptance by GDOT of DB Team’s proposed Schedule of Values under Section 2 of the Technical Provisions;

(d) Submittal by DB Team to GDOT and acceptance by GDOT of the DB Team’s proposed Project Baseline Schedule under Section 2 of the Technical Provisions;

(e) Submittal by DB Team to GDOT and acceptance by GDOT of the Traffic Control Plan;

(f) Submittal by DB Team to GDOT and acceptance by GDOT of the Transportation Management Plan;

(g) Evidence by DB Team of all required Government Approvals as required under Article 6.2;

(h) Submittal by DB Team to GDOT and acceptance by GDOT of all Utility Agreements, Utility Encroachment Permits, Utility Relocation Plans, and/or Certification of “No-Conflict”, if required; and

(i) Submittal by DB Team to GDOT of qualified Worksite Utility Control Supervisor (WUCS), Worksite Erosion Control Supervisor (WECS), and Worksite Traffic Control Supervisor (WTCS).

**3.3.1.4** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Article 3.3, DB Team shall not perform, nor be obligated to perform, any portion of the Work prior to issuance of the NEPA Approval, except for Work authorized under 23 CFR 636.109.

**3.3.2** DB Team shall satisfy all conditions prior to issuance of NTP 3. DB Team shall satisfy all conditions to commencement of the Construction Work and commence such Construction Work with diligence and continuity, by the deadlines therefor set forth in Milestone Schedule attached as Exhibit 9, and any adjustments set forth therein, all as the same may be extended pursuant to this Agreement. If the Technical Proposal Schedule dates indicate completion of activities in advance of the dates listed in Milestone Schedule (Exhibit 9) as provided in the RFP, then Exhibit 9 shall be updated in the executed version of the contract to reflect the dates provided in the Technical Proposal.

**3.3.3** DB Team shall achieve Substantial Completion on or before the Substantial Completion Deadline and Maintenance Acceptance on or before the Maintenance Acceptance Deadline, time being of the essence.

**3.3.4** DB Team hereby represents and warrants that the Preliminary Baseline Schedule is in the form described in the Technical Provisions, has been developed in accordance with the Work Breakdown Structure requirements under Section 2 of the Technical Provisions, and is consistent with the Milestone Schedule. DB Team shall use the Preliminary Baseline Schedule as a foundation to prepare a proposed Project Baseline Schedule for GDOT's review and acceptance prior to issuance of NTP 2, as set forth in Section 2 of the Technical Provisions. The Parties shall use the Preliminary Baseline Schedule for planning and monitoring the progress of the Work until such time that the Project Baseline Schedule is accepted by GDOT. The proposed Project Baseline Schedule shall be consistent with the Preliminary Baseline Schedule and Milestone Schedule except to the extent for adjustments as provided in the DB Documents and as accepted by GDOT.

**3.3.5** All Float contained in the Project Schedule shall be considered a shared resource among GDOT and DB Team, available to any or all such parties as needed to absorb delay caused to the critical path components as set forth in the Project Schedule or Milestone Schedule Deadlines, whether on account of Relief Events or other events of delay not constituting Relief Events. All Float shall be shown as such in the Project Schedule on each affected schedule path. GDOT shall have the right to examine the identification of (or failure to identify) Float on the Project Schedule in determining whether to accept the Project Schedule. Once identified, DB Team shall monitor and account for Float in accordance with critical path methodology.

**3.3.6** DB Team shall deliver to GDOT, together with DB Team's submission of the proposed Project Baseline Schedule pursuant to Article 3.3.4, any proposed corresponding changes to the DB Contract Sum Payment Schedule.

**Article 4      RESERVED**

**Article 5      DB CONTRACT SUM, PAYMENTS, AND PUBLIC FUNDS**

## **5.1      Payment of DB Contract Sum**

GDOT shall pay DB Team the DB Contract Sum on account of Work properly performed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in GDOT Standard Specifications Section

109.03. DB Team, in consideration for all Work performed in accordance with the DB Documents, shall be entitled to receive the DB Contract Sum, which amount is inclusive of all fees, overhead, profit, insurance and bond premiums, labor and material costs, installations, delivery, warehouse and handling charges, duties, taxes and other assessments. DB Team's rights to receive payment of the DB Contract Sum, as compensation for Work performed, are set forth in GDOT Standard Specifications Section 109.03. Except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement, including without limitation Article 17.3.4 herein, GDOT shall not, for any reason, setoff, deduct or withhold from or against any amounts due or to become due by GDOT to DB Team hereunder any amounts due or owed to GDOT by DB Team and/or any Affiliate of DB Team under any contract or agreement between GDOT and any such party (other than the DB Documents).

## **5.2 GDOT Monetary Obligations and Overall Limitation of Liability**

**5.2.1** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the DB Documents, in no event shall GDOT's outstanding liability to DB Team under the DB Documents, including liability related to Compensation Events and Compensation Amounts, exceed the amount of compensation that would be payable to DB Team pursuant to a Termination for Convenience under Article 19.1.

## **Article 6 PROJECT PLANNING AND ACCEPTANCES; PROJECT ADMINISTRATION, REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT; PUBLIC INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Preliminary Planning and Engineering Activities; Site Conditions**

**6.1.1** DB Team shall perform or cause to be performed all architectural and engineering activities appropriate for design and construction of the Project in accordance with Good Industry Practice and the DB Documents, which may include, subject to the scope of Work set forth in the DB Documents or as required by GDOT by Supplemental Agreement or Directive Letter: (a) Utility Adjustments (b) technical studies and analyses; (c) geotechnical investigations; (d) right-of-way mapping, surveying and appraisals; (e) Subsurface Utility Engineering(SUE) investigations and mapping; (f) Hazardous Materials investigations; and (g) design and construction surveys.

**6.1.2** Except to the extent that DB Team is entitled to a Relief Event and/or a Compensation Event under this Agreement, DB Team shall bear the risk of any incorrect or incomplete review, examination and investigation by it of the Site or the Existing Improvements and surrounding locations, and of any incorrect or incomplete information resulting from preliminary architectural and engineering activities conducted by DB Team, GDOT or any other Person. DB Team acknowledges and agrees that GDOT does not make any warranties or representations as to any surveys, data, reports or other information provided by GDOT or other Persons concerning surface conditions and subsurface conditions, including the presence of Utilities, Hazardous Materials, contaminated groundwater, archeological, paleontological and cultural resources, and Threatened or Endangered Species, affecting the Site, the Existing Improvements or surrounding locations. DB Team acknowledges that such information is for DB Team's reference only and has not been verified.

**6.1.3** Except to the extent that DB Team is entitled to a Relief Event and/or a Compensation Event under this Agreement, DB Team shall bear the risk of all conditions occurring on, under or at the Site and the Existing Improvements, including (a) physical conditions of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered in the



area, (b) changes in surface topography, (c) variations in subsurface moisture content, (d) Utility facilities, (e) the discovery at, near or on the Property of any archeological, paleontological or cultural resources, and (f) the discovery at, near or on the Property of any Threatened or Endangered Species.

## **6.2 Governmental Approvals and Third Party Agreements**

**6.2.1** GDOT has responsibility for obtaining all Governmental Approvals for the Project specifically listed in Section 4.2 of the Technical Provisions (including any such approvals as may be required from GDOT independent of GDOT's Project administration pursuant to Section 1.4 of the Agreement) ("Provided Approvals") based on the design schematic contained in the NEPA Approval. DB Team shall obtain all other Governmental Approvals and, except to the extent the DB Documents expressly provide GDOT is responsible therefor, all third party approvals and agreements required in connection with the Project or the Work, including any modifications, renewals and extensions of the Provided Approvals, including those required in connection with a Compensation Event. DB Team shall deliver to GDOT true and complete copies of all new or amended Governmental Approvals and third party approvals and agreements. In no event shall GDOT be responsible or liable for any delays in obtaining Provided Approvals to the extent such delays are caused by differences between the schematic contained in the NEPA Approvals and DB Team's Final Plans, unless such differences are due to a GDOT Change, as described in Article 14.

**6.2.2** Prior to submitting to a Governmental Entity any application for a Governmental Approval (or any proposed modification, renewal, extension or waiver of a Governmental Approval or provision thereof), DB Team shall submit the same, together with any supporting environmental studies and analyses, to GDOT (a) for approval or (b) for review and comment, as specified in the Technical Provisions in Table 4-2.

**6.2.3** Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement to the contrary, in the event DB Team's design differs from the schematic contained in the NEPA Approvals upon which the Provided Approvals were based, as among GDOT and DB Team, DB Team shall support necessary actions, and shall bear all risk of delay, resulting from or arising out of any associated change in the Project location and design, including (a) conducting all necessary environmental studies and preparing all necessary environmental documents in compliance with applicable Environmental Laws, and (b) obtaining and complying with all necessary new Governmental Approvals (including any modifications, renewals and extensions of the Provided Approvals, and other existing Governmental Approvals). GDOT and FHWA will independently evaluate all environmental studies and documents and fulfill the other responsibilities assigned to them by 23 CFR Part 771.

**6.2.4** Subject to clauses (h), (i) and (n) of the definition of Compensation Event and clauses (o), (p) and (t) of the definition of Relief Event and except to the extent required under the Technical Requirements, in the event DB Team is unable to obtain necessary Governmental Approvals for any design that differs from the schematic contained in the NEPA Approvals upon which Provided Approvals were based, DB Team shall be obligated to design and construct the Project according to a design in compliance with the requirements of the Provided Approvals, and no such circumstance shall constitute a Relief Event, Compensation Event or other basis for any Claim.

**6.2.5** At DB Team's request, GDOT shall reasonably assist and cooperate with DB Team in obtaining from Governmental Entities the Governmental Approvals (including any modifications, renewals and extensions of existing Governmental Approvals from Governmental Entities) required to be obtained by DB Team under the DB Documents.

**6.2.6** DB Team shall comply with all conditions imposed by and undertake all actions required by and all actions necessary to maintain in full force and effect all Governmental Approvals, including performance of all environmental mitigation measures required by the DB Documents or Governmental Approvals, except to the extent that responsibility for performance of such measures is expressly assigned to GDOT in the DB Documents.

**6.2.7** In the event that any Governmental Approvals required to be obtained by DB Team must formally be issued in GDOT's name, DB Team shall undertake necessary efforts to obtain such approvals subject to GDOT's reasonable cooperation with DB Team, as the case may be, at DB Team's expense (except in connection with a Compensation Event), in accordance with Article 6.2.5, including execution and delivery of appropriate applications and other documentation in form accepted by GDOT. Refer to Section 4.2 of the Technical Provisions for more specific provisions on applications in GDOT's name for Environmental Approvals.

**6.2.8** In the event that GDOT or FHWA must act as the lead agency and directly coordinate with a Governmental Entity in connection with obtaining Governmental Approvals which are the responsibility of DB Team, DB Team shall provide all necessary support to facilitate the approval, mitigation or compliance process. Such support may include conducting necessary field investigations, surveys, and preparation of any required reports, documents and applications.

**6.2.9** DB Team shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable Laws in relation to Project Specific Locations and for obtaining any Environmental Approval or other Governmental Approval required in connection with Project Specific Locations.

**6.2.10** DB Team shall not enter into any agreement with any Governmental Entity, Utility Owner, railroad, property owner or other third party having regulatory jurisdiction over any aspect of the Project or Work or having any property interest affected by the Project or the Work that in any way purports to obligate GDOT, or the State or an agency or department thereof, or states or implies that GDOT has an obligation, to the third party to carry out any installation, design, construction, maintenance, repair, operation, control, supervision, regulation or other activity after the end of the Term, unless GDOT otherwise accepts in writing in its sole discretion. DB Team has no power or authority to enter into any such agreement with a third party in the name or on behalf of GDOT.

## **6.3 Review and Oversight**

### **6.3.1 Submittal, Review and Acceptance Terms and Procedures**

**6.3.1.1** This Article 6.3 sets forth uniform terms and procedures that shall govern all Submittals pursuant to the DB Documents or Project Management Plan and component plans thereunder. In the event of any irreconcilable conflict between the provisions of this Article 6.3 and any other provisions of the DB Documents or Project Management Plan and component plans thereunder concerning submission, review and acceptance procedures,

this Article 6.3 shall exclusively govern and control, except to the extent that the conflicting provision expressly states that it supersedes this Article 6.3.

### **6.3.2 Time Periods**

**6.3.2.1** Except as expressly set forth in Section 23 of the Technical Provisions or as provided below, whenever GDOT is entitled to review and comment or accept a Submittal, GDOT shall promptly respond and/or act upon such Submittal within thirty (30) days from the date it receives an accurate and complete Submittal, together with a completed transmittal form in form to be mutually agreed and all necessary information and documentation concerning the subject matter. Any period of review by GDOT in excess of thirty (30) days, except where Section 23 of the Technical Provisions provides for a longer time period, shall be deemed a GDOT Caused-Delay and give rise to Relief Event. The time periods set forth in the DB Documents for GDOT's review and acceptance of Submittals, as and to the extent required shall apply to and restart with all re-Submittals which DB Team may be required to provide.

**6.3.2.2** Reserved.

**6.3.2.3** The time periods set forth herein with respect to GDOT's review and acceptance or comment on Submittals shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 23 of the Technical Provisions for multiple concurrent Submittals.

**6.3.2.4** All time periods for GDOT to act upon Submittals shall be extended by the period of any delay caused by any Relief Event impacting same, including as set forth in clauses (a), (b), (c), (m) and (n) of the definition of Relief Event or otherwise as and to the extent of any delay of DB Team or any DB Team-Related Entity.

**6.3.2.5** During any time that GDOT is entitled under Article 17.3.8 to increase the level of its auditing, monitoring, inspection, sampling, measuring, testing and oversight of the Project, the Utility Adjustments and DB Team's compliance with its obligations under the DB Documents, the applicable period for GDOT to act on any Submittals received during such time and not related to curing the DB Team Default(s) that instigated the Article 17.3.8 action shall automatically be extended by fourteen (14) days.

**6.3.2.6** GDOT shall endeavor to reasonably accommodate a written request from DB Team for expedited action on a specific Submittal, within the practical limitations on availability of personnel appropriate for acting on the types of Submittal in question; provided DB Team sets forth in its request specific, abnormal circumstances demonstrating the need for expedited action. This provision shall not apply, however, during any time described in Article 6.3.2.4 or 6.3.2.5.

### **6.3.3 GDOT Discretionary Acceptances**

If the Submittal is one where the DB Documents indicate consent or acceptance is required from GDOT in its sole discretion, absolute discretion, unfettered discretion or good faith discretion, then GDOT's lack of acceptance, determination, decision or other action within the applicable time period under Article 6.3.2 shall be deemed disapproval.

### **6.3.4 Other GDOT Acceptances**

**6.3.4.1** Whenever the DB Documents indicate that a Submittal or other matter is subject to GDOT's acceptance or consent and no particular standard therefor is stated, then the standard shall be reasonableness.

**6.3.4.2** If the reasonableness standard applies to GDOT's right of acceptance of or consent to a Submittal, and GDOT delivers no acceptance, consent, determination, decision or other action within the applicable time period under Article 6.3.2, then DB Team may deliver to GDOT a written notice stating the date within which GDOT was to have decided or acted and that if GDOT does not decide or act within five (5) Business Days after receipt of the notice, delay from and after that date (five (5) Business Days after receipt of the notice) may constitute GDOT-Caused Delay for which DB Team may be entitled to issue a Relief Event Notice and Compensation Event Notice under Articles 13.1 and 13.2.

### **6.3.5 GDOT Review and Comment**

Whenever the DB Documents indicate that a Submittal or other matter is subject to GDOT's review, comment, review and comment, disapproval or similar action not entailing a prior acceptance and GDOT delivers no comments, exceptions, objections, rejections or disapprovals within the applicable time period under Article 6.3.2, then DB Team may proceed thereafter at its election and risk, without prejudice to GDOT's rights to later object or disapprove in accordance with Article 6.3.7.1. No such failure or delay by GDOT in delivering comments, exceptions, objections, rejections or disapprovals within the applicable time period under Article 6.3.2 shall constitute a Relief Event, Compensation Event or other basis for any Claim. When used in the DB Documents, the phrase "completion of the review and comment process" or similar terminology means either (a) GDOT has reviewed, provided comments, exceptions, objections, rejections or disapprovals, and all the same have been resolved, or (b) the applicable time period has passed without GDOT providing any comments, exceptions, objections, rejections or disapprovals.

### **6.3.6 Submittals Not Subject to Prior Review, Comment or Acceptance**

Whenever the DB Documents indicate that DB Team is to deliver a Submittal to GDOT but express no requirement for GDOT review, comment, disapproval, prior acceptance or other GDOT action, then DB Team is under no obligation to provide GDOT any period of time to review the Submittal or obtain acceptance of it before proceeding with further Work, and GDOT shall have the right, but is not obligated, to at any time review, comment on, take exception to, object to, reject or disapprove the Submittal in accordance with Article 6.3.7.1. No failure or delay by GDOT in delivering comments, exceptions, objections, rejections or disapprovals with respect to any Submittal as set forth in this Article shall constitute a Relief Event, Compensation Event or other basis for any Claim.

### **6.3.7 Resolution of GDOT Comments and Objections**

**6.3.7.1** If the Submittal is one not governed by Article 6.3.3, GDOT's exception, objection, rejection or disapproval shall be deemed reasonable, valid and binding if based on any of the following grounds:

(a) The Submittal or subject provision thereof fails to comply with any applicable covenant, condition, requirement, term or provision of the DB Documents or Project Management Plan and component plans thereunder;

(b) The Submittal or subject provision thereof is not to a standard equal to or better than the requirements of Good Industry Practice;

(c) DB Team has not provided all content or information required in respect of the Submittal or subject provisions thereof, provided that GDOT assumes no duty, obligation or liability regarding completeness or correctness of any Submittal, including a Submittal that is to be delivered to a Governmental Entity as a proposed Governmental Approval, or in order to obtain, modify, amend, supplement, renew, extend, waive or carry out a Governmental Approval;

(d) Adoption of the Submittal or subject provision thereof, or of any proposed course of action thereunder, would result in a conflict with or violation of any Law or Governmental Approval; or

(e) In the case of a Submittal that is to be delivered to a Governmental Entity as a proposed Governmental Approval, or in order to obtain, modify, amend, supplement, renew, extend, waive or carry out a Governmental Approval, it proposes commitments, requirements, actions, terms or conditions that are not arrangements that GDOT offers or accepts for addressing similar circumstances affecting its own projects.

**6.3.7.2** DB Team shall timely and promptly respond to all of GDOT's comments and objections to a Submittal and, except as provided below, make modifications to the Submittal as necessary to fully reflect and resolve all such comments and objections, in accordance with the review processes set forth in this Article 6.3. DB Team acknowledges that GDOT may provide comments and objections which reflect concerns regarding interpretation or preferences of the commenter or which otherwise do not directly relate to grounds set forth in Article 6.3.7.1. DB Team agrees to undertake reasonable efforts to accommodate or otherwise resolve any such comments or objections through the review processes described in this Article 6.3. However, if the Submittal is not governed by Article 6.3.3, the foregoing shall in no way be deemed to obligate DB Team to incorporate any comments or resolve objections that are not on any of the grounds set forth in Article 6.3.7.1 and would result in a delay to a Critical Path on the Project Schedule, or an increase in DB Team's costs, except pursuant to a GDOT Change as described in Article 14. If, however, DB Team does not accommodate or otherwise resolve any comment or objection, DB Team shall deliver to GDOT within a reasonable time period, not to exceed fourteen (14) days after receipt of GDOT's comments or objections, a written explanation why modifications based on such comment or objection are not required. The explanation shall include the facts, analyses and reasons that support the conclusion.

**6.3.7.3** The foregoing shall in no way be deemed to obligate DB Team to incorporate any comments or resolve objections that would render the Submittal erroneous, defective or less than Good Industry Practice, except pursuant to a GDOT Change.

**6.3.7.4** If DB Team fails to notify GDOT within such time period, GDOT may deliver to DB Team a written notice stating the date by which DB Team was to have addressed GDOT's comments and that if DB Team does not address those comments within five (5) Business Days after receipt of this notice, then that failure shall constitute DB Team's agreement to make all changes necessary to accommodate and resolve the comment or objection and full acceptance of all responsibility for such changes without right to a Relief Event, Compensation Event or other Claim.

**6.3.7.5** After GDOT receives DB Team’s explanation as to why the modifications are not required as provided in Articles 6.3.7.2, 6.3.7.3 and 6.3.7.4, the Parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute. If they are unable to resolve the dispute, it shall be resolved according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes” except (a) as provided otherwise in Article 6.3.3, and (b) if GDOT elects to issue a Directive Letter pursuant to Article 14.3 with respect to the disputed matter, the DB Team shall proceed in accordance with GDOT’s directive while retaining any Claim as to the disputed matter.

### **6.3.8 Limitations on DB Team’s Right to Rely**

**6.3.8.1** No review, comment, objection, rejection, acceptance, disapproval, acceptance, certification (including certificates of Substantial Completion and Maintenance Acceptance), concurrence, monitoring, testing, inspection, spot checking, auditing or other oversight by or on behalf of GDOT or their representatives or agents, and no lack thereof by GDOT, or their representatives or agents, shall constitute acceptance of materials or Work or waiver of any legal or equitable right under the DB Documents, at Law, or in equity. GDOT shall be entitled to remedies for Nonconforming Work and to identify additional Work which must be done to bring the Work and Project into compliance with requirements of the DB Documents, regardless of whether previous review, comment, objection, rejection, acceptance, disapproval, acceptance, certification, concurrence, monitoring, testing, inspection, spot checking, auditing or other oversight were conducted or given by GDOT, or their representatives or agents. Regardless of any such activity or failure to conduct any such activity by GDOT, or their representatives or agents, DB Team at all times shall have an independent duty and obligation to fulfill the requirements of the DB Documents. DB Team agrees and acknowledges that any such activity or failure to conduct any such activity by GDOT, or their representatives or agents:

- (a) is solely for the benefit and protection of GDOT;
- (b) does not relieve DB Team of its responsibility for the selection and the competent performance of all DB Team-Related Entities;
- (c) does not create or impose upon GDOT any duty or obligation toward DB Team to cause it to fulfill the requirements of the DB Documents;
- (d) shall not be deemed or construed as any kind of warranty, express or implied, by GDOT;
- (e) may not be relied upon by DB Team or used as evidence in determining whether DB Team has fulfilled the requirements of the DB Documents; and
- (f) may not be asserted by DB Team against GDOT as a defense, legal or equitable, to, or as a waiver of or relief from, DB Team’s obligation to fulfill the requirements of the DB Documents.

**6.3.8.2** DB Team shall not be relieved or entitled to reduction of its obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the DB Documents, or any of its other liabilities and obligations, including its indemnity obligations, as the result of any activity identified in Article 6.3.8.1 or failure to conduct any such activity by GDOT. Such activity by GDOT shall not relieve DB Team from liability for, and responsibility to cure and correct Nonconforming Work or DB Team Defaults.

**6.3.8.3** To the maximum extent permitted by Law, DB Team hereby releases and discharges GDOT from any and all duty and obligation to cause DB Team’s Work or the Project to satisfy the standards and requirements of the DB Documents.

**6.3.8.4** Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 6.3.8.1, 6.3.8.2 and 6.3.8.3:

(a) DB Team shall be entitled to rely on written approvals, acceptances, lack of responses from GDOT (i) for the limited purpose of establishing that the approval, acceptance or lack of response occurred or (ii) that are within its sole discretion, but only to the extent that DB Team is prejudiced by a subsequent decision of such party to rescind such approval or acceptance;

(b) Reserved

(c) DB Team shall be entitled to rely on the certificates of Substantial Completion and Maintenance Acceptance from GDOT for the limited purpose of establishing that Substantial Completion and Maintenance Acceptance, as applicable, have occurred, and the respective dates thereof;

(d) GDOT is not relieved from any liability arising out of a knowing and intentional material misrepresentation under any written statement GDOT delivers to DB Team; and

(e) GDOT is not is relieved from performance of its express responsibilities under the DB Documents in accordance with all standards applicable thereto.

**6.3.9 Inspection and Testing; Limitations**

**6.3.9.1** At all times during the term of this Agreement, GDOT shall have the right to conduct the monitoring, reviewing, inspection, testing, reporting, auditing and other oversight functions set forth in the DB Documents, including without limitation:

(a) monitoring and auditing DB Team and its books and records to determine compliance with requirements of the DB Documents and the accepted Project Management Plan, including audit review of Design Documents, Plans, Construction Documents and other Submittals;

(b) conducting field monitoring and inspections on an audit basis as indicated in the DB Documents, including in connection with GDOT’s certifications of Substantial Completion and Maintenance Acceptance;

(c) develop quality reports, regular audit reports, reports on Defects, other reports, and findings, opinions, evaluations, comments, objections and recommendations, all as more particularly set forth in the DB Documents;

(d) reviewing and commenting on all Submittals for which GDOT review and comment or acceptance is required under the DB Documents, unless expressly provided otherwise in the DB Documents, or unless waived in writing by the Parties for a specific Submittal or type of Submittal;

(e) attending and witnessing DB Team’s tests and inspections;

(f) auditing the books and records of Key Contractors to confirm compliance with the DB Documents and applicable Law;

(g) investigating, analyzing and reporting on Safety Compliance and performance of Safety Compliance Orders; and

(h) reviewing, commenting on and giving recommendations, objections or disapprovals regarding the Project Payment Request and revisions thereto, and processing such Project Payment Request.

**6.3.9.2** GDOT shall have the right to attend and witness any tests and verifications to be conducted pursuant to the Technical Provisions and applicable Management Plans. DB Team shall provide to GDOT all applicable test results and reports (which may be provided in electronic format in accordance with the Technical Provisions) within ten (10) days after DB Team receives them.

### **6.3.10 Oversight by GDOT for FHWA and Federal Compliance**

**6.3.10.1** In addition to GDOT's rights of oversight, inspection, monitoring and auditing of DB Team's Work, GDOT shall independently have the right at all times to monitor, inspect, sample, measure, attend, observe or conduct tests and investigations, and conduct any other oversight respecting any part or aspect of the Project or the Work, to the extent necessary or advisable (a) to comply with FHWA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or other applicable federal agency requirements, and (b) to verify on an audit basis DB Team's compliance with the DB Documents and Project Management Plan as provided in Article 22.2.

**6.3.10.2** DB Team acknowledges and agrees that GDOT will have the right to audit, monitor and inspect DB Team and its Contractors compliance with Good Industry Practice and its responsibilities and obligations under the DB Documents.

**6.3.10.3** GDOT will not conduct formal prior reviews of Design Documents except to the extent necessary or advisable to comply with FHWA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or other applicable federal agency requirements, provided that the aforementioned shall not limit GDOT rights pursuant to this Agreement. GDOT reserves the right to conduct "over-the-shoulder" reviews of Design Documents or other Submittals as they may deem necessary or appropriate, including pursuant to Article 17.3.8, provided that they shall not have any obligation to conduct such reviews nor assume any responsibility for DB Team's Work, regardless of whether or not electing to perform or performing any such reviews.

**6.3.10.4** Nothing in the DB Documents shall preclude, and DB Team shall not interfere with, any review, audit or oversight of Submittals, Work or books and records that the FHWA may desire to conduct.

### **6.3.11 Rights of Cooperation and Access; Increased Oversight**

**6.3.11.1** DB Team shall coordinate and cooperate, and require its Contractors to coordinate and cooperate, with GDOT and any such parties as provided in Article 6.3 to facilitate the full, efficient, effective and timely performance of all such monitoring, inspection, sampling, measuring, testing, reporting, auditing, and other oversight functions. DB Team shall cause its representatives to be available at all reasonable times for consultation with GDOT and such other parties as required.



**6.3.11.2** Without limiting the foregoing, DB Team shall afford GDOT (a) safe and unrestricted access to the Project at all times, (b) safe access during normal business hours to DB Team's Project offices and operations buildings and (c) unrestricted access to data respecting the Project design, construction, operations and maintenance, and the Utility Adjustment Work. Without limiting the foregoing, DB Team shall deliver to GDOT upon request accurate and complete books, records, data and information regarding Work, the Project and the Utility Adjustment Work, in the format required by the Technical Provisions.

**6.3.11.3** GDOT shall have the right to increase the type and level of their oversight as provided in Article 6.3

### **6.3.12 Limits of Responsibility For Oversight, Review, Recommendations, Inspection and Acts by GDOT**

**6.3.12.1** Although GDOT, and its representatives and agents may consult with DB Team during the course of the Work, no such party shall have control over, charge of, or responsibility for the any of the Work, including without limitation, any design or engineering thereof, or means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures in connection therewith, nor shall any such party be responsible for DB Team's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the DB Documents. Any such review is not for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of information or work product, all of which are DB Team's responsibility. Any review, recommendation, acceptance, inspection, response, act or omission with respect to any Submittals, or with respect to the Project, the Work (whether Construction Work or Design Work), or the Construction Documents shall be pursuant to, and solely in furtherance of the inspection powers as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 50-21-24(8). DB Team shall, at all times and notwithstanding any such acts or omissions by GDOT as provided in this Article 6 or elsewhere in this Agreement, be fully responsible for all architectural design and engineering required for the Project. DB Team expressly waives and releases (a) all claims for right of contribution against either GDOT or their respective representatives and agents, other than for such parties' sole negligence, arising from or related to any third party claims, including without limitation for personal injury, death, or property damage, and (b) all claims and defenses by DB Team against GDOT, or their respective representatives and agents in derogation of the limitations of this Article 6, including this Article 6.3.12, and/or that any or all of such parties otherwise have, or by their acts or omissions, assumed any responsibility for, or related to, the design or construction of the Project, or any means, methods, or techniques in respect thereof. DB Team hereby further expressly waives any claim or defense the basis of which is to assert that GDOT may not delegate the responsibility for any element of the design and construction of the Project involving public roadways, signs, or traffic controls to DB Team as provided in this Agreement.

## **6.4 Community Outreach and Public Information**

DB Team shall provide on-going information to the public concerning the development of the Project, in accordance with the Public Information and Communications Plan prepared by DB Team pursuant to Section 3 of the Technical Provisions, if applicable.

## **Article 7 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT**

### **7.1 General Obligations of DB Team**

DB Team, in addition to performing all other requirements of the DB Documents, shall:

**7.1.1** Furnish all design, engineering and other services, provide construction management and all work, including all materials, equipment, labor, and installations, and undertake all efforts necessary or appropriate (excluding only those materials, services and efforts which the DB Documents expressly specify will be undertaken by GDOT or other Persons) to construct the Project and maintain it during construction, so as to achieve Substantial Completion and Maintenance Acceptance by the applicable Milestone Schedule Deadlines;

**7.1.2** At all times provide a Project Manager approved by GDOT who (a) will have full responsibility for the prosecution of the Work, including Design Work and Construction Work, (b) will act as agent and be a single point of contact in all matters on behalf of DB Team, (c) will be present (or his/her designee approved by GDOT will be present) at the Site at all times that Design Work or Construction Work is performed, and (d) will be available to respond to GDOT;

**7.1.3** Comply with, and require that all Contractors comply with, all requirements of all applicable Laws;

**7.1.4** Cooperate with GDOT, and Governmental Entities with jurisdiction in all matters relating to the applicable portions of the Work, including Design Work and Construction Work for the Project, including their review, inspection and oversight of the design and construction; and

**7.1.5** Use commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate delay to design and construction of the Project and mitigate damages due to delay in all circumstances, to the extent possible, including by re-sequencing, reallocating, or redeploying DB Team's and its Contractors' forces to other work, as appropriate.

## **7.2 Performance, Design and Construction Standards**

**7.2.1** DB Team shall furnish all aspects of the Design Work and all Design Documents, and shall construct the Project and perform the Construction Work as designed, free from Defects, and in accordance with (a) Good Industry Practice, (b) the requirements, terms and conditions set forth in the DB Documents, (c) the Project Schedule, (d) all Laws, (e) the requirements, terms and conditions set forth in all Governmental Approvals, (f) the requirements of the accepted Quality Management Plan, and (g) the accepted Project Management Plan and all component plans prepared or to be prepared thereunder, in each case taking into account the Existing Right of Way, Required Right of Way, and any Additional Property limits and other constraints affecting the Project and the Property.

**7.2.2** Reserved.

**7.2.3** DB Team acknowledges that prior to the Effective Date it had the opportunity to identify any provisions of the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents that are erroneous or create a potentially unsafe condition, and the opportunity and duty to notify GDOT in writing of such fact and of the changes to the provision that DB Team believed were the minimum necessary to render it correct and safe. If it is reasonable or necessary to adopt changes to the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents after the Effective Date to make the provisions correct and safe, such changes shall not be grounds for a Relief Event or Compensation Event unless (a) DB Team neither knew nor had reason to know prior to the Effective Date that the provision was erroneous or created a potentially unsafe condition or (b) DB Team knew of and

reported to GDOT the erroneous or potentially unsafe provision prior to the Effective Date and GDOT did not adopt reasonable and necessary changes. Except for a circumstance as set forth under (b) herein, if DB Team commences or continues any Design Work or Construction Work affected by such a change after the need for the change was discovered or suspected, or should have been discovered or suspected through the exercise of reasonable care, DB Team shall bear any additional costs associated with redoing the Work already performed. Inconsistent or conflicting provisions of the DB Documents shall not be treated as erroneous provisions under this Article 7.2.3, but instead shall be governed by Article 1.2.

**7.2.4** References in the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents to manuals or other publications governing the Design Work or Construction Work prior to the Substantial Completion Date shall mean the most recent editions in effect at the date of the RFP advertisement, unless expressly provided otherwise. Any changes to the Technical Provisions and Technical Documents, including Safety Standards, respecting Design Work or Construction Work prior to the Substantial Completion Date shall be subject to the Supplemental Agreement process for a GDOT Change in accordance with Article 14. Safety Compliance changes shall be in accordance with Article 12.1.

**7.2.5** The Parties anticipate that from time to time after the Effective Date, GDOT will adopt, through revisions to existing manuals and publications or new manuals and publications, changed, added or replacement standards, criteria, requirements, conditions, procedures, specifications and other provisions, including Safety Standards, relating to Design Work and Construction Work. GDOT shall have the right to add such changed, added or replacement standards, criteria, requirements, conditions, procedures, specifications and other provisions, including Safety Standards, to Volume 3 by notice to DB Team, whereupon they shall constitute amendments, and become part, of the Technical Documents. If such changed, added or replacement Technical Documents or Safety Standards encompass matters that are addressed in the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents as of the Effective Date, they may, upon inclusion in Volume 3, replace and supersede inconsistent provisions of the Technical Provisions and Technical Documents to the extent designated by GDOT in its sole discretion. GDOT will identify the superseded provisions in its notice to DB Team. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the absence of a GDOT Change and except as provided otherwise in Article 7.5.3 with respect to Adjustment Standards, if GDOT adopts the changed, added or replacement standards, criteria, requirements, conditions, procedures, specifications and other provisions, including changed, added or replacement Safety Standards, prior to the Maintenance Acceptance Date, DB Team shall not be obligated to (but may) incorporate the same into its design and construction of the Project prior to the Maintenance Acceptance Date.

### **7.3 Design Implementation and Submittals**

**7.3.1** DB Team, through the appropriately qualified and licensed design professionals identified in DB Team's Project Management Plan in accordance with Section 2 of the Technical Provisions, shall prepare designs, plans and specifications in accordance with the DB Documents. DB Team shall cause the engineer of record for the Project to sign and seal all Released for Construction Documents.

**7.3.2** DB Team shall deliver to GDOT accurate and complete duplicates of all Interim Design, and Preliminary and Final Plans and Construction Documents within the time and in the form required by the Technical Provisions.

#### **7.4 Reserved.**

#### **7.5 Utility Adjustments**

##### **7.5.1 DB Team's Responsibility**

**7.5.1.1** DB Team is responsible for causing, in accordance with the Project Schedule, all Utility Adjustments necessary to accommodate construction, operation, maintenance and/or use of the Project. DB Team shall coordinate, monitor, and otherwise undertake the necessary efforts to cause Utility Owners performing Utility Adjustment Work to perform such work timely, in coordination with the Work, and in compliance with the standards of design and construction and other applicable requirements specified in the Design-Build Contract Documents.

**7.5.1.2** In addition to GDOT's Project administration, GDOT shall independently have the right at all times with respect to acceptance of Utility Adjustments as provided herein. DB Team shall coordinate and be required to procure GDOT acceptance as required.

**7.5.1.3** Regardless of the arrangements made with the Utility Owners, the DB Team shall continue to be the responsible party to GDOT for timely performance of all Utility Adjustment Work so that upon completion of the Work, all Utilities that might impact the Project or be impacted by it (whether located within or outside the Construction Maintenance Limits) are compatible with the Project. GDOT will provide to DB Team the benefit of any provisions in recorded utility or other easements affecting the Project which require the easement holders to relocate at their own expense (unless specified otherwise in the Technical Provisions or a Utility Agreement), subject, however, to any provisions of applicable Law affecting the easement holder's obligations for Utility Adjustments.

##### **7.5.2 Utility Agreements**

**7.5.2.1** The DB Team will be responsible for completion of all required Utility Agreements. The DB Team will work with the State Utilities Preconstruction Engineer, or assigned designee, to acquire the appropriate Agreement template and coordinate the completion of all required Utility Agreements with Utility Owners. Upon completion of the Utility Agreement with the Utility Owner, the signed agreement should be forwarded to the District Utilities Engineer for review and acceptance. Upon the acceptance by the District, the Utility Agreement shall be forwarded to the State Utilities Preconstruction Engineer for processing and final acceptance. As described in the GDOT Utility Accommodation Policy and Standards Manual ("UAM"), Chapter 4.2.F Agreements cover all requirements for Utility Agreements

##### **7.5.3 Requirements**

Each Utility Adjustment (whether performed by DB Team, Sub-Contractor or by the Utility Owner) shall comply with the Adjustment Standards in effect as of the date of advertisement of the contract, together with any subsequent amendments and additions to those standards that (a) are necessary to conform to applicable Law, or (b) are adopted by the Utility Owner and affect the Utility Adjustment pursuant to the applicable Utility Agreement(s). In addition, all Utility Adjustment Work shall comply with all applicable Laws, the applicable Utility Agreement(s), and all other requirements specified in Section 6 of the Technical Provisions.

#### **7.5.4 Failure of Utility Owners to Cooperate/Escalation**

**7.5.4.1** DB Team shall use diligent efforts to obtain the cooperation of each Utility Owner as necessary for Utility Adjustments. It shall be the DB Team's responsibility to coordinate and track each utilities progress in relation to the Utility Work Plan or Revised Utility Work Plan previously accepted by the Department. Once the DB Team has determined that the Utilities work progress is at least 20% behind the accepted Utility Work Plan; the DB Team will notify the Utility Owner, and the Department of such apparent delay through written correspondence. Such written correspondence shall detail the delay in question and request the Utility to submit a proposal on how the Utility Owner plans to rectify such delay and maintain the project's schedule prescribed by the previously accepted Utility Work Plan. The Utility will respond to this letter within ten (10) business days. The response shall include a proposal to cure the delay identified by the DB Team. In some cases, the complexity of the project may require that a utility coordination meeting be held to address the issues identified by the DB Team. If the Utility determines that this is the case, then the Utilities response letter shall include a request to hold a utility coordination meeting with the DB Team, the District Utility Engineer and the District Construction Engineer for utility delay resolution. If the utility delay cannot be resolved through the coordination efforts described above after twenty (20) Business Days from the date provided in the DB Team's original written correspondence; the said dispute shall escalate to the State Construction Engineer for further consideration. If additional escalation is required, please follow escalation procedures as outlined in the UAM.

#### **7.5.5 Utility Permits (GUPS)**

**7.5.5.1** It is anticipated that during the design and construction phases of the Work, from time to time Utility Owners will apply for utility permits to install new Utilities that would cross or longitudinally occupy the Property, or to modify, upgrade, repair, relocate or expand existing Utilities within the Property for reasons other than accommodation of the Project.

**7.5.5.2** For all such utility permit applications pending as of or submitted after the Effective Date, DB Team shall furnish the most recent Project design information and/or as-built plans, as applicable, to the applicants, and shall assist each applicant with information regarding the location of other proposed and existing Utilities. DB Team shall keep records of its costs related to new Utilities separate from other costs. For all such utility permit applications pending as of or submitted after the Effective Date, DB Team shall furnish the most recent Project design information and/or as-built plans, as applicable, to the applicants, and shall assist each applicant with information regarding the location of other proposed and existing Utilities. DB Team shall keep records of its costs related to new Utilities separate from other costs.

#### **7.5.6 Reserved**

#### **7.5.7 Early Adjustments**

**7.5.7.1** If any Adjustments are designated as Early Adjustments in Section 6 of the Technical Provisions, such Adjustments are anticipated to be completed by prior to the deadline therefore set forth in the Technical Provisions. DB Team's obligation to provide Protection in Place for Utilities includes any Early Adjustments, whether or not timely completed. DB Team shall coordinate with GDOT and the Utility Owner as may be necessary for orderly

completion of any Early Adjustments, and DB Team shall conduct its Work without interfering with or hindering the progress or completion of any Early Adjustments.

## **7.6 Conditions to Commencement of Construction Work**

### **7.6.1 Construction Work Generally**

Except to the extent expressly permitted in writing by GDOT, DB Team shall not commence or permit or suffer commencement of construction of the Project, or applicable portion thereof, until GDOT issues NTP 3 and all of the conditions of Article 3.3.1.3 have been met.

### **7.6.2 Utility Adjustments**

DB Team shall not commence or permit or suffer commencement of construction of a Utility Adjustment included in the Construction Work until GDOT issues NTP 3, and the requirements of Article 7.5 have been met.

## **7.7 Substantial Completion, Punch List, Maintenance Acceptance**

### **7.7.1 Substantial Completion**

**7.7.1.1** GDOT will issue a written certificate of Substantial Completion at such time as Substantial Completion occurs which shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Article 7.7.1.

**7.7.1.2** Substantial Completion shall occur upon satisfactory completion of the requirements of GDOT Standard Specification 108.07.G.

**7.7.1.3** Reserved

**7.7.1.4** DB Team shall provide GDOT with not less than twenty (20) days prior written notification of the date DB Team determines it will achieve Substantial Completion. During such notice period, DB Team and GDOT shall meet and confer and exchange information on a regular cooperative basis with the goal being GDOT's orderly, timely inspection and review of the Project and the applicable Final Plans and Construction Documents, and GDOT's issuance of a written certificate of Substantial Completion.

**7.7.1.5** During the period specified in Article 7.7.1.4, GDOT shall conduct an inspection of the Project and its components, a review of the applicable Final Plans and Construction Documents and such other investigation as may be necessary to evaluate whether Substantial Completion is achieved. GDOT shall deliver a written report of findings and recommendations to the DB Team following such inspection, review and investigation and within five (5) days after the end of the period specified in Article 7.7.1.4. GDOT shall then either (a) issue the written certificate of Substantial Completion or (b) notify DB Team in writing setting forth, as applicable, why the Project has not reached Substantial Completion. If GDOT and DB Team cannot agree as to the date of Substantial Completion, such Dispute shall be resolved according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes."

### **7.7.2 Punch List**

**7.7.2.1** GDOT will prepare and the DB Team shall maintain the Punch List. Each participant shall have the right to add items to the Punch List and none shall remove any item added by any other without such other's express permission. If DB Team objects to the addition of an item by GDOT, the item shall be noted as included under protest, and if the Parties thereafter are unable to reconcile the protest, the Dispute shall be resolved according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes." DB Team shall deliver to GDOT a true and complete copy of the Punch List, and each modification thereto, as soon as it is prepared.

**7.7.2.2** DB Team shall immediately commence work on the Punch List items and diligently prosecute such work to completion, consistent with the DB Documents, prior to issuance of maintenance acceptance.

### **7.7.3 Maintenance Acceptance**

**7.7.3.1** Promptly after achieving Substantial Completion, DB Team shall perform all remaining Construction Work for the Project, including completion of all Punch List items, all landscaping other than vegetative ground cover and aesthetic features. DB Team shall prepare and adhere to a timetable for planting and establishing the vegetative ground cover landscaping, taking into account weather conditions necessary for successful planting and growth, which timetable shall in any event provide for vegetative ground cover landscaping to be planted and established by twelve (12) months after Substantial Completion.

**7.7.3.2** GDOT will issue a written certificate of Maintenance Acceptance at such time as all of the following have occurred for the Project:

- (a) All requirements for Substantial Completion have been satisfied;
- (b) All Punch List items have been completed and delivered to the reasonable satisfaction of GDOT;
- (c) All aesthetic and landscaping features (other than vegetative ground cover landscaping) have been completed in accordance with Section 15 of the Technical Provisions, as applicable, and the plans and designs prepared in accordance therewith;
- (d) GDOT has received a complete set of the Record Drawings in form and content required by Sections 2.3.16 and 23.5 of the Technical Provisions;
- (e) All Utility Adjustment Work and other work that DB Team is obligated to perform for or on behalf of third parties has been accepted by such third parties, and DB Team has paid for all work by third parties that DB Team is obligated to pay for, other than disputed amounts;
- (f) DB Team has paid in full all Liquidated Damages that are due to GDOT pursuant to this Agreement and are not in Dispute, and has provided to GDOT reasonable security for the full amount of Liquidated Damages that may then be the subject of an unresolved Dispute;
- (g) There exist no uncured DB Team Defaults that are the subject of a Warning Notice, or with the giving of notice or passage of time, or both, could become the

subject of a Warning Notice (except any DB Team Default for which Maintenance Acceptance will affect its cure);

(h) All component parts, plans and documentation of the Project Management Plan required to be prepared, submitted and accepted prior to or in conjunction with Maintenance Acceptance have been so prepared, submitted and accepted;

(i) All Submittals required by the Project Management Plan or DB Documents to be submitted to and accepted by GDOT have been submitted to and accepted by GDOT, in the form and content required by the Project Management Plan or DB Documents;

(j) DB Team has received, and paid all associated fees for, all applicable Governmental Approvals and other applicable third party approvals required pursuant to the DB Documents, and there exists no uncured material violation of the terms and conditions of any such Governmental Approval or other third party approvals;

(k) DB Team has delivered to GDOT all warranties, manuals and other Deliverables as required pursuant to the Technical Provisions; and

(l) DB Team has delivered to GDOT verification of all required post construction period, including completed operations, Insurance Policies required under this DB Documents.

**7.7.3.3** DB Team shall provide GDOT with written notification when DB Team determines it has achieved Maintenance Acceptance. During the fifteen (15) day period following receipt of such notification, DB Team, GDOT shall meet and confer and exchange information on a regular cooperative basis with the goal being GDOT's orderly, timely inspection and review of the Project and the Record Drawings, and GDOT's issuance of a written certificate of Maintenance Acceptance.

**7.7.3.4** During such fifteen (15) day period, GDOT shall conduct an inspection of the Punch List items, a review of the Record Drawings and such other investigation as may be necessary to evaluate whether the conditions to Maintenance Acceptance are satisfied. GDOT shall deliver a written report of findings and recommendations to DB Team following such inspection, review and investigation and in any case by the end of such fifteen (15) day period.

**7.7.3.5** Within five (5) days after expiration of such fifteen (15) day period GDOT shall either (a) issue a certificate of Maintenance Acceptance or (b) notify DB Team in writing setting forth, as applicable, why Maintenance Acceptance has not been achieved. If GDOT and DB Team cannot agree as to the date of Maintenance Acceptance, such Dispute shall be resolved according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes."

## **7.8 Hazardous Materials Management**

**7.8.1** DB Team shall comply with with all requirements set forth in GDOT Standard Specification 107.22 and Exhibit 11.

## **7.9 Environmental Compliance**



Throughout the course of the Design Work and Construction Work, DB Team's Work shall take into account, be coordinated to allow for, and be performed in accordance with all environmental mitigation measures required under the Environmental Approvals, including the NEPA/GEPA Approval and any other Governmental Approvals for the Project, or under the DB Documents, and shall comply with all other conditions and requirements of the Environmental Approvals in accordance with Section 4 of the Technical Provisions, provided that the foregoing shall not require nor imply any requirement for DB Team to perform any remediation or disposal of Pre-existing Hazardous Materials or GDOT Release(s) of Hazardous Materials.

## **7.10 Meetings**

### **7.10.1 Meetings**

**7.10.1.1** DB Team shall conduct regular progress meetings with GDOT at least once a month during the course of Design Work and Construction Work. These meetings shall be attended by the DB Team's Lead Contractor's Project Manager and the Lead Design Engineer or Authorized Representatives of each and any other Key Personnel as needed for productive use of the meetings.

**7.10.1.2** In addition, GDOT and DB Team, through their respective Authorized Representatives, shall meet from time to time at the other Party's request to discuss and resolve matters relating to the Work or the Project.

**7.10.1.3** DB Team shall schedule all meetings with GDOT at a date, time and place reasonably convenient to both Parties and, except in the case of urgency, shall provide GDOT with written notice and a meeting agenda at least three (3) Business Days in advance of each meeting.

**7.10.1.4** DB Team shall be responsible to document and maintain the full subject matter of all meetings and shall distribute copies of meeting minutes to GDOT not later than five (5) days following such meetings.

## **7.11 Contractor Warranties and Correction of Non-Conforming and Defective Work**

**7.11.1** DB Team shall obtain customary and reasonable warranties from all Contractors with respect to design, materials, workmanship, installations, equipment, tools, supplies, software or services, all of which DB Team shall cause to be expressly extended and assigned to GDOT, or its designee; provided that the foregoing requirement shall not apply to standard, pre-specified manufacturer warranties of mass-marketed materials, products (including software products), equipment or supplies where the warranty cannot be extended to GDOT using commercially reasonable efforts. To the extent that any Contractor warranty would be voided by reason of DB Team's negligence in incorporating material or equipment into the Work, DB Team shall be responsible for correcting such defect.

**7.11.2** Contractor warranties (if any) are in addition to all rights and remedies available under the DB Documents or applicable Law or in equity, and shall not limit DB Team's liability or responsibility imposed by the DB Documents or applicable Law or in equity with respect to the Work, including liability for design defects, latent construction defects, strict liability, breach, negligence, willful misconduct or fraud.

### **7.11.3 Reserved.**

**7.11.4** When any act, omission, or other action of DB Team occurs that violates the requirements, conditions, or terms of the DB Documents, or affects the health, safety, or welfare of the public or natural resources, GDOT shall have the right, but not the obligation, to require and direct DB Team to take prompt action to replace, repair, or restore such damage, injury or condition within a time frame established by GDOT, at DB Team's sole cost and expenses and without entitlement to a Relief Event or Compensation Event.

## **7.12 Reserved**

## **7.13 Maintenance During Construction Work**

**7.13.1** GDOT shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Existing Right of Way and any acquired right or interest in any Required Right of Way until the Construction Commencement Date. Upon NTP 3, DB Team shall assume full responsibility for maintenance of all Elements within the Construction Maintenance Limits in accordance with the Construction Maintenance Limits Plan and the requirements of the DB Documents.

**7.13.2** Upon Maintenance Acceptance, GDOT will assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the entire Project, provided that where GDOT has opened any portion of the Project to the public prior to Maintenance Acceptance, GDOT shall then assume, responsibility for the operations and maintenance of such portions of the Project at such earlier time, provided, however that in all cases, DB Team shall remain responsible for all Work until Maintenance Acceptance and nothing contained herein shall otherwise limit any warranty obligations of DB Team with respect to any Defect or non-conforming Work.

## **7.14 For Best Value Projects Only: Impact of ATCs on the Project**

**7.14.1** This Article 7.14 shall only apply for those projects awarded by Best Value.

**7.14.2** If implementation of an ATC forming part of the Project requires the approval or consent of any Government Entity (other than GDOT) or other third party, then (a) DB Team will have full responsibility for, and bear the full risk of, obtaining any such approval or consent, and (b) if such approval or consent is not granted, or there is an unreasonable and unjustified delay in obtaining such approval or consent (subject to Article 14) (i) DB Team shall perform the Work as if such ATC had never formed part of the Project, and shall not be entitled to any additional time or compensation as a result thereof. The foregoing shall not limit DB Team's rights with respect any claim under subpart (n) of the definition of Compensation Event or subpart (t) of the definition of Relief Event on account of delays or impact costs solely related to the re-evaluation of the NEPA Approval after expiration of the GDOT Re-evaluation Period.

## **Article 8 SECURITY AND INCIDENT RESPONSE**

### **8.1.1 Security and Incident Response**

**8.1.1.1** DB Team is responsible for the safety and security of the applicable portion of the Project that is under the control of any DB Team-Related Entity and the workers and public thereon during the performance of the Work.

**8.1.1.2** Reserved

**8.1.1.3** DB Team shall perform and comply with the provisions of the Technical Provisions concerning Incident Response, safety and security.

**8.1.1.4** DB Team shall implement all Incident response, safety and security procedures, protocols and requirements set forth in the Incident Management Plan (a component of the Project Management Plan).

## **Article 9 MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND OVERSIGHT**

### **9.1 Project Management Plan**

**9.1.1** DB Team is responsible for all quality assurance activities necessary to manage the Work, including the Utility Adjustment Work. DB Team shall undertake all required aspects of quality assurance for the Project and Work in accordance with the accepted Project Management Plan and Good Industry Practice.

**9.1.2** DB Team shall develop the Project Management Plan and its component parts, plans and other documentation in accordance with the Proposal, the requirements set forth in Section 2 of the Technical Provisions and Good Industry Practice.

**9.1.3** DB Team shall submit to GDOT for acceptance in its good faith discretion in accordance with the procedures described in Article 6.3 of this Agreement and the Technical Provisions each component part, plan and other documentation of the Project Management Plan and any proposed changes or additions to or revisions of any such component part, plan or other documentation. Each component part, plan and other documentation of the Project Management Plan and each proposed change or addition to or revision of any such component part, plan or other documentation shall constitute a separate Submittal for purposes of Article 6.3. GDOT may propose any change required to comply with Good Industry Practice or to reflect a change in working practice to be implemented by DB Team.

**9.1.4** DB Team shall not commence or permit the commencement of any aspect of the design or construction before the relevant component parts, plans and other documentation of the Project Management Plan applicable to such Work have been submitted to and accepted by GDOT.

**9.1.5** If any part, plan or other documentation of the Project Management Plan refers to, relies on or incorporates any manual, plan, procedure or like document then all such referenced or incorporated materials shall be submitted to GDOT for acceptance in its good faith discretion at the time that the relevant part, plan or other documentation of the Project Management Plan or change, addition or revision to the Project Management Plan is submitted to GDOT.

**9.1.6** DB Team shall carry out internal audits of the Project Management Plan at the times prescribed in the Project Management Plan.

**9.1.7** DB Team shall cause each of its Contractors at every level to comply with the applicable requirements of the accepted Project Management Plan.

**9.1.8** The DB Team shall designate a Quality Manager who shall, irrespective of their other responsibilities, have defined authority for ensuring the establishment and maintenance of

the Project Management Plan and reporting to GDOT on the performance of the Project Management Plan.

## **9.2 Traffic Management**

**9.2.1** Upon GDOT issuance of NTP 3 and throughout construction term of the Project, DB Team shall be responsible for the general management of traffic on the applicable portion of the Project under the control of any DB Team-Related Entity. DB Team shall manage traffic so as to preserve and protect safety of traffic on such portions and Related Transportation Facilities and, to the maximum extent practicable, to avoid disruption, interruption or other adverse effects on traffic flow, throughput or level of service on the Related Transportation Facilities. DB Team shall conduct and carry out traffic management in accordance with all applicable Technical Provisions, Technical Documents, Laws and Governmental Approvals, and in accordance with the Transportation Management Plan, as well as any directives as may be required pursuant to Article 8.1.1.2.

**9.2.2** DB Team shall prepare and submit to GDOT, for GDOT acceptance a Transportation Management Plan for managing traffic on the Project and Related Transportation Facilities, during the period of construction (from the period from NTP 3 to Maintenance Acceptance), addressing (a) orderly and safe movement and diversion of traffic on the Project and Related Transportation Facilities, and (b) orderly and safe diversion of traffic on the Related Transportation Facilities necessary in connection with field maintenance and repair work in response to Incidents, Emergencies and lane closures. The Transportation Management Plan shall promote safe and efficient operation of the Project and Related Transportation Facilities at all times during the course of construction of the Project, including during Utility Adjustment Work. DB Team shall prepare the Transportation Management Plan according to the schedule set forth in Section 18 of the Technical Provisions. The Transportation Management Plan shall comply with the Technical Provisions and Technical Documents concerning traffic management and traffic operations.

**9.2.3** GDOT shall have at all times, without obligation or liability to DB Team, the right to:

**9.2.3.1** Issue a Directive Letter to DB Team regarding traffic management and control (with which DB Team shall comply), or directly assume traffic management and control, of the Project during any period that (a) GDOT designates the Project or portion of the Project for immediate use as an emergency evacuation route or a route to respond to a disaster proclaimed by the Governor of Georgia, the President of the United States, or by any other federal or State agency, or any of the aforementioned's respective designees, including reversing the direction of traffic flow during such period, (b) GDOT designates the Project or a portion of the Project for immediate use as an alternate route for diversion of traffic from any interstate or Highway temporarily closed to all lanes in one or both directions due to incident or emergency or (c) the Commissioner determines such action will be in the public interest as a result of an emergency or natural disaster; and

**9.2.3.2** Provide on the Project, via message signs or other means consistent with Good Industry Practice, non-discriminatory traveler and driver information, and other public information (e.g. amber alerts), provided that the means to disseminate such information does not materially interfere with the Work.

## Article 10 CONTRACTING AND LABOR PRACTICES

### 10.1 Reserved.

### 10.2 Responsibility for Work, Contractors and Employees

**10.2.1** DB Team shall retain or cause to be retained only Contractors that are qualified, experienced and capable in the performance of the portion of the Work assigned. DB Team shall assure that each Contractor has at the time of execution of the Contract, and maintains at all times during performance of the assigned Work, all licenses required by applicable Laws. DB Team shall require all Contractors to adhere to the requirements herein with respect to Subcontractors.

**10.2.2** The retention of Contractors by DB Team will not relieve DB Team of its responsibilities hereunder or for the quality of the Work or materials or services provided by it.

**10.2.3** Each Contract shall include terms and conditions sufficient to ensure compliance by all Contractors and Subcontractors, all parties performing any Work on behalf thereof, with the requirements of the DB Documents, and shall include those terms that are specifically required by the DB Documents to be included therein, including, to the extent applicable, those set forth in Exhibit 8 and any other applicable federal requirements.

**10.2.4** Nothing in the DB Documents will create any contractual relationship between GDOT and any Subcontractor. No Contract entered into by or under DB Team shall impose any obligation or liability upon GDOT to any Subcontractor, or any of their respective employees.

**10.2.5** DB Team shall supervise and be fully responsible for the actions, omissions, negligence, willful misconduct, or breach of applicable Law or contract by any Contractor or DB Team-Related Entity, or their respective members, officers, directors, partners, and employees, as though DB Team directly employed all such individuals.

### 10.3 Reserved.

### 10.4 Key Personnel

**10.4.1** DB Team shall retain, employ and utilize the individuals specifically listed in Exhibit 2 to fill the corresponding Key Personnel positions listed therein. DB Team shall not change or substitute any such individuals except due to retirement, death, disability, incapacity, or voluntary or involuntary termination of employment, or as otherwise accepted by GDOT pursuant to Article 10.4.2. In such circumstances, DB Team shall promptly propose a replacement with comparable experience for such position.

**10.4.2** DB Team shall notify GDOT in writing of any proposed replacement for any Key Personnel position. GDOT shall have the right to review the qualifications and character of each individual to be appointed to a Key Personnel position (including personnel employed by Contractors to fill any such position) and to accept or disapprove use of such individual in such position prior to the commencement of any Work by such individual. If DB Team fails to provide a proposed replacement that is sufficiently qualified to GDOT within ninety (90) days after notifying GDOT of a proposed replacement for any Key Personnel position, then such failure shall be constitute a DB Team Default pursuant to Article 17.1.1.

**10.4.3** DB Team shall cause each individual filling a Key Personnel position to dedicate the full amount of time necessary for the proper prosecution and performance of the Work.

**10.4.4** DB Team shall provide GDOT phone numbers and email addresses for all Key Personnel. GDOT requires the ability to contact Key Personnel twenty four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

**10.5 Reserved.**

## **10.6 Labor Standards**

**10.6.1** In the performance of its obligations under the DB Documents, DB Team at all times shall comply, and require by contract that all Contractors and vendors comply, with all applicable federal and State labor, occupational safety and health standards, rules, regulations and federal and State orders.

**10.6.2** All individuals performing the Work shall have the skill and experience and any licenses or certifications required to perform the Work assigned to them.

**10.6.3** If any individual employed by DB Team or any Contractor is not performing the Work in a proper, safe and skillful manner, then DB Team shall, or shall cause such Contractor to, remove such individual and such individual shall not be re-employed on the Work. If, after notice and reasonable opportunity to cure, such individual is not removed or if DB Team fails to ensure that skilled and experienced personnel are furnished for the proper performance of the Work, then GDOT may suspend the affected portion of the Work by delivering to DB Team written notice of such suspension. Such suspension shall in no way relieve DB Team of any obligation contained in the DB Documents or entitle DB Team to any additional compensation or time extension hereunder.

**10.6.4** DB Team and its Contractors shall comply with the Georgia Immigration & Compliance Act ("Immigration Act"), O.C.G.A. § 13-10-90, *et seq.* DB Team must certify compliance with the Immigration Act using the form attached as Exhibit 19. The required certificates and affidavits must be filed with GDOT and copies maintained by DB Team and each Contractor as of the Effective Date, recertified as of July 15 of each year, and again recertified upon final completion of the Work under the applicable Contract. State officials, including officials of the Georgia Department of Labor and GDOT, retain the right to inspect and audit the Project and employment records of DB Team and all Contractors without notice during normal working hours until the Work under the applicable Contract is complete, and as otherwise specified by Law.

**10.7 Reserved.**

## **10.8 Non-Discrimination; Equal Employment Opportunity**

**10.8.1** DB Team shall not, and shall cause the Contractors to not, discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or handicap in the performance of the Work under the DB Documents. DB Team shall carry out, and shall cause the Contractors to carry out, applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26. Failure by DB Team to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Agreement, which may result in a Default Termination Event and the termination of this Agreement or such other remedy permitted hereunder as GDOT deems appropriate (subject to DB Team's rights to notice and opportunity to cure set

forth in this Agreement), but is not limited to (1) withholding monthly progress payments; (2) assessing sanctions; (3) liquidated damages; and/or (4) disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

**10.8.2** DB Team shall include the immediately preceding paragraph in every Contract (including purchase orders and in every Contract of any DB Team-Related Entity for Work), and shall require that they be included in all Contracts at lower tiers, so that such provisions will be binding upon each Contractor.

## **10.9 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise**

### **10.9.1 General**

**10.9.1.1** DB Team shall comply with with 49 CFR Part 26 and GDOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) policy and program. The purpose of GDOT's DBE policy and program is to ensure that DBEs shall have an equal opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds. DB Team shall comply with all applicable requirements set forth in GDOT's DBE policy and program.

**10.9.1.2** DB Team shall include provisions to effectuate GDOT's DBE policy and program in every Contract to which it is a party (including purchase orders and task orders for Work), and shall require that they be included in all Contracts at lower tiers (including purchase orders and task orders for Work), so that such provisions will be binding upon each Contractor. The DB Team shall ensure that all contracts and subcontracts (including purchase orders and task orders for Work) with DBEs to supply labor or materials are required to be performed in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.53.

### **10.9.2 DBE Participation Goals**

**10.9.2.1** GDOT's overall statewide DBE goal is fifteen percent (15%) of the overall Project design and construction costs.

**10.9.2.2** DB Team shall exercise good faith efforts to achieve such DBE participation goal for the Project.

### **10.9.3 Compliance with DBE Participation Goals**

**10.9.3.1** DB Team shall not terminate, and shall not allow a Contractor to terminate, a DBE subcontractor listed in its Proposal (or an approved substitute DBE firm) without GDOT's prior written consent. This includes, but is not limited to, instances in which a Contractor seeks to perform work originally designated for a DBE subcontractor with its own forces or those of an affiliate, a non-DBE firm, or with another DBE firm.

**10.9.3.2** DB Team shall include a provision in every Contract to which it is a party stating that the Contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless the contractor obtains GDOT's consent as provided in 49 CFR Part 26.3(f) and that unless GDOT's consent is provided under 49 CFR Part 26.3(f), the Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE.

**10.9.3.3** DB Team shall make available to GDOT upon request a copy of all DBE subcontracts.

**10.9.3.4** Before transmitting to GDOT a request to terminate and/or substitute a DBE subcontractor, the DB Team or Contractor must give notice in writing to the DBE subcontractor, with a copy to GDOT, of its intent to request to terminate and/or substitute, and the reason for the request. The DB Team or Contractor must give the DBE five days to respond to the notice and advise GDOT and the DB Team or Contractor of the reasons, if any, why it objects to the proposed termination of its subcontract and why GDOT should not approve the termination and/or substitution.

**10.9.3.5** GDOT may only provide written consent allowing the DB Team or a Contractor to terminate a DBE firm listed in the Proposal if GDOT agrees that that the DB Team or Contractor has good cause to terminate the DBE firm. For the purposes of 49 CFR Part 26.3(f), good cause includes the following circumstances:

- (i) The listed DBE subcontractor fails or refuses to execute a written contract;
- (ii) The listed DBE subcontractor fails or refuses to perform the work of its subcontract in a way consistent with normal industry standards. Provided, however, that good cause does not exist if the failure or refusal of the DBE subcontractor to perform its work on the subcontract results from the bad faith or discriminatory action of the DB Team or Contractor;
- (iii) The listed DBE subcontractor fails or refuses to meet the DB Team's or Contractor's reasonable, nondiscriminatory bond requirements.
- (iv) The listed DBE subcontractor becomes bankrupt, insolvent, or exhibits credit unworthiness;
- (v) The listed DBE subcontractor is ineligible to work on public works projects because of suspension and debarment proceedings pursuant 2 CFR Parts 180, 215 and 1,200 or applicable state law;
- (vi) GDOT has determined that the listed DBE subcontractor is not a responsible contractor;
- (vii) The listed DBE subcontractor voluntarily withdraws from the project and provides to you written notice of its withdrawal;
- (viii) The listed DBE is ineligible to receive DBE credit for the type of work required;
- (ix) A DBE owner dies or becomes disabled with the result that the listed DBE contractor is unable to complete its work on the contract;
- (x) Other documented good cause that GDOT determines compels the termination of the DBE subcontractor. Provided, that good cause does not exist if the DB Team or Contractor seeks to terminate a DBE it relied upon to obtain the work so that the DB Team or Contractor can self-perform the work for which the



DBE contractor was engaged or so that the DB Team or Contractor can substitute another DBE or non-DBE contractor after contract award.

**10.9.3.6** When a DBE subcontractor is terminated as provided above, or fails to complete its work for any reason, DB Team or Contractor is required to make good faith efforts to find another DBE subcontractor to substitute for the original DBE. These good faith efforts shall be directed at finding another DBE to perform at least the same amount of work under the Contract as the DBE that was terminated, to the extent needed to meet the established DBE participation goal. The good faith efforts shall be documented by the DB Team or Contractor. If GDOT requests documentation of such good faith efforts, , the DB Team or Contractor shall submit the documentation within 7 days, which may be extended for an additional 7 days if necessary at the request of the DB Team or Contractor, and GDOT shall provide a written determination stating whether or not good faith efforts have been demonstrated.

## **10.10 Job Training Program**

**10.10.1** DB Team, at its own cost and expense, shall include on-the-job training and shall submit to GDOT review and acceptance a plan meeting all requirements set forth in GDOT Standard Specification 158. There are 1,000 required training hours for this project.

## **10.11 Prevailing Wages**

**10.11.1** DB Team shall pay or cause to be paid to all applicable workers employed by it or its Contractors to perform the Work not less than the prevailing rates of wages, as provided in the statutes and regulations applicable to public work contracts, including the Davis-Bacon Act, and as provided in Exhibit 8. DB Team shall comply and cause its Contractors to comply with all Laws pertaining to prevailing wages. For the purpose of applying such Laws, the Project shall be treated as a public work paid for in whole or in part with public funds (regardless of whether public funds are actually used to pay for the Project). The foregoing shall not apply to Contracts at any tier with Governmental Entities.

**10.11.2** It is DB Team's sole responsibility to determine the wage rates required to be paid. In the event rates of wages and benefits change while this Agreement is in effect, DB Team shall bear the cost of such changes and shall have no Claim against GDOT on account of such changes. Without limiting the foregoing, no Claim will be allowed which is based upon DB Team's lack of knowledge or a misunderstanding of any such requirements.

**10.11.3** DB Team shall comply and cause its Contractors, other than GDOT or Governmental Entities acting as Contractors, to comply with all Laws regarding notice and posting of intent to pay prevailing wages, of prevailing wage requirements and of prevailing wage rates.

## **10.12 Prompt Payment to Contractors and Pay When Paid Provisions**

DB Team shall comply with the Georgia Prompt Payment Act, Code Section 13-11-1 *et seq.* Further, neither DB Team, the Design-Build Contractor or Contractor, nor any Subcontractor shall impose retainage upon any consultant, laborer, subcontractor, vendor, materialman, or supplier with whom any of them have contracted.

## **10.13 Suspension and Debarment**

DB Team shall deliver to GDOT, not later than January 31st of each year through Final Acceptance, and upon Final Acceptance, signed certifications regarding suspension, debarment, ineligibility, voluntary exclusion, convictions and civil judgments from DB Team, from each affiliate of DB Team (as “affiliate” is defined in 29 CFR 98.905 or successor regulation of similar import), and from each Contractor whose Contract amount equals or exceeds \$100,000. The annual certification shall be substantially in the form of paragraphs 1.a through 1.d of Attachment 7 to Exhibit 8 (Federal Requirements).

#### **10.14 Uniforms**

Any uniforms, badges, logos and other identification worn by personnel of DB Team-Related Entities shall bear colors, lettering, design or other features to assure clear differentiation from those of GDOT and their employees.

### **Article 11 RELATED AND OTHER FACILITIES**

#### **11.1 Integration with Related Transportation Facilities**

**11.1.1** DB Team shall locate, configure, design, and construct the termini, interchanges, entrances and exits of the Project so that the Project will be compatible and integrated with the location, configuration, design, operation and maintenance of, and provide a smooth, safe transition of traffic to and from, Related Transportation Facilities, as set forth in Section 11 of the Technical Provisions. The design for the Project shall include and provide for such compatibility, integration and transition. The design and construction of the Project, shall satisfy all provisions of the Technical Provisions and Project Management Plan relating to compatibility, integration and transition with or at Related Transportation Facilities, including those concerning signage, signaling and communications with Users.

**11.1.2** Without limiting the foregoing, DB Team shall cooperate and coordinate with GDOT and any third party that owns, constructs, manages, operates or maintains a Related Transportation Project with regard to the construction, maintenance and repair programs and schedules for such Related Transportation Facilities, in order to minimize disruption to the operation thereof.

**11.1.3** To assist DB Team, GDOT shall provide to DB Team during normal working hours, reasonable access to plans, surveys, drawings, as-built drawings, specifications, reports and other documents and information in the possession of GDOT or their contractors and consultants pertaining to Related Transportation Facilities. DB Team, at its expense, shall have the right to make copies of the same. DB Team, at its expense, shall conduct such other inspections, investigations, document searches, surveys and other work as may be necessary to achieve compatibility, integration and transition with those Related Transportation Facilities identified in Section 11 of the Technical Provisions.

**11.1.4** GDOT shall provide reasonable assistance to DB Team, upon its request and at its expense, in obtaining cooperation and coordination from third parties that own, manage, operate or maintain Related Transportation Facilities and in enforcing rights, remedies and warranties that DB Team may have against any such third parties. Such assistance may include GDOT's participation in meetings and discussions. In no event shall GDOT be required to bring any legal action or proceeding against any such third party.

11.1.5 GDOT shall have at all times, without obligation or liability to DB Team, the right to conduct traffic management activities on GDOT's Related Transportation Facilities and all other facilities of the State transportation network in the area of the Project in accordance with its standard traffic management practices and procedures in effect from time to time.

## Article 12 SAFETY COMPLIANCE

### 12.1 Safety Compliance

#### 12.1.1 Safety Compliance Orders

12.1.1.1 GDOT shall use good faith efforts to inform DB Team at the earliest practicable time of any circumstance or information relating to the Project which in GDOT's reasonable judgment is likely to result in a Safety Compliance Order. Except in the case of Emergency, GDOT shall consult with DB Team prior to issuing a Safety Compliance Order concerning the risk to public or worker safety, alternative compliance measures, cost impacts, and the availability of DB Team resources to fund the Safety Compliance work.

12.1.1.2 GDOT's duties shall include monitoring and inspecting for the purpose of determining whether any circumstances exist that warrant issuance of a Safety Compliance Order with respect to the Design Work and the Construction Work, and giving reports and recommendations to the DB Team with respect thereto.

12.1.1.3 Subject to conducting such prior consultation, GDOT may issue Safety Compliance Orders to DB Team at any time from and after the Effective Date.

#### 12.1.2 Duty to Comply

12.1.2.1 Subject to Article 12.1.1, DB Team shall implement all Safety Compliance as expeditiously as reasonably possible following issuance of the Safety Compliance Order. DB Team shall diligently prosecute the work necessary to achieve such Safety Compliance until completion, subject to any remedies allowed from the occurrence of a Relief Event.

12.1.2.2 DB Team shall perform all work required to implement Safety Compliance at DB Team's sole cost and expense. Without limiting the foregoing and for the avoidance of doubt, in no event shall DB Team be entitled to (a) issue a Change Request, or (b) except as provided in Article 12.1.3, claim that a Compensation Event or Relief Event has occurred or resulted from the existence of a Safety Compliance Order.

#### 12.1.3 Contesting Safety Compliance Orders

DB Team may contest a Safety Compliance Order by delivering to GDOT written notice setting forth (a) DB Team's claim that no Safety Compliance conditions exist to justify the Safety Compliance Order, (b) DB Team's explanation of its claim in reasonable detail and (c) DB Team's estimate of impacts on costs and schedule attributable to the contested Safety Compliance Order. If GDOT does not receive such written notice prior to issuance of a Safety Compliance Order, or within fifteen (15) days after GDOT issues an emergency Safety Compliance Order, then DB Team thereafter shall have no right to contest. If DB Team timely contests a Safety Compliance Order, DB Team nevertheless shall implement the Safety Compliance Order, but if it is finally determined following the procedures set forth in GDOT

Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes” that Safety Compliance conditions did not exist, then the Safety Compliance Order shall be treated as a Directive Letter for a GDOT Change.

## **Article 13 RELIEF EVENTS; COMPENSATION EVENTS**

### **13.1 Relief Events**

#### **13.1.1 Relief Event Notice**

**13.1.1.1** If at any time DB Team determines that a Relief Event has occurred or is imminent, DB Team shall promptly, submit a written Relief Event Notice to GDOT.

**13.1.1.2** The Relief Event Notice shall include (a) a statement of the Relief Event upon which the claim of delay or inability to perform is based, including its nature, the date of its occurrence and its duration; (b) the effect of the Relief Event on DB Team’s ability to perform any of its obligations under the DB Documents, including details of the relevant obligations, an impacted delay analysis indicating all affected activities on any Critical Path (with activity durations, predecessor and successor activities and resources, including Float available pursuant to Article 3.3.5), and the likely duration of that effect; (c) an explanation of the measures that DB Team proposes to undertake to mitigate the delay and other consequences of the Relief Event; and (d) an estimate of the delay in performance of any obligations under the DB Documents attributable to the Relief Event. If a single Relief Event is a continuing cause of delay, only one Relief Event Notice shall be necessary.

**13.1.1.3** If, following issuance of any Relief Event Notice, DB Team receives or becomes aware of any further information relating to the Relief Event and/or any delay in performance or failure to perform, it shall submit such further information to GDOT not later than seven (7) days of DB Team’s receipt or knowledge, as the case may be. GDOT may request from DB Team any further information that GDOT may reasonably require, and DB Team shall supply the same within a reasonable period after such request.

**13.1.1.4** Time is of the essence in DB Team’s delivery of its written Relief Event Notice. Accordingly, if for any reason DB Team fails to deliver a Relief Event Notice in strict accordance with this Article 13.1:

(a) Within thirty (30) days following the date (herein the “starting date”) on which DB Team first became aware (or should have been aware, using all reasonable due diligence) of the Relief Event, DB Team shall be deemed to have irrevocably and forever waived and released the portion of any Claim or right to relief for adverse effect attributable to the Relief Event accruing after such thirty (30) day deadline and until the date DB Team submits the written Relief Event Notice; and

(b) Within one hundred and eighty (180) days following the starting date, DB Team shall be deemed to have irrevocably and forever waived and released any and all Claim or right to relief (including extension of time for performance of Design Work or Construction Work) for any adverse effect attributable to such Relief Event.

#### **13.1.2 Extensions of Time for Relief Events**

**13.1.2.1** If DB Team complies with the notice and information requirements in this Article 13.1, then within thirty (30) days after receiving the Relief Event Notice (and, if applicable, any required updates thereto) GDOT, acting reasonably, shall issue a Relief Event Determination. GDOT shall specify in the Relief Event Determination (a) the relevant obligations for which relief is given, (b) the period of time that Milestone Schedule Deadlines or periods set forth in the Project Schedule will be extended based on the number of days of delay affecting a Critical Path, after consumption of Float available pursuant to Article 3.3.5, that is directly attributable to the Relief Event and that cannot be avoided through reasonable mitigation measures and (c) if applicable, the period of time, if any, that the Contract Time will be extended. DB Team shall be relieved from the performance of obligations to the extent specified in the Relief Event Determination.

**13.1.2.2** DB Team shall not be excused from compliance with applicable Laws, Technical Provisions or Technical Documents due to the occurrence of a Relief Event, except temporary inability to comply as a direct result of a Relief Event.

**13.1.2.3** If GDOT is obligated to but does not provide a Relief Event Determination within such thirty (30) day period, DB Team shall have the right to assert a Claim against GDOT for the relevant Relief Event and have such Claim determined according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes.” Any Dispute regarding the occurrence of a Relief Event, the terms of the Relief Event Determination or waiver of DB Team’s Claim or right to relief shall be resolved according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes.”

**13.1.2.4** Without limiting DB Team’s rights with respect to monetary relief for Compensation Events as set forth in this Agreement, the extensions of time as provided, if any, pursuant to this Article 13.1 are DB Team’s sole remedy for a Relief Event.

**13.1.2.5** Except to the extent of a Claim asserted by DB Team pursuant to Article 13.1.2.3 above, a Relief Event Determination shall be deemed to be a Supplement Agreement as set forth pursuant to Article 14.4.

## **13.2 Compensation Events**

### **13.2.1 Compensation Event Notice**

**13.2.1.1** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, if at any time DB Team determines that a Compensation Event has occurred or is imminent, DB Team shall submit a written Compensation Event Notice to GDOT.

**13.2.1.2** The Compensation Event Notice shall identify the Compensation Event and its date of occurrence in reasonable detail, describe DB Team’s current estimate of the anticipated adverse and beneficial effects of the Compensation Event, and include written analysis and calculation of DB Team’s current estimate of the estimated increase or decrease in costs, to the extent applicable to the Compensation Event.

**13.2.1.3** If, following issuance of any Compensation Event Notice, DB Team receives or becomes aware of any further information relating to the Compensation Event, it shall submit such further information to GDOT not later than seven (7) days of DB Team’s receipt or knowledge, as the case may be. GDOT may request from DB Team any further

information that GDOT may reasonably require, and DB Team shall supply the same within a reasonable period after such request.

**13.2.1.4** Time is of the essence in DB Team's delivery of its written Compensation Event Notice. Accordingly, if for any reason DB Team fails to deliver such written Compensation Event Notice in strict accordance with this Article 13.2:

(a) Within thirty (30) days following the date (herein the "starting date") on which DB Team first became aware (or should have been aware, using all reasonable due diligence) of the occurrence of such Compensation Event, DB Team shall be deemed to have irrevocably and forever waived and released the portion of any Claim or right to compensation for costs attributable to such Compensation Event accruing after such thirty (30) day deadline and until the date DB Team submits the written Compensation Event Notice; and

(b) Within one hundred and eighty (180) days following the starting date, DB Team shall be deemed to have irrevocably and forever waived and released any and all Claim or right to compensation for any costs attributable to such Compensation Event.

**13.2.2** If DB Team complies with the notice and information requirements in this Article 13.2, GDOT shall, acting reasonably, meet with DB Team within sixty (60) days of receipt of Compensation Event Notice and commence good faith negotiations to determine the Compensation Amount, if any, to which DB Team is entitled. If DB Team stands ready to commence good faith negotiations to determine the Compensation Amount within the foregoing time period but for any reason GDOT does not commence to engage therein within the foregoing time period, then, subject to compliance with the notice and information requirements in Articles 13.2.1.1 and 13.2.1.3, DB Team shall have the right to assert a Claim against GDOT for the relevant Compensation Amount (if any) and have such Claim determined according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes."

**13.2.3** The Compensation Amount, if any, shall be determined by applying the following provisions.

**13.2.3.1** Cost impacts shall:

(a) Exclude (i) third-party entertainment costs, lobbying and political activity costs, costs of alcoholic beverages, costs for first class travel in excess of prevailing economy travel costs, and costs of club memberships, in each case to the extent that such costs would not be reimbursed to an employee of GDOT in the regular course of business, and (ii) unallowable costs under the following provisions of the federal Contract Cost Principles, 48 CFR 31.205: 31.205-8 (contributions or donations), 31.205-13 (employee morale, health, welfare, food service, and dormitory costs and credits), 31.205-14 (entertainment costs), 31.205-15 (fines, penalties, and mischarging costs), 31.205-27 (organization costs), 31.205-34 (recruitment costs), 31.205-35 (relocation costs), 31.205-43 (trade, business, technical and professional activity costs), 31.205-44 (training and education costs), and 31.205-47 (costs related to legal and other proceedings);

(b) Exclude amounts paid or to be paid to Affiliates in excess of the pricing DB Team could reasonably obtain in an arms' length, competitive transaction with an unaffiliated Contractor;

- (c) Exclude those costs incurred in asserting, pursuing or enforcing any Claim or Dispute;
- (d) Take into account any savings in costs resulting from the Compensation Event;
- (e) Be subject to DB Team's obligation to mitigate cost increases and augment cost decreases in accordance with this Article 13.2;
- (f) Shall not include any impact costs for delay for the first sixty (60) cumulative days of delay due to interference or work of Separate Contractors engaged by GDOT or any other Governmental Entity with respect to the Project; and
- (g) Be consistent and not exceed such amounts as set forth in the Technical Provisions.

**13.2.3.2** In all cases the Compensation Amount shall be net of all insurance available to DB Team, or deemed to be self-insured by DB Team under Article 16.1.4.3, with respect to cost or revenue impacts of the Compensation Event.

**13.2.3.3** The Compensation Amount shall not include any amount on account of federal, State, or local income taxes. Further and notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Compensation Amount shall not include, under any circumstances, costs incurred by DB Team or any Contractors on account of charges or expenses due to (a) the business organization existence or maintenance of its business of any DB Team-Related Party or (b) labor or employment matters as a result of any Change in Law.

**13.2.4** If the Compensation Event is under clause (j) of the definition of Compensation Event, then the Compensation Amount shall be limited to the incremental increase in costs of initial design and construction due to delay and disruption directly attributable to the court order.

**13.2.5** DB Team shall share with GDOT all data, documents and information pertaining to bids for any work that is the subject of a Compensation Amount, and all of the aforementioned shall be on an Open Book Basis.

**13.2.6** If GDOT and DB Team are unable to agree on the Compensation Amount within thirty (30) days after commencing good faith negotiations, or if DB Team asserts a Claim against GDOT for the Compensation Amount as provided in this Article 13.2, GDOT shall prepare a good faith estimate of the Compensation Amount, and shall pay the full undisputed portion of the Compensation Amount to DB Team within thirty (30) days, or any other arrangement as the parties may mutually agree upon. Any Dispute regarding occurrence of a Compensation Event, determination of the Compensation Amount or waiver of DB Team's Claim or right to compensation shall be resolved according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes."

**13.2.7** Following a determination of the Compensation Amount by mutual agreement or GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes," GDOT shall pay such Compensation Amount (a) through periodic payments of the Compensation Amount in accordance with a written payment schedule determined by mutual agreement or through GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes." corresponding to when the cost impacts that make up the Compensation Amount are anticipated to occur, (b) in a

lump sum, payable as determined by mutual agreement or through GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes,” or (c) in such other manner as agreed upon by the Parties. GDOT, in its sole discretion, shall be entitled to select one or any combination of the foregoing methods of compensation, subject to the following terms and conditions.

**13.2.8** Without limiting DB Team’s rights with respect to non-monetary relief for Relief Events as set forth in this Agreement, the Compensation Amount shall represent the sole right to compensation and damages for the adverse financial effects of a Compensation Event. As a condition precedent to GDOT’s obligation to pay any portion of the Compensation Amount, DB Team shall execute a full, unconditional, irrevocable release, in form reasonably acceptable to GDOT, of any Claims, Losses or other rights to compensation or other monetary relief associated with such Compensation Event, except for the Claim and right to the subject Compensation Amount, DB Team’s right to non-monetary relief for a Relief Event, and the right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 19.4 and to receive any applicable Termination Compensation.

**13.2.9** Except to the extent of a Claim asserted by DB Team pursuant to Section 13.2.6 above, a Compensation Event Determination shall be deemed to be a Supplement Agreement as set forth pursuant to Article 14.4.

### **13.3 Mitigation**

DB Team shall take all steps reasonably necessary to mitigate the consequences of any Relief Event or Compensation Event, including all steps that would generally be taken in accordance with Good Industry Practice.

## **Article 14 GDOT CHANGES; DB TEAM CHANGES; DIRECTIVE LETTERS**

This Article 14 sets forth the requirements for obtaining all Supplemental Agreements under this Agreement. DB Team hereby acknowledges and agrees that the DB Contract Sum is full and adequate compensation for performance of all of the Work, subject only to those exceptions specified in Article 13 and this Article 14. DB Team unconditionally and irrevocably waives the right to any claim for any monetary compensation or other relief in addition to that specifically provided under the terms of this Agreement, except in accordance with Article 13 and this Article 14. The foregoing waiver encompasses all theories of liability, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), equity, quantum meruit or otherwise, and encompasses all theories to extinguish contractual obligations, including impracticability, mutual mistake and frustration of purpose. Nothing in the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents shall have the intent or effect or shall be construed to create any right of DB Team to any Supplemental Agreement or other Claim for additional monetary compensation or other relief, any provision in the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents to the contrary notwithstanding.

### **14.1 GDOT Changes**

#### **14.1.1 GDOT’s Right to Issue a Supplemental Agreement and Directive Letter**

GDOT may, at any time and from time to time, without notice to any Surety, authorize, cause and/or require, pursuant to a Supplemental Agreement or Directive Letter, changes in the Work, including additions or deletions, or in terms and conditions of the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents (including changes in the standards applicable to the Work).



### **14.1.2 Request for Change Proposal**

**14.1.2.1** If GDOT desires to initiate a GDOT Change or to evaluate whether to initiate such a change, then GDOT may, at its discretion, issue a Request for Change Proposal. The Request for Change Proposal shall set forth the nature, extent and details of the proposed GDOT Change.

**14.1.2.2** Within five (5) Business Days after DB Team receives a Request for Change Proposal, or such longer period to which the Parties may mutually agree, GDOT and DB Team shall consult to define the proposed scope of the change. Within five (5) Business Days after the initial consultation, or such longer period to which the Parties may mutually agree, GDOT and DB Team shall consult concerning the estimated financial and schedule impacts.

**14.1.3** Within thirty (30) days following GDOT's delivery to DB Team of the Request for Change Proposal, DB Team shall provide GDOT with a written response as to whether, in DB Team's opinion, the proposed change constitutes a GDOT Change, will impact DB Team's costs and/or will impact DB Team's schedule, and if so, a detailed assessment of the cost and schedule impact of the proposed GDOT Change, including the following:

**14.1.3.1** DB Team's detailed estimate of the impacts on costs of carrying out the proposed GDOT Change;

**14.1.3.2** The effect of the proposed GDOT Change on the Project Schedule, including achievement of the Milestone Schedule Deadlines, taking into consideration DB Team's duty to mitigate any delay to the extent reasonably practicable; and

**14.1.3.3** Any other relevant information related to carrying out the proposed GDOT Change.

**14.1.4** GDOT shall be entitled, but not required, to obtain, from a qualified independent consultant of GDOT's choosing, a report prepared in accordance with Good Industry Practice as to the proposed GDOT Change related to the Design Work or the Construction Work, including recommendations and comments concerning DB Team's estimate of the cost impacts and projected impact on the Project Schedule and Milestone Schedule Deadlines. GDOT shall pay for the work of any such consultant.

**14.1.5** GDOT and DB Team, giving due consideration to any such report and study as may be commissioned by GDOT, shall exercise good faith efforts to negotiate a mutually acceptable Supplemental Agreement, including adjustment of the Project Schedule and Milestone Schedule Deadlines, any Compensation Amount to which DB Team is entitled, and the timing and method for payment of any Compensation Amount, in accordance with Article 13.2.

**14.1.6** If GDOT and DB Team are unable to reach agreement on a Supplemental Agreement, GDOT may, in its sole discretion, deliver to DB Team a Directive Letter pursuant to Article 14.3.1 directing DB Team to proceed with the performance of the Work in question notwithstanding such disagreement. Upon receipt of such Directive Letter, pending final resolution of the relevant Supplemental Agreement according to procedures set forth in GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes," (a) DB Team shall implement and perform the Work in question as directed by GDOT and (b) GDOT will make

interim payment(s) to DB Team on a monthly basis for the reasonable documented costs of the Work in question subject to subsequent adjustment through the procedures set forth in GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes.”

**14.1.7** GDOT shall be responsible for payment of the Compensation Amount agreed upon or determined through GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes,” through one of the payment mechanisms set forth in Article 13.2.7, and the Project Schedule and Milestone Schedule Deadlines shall be adjusted as agreed upon or determined through GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes,” and in accordance with Article 13.1, to reflect the effects of the Supplemental Agreement.

## **14.2 DB Team Changes**

**14.2.1** DB Team may request GDOT to accept modifications to the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents by submittal of a written Change Request using a form accepted by GDOT. The Change Request shall set forth DB Team’s detailed estimate of impacts on costs and schedule attributable to the requested change.

**14.2.2** GDOT, in its sole discretion, may accept or reject any Change Request proposed by DB Team, provided that GDOT will accept a Change Request necessary to bring the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents into compliance with applicable Law. GDOT may condition its acceptance on new or a modification of compensation for GDOT under this Agreement in order to benefit equally in the estimated net cost savings and revenue benefit, if any, attributable to the proposed change. If GDOT accepts such change, DB Team shall execute a Supplemental Agreement and shall implement such change in accordance with the Supplemental Agreement, applicable Technical Provisions, Technical Documents, the Project Management Plan, Good Industry Practice, and all applicable Laws.

**14.2.3** DB Team shall be solely responsible for payment of any increased costs and for any Project Schedule delays or other impacts resulting from a DB Team proposed Change Request, other than on account of a Compensation Event or Relief Event accepted by GDOT. If the Change Request results in a decrease in the costs of designing, constructing or operating the Project, the savings in costs shall be allocated between DB Team and GDOT as set forth in the Supplemental Agreement.

**14.2.4** DB Team may implement and permit a Utility Owner to implement, without a Change Request or Supplemental Agreement, changes to a Utility Adjustment design that do not vary from the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents, but such changes are subject either to GDOT’s acceptance as part of a Utility Work Plan as provided in Section 6.3.4 of the Technical Provisions.

**14.2.5** No Change Request shall be required to implement any change to the Work that is not specifically regulated or addressed by the DB Documents or applicable Law.

**14.2.6** Certain minor changes without significant cost savings or revenue benefits may be accepted in writing by GDOT, and in such event shall not require a Supplemental Agreement. Any other change in the requirements of the DB Documents shall require a Supplemental Agreement.

## **14.3 Directive Letters**

**14.3.1** GDOT may at any time issue a Directive Letter to DB Team regarding any matter for which a Supplemental Agreement can be issued or in the event of any Dispute regarding the scope of the Work or whether DB Team has performed in accordance with the requirements of the DB Documents. The Directive Letter will state that it is issued under this Article 14.3, will describe the Work in question and will state the basis for determining compensation, if any. Subject to Article 14.1.6, DB Team shall proceed immediately as directed in the letter, pending the execution of a formal Supplemental Agreement (or, if the letter states that the Work is within DB Team's original scope of Work or is necessary to comply with the requirements of the DB Documents, DB Team shall proceed with the Work as directed but shall have the right to assert a Claim that a GDOT Change has occurred).

**14.3.2** The fact that a Directive Letter was issued by GDOT shall not be considered evidence that in fact a GDOT Change occurred. The determination whether a GDOT Change in fact occurred shall be based on an analysis of the original requirements of the DB Documents and a determination as to whether the Directive Letter in fact constituted a change in those requirements.

#### **14.4 Final Relief Event And Compensation Event Determinations**

**14.4.1** Any final Relief Event Determination and/or final Compensation Event Determination that has been mutually accepted by GDOT and DB Team shall be set forth in a Supplemental Agreement. Such Supplemental Agreement shall provide for modification of the Contract Time and the Project Schedule, including to the extent so established by such Relief Event Determination, the Milestone Schedule Deadlines, and modification of the DB Contract Sum pursuant to any such Compensation Event Determination, as the case may be.

#### **14.5 Reserved**

### **Article 15 REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS**

#### **15.1 DB Team Representations and Covenants**

DB Team hereby represents to and covenants with GDOT as follows:

**15.1.1** During all periods necessary for the performance of the Work, DB Team and its Contractor(s) will maintain all required authority, license status, professional ability, skills and capacity to perform the Work.

**15.1.2** As of the Effective Date, DB Team has evaluated the constraints affecting design and construction of the Project, including the Property, the Existing Right of Way and Required Right of Way limits as well as the conditions of the NEPA/GEPA Document, and has reasonable grounds for believing and does believe that the Project can be designed and built within such constraints.

**15.1.3** Except as to parcels that GDOT lacked title or access to prior to the Effective Date, DB Team, in accordance with Good Industry Practice and the requirements of the DB Documents, shall have examined the Site and surrounding locations, performed appropriate field studies and geotechnical investigations of the Site, investigated and reviewed available public and private records, and undertook other activities sufficient to familiarize itself with surface conditions and subsurface conditions, including the presence of Utilities, Hazardous Materials, contaminated groundwater, archeological, paleontological and cultural resources, and

Threatened or Endangered Species, affecting the Site or surrounding locations; and as a result of such review, inspection, examination and other activities DB Team is familiar with and accepts the physical requirements of the Work, subject to GDOT's obligations regarding Hazardous Materials under Article 7.8 and Exhibit 11 and DB Team's rights to seek relief under Article 13.

**15.1.4** DB Team has familiarized itself with the requirements of any and all applicable Laws, including with limitation O.C.G.A. §48-13-30, et. seq., and the conditions of any required Governmental Approvals prior to entering into this Agreement. Except as specifically permitted under Article 13 or Article 14, DB Team shall be responsible for complying with the foregoing at its sole cost and without any additional compensation or time extension on account of such compliance, regardless of whether such compliance would require additional time for performance or additional labor, equipment and/or materials not expressly provided for in the DB Documents. As of the Effective Date, DB Team has no reason to believe that any Governmental Approval required to be obtained by DB Team will not be granted in due course and thereafter remain in effect so as to enable the Work to proceed in accordance with the DB Documents.

**15.1.5** All Work furnished by DB Team will be performed by or under the supervision of Persons who hold all necessary, valid licenses to practice in the State, by personnel who are skilled, experienced and competent in their respective trades or professions, who are professionally qualified to perform the Work in accordance with the DB Documents and who shall assume professional responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the Design Documents, Construction Documents and other documents prepared or checked by them.

**15.1.6** As of the Effective Date, DB Team is a [REDACTED] duly organized and validly existing under the laws of [REDACTED] ***[Note: Information to be provided with execution version]***, has the requisite power and all required licenses to carry on its present and proposed activities, and has full power, right and authority to execute and deliver the DB Documents, Principal Project Documents as and to the extent applicable, and to perform each and all of the obligations of DB Team provided for herein and therein. DB Team is duly qualified to do business, and is in good standing, in the State as of the Effective Date, and will remain duly qualified and in good standing throughout the term of this Agreement and for as long thereafter as any obligations remain outstanding under the DB Documents.

**15.1.7** The execution, delivery and performance of the DB Documents, and all other Principal Project Documents to which DB Team is (or will be) a party have been (or will be) duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of DB Team; each person executing the DB Documents and all other such Project related documents, on behalf of DB Team has been (or at the time of execution will be) duly authorized to execute and deliver each such document on behalf of DB Team; and the DB Documents, and all such other Project related documents have been (or will be) duly executed and delivered by DB Team.

**15.1.8** Neither the execution and delivery by DB Team of the DB Documents and the Principal Project Documents to which DB Team is (or will be) a party, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, is (or at the time of execution will be) in conflict with or has resulted or will result in a default under or a violation of the governing instruments of DB Team.

**15.1.9** As of the Effective Date, each of the DB Documents, the Principal Project Documents to which DB Team is (or will be) a party constitutes (or at the time of execution and delivery will constitute) the legal, valid and binding obligation of DB Team, enforceable against DB Team and, if applicable, each member of DB Team, in accordance with its terms, subject only to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting the enforceability of the rights of creditors generally and the general principles of equity.

**15.1.10** As of the Effective Date, there is no action, suit, proceeding, investigation or litigation pending and served on DB Team which challenges DB Team's authority to execute, deliver or perform, or the validity or enforceability of, the DB Documents, and all other Project related documents to which DB Team is a party, or which challenges the authority of DB Team official executing the DB Documents, or the Principal Project Documents. DB Team has disclosed to GDOT prior to the Effective Date any pending and un-served or threatened action, suit, proceeding, investigation or litigation with respect to such matters of which DB Team is aware.

**15.1.11** As of the Proposal Due Date, DB Team disclosed to GDOT in writing all organizational conflicts of interest of DB Team and its Contractors of which DB Team was actually aware; and between the Proposal Due Date and the Effective Date, DB Team has not obtained knowledge of any additional organizational conflict of interest, and there have been no organizational changes to DB Team or its Contractors identified in its Proposal, which have not been accepted in writing by GDOT. For this purpose, organizational conflict of interest has the meaning set forth in Chapter I of the RFP (Instructions to Proposers).

**15.1.12** To the extent the Design-Build Contractor is not the DB Team, DB Team represents and warrants, as of the effective date of the Design-Build Contract, as follows: (a) the Design-Build Contractor is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its organization; (b) with respect to Persons that individually hold more than ten percent (10%) of the capital stock of the Design-Build Contractor (including options, warrants and other rights to acquire capital stock), such stock is owned by the Persons whom DB Team has set forth in a written certification delivered to GDOT prior to the Effective Date; (c) the Design-Build Contractor has the power and authority to do all acts and things and execute and deliver all other documents as are required to be done, observed or performed by it in connection with its engagement by DB Team; (d) the Design-Build Contractor has all necessary expertise, qualifications, experience, competence, skills and know-how to perform the design and construction of the Project in accordance with the DB Documents; and (e) the Design-Build Contractor is not in breach of any applicable Law that would have a material adverse effect on the design and construction of the Project.

**15.1.13** The execution and delivery by DB Team of this Agreement and all other Project related documents to which DB Team is a party will not result, at the time of execution, in a default under any other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound.

**15.1.14** The execution and delivery by DB Team of the DB Documents and performance by DB Team of its obligations thereunder will not conflict with any Laws applicable to DB Team that are valid and in effect on the Effective Date.

## **15.2 GDOT Representations and Covenants**

GDOT hereby represents to and covenants with DB Team as follows:

**15.2.1** As of the Effective Date, GDOT has full power, right and authority to execute, deliver and perform the DB Documents and the Principal Project Documents to which GDOT is a party and to perform each and all of the obligations of GDOT provided for herein and therein.

**15.2.2** As of the Effective Date, each of the DB Documents and the Principal Project Documents to which GDOT is (or will be) a party constitutes (or at the time of execution and delivery will constitute) the legal, valid and binding obligation of GDOT, enforceable against GDOT in accordance with its terms, subject only to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting the enforceability of the rights of creditors generally and the general principles of equity.

**15.2.3** The execution and delivery by GDOT of this Agreement and the Principal Project Documents to which GDOT is a party will not result, at the time of execution, in a default under any other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound.

**15.2.4** The execution and delivery by GDOT of the DB Documents and performance by GDOT of its obligations thereunder will not conflict with any Laws applicable to GDOT that are valid and in effect on the Effective Date.

### **15.3 Survival of Representations and Covenants**

The representations and covenants of DB Team and GDOT contained herein shall survive expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

### **15.4 Special Remedies for Mutual Breach of Representations and Covenants**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if there exists or occurs any circumstance or event that constitutes or results in a concurrent breach of any of the representations or covenants set forth in this Article 15 by both DB Team and GDOT but does not also constitute or result in any other breach or default by either Party, then such breaches shall not form the basis for a Compensation Event or damage claim by GDOT against DB Team. Instead, the only remedies shall be for the Parties to take action to rectify or mitigate the effects of such circumstance or event, to pursue severance and reformation of the DB Documents and Principal Project Documents as set forth in Article 24.13, or Termination by Court Ruling as set forth in Article 19.11 and Exhibit 20.

## **Article 16 INSURANCE; PERFORMANCE SECURITY; INDEMNITY**

### **16.1 Insurance**

#### **16.1.1 Insurance Policies and Coverage**

**16.1.1.1** In addition to the insurance requirements covered elsewhere, provide insurance coverage of the following types and amounts:

(a) Valuable Papers: Insurance in an amount sufficient to assure the restoration of any plans, drawings, field notes or other similar data relating to the work covered by the Project is required. Insurance is to be maintained in full force and effect during the life of this Agreement.

(b) Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions): Insurance in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim (with a maximum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) deductible per claim) during the agreement term and for a period of at least five (5) years after this Agreement is closed is required. Such a policy is to cover all of the DB Team's professional liabilities, whether occasioned by the DB Team, his employees, subcontractors or other agents, arising out of services performed under or in accordance with this Agreement.

(c) This form should be submitted to the Department along with the Contract at the Post Award meeting.

## **16.2 Performance and Payment Security**

DB Team shall furnish, either P&P Bonds meeting the requirements of this Article 16.2 as performance and payment security for the Work.

### **16.2.1 P&P Bonds**

**16.2.1.1** The DB Team shall furnish, or cause the furnishing of, P&P Bonds, DB Team shall obtain and deliver P&P Bonds in such amount as required pursuant to the terms set forth in the Standard Specification Section 103.05, identifying DB Team as the P&P Obligor, securing DB Team's obligations to perform the Work and to ensure that payments owing to Claimants are made with respect to such Work.

**16.2.1.2** The P&P Bonds shall be issued by a properly licensed and U.S. Treasury listed surety(ies) that have not less than A or better and Class VIII by A.M. Best and Company's Insurance Reports Key Rating Guide, and listed on Treasury Department Circular 570, and be on the list of companies approved by the State for at least three of the last five (5) years from the date of the proposed bond issuance. If P&P Bonds are issued by more than one surety, such P&P Bonds shall be executed on a joint and several basis.

### **16.2.2 Reserved**

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## **16.5 Indemnity by DB Team**

**16.5.1** Subject to Article 16.5.2, DB Team shall release, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against any and all Third Party Claims and Third Party Losses arising out of, relating to or resulting from:

**16.5.1.1** The breach or alleged breach of the DB Documents by DB Team;

**16.5.1.2** The failure or alleged failure by any DB Team-Related Entity to comply with the Governmental Approvals, any applicable Environmental Laws or other Laws (including Laws regarding Hazardous Materials Management);

**16.5.1.3** Any alleged patent or copyright infringement or other allegedly improper appropriation or use by any DB Team-Related Entity of trade secrets, patents, proprietary information, know-how, copyright rights or inventions in performance of the Work, or arising out of any use in connection with the Project of methods, processes, designs, information, or other items furnished or communicated to GDOT or another Indemnified Party pursuant to the DB Documents; provided that this indemnity shall not apply to any infringement resulting from GDOT's failure to comply with specific written instructions regarding use provided to GDOT by DB Team;

**16.5.1.4** The actual or alleged culpable act or omission, culpable error or misconduct of any DB Team-Related Entity in or associated with performance of the Work;

**16.5.1.5** Any and all claims by any governmental or taxing authority claiming taxes based on gross receipts, purchases or sales, the use of any property or income of any DB Team-Related Entity with respect to any payment for the Work made to or earned by any DB Team-Related Entity;

**16.5.1.6** Any and all stop notices, liens and claims filed in connection with the Work, including all expenses and attorneys', accountants' and expert witness fees and costs incurred in discharging any stop notice, lien or claim, and any other liability to Contractors, laborers and Suppliers for failure to pay sums due for their work, services, materials, goods, equipment or supplies, including interest and attorney's fees, provided that GDOT is not in default in payments owing (if any) to DB Team with respect to such Work;

**16.5.1.7** Any actual or threatened DB Team Release of Hazardous Materials;

**16.5.1.8** The claim or assertion by any other developer or contractor that any DB Team-Related Entity interfered with or hindered the progress or completion of work being performed by the other contractor or developer, or failed to cooperate reasonably with the other developer or contractor, so as to cause inconvenience, disruption, delay or loss, except where the DB Team-Related Entity was not in any manner engaged in the management, prosecution, protection or performance of the Work;

**16.5.1.9** Any dispute or claim by a Utility Owner related to any DB Team-Related Entity's performance of, or failure to perform, the obligations under any Utility Agreement;

**16.5.1.10** (a) Any DB Team breach of or failure to perform an obligation that GDOT owes to a third Person, including, but not limited to, Governmental Entities, under Law or under any agreement between GDOT and a third Person, where GDOT has delegated performance of the obligation to DB Team pursuant to the terms of the DB Documents, or (b) the negligent or willful acts or omissions of any DB Team-Related Entities which render GDOT unable to perform or abide by an obligation that GDOT owes to a third Person, including, but not limited to, Governmental Entities, under any agreement between GDOT and a third Person, where the agreement is previously disclosed or known to DB Team;

**16.5.1.11** The fraud, bad faith, arbitrary or capricious acts, willful misconduct, negligence or violation of Law or contract by DB Team or Design-Build Contractor or any Affiliate of either in connection with DB Team's performance of real property acquisition services under the DB Documents;



**16.5.1.12** Inverse condemnation, trespass, nuisance, interference with use and enjoyment of property or similar taking of or harm to real property by reason of (a) the failure of any DB Team-Related Entity to comply with Good Industry Practice, requirements of the DB Documents, Project Management Plan or Governmental Approvals, (b) the intentional misconduct or negligence of any DB Team-Related Entity, or (c) the entry onto or encroachment upon another's property by any DB Team-Related Entity;

**16.5.1.13** If applicable, any violation of any federal or state securities or similar law by any DB Team-Related Entity;

**16.5.1.14** Errors, inconsistencies or other defects in the design or construction of the Project and/or of Utility Adjustments, or the Work, included in the Design Work and/or Construction Work; or

**16.5.1.15** Any claim asserted or alleged against GDOT in contradiction of Article 6.3.12.

**16.5.2** Subject to the releases and disclaimers herein, including all the provisions set forth in Article 6.3.8, DB Team's indemnity obligation shall not extend to any Third Party Claims and Third Party Losses to the extent caused or contributed to by:

**16.5.2.1** The sole negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct, bad faith or fraud of the Indemnified Party;

**16.5.2.2** GDOT's breach of any of obligations under the DB Documents, subject to Article 6.3.12;

**16.5.2.3** An Indemnified Party's violation of any Laws or Governmental Approvals; or

**16.5.2.4** Any material defect inherent in a prescriptive design, or construction specification included in the DB Documents that was not drafted or provided by DB Team under this Agreement, but only where prior to occurrence of the Third Party Loss DB Team complied with such specification and did not actually know, or would not reasonably have known, while exercising reasonable diligence, that it was deficient or, if DB Team actually knew of the deficiency, unsuccessfully sought GDOT's waiver or acceptance of a Change Request from such specification.

**16.5.3** In claims by an employee of DB Team, a Contractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation under this Article 16.5 shall not be limited by a limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for DB Team or a Contractor under workers' compensation, disability benefit or other employee benefits laws.

**16.5.4** For purposes of this Article 16.5, "Third Party Claim" includes a claim, dispute, disagreement, cause of action, demand, suit, action, judgment, investigation, or legal or administrative proceeding which (a) is asserted, initiated or brought by any Indemnified Party's employee, agent or contractor against an Indemnified Party, (b) is within the scope of the indemnities and (c) is not covered by the Indemnified Party's worker's compensation program. For purposes of this Article 16.5, "Third Party Loss" includes any actual or alleged Loss sustained or incurred by such employee, agent or contractor.

## 16.6 Defense and Indemnification Procedures

**16.6.1** If any of the Indemnified Parties receives notice of a claim that it believes is within the scope of the indemnities under Article 16.5, GDOT shall by writing as soon as practicable after receipt of the claim, (a) inform DB Team of the claim, (b) send to DB Team a copy of all written materials GDOT has received asserting such claim and (c) notify DB Team that should no insurer accept defense of the claim, the Indemnified Party will conduct its own defense unless DB Team accepts the tender of the claim in accordance with Article 16.6.3. As soon as practicable after DB Team receives notice of a claim or otherwise has actual knowledge of a claim, it shall tender the claim in writing to the insurers under all potentially applicable Insurance Policies and comply with all notice requirements contained in such Insurance Policies. GDOT and other Indemnified Parties also shall have the right to tender such claims to such insurers.

**16.6.2** Subject to Article 16.6.4, if the insurer under any applicable Insurance Policy accepts the tender of defense, GDOT and DB Team shall cooperate in the defense as required by the Insurance Policy. If no insurer under potentially applicable Insurance Policies provides defense, then Article 16.6.3 shall apply.

**16.6.3** If the defense is tendered to DB Team, then within thirty (30) days after receipt of the tender it shall notify the Indemnified Party whether it has tendered the matter to an insurer and (if not tendered to an insurer or if the insurer has rejected the tender) shall deliver a written notice stating that DB Team:

**16.6.3.1** Accepts the tender of defense and confirms that the claim is subject to full indemnification hereunder without any “reservation of rights” to deny or disclaim full indemnification thereafter;

**16.6.3.2** Accepts the tender of defense but with a “reservation of rights” in whole or in part, with a detailed statement as to the reasons for the “reservation of rights”; or

**16.6.3.3** Rejects the tender of defense based on a determination that it is not required to indemnify against the claim under the terms of this Agreement, with a detailed statement as to the reasons for the denial.

**16.6.4** If DB Team accepts the tender of defense under Article 16.6.3.1, DB Team acknowledges and agrees (and has caused the insurer to be so notified of the statutory requirements) that the Attorney General of the State shall represent and defend the State, GDOT and any officer, director, commissioner or employee of such Indemnified Parties; but GDOT will request that the Attorney General of the State, without limiting the authority of the Attorney General of the State, consider attorneys recommended by DB Team for appointment as Special Assistant Attorney General to represent and defend the referenced Indemnified Parties. DB Team may, at the option of the Attorney General, have the right to participate in the defense of the Indemnified Parties. In the event of litigation, any settlement on behalf of the Indemnified Parties must be expressly approved by the Attorney General of the State. The foregoing shall not relieve DB Team’s obligation to bear the fees and costs of defending and settling such claim. During such defense:

**16.6.4.1** DB Team shall fully and regularly inform the Indemnified Party and the Attorney General of the State of the progress of the defense and of any settlement discussions; and

**16.6.4.2** Each Indemnified Party shall fully cooperate in said defense, provide to DB Team all materials and access to personnel it requests as necessary for defense, preparation and trial and which or who are under the control of or reasonably available to the Indemnified Party, and maintain the confidentiality of all communications between it and DB Team concerning such defense.

**16.6.5** If DB Team responds to the tender of defense as specified in Article 16.6.3.2 or 16.6.3.3, such Indemnified Parties shall also be represented by the Attorney General of the State who shall otherwise control the defense of such claim, including settlement. The foregoing shall not relieve DB Team from its obligations to bear the fees and costs of defending and settling such claim.

**16.6.6** Even if the Attorney General of the State has appointed counsel selected by DB Team to represent any of the Indemnified Parties, the Attorney General of the State may assume the defense of the applicable Indemnified Parties by delivering to DB Team written notice of such election and the reasons therefor, if the Indemnified Parties, at the time it gives notice of the claim or at any time thereafter, reasonably determines that:

**16.6.6.1** A conflict exists between it and DB Team which prevents or potentially prevents DB Team from presenting a full and effective defense;

**16.6.6.2** DB Team is otherwise not providing an effective defense in connection with the claim; or

**16.6.6.3** DB Team lacks the financial capacity to satisfy potential liability or to provide an effective defense.

**16.6.7** If any of the Indemnified Parties is entitled and elects to conduct its own defense pursuant hereto of a claim for which it is entitled to indemnification, DB Team shall reimburse on a current basis all reasonable costs and expenses any such Indemnified Parties incurs in investigating and defending, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees. In the event the Indemnified Parties are entitled to and elect to conduct their own defense, then:

**16.6.7.1** In the case of a defense conducted under Article 16.6.3.1, it shall have the right to settle or compromise the claim with DB Team's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed;

**16.6.7.2** In the case of a defense conducted under Article 16.6.3.2, it shall have the right to settle or compromise the claim with DB Team's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, or with approval of the court following reasonable notice to DB Team and opportunity to be heard and without prejudice to the Indemnified Party's rights to be indemnified by DB Team; and

**16.6.7.3** In the case of a defense conducted under Article 16.6.3.3, it shall have the right to settle or compromise the claim without DB Team's prior written consent and without prejudice to its rights to be indemnified by DB Team.

**16.6.8** A refusal of, or failure to accept, a tender of defense, as well as any Dispute over whether an Indemnified Party which has assumed control of defense is entitled to do so under Article 16.6.6, shall be submitted in accordance with GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes.” DB Team shall be entitled to contest an indemnification claim and pursue, through the procedures set forth in GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes,” recovery of defense and indemnity payments it has made to or on behalf of the Indemnified Party.

**16.6.9** In determining responsibilities and obligations for defending suits pursuant to this Article 16.6, specific consideration shall be given by the Parties to the following factors: (a) the party performing the activity in question; (b) the location of the activity and incident; (c) contractual arrangements then governing the performance of the activity; and (d) allegations of respective fault contained in the claim.

**16.6.10** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in Article 16.5 or this Article 16.6, the Attorney General of the State of Georgia is the only counsel authorized to represent GDOT or any State affiliated agencies or departments. In the event that there is any potential conflict of interest that could reasonably arise in the representation of any Indemnified Party and DB Team in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding pursuant to Article 16.5 above or in the event that state or local law requires the use of specific counsel, (i) such Indemnified Party may elect in its sole and absolute discretion whether to waive such conflict of interest, and (ii) unless such Indemnified Party elects to waive such conflict of interest, or in any event if required by state or local law, then the counsel designated by the Indemnified Party shall solely represent such Indemnified Party and, if applicable, DB Team shall retain its own separate counsel, each at DB Team’s sole cost and expense. The Attorney General of the State of Georgia will consider counsel recommended by DB Team for appointment as a Special Assistant Attorney General.

**16.6.11** If a suit or proceeding based on a claimed infringement of a patent or copyright is brought against any of the Indemnified Parties, DB Team shall, at its own expense, defend or settle any such suit or proceeding if authorized to do so in writing by the Attorney General of the State of Georgia subject to the obligations of indemnification as set forth in Article 16.5.

**16.6.12** DB Team, subject to Article 16.1.4.4, may settle the claim without the consent or agreement of the Indemnified Parties, unless the settlement (i) would result in injunctive relief or other equitable remedies or otherwise require the Indemnified Parties to comply with restrictions or limitations that adversely affect or materially impair the reputation and standing of the Indemnified Parties, (ii) would require the Indemnified Parties to pay amounts that DB Team or its insurer does not fund in full, (iii) would not result in the Indemnified Parties full and complete release from all liability to the plaintiffs or claimants who are parties to or otherwise bound by the settlement, or (iv) directly involves any such Indemnified Parties (in which case the Attorney General of the State of Georgia shall be the only counsel authorized to represent such parties with respect to any such settlement).

## **Article 17     DEFAULT; REMEDIES; CLAIM FOR ADJUSTMENTS AND DISPUTES**

### **17.1     Default by DB Team; Cure Periods**

#### **17.1.1     DB Team Default**

Subject to relief from its performance obligations pursuant to Articles 13.1.2.1 and 13.2.1.3, DB Team shall be in breach under this Agreement upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events or conditions (each a “DB Team Default”):

**17.1.1.1** DB Team (a) fails to begin the applicable Work within thirty (30) days following issuance of NTP 1;

**17.1.1.2** An Abandonment;

**17.1.1.3** DB Team fails to achieve Substantial Completion by the Substantial Completion Deadline, as the same may be extended pursuant to this Agreement;

**17.1.1.4** DB Team fails to achieve Maintenance Acceptance by the Maintenance Acceptance Deadline, or fails to achieve such required elements of the Work by any applicable Milestone Deadline, as any such dates may be extended pursuant to this Agreement;

**17.1.1.5** Any representation or covenant in the DB Documents made by DB Team, or any certificate, schedule, report, instrument or other document delivered by or on behalf of DB Team to GDOT pursuant to the DB Documents is materially false, materially misleading or materially inaccurate when made or omits material information when made;

**17.1.1.6** DB Team fails to obtain, provide and maintain any insurance, bonds, or other performance security as and when required under this Agreement for the benefit of relevant parties, or fails to comply with any requirement of this Agreement pertaining to the amount, terms or coverage of the same;

**17.1.1.7** DB Team makes or attempts to make or suffers a voluntary or involuntary assignment or transfer of all or any portion of this Agreement, the Project or DB Team’s Interest, or there occurs a Change of Control, in violation of Article 21;

**17.1.1.8** DB Team materially fails to timely observe or perform or cause to be observed or performed any other material covenant, agreement, obligation, term or condition required to be observed or performed by DB Team under the DB Documents (including material failure to perform the Design Work, Construction Work, or any material portion thereof in accordance with the DB Documents); provided that this Article 17.1.1.8 shall not apply to DB Team Defaults specifically addressed by other provisions of Article 17.1.1;

**17.1.1.9** After exhaustion of all rights of appeal, there occurs any suspension or debarment (distinguished from ineligibility due to lack of financial qualifications), or there goes into effect an agreement for voluntary exclusion, from bidding, proposing or contracting with any federal or State department or agency of (a) DB Team, (b) any member of DB Team with a material financial obligation owing to DB Team for equity or shareholder loan contributions, (c) any affiliate of DB Team for whom transfer of ownership would constitute a Change of Control, or (d) any Key Contractor whose work is not completed;

**17.1.1.10** DB Team fails to (a) deliver to GDOT any remedial plan as may be required pursuant to Article 17.3.5 or (b) otherwise fails to fully comply with the schedule or specific elements of, or actions required under, any such accepted remedial plan;

**17.1.1.11** DB Team commences a voluntary case seeking liquidation, reorganization or other relief with respect to itself or its debts under any U.S. or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, seeks the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official of it or any substantial part of its assets; becomes insolvent, or generally does not pay its debts as they become due; admits in writing its inability to pay its debts; makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or takes any action to authorize any of the foregoing; or

**17.1.1.12** An involuntary case is commenced against DB Team seeking liquidation, reorganization, dissolution, winding up, a composition or arrangement with creditors, a readjustment of debts or other relief with respect to DB Team or DB Team's debts under any U.S. or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect; seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official of DB Team or any substantial part of DB Team's assets; seeking the issuance of a writ of attachment, execution, or similar process; or seeking like relief, and such involuntary case shall not be contested by DB Team in good faith or shall remain undismissed and unstayed for a period of sixty (60) days.

### **17.1.2 Forbearance and Cure Periods**

For the purpose of GDOT's exercise of other remedies, subject to Article 17.2.2 and subject to remedies that this Article 17 expressly states may be exercised before lapse of a cure period, DB Team shall have the following cure periods with respect to the following DB Team Defaults:

**17.1.2.1** Respecting a DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.10, a period of five (5) days after GDOT delivers to DB Team written notice of the DB Team Default;

**17.1.2.2** Respecting a DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.6, a period of fifteen (15) days after GDOT delivers to DB Team written notice of the DB Team Default; provided that GDOT shall have the right, but not the obligation, to effect cure, at DB Team's expense, if a DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.6 continues beyond five (5) days after such notice is delivered;

**17.1.2.3** Respecting a DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.1 or 17.1.1.2, a period of thirty (30) days after GDOT delivers to DB Team written notice of the DB Team Default; provided that as to a DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.1, such cure period shall not preclude or delay GDOT's immediate exercise, without notice or demand, of its right, but not the obligation, to effect cure, at DB Team's expense;

**17.1.2.4** Respecting a DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.5, 17.1.1.8 or 17.1.1.9, a period of thirty (30) days after GDOT delivers to DB Team written notice of the DB Team Default; provided that (a) if the DB Team Default is of such a nature that the cure cannot with diligence be completed within such time period and DB Team has commenced meaningful steps to cure immediately after receiving the default notice, DB Team shall have such additional period of time, up to a maximum cure period of one hundred and eighty (180) days, as is reasonably necessary to diligently effect cure, (b) as to Article 17.1.1.5, cure will be regarded as complete when the adverse effects of the breach are cured, and (c) as to Article 17.1.1.9, if the debarred or suspended Person is a managing member, general partner or controlling investor of DB Team, cure will be regarded as complete when DB Team proves it has removed such

Person from any position or ability to manage, direct or control the decisions of DB Team or to perform Work;

**17.1.2.5** Respecting a DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.11 or 17.1.1.12, no cure period, and there shall be no right to notice of a DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.11 or 17.1.1.12; and

**17.1.2.6** Respecting a DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.4 arising from DB Team's failure to achieve any Milestone Deadline other than the Substantial Completion Deadline or Maintenance Acceptance Deadline, a forbearance period of thirty (30) days from the date of such DB Team Default shall apply, provided that DB Team shall, as a condition to such forbearance period, be required to (a) deliver to GDOT a remedial action plan within ten (10) days after written notice of such DB Team Default, pursuant to Article 17.3.5 (without further demand or notice by GDOT), and (b) with the delivery of such remedial action plan, acknowledge any associated Liquidated Damages that are accruing. Where such remedial action plan has been accepted by GDOT in writing, then such forbearance period as provided herein shall be extended or abbreviated as required by such remedial action plan, subject to DB Team's diligent prosecution of the Work in accordance therewith. Any such DB Team Default shall be deemed cured upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in such accepted remedial action plan and any Liquidated Damages shall cease to accrue upon the date of such satisfaction. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Liquidated Damages accruing during such forbearance period, as may be extended, shall not be waived by this Article 17.1.2.7 and shall be payable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

### **17.1.3 Certain Curative Actions; Status Report**

**17.1.3.1** If the DB Team Default consists of failure to give GDOT a required prior notice and opportunity to complete an applicable review and comment or acceptance procedure under Article 6.3 before action is taken by DB Team, such DB Team Default shall be curable only by reversing or suspending the action until the notice and review and comment or acceptance procedures are followed and completed, unless DB Team finished the action before receiving the notice of DB Team Default or unless waived by GDOT.

**17.1.3.2** If the DB Team Default consists of any DB Team activity or failure to act which constitutes a change from DB Team's activities immediately prior to the DB Team Default, such DB Team Default shall be curable only by reinstating the activity as it was being performed immediately prior to the DB Team Default.

**17.1.3.3** For any DB Team Default for which a Warning Notice has been delivered by GDOT to DB Team, DB Team may request from GDOT a status report as to DB Team's progress in effecting a cure, by delivering to GDOT a written request accompanied by DB Team's own report as to its progress in effecting a cure. GDOT shall provide its response within ten (10) Business Days after receipt of DB Team's written request and report. The response shall be provided solely for purposes of informing DB Team as to GDOT's view of the progress in effecting a cure for the DB Team Default, shall not constitute an admission of any fact, shall not be admissible in evidence for any purpose, shall not form the basis for any Dispute or Claim, and shall not limit in any way GDOT's right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 19.3 should cure not be effected within the relevant period.

## **17.2 Warning Notices**

### **17.2.1 Warning Notice Events**

Without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to GDOT, GDOT may, but in no case shall be required to, deliver a written notice (a “Warning Notice”) to DB Team, stating explicitly that it is a “Warning Notice” and stating in reasonable detail the matter or matters giving rise to the notice and, if applicable, amounts due from DB Team, and reminding DB Team of the implications of such notice, whenever there occurs any of the following:

**17.2.1.1** Any DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.1, 17.1.1.2, 17.1.1.7, 17.1.1.8, or 17.1.1.10;

**17.2.1.2** Delay or failure to achieve any Milestone Deadline; or

**17.2.1.3** Any other material DB Team Default.

### **17.2.2 Effect of Warning Notice on DB Team Cure Period**

**17.2.2.1** Any notice of a DB Team Default issued under Article 17.1 may, if it concerns a matter under Article 17.2.1, also be issued as a Warning Notice. In such case, the cure period available to DB Team, if any, shall be as set forth in Article 17.1.2.

**17.2.2.2** If GDOT issues a Warning Notice under Article 17.2.1 for any DB Team Default after it issues a notice of such DB Team Default, then the cure period available to DB Team, if any, for such DB Team Default before GDOT may seek to appoint a receiver for DB Team, remove DB Team or terminate this Agreement on account of such DB Team Default shall be extended by the time period between the date the notice of such DB Team Default was issued and the date the Warning Notice is issued. No later issuance of a Warning Notice shall extend the time when GDOT may exercise any other remedy respecting such DB Team Default.

### **17.2.3 Other Effects of Warning Notice**

**17.2.3.1** The issuance of a Warning Notice shall entitle GDOT to increase the level of oversight as provided in Article 17.3.8.

**17.2.3.2** The issuance of a Warning Notice may trigger a Default Termination Event as provided in Article 19.3.

## **17.3 Remedies for DB Team Default**

### **17.3.1 Termination**

In the event of any DB Team Default that is or becomes a Default Termination Event set forth in Article 19.3.1, GDOT may terminate this Agreement and GDOT thereupon may take control of the Work, which termination shall, among other things, automatically terminate all of DB Team’s rights under Article 2, whereupon DB Team shall take all action required to be taken by DB Team under Article 19.5.

### **17.3.2 Remedies for Failure to Meet Safety Standards or Perform Safety Compliance**



**17.3.2.1** Subject to Article 17.3.2.4, if at any time DB Team fails to meet any Safety Standard or timely perform Safety Compliance or GDOT and DB Team cannot reach an agreement regarding the interpretation or application of a Safety Standard or the valid issuance of a Safety Compliance Order within a period of time acceptable to GDOT, acting reasonably, GDOT shall have the absolute right and entitlement to undertake or direct DB Team to undertake any work required to ensure implementation of and compliance with Safety Standards as interpreted or applied by GDOT or with the Safety Compliance Order.

**17.3.2.2** To the extent that any work done pursuant to Article 17.3.2.1 is undertaken by GDOT and is reasonably necessary to comply with Safety Standards or perform validly issued Safety Compliance Orders, DB Team shall pay to GDOT on demand GDOT Recoverable Costs in connection with such work, and GDOT (whether it undertakes the work or has directed DB Team to undertake the work) shall have no obligation or liability to compensate DB Team for any Losses DB Team suffers or incurs as a result thereof.

**17.3.2.3** To the extent that any work done pursuant to Article 17.3.2.1 is undertaken by GDOT and is not reasonably necessary to comply with Safety Standards or perform validly issued Safety Compliance Orders, GDOT shall compensate DB Team only for Losses DB Team suffers or incurs as a direct result thereof.

**17.3.2.4** To the extent that any Safety Compliance Order work pursuant to Article 17.3.2.1 is undertaken by DB Team under written protest delivered prior to starting the work and it is finally determined that the Safety Compliance work was not necessary, the unnecessary work under the Safety Compliance Order shall be treated as a GDOT Change.

**17.3.2.5** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the DB Documents, if in the good faith judgment of GDOT, DB Team has failed to meet any Safety Standards or perform Safety Compliance and the failure results in an Emergency or danger to persons or property, and if DB Team is not then diligently taking all necessary steps to rectify or deal with such Emergency or danger, GDOT may, without notice and without awaiting lapse of the period to cure any breach, and in addition and without prejudice to its other remedies, (but is not obligated to) (a) immediately take such action as may be reasonably necessary to rectify the Emergency or danger, in which event DB Team shall pay to GDOT on demand the cost of such action, including GDOT Recoverable Costs, or (b) suspend Construction Work and/or close or cause to be closed any and all portions of the Project affected by the Emergency or danger. So long as GDOT undertakes such action in good faith, even if under a mistaken belief in the occurrence of such failure or existence of an Emergency or danger as a result thereof, such action shall not be deemed unlawful or a breach of this Agreement, shall not expose GDOT to any liability to DB Team and shall not entitle DB Team to any other remedy, it being acknowledged that GDOT has a high priority, paramount public interest in protecting public and worker safety at the Project and adjacent and connecting areas. GDOT's good faith determination of the existence of such a failure, Emergency or danger shall be deemed conclusive in the absence of clear and convincing evidence to the contrary. Immediately following rectification of such Emergency or danger, as determined by GDOT, acting reasonably, GDOT shall allow the Construction Work to continue or such portions of the Project to reopen, as the case may be. The foregoing shall not, however, protect GDOT from DB Team's lawful claims to indemnity or contribution for third party bodily injury or property damage arising out of any such GDOT action, if and to the extent (i) GDOT was mistaken in believing such a DB Team Default occurred, (ii) the third party liability is not insured and not required to

be insured under the DB Documents, and (iii) such injury or property damage was caused by GDOT's negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct.

### **17.3.3 Step-in Rights**

Upon the occurrence of a DB Team Default and expiration, without full and complete cure, of the cure period, if any, available to DB Team, without necessity for a Warning Notice, and without waiving or releasing DB Team from any obligations, GDOT shall have the right, but not the obligation, for so long as such DB Team Default remains uncured by GDOT or DB Team, to pay and perform all or any portion of DB Team's obligations and the Work that are the subject of such DB Team Defaults, as well as any other then-existing breaches or failures to perform for which DB Team received prior written notice from GDOT but has not commenced diligent efforts to cure.

**17.3.3.1** In connection with such action, GDOT may, to the extent and only to the extent reasonably required for or incident to curing the DB Team Default or such other breaches or failures to perform for which DB Team received prior written notice from GDOT but has not commenced and continued diligent efforts to cure:

- (a) Employ security guards and other safeguards to protect the Project;
- (b) Spend such sums as are reasonably necessary to employ and pay such architects, engineers, consultants and contractors and obtain materials and equipment as may be required, without obligation or liability to DB Team or any Contractors for loss of opportunity to perform the same Work or supply the same materials and equipment;
- (c) Draw on and use proceeds from payment and performance bonds and other performance security to the extent available under the terms thereof to pay such sums;
- (d) Execute all applications, certificates and other documents as may be required;
- (e) Make decisions respecting, assume control over and continue Work as may be reasonably required;
- (f) Meet with, coordinate with, direct and instruct contractors and suppliers, process invoices and applications for payment from contractors and suppliers, pay contractors and suppliers, and resolve claims of contractors, subcontractors and suppliers, and for this purpose DB Team irrevocably appoints GDOT as its attorney-in-fact with full power and authority to act for and bind DB Team in its place and stead;
- (g) Take any and all other actions as may be reasonably required or incident to curing; and
- (h) Prosecute and defend any action or proceeding incident to the Work undertaken.

**17.3.3.2** DB Team shall reimburse GDOT on demand GDOT Recoverable Costs in connection with the performance of any act or Work authorized by this Article 17.3.3.

**17.3.3.3** GDOT and any of their Authorized Representatives, contractors, subcontractors, vendor and employees shall not be liable to DB Team in any manner for any inconvenience or disturbance arising out of its entry onto the Project or Project Specific Locations in order to perform under this Article 17.3.3, unless caused by the gross negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or bad faith of such Person. If any Person exercises any right to pay or perform under this Article 17.3.3, it nevertheless shall have no liability to DB Team for the sufficiency or adequacy of any such payment or performance, or for the manner or quality of design, or construction unless caused by the gross negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or bad faith of such Person.

**17.3.3.4** The rights under this Article 17.3.3 are subject to the right of any Surety under payment and performance bonds to assume performance and completion of all bonded work.

**17.3.3.5** In the event GDOT takes action described in this Article 17.3.3 and it is later finally determined that GDOT lacked the right to do so because there did not occur a DB Team Default and expiration, without full and complete cure, of the cure period, if any, available to DB Team, then GDOT's action shall be treated as a Directive Letter for a GDOT Change.

#### **17.3.4 Damages; Offset**

**17.3.4.1** Subject to Articles 17.3.10 and 17.3.11 and the provisions on Liquidated Damages set forth in Article 17.4, GDOT shall be entitled to recover any and all damages available at Law (subject to the duty at Law to mitigate damages and without duplicate recovery) on account of the occurrence of a DB Team Default, including, to the extent available at Law, (a) loss of any compensation due GDOT under the DB Documents proximately caused by the DB Team Default, (b) actual and projected costs to remedy any defective part of the Work, (c) actual and projected costs to rectify any breach or failure to perform by DB Team and/or to bring the condition of the Project to the standard it would have been in if DB Team had complied with its obligations to carry out and complete the Work in accordance with the DB Documents, (d) actual and projected costs to GDOT to terminate, take over the Project, re-procure and replace DB Team, and (e) actual and projected increases in costs to GDOT to complete the Project if not completed, together with interest thereon at the Default Interest Rate commencing from the date any amount becomes due to GDOT until paid. DB Team shall owe any such damages that accrue after the occurrence of the DB Team Default and the delivery of notice thereof, if any, required by this Agreement regardless of whether the DB Team Default is subsequently cured.

**17.3.4.2** GDOT may deduct and offset any Claim amount owing to it, provided such Claim amount has been liquidated under the process set forth under GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes" or otherwise, from and against any amounts GDOT may owe to DB Team or any Affiliate pursuant to this DB Agreement; provided that GDOT shall first draw on all amounts held in respect of the Claim in the GDOT Claims Account.

**17.3.4.3** If the Claim amount is not liquidated, GDOT may elect to exercise its right to direct a payment from DB Team up to the disputed portion of the Claim which payment shall be deposited into the GDOT Claims Account. Upon liquidation, the disputed portion of the Claim shall be satisfied first from the amounts held in the GDOT Claims Account, and then through GDOT's right of offset with respect to the liquidated Claim amounts.

### **17.3.5 Remedial Action Plan Delivery and Implementation**

**17.3.5.1** Upon the occurrence of a DB Team Default, GDOT shall have the right to demand that DB Team shall, within ten (10) days after written notice of such DB Team Default, be required to prepare and submit a remedial action plan for GDOT acceptance. The remedial action plan shall set forth a schedule and specific actions to be taken by DB Team to improve its performance and cure the DB Team Default. Such actions may include improvements to DB Team's quality management practices, plans and procedures, revising and restating components of the Management Plans, changes in organizational and management structure, increased monitoring and inspections, changes in Key Personnel and other important personnel, replacement of Contractors, corrective measures necessary to expedite the progress of construction and to demonstrate ability to achieve any Milestone Deadline including, without limitation, (i) working additional shifts or overtime and/or (ii) supplying additional manpower, equipment and facilities, and delivery of security to GDOT. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, GDOT shall have no obligation to make any demand as presented herein, nor shall DB Team be afforded the right to submit same prior to the exercise of any right or remedy by GDOT as a result of a DB Team Default. DB Team's failure to diligently prosecute the Work in accordance with any such accepted remedial action plan shall be deemed a further DB Team Default.

### **17.3.6 Performance Security**

**17.3.6.1** Upon the occurrence of a DB Team Default and expiration, without full and complete cure, of the applicable cure period, if any, under Article 17.1.2, without necessity for a Warning Notice, and without waiving or releasing DB Team from any obligations, and subject to Article 16.2.4 if applicable, GDOT shall be entitled to make demand upon and enforce any bond, and make demand upon, draw on and enforce and collect any guaranty or other payment or performance security available to GDOT under this Agreement with respect to the DB Team Default in question in any order in GDOT's sole discretion. Where access to a bond or other payment or performance security is to satisfy damages owing, GDOT shall be entitled to make demand, draw, enforce and collect regardless of whether the DB Team Default is cured subsequent to such draw. GDOT will apply the proceeds of any such action to the satisfaction of DB Team's obligations under the DB Documents, including payment of amounts due GDOT. The foregoing does not limit or affect any other right of GDOT to make demand upon and enforce any bond, and make demand upon, draw on and enforce and collect any guaranty or other payment or performance security, immediately after GDOT are entitled to do so under the bond, guaranty or other payment or performance security.

### **17.3.7 Suspension of Work**

**17.3.7.1** Upon GDOT's delivery of notice of DB Team Default for any of the following breaches or failures to perform and DB Team's failure to fully cure and correct, within the applicable cure period, if any, available to DB Team under Article 17.1.2, GDOT shall have the right and authority to suspend any affected portion of the Work by written order to DB Team:

- (a) Performance of Nonconforming Work;
- (b) Failure to comply with any Law or Governmental Approval (including failure to handle, preserve and protect archeological, paleontological or historic resources, or

failure to handle Hazardous Materials, in accordance with applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals);

(c) Certain failures to remove and replace personnel as set forth in Article 10.6.3;

(d) Failure to provide proof of required insurance coverage as set forth in Article 16.1.2.4(c);

(e) Failure to carry out and comply with Directive Letters;

(f) Failure to satisfy any condition to commencement of construction set forth in Article 7.6; and.

(g) Failure to maintain, extend or replace performance and payment security required under the Agreement, including any P&P Bonds, unless a drawing has been made under same in the amount of the required coverage provided for in Article 16.2 and the proceeds of such drawing are held by GDOT.

GDOT will lift the suspension order promptly after DB Team fully cures and corrects the applicable breach or failure to perform.

**17.3.7.2** In addition, GDOT shall have the right and authority to suspend any affected portion of the Work by written notice to DB Team for the following reasons:

(a) To comply with any court order or judgment (although it may qualify as a Compensation Event under clause (g) of the definition of “Compensation Event” or a Relief Event under clause (m) of the definition of “Relief Event”);

(b) GDOT’s performance of data recovery respecting archeological, paleontological or cultural resources (although it may qualify as a Relief Event under clause (j) of the definition of “Relief Event”);

(c) The existence of conditions unsafe for workers, other Project personnel or the general public, including certain failures to comply with Safety Standards or perform Safety Compliance as set forth in Article 17.3.2.5; or

(d) DB Team has failed to (i) pay in full when due sums owing any Contractor for services, materials or equipment, except only for retainage provided in the relevant Contract and amounts in dispute, or (ii) deliver any certificate, release, certified payroll or affidavit of wages paid required with any Payment Request or required under Article 16.2.5.1.

**17.3.7.3** DB Team shall promptly comply with any such written suspension order, even if DB Team disputes the grounds for suspension. DB Team shall promptly recommence the Work upon receipt of written notice from GDOT directing DB Team to resume Work.

**17.3.7.4** In addition to the protections from liability under Article 17.3.2.5, GDOT shall have any liability to DB Team, and DB Team shall have no right to a Relief Event or Compensation Event, in connection with any suspension properly founded on any of the other grounds set forth in this Article 17.3.7 (except potential Relief Events or Compensation Events

in the case of suspensions under Articles 17.3.7.2(a) and 17.3.7.2(b)). If GDOT orders suspension of Work on one of the foregoing grounds but it is finally determined under the process set forth under GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes” that such grounds did not exist, or if GDOT orders suspension of Work for any other reason, it shall be treated as a Directive Letter for a GDOT Change, except as provided in Article 17.3.2.5.

### **17.3.8 Increased Oversight, Testing, and Inspection**

**17.3.8.1** Upon GDOT’s delivery of notice of DB Team Default for any of the following breaches or failures to perform and DB Team’s failure to fully cure and correct, within the applicable cure period, if any, available to DB Team under Article 17.1.2, GDOT shall have the right and authority to suspend any affected portion of the Work by written order to DB Team.

**17.3.8.2** If GDOT cannot confirm that: (a) a portion of the Design Work or the Construction Work is in accordance with the requirements of the DB Documents due to a lack of documented inspection or testing by DB Team as required under the DB Documents, or (b) DB Team is implementing, revising, or updating a testing and inspection plan in accordance with the DB Documents for the Design Work or the Construction Work, GDOT shall have the right but not the obligation to inform DB Team that increased monitoring, inspection, sampling, measuring, testing and oversight should be provided. If the increased monitoring, inspection, sampling, measuring, testing and oversight reveal: (i) a failure to perform such Work in accordance with the Quality Management Plan, (ii) that the Quality Management Plan does not comply with the DB Documents, or (iii) that such Work is not in accordance with the DB Documents, DB Team shall be responsible for the costs of such increased monitoring, inspection, sampling, measuring, testing and oversight as described in Article 17.3.8. DB Team shall correct such deficiencies and the increased monitoring, inspection, sampling, measuring, testing and oversight will continue until those deficiencies have been corrected. If such Work was performed, inspected and documented by DB Team in accordance with the DB Documents, the costs of the increased monitoring, inspection, sampling, measuring, testing and oversight shall be borne by GDOT.

**17.3.8.3** If GDOT increases the level of monitoring, inspection, sampling, measuring, testing, auditing and oversight under Article 17.3.8.1 and Liquidated Damages are not provided for under this Agreement in connection with such action, then DB Team shall pay and reimburse GDOT within thirty (30) days after receipt of written demand and reasonable supporting documentation for all increased costs and fees GDOT incurs in connection with such action, including GDOT Recoverable Costs.

**17.3.8.4** The foregoing does not preclude GDOT, at its sole discretion and expense, from increasing its level of monitoring, inspection, sampling, measuring, testing, auditing and oversight at other times.

### **17.3.9 Other Rights and Remedies**

Subject to Articles 17.3.11, 17.4.5.2 and 19.9, GDOT shall also be entitled to exercise any other rights and remedies available under this Agreement or any other DB Documents, or available at law or in equity.

### **17.3.10 Cumulative, Non-Exclusive Remedies**

Subject to Articles 17.3.11, 17.4.5.2 and 19.9, each right and remedy of GDOT hereunder shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other right or remedy provided herein or now or hereafter existing at Law or in equity or by statute or otherwise, and the exercise or beginning of the exercise by GDOT of any one or more of any of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise by GDOT of any or all other such rights or remedies.

### **17.3.11 Limitation on Consequential Damages**

**17.3.11.1** Notwithstanding any other provision of the DB Documents and except as set forth in Article 17.3.11.2, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, DB Team shall not be liable for punitive damages or special, indirect or incidental, or consequential damages, whether arising out of breach of this Agreement, tort (including negligence) or any other theory of liability, and GDOT releases DB Team from any such liability, other than for Liquidated Damages for delay, as provided pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise to the extent recoverable from insurance.

**17.3.11.2** The foregoing limitation on DB Team's liability for consequential damages shall not apply to or limit any right of recovery GDOT may have respecting the following:

(a) Losses (including defense costs) to the extent (i) covered by the proceeds of insurance required to be carried pursuant to Article 16.1, (ii) covered by the proceeds of insurance actually carried by or insuring DB Team under policies solely with respect to the Project and the Work, regardless of whether required to be carried pursuant to Article 16.1, or (iii) DB Team is deemed to have self-insured the Loss pursuant to Article 16.1.4.3;

(b) Losses arising out of fraud, criminal conduct, intentional misconduct (which does not include any intentional DB Team Default), recklessness, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of DB Team or Design- Build Contractor or any Affiliate of either;

(c) DB Team's obligation to pay Liquidated Damages in accordance with Article 17.4 or any other provision of the DB Documents;

(d) Losses arising out of DB Team Releases of Hazardous Materials;

(e) Reserved;

(f) Amounts DB Team may be obligated to reimburse to GDOT or that are otherwise due from DB Team to GDOT under the express provisions of the DB Documents, including GDOT Recoverable Costs;

(g) Interest, late charges, fees, transaction fees and charges, penalties and similar charges that the DB Documents expressly state are due from DB Team to GDOT; and

(h) Any credits, deductions or offsets that the DB Documents expressly provide to GDOT against amounts owing DB Team.

## **17.4 Liquidated Damages**

#### **17.4.1 Liquidated Damages for Delayed Substantial Completion or Maintenance Acceptance**

**17.4.1.1** DB Team shall be liable for and pay to GDOT Liquidated Damages with respect to any failure to achieve Substantial Completion by the Substantial Completion Deadline, or any failure to achieve Maintenance Acceptance by the Maintenance Acceptance Deadline, as the same may be extended pursuant to this Agreement, or for any other breach of the requirements of the DB Documents as set forth pursuant to Section 1.2 of Exhibit 18. Such liability shall apply even though (a) a cure period remains available to DB Team under Article 17.1.2 or (b) cure occurs. The amounts of such Liquidated Damages are set forth in Exhibit 18. Such Liquidated Damages shall commence on the Substantial Completion Deadline or the Maintenance Acceptance Deadline, as applicable, or upon the date of breach for each such incident based default pursuant to Section 1.2 of Exhibit 18, as the same may be extended pursuant to this Agreement, and shall continue to accrue until the date of Substantial Completion, the date of Maintenance Acceptance, the cure of any such incident based breach, all as applicable, or until termination of this Agreement.

#### **17.4.1.2 Reserved**

#### **17.4.2 Reserved.**

#### **17.4.3 Acknowledgements Regarding Liquidated Damages**

DB Team further agrees and acknowledges that:

**17.4.3.1** In the event that DB Team fails to achieve Substantial Completion by the Substantial Completion Deadline or Maintenance Acceptance by the Maintenance Acceptance Deadline, GDOT will incur substantial damages;

**17.4.3.2** Such damages are incapable of accurate measurement and difficult to prove for the reasons stated in this Article 17.4;

**17.4.3.3** As of the Effective Date, the amounts of Liquidated Damages under this Article 17.4 represent good faith estimates and evaluations by the Parties as to the actual potential damages that GDOT would incur as a result of late Substantial Completion or late Maintenance Acceptance, and do not constitute a penalty or to otherwise operate as a deterrent for the breach of any obligations of DB Team under this Agreement;

**17.4.3.4** The Parties have agreed to such Liquidated Damages in order to fix and limit DB Team's costs and to avoid later Disputes over what amounts of damages are properly chargeable to DB Team;

**17.4.3.5** Such sums are reasonable in light of the anticipated or actual harm caused by delayed Substantial Completion or delayed Maintenance Acceptance, the difficulties of the proof of loss, and the inconvenience or infeasibility of otherwise obtaining an adequate remedy;

**17.4.3.6** DB Team acknowledges that such Liquidated Damages are reasonable, as determined as of the Effective Date, in light of the respective injuries and damages that may be caused by DB Team's breach and given that such injuries and damages, which include but shall not be limited to, public inconvenience, increased administration and



oversight by GDOT (and any other related agencies), and other damages to the general public, GDOT (and other related agencies); and

**17.4.3.7** Such Liquidated Damages are not intended to, and do not, liquidate DB Team's liability under the indemnification provisions of Article 16.5, even though third party claims against Indemnified Parties may arise out of the same event, breach or failure that gives rise to such Liquidated Damages.

#### **17.4.4 Payment; Satisfaction; Waiver**

**17.4.4.1** DB Team shall pay any Liquidated Damages owing under this Article 17.4 within twenty (20) days after GDOT delivers to DB Team GDOT's invoice or demand therefor, such invoice or demand to be issued not more often than monthly. Liquidated damages shall be due and payable to GDOT without right of offset, deduction, reduction or other charge, except as provided in Article 17.6.3.

**17.4.4.2** GDOT shall have the right to deduct and offset Liquidated Damages from any amounts owing DB Team to the extent provided in Article 17.3.4. GDOT also shall have the right to draw on any bond, certificate of deposit, or other security provided by DB Team pursuant to this Agreement, to satisfy Liquidated Damages not paid when due.

**17.4.4.3** Permitting or requiring DB Team to continue and finish the Work or any part thereof after the Substantial Completion Deadline or Maintenance Acceptance Deadline shall not act as a waiver of GDOT's right to receive Liquidated Damages hereunder or any rights or remedies otherwise available to GDOT.

#### **17.4.5 Non-Exclusive Remedy**

**17.4.5.1** Each item of Liquidated Damages provided under this Article 17.4 is in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other item of Liquidated Damages assessed under this Article 17.4.

**17.4.5.2** GDOT's right to, and imposition of, Liquidated Damages are in addition, and without prejudice, to any other rights and remedies available to GDOT under the DB Documents, at law or in equity respecting the breach, failure to perform or DB Team Default that is the basis for the Liquidated Damages or any other breach, failure to perform or DB Team Default, except for recovery of the monetary damage for delay that the Liquidated Damages are intended to compensate and for which Liquidated Damages shall be the only amount recoverable on account of delay damages.

### **17.5 Default by GDOT; Cure Periods**

#### **17.5.1 GDOT Default**

GDOT shall, subject to any applicable cure period as set forth in Article 17.5.2 below, be in breach under this Agreement upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events or conditions (each a "GDOT Default"):

**17.5.1.1** GDOT fails to make any payment due DB Team under this Agreement within thirty (30) days of the date that any such payment shall be due;

**17.5.1.2** Any representation or covenant made by GDOT in this Agreement is false or materially misleading or materially inaccurate when made or omits material information when made;

**17.5.1.3** GDOT fails to observe or perform any covenant, agreement, term or condition required to be observed or performed by GDOT under the DB Documents;

**17.5.1.4** GDOT makes an assignment other than as permitted pursuant to Article 21.3; or

**17.5.1.5** GDOT or other State Governmental Entity confiscates or appropriates the Project or any other material part of DB Team's Interest, excluding a Termination for Convenience or any other exercise of a right of termination set forth in this Agreement.

## **17.5.2 Cure Periods**

GDOT shall have the following cure periods with respect to the any of the conditions set forth in Article 17.5.1 above:

**17.5.2.1** Respecting a GDOT Default under Article 17.5.1.1, a period of thirty (30) days after DB Team delivers to GDOT written notice of the GDOT Default; and

**17.5.2.2** Respecting a GDOT Default under Article 17.5.1.2, 17.5.1.3, or 17.5.1.5, a period of sixty (60) days after DB Team delivers to GDOT written notice of the GDOT Default; provided that (a) if the GDOT Default is of such a nature that the cure cannot with diligence be completed within such time period and GDOT has commenced meaningful steps to cure immediately after receiving the default notice, GDOT shall have such additional period of time, up to a maximum cure period of one hundred and eighty (180) days, as is reasonably necessary to diligently effect cure, and (b) as to Article 17.5.1.2, cure will be regarded as complete when the adverse effects of the breach are cured.

## **17.6 DB Team Remedies for GDOT Default**

### **17.6.1 Termination and Suspension**

Subject to Article 19.9, DB Team will have the right to suspend performance of the Work on account of a GDOT Default subject to any applicable notice and cure periods as set forth in Article 17.5.2. Further, DB Team may upon written notice of not less than fifteen (15) days to GDOT following expiration of such applicable cure period, where such GDOT Default is continuing, exercise the right to terminate this Agreement and recover termination damages as more particularly set forth in, and subject to the terms and conditions of, Article 19.4.

### **17.6.2 Damages and Other Remedies**

DB Team shall have and may exercise the following remedies upon the occurrence of a GDOT Default and expiration, without cure, of the applicable cure period:

**17.6.2.1** If DB Team does not terminate this Agreement, then, subject to Article 17.6.4, DB Team may treat the GDOT Default as a Compensation Event on the terms and conditions set forth in Article 13.2 and GDOT shall pay the full Compensation Amount and interest in accordance with Articles 13.2.6 and 13.2.7;

**17.6.2.2** If the GDOT Default is a failure to pay when due any undisputed portion of a progress payment owing under a Supplemental Agreement and GDOT fails to cure such GDOT Default within thirty (30) days after receiving from DB Team written notice thereof, DB Team shall be entitled to suspend the Work under the Supplemental Agreement until the default is cured; and

**17.6.2.3** Subject to Articles 17.6.4 and 19.9, DB Team also shall be entitled to exercise any other remedies available under this Agreement or at Law or in equity, including offset rights to the extent and only to the extent available under Article 17.6.3. Subject to Articles 17.6.4 and 19.9, each right and remedy of DB Team hereunder shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other right or remedy provided herein or now or hereafter existing at Law or in equity or by statute or otherwise, and the exercise or beginning of the exercise by DB Team of any one or more of any of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise by DB Team of any or all other such rights or remedies.

### **17.6.3 Offset Rights**

DB Team may deduct and offset any Claim amount owing to it, provided such Claim amount has been liquidated through GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes” as provided in Article 17.7 or otherwise, from and against any amounts DB Team may owe to GDOT pursuant hereto.

### **17.6.4 Limitations on Remedies**

**17.6.4.1** Notwithstanding any other provision of the DB Documents and except as forth in Article 17.6.4.2, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, GDOT shall not be liable for punitive damages or any indirect, incidental or consequential damages, whether arising out of breach of this Agreement or any DB Documents, tort (including negligence) or any other theory of liability, and DB Team releases GDOT from any such liability.

**17.6.4.2** The foregoing limitation on GDOT’s liability for consequential damages shall not apply to or limit any right of recovery DB Team may have respecting the following:

(a) Losses arising out of fraud, criminal conduct, intentional misconduct (which does not include any intentional GDOT Default), recklessness, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of GDOT;

(b) Losses arising out of GDOT Release(s) of Hazardous Materials or Pre-Existing Hazardous Materials;

(c) Any amounts GDOT may owe or be obligated to reimburse under the express provisions of this Agreement for Compensation Events or events of termination;

(d) Any other specified amounts GDOT may owe or be obligated to reimburse to DB Team under the express provisions of the DB Documents;

(e) Interest and charges that the DB Documents expressly state are due from GDOT to DB Team; and

(f) Any credits, deductions or offsets that the DB Documents expressly provide to DB Team against amounts owing GDOT.

**17.6.4.3** The measure of compensation available to DB Team as set forth in this Agreement for a Compensation Event or an event of termination shall constitute the sole and exclusive monetary relief and damages available to DB Team from the State or GDOT arising out of or relating to such event; and DB Team irrevocably waives and releases any right to any other or additional damages or compensation from the State or GDOT. No award of compensation or damages shall be duplicative.

**17.6.4.4** Without limiting the effect of Article 17.6.4.3, in the event GDOT wrongfully withholds an acceptance or consent required under this Agreement, or wrongfully issues an objection to or disapproval of a Submittal or other matter under this Agreement, DB Team’s sole remedies against GDOT shall be extensions of time to the extent provided in Article 13.1 for a Relief Event and damages to the extent provided in Article 13.2 for a Compensation Event.

**17.6.5 Procedure for Payment of Judgments**

Promptly after any final, non-appealable order or judgment awarding compensation or damages to DB Team, GDOT shall institute payment procedures as set forth in applicable Law.

**17.7 Reserved**

**Article 18 RESERVED**

**Article 19 TERMINATION**

**19.1 Termination for Convenience**

**19.1.1** GDOT may terminate this Agreement, if GDOT determines, in its sole discretion, that a termination is in GDOT’s best interest (a “Termination for Convenience”). Termination of this Agreement shall not relieve DB Team or any Guarantor or Surety of its obligation for any claims arising prior to termination.

**19.1.2** GDOT may exercise Termination for Convenience by delivering to DB Team a written notice of termination for Convenience specifying the election to terminate. Termination for Convenience shall be effective as and when provided in Exhibit 20.

**19.1.3** In the event of a Termination for Convenience, DB Team will be entitled to compensation determined in accordance with Exhibit 20. Payment will be due and payable as and when provided in Exhibit 20.

**19.1.4** If GDOT terminates this Agreement on grounds or in circumstances beyond GDOT’s termination rights specifically set forth in this Agreement, such termination shall be deemed a Termination for Convenience for the purpose of determining the Termination Compensation due.

**19.2 Reserved**

**19.3 Termination for DB Team Default**

### **19.3.1 DB Team Defaults Triggering GDOT Termination Rights**

The following DB Team Defaults (each a “Default Termination Event”), and no other DB Team Defaults, shall entitle GDOT, at its sole election, to terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon delivery of written notice of termination to DB Team. DB Team agrees and acknowledges and stipulates that any of the following DB Team Defaults would result in material and substantial harm to GDOT’s rights and interests under this Agreement and therefore constitute a material DB Team Default justifying termination if not cured within the applicable cure period, if any.

**19.3.1.1** The DB Team fails to achieve Substantial Completion by the Substantial Completion Deadline, as the same may be extended pursuant to this Agreement;

**19.3.1.2** There occurs any other DB Team Default for which GDOT issues a Warning Notice under Article 17.2 or 17.3, and such DB Team Default is not fully and completely cured within the applicable cure period, if any, set forth in Article 17.2.2.1 or 17.3;

**19.3.1.3** There occurs any DB Team Default under Article 17.1.1.11 or 17.1.1.12; or

**19.3.1.4** The DB Team fails to diligently prosecute and adhere to the requirements of any remedial action plan as provided and accepted by GDOT pursuant to Article 17.3.5.

### **19.3.2 Compensation to DB Team**

If GDOT issues notice of termination of this Agreement due to a Default Termination Event, or if DB Team terminates this Agreement on grounds or in circumstances beyond DB Team’s termination rights specifically set forth in this Agreement, DB Team will be entitled to compensation to the extent, and only to the extent, provided in Exhibit 20. Payment shall be due and payable as and when provided in Exhibit 20.

### **19.3.3 Finality**

If GDOT issues notice of termination of this Agreement due to a Default Termination Event, termination shall be effective and final immediately upon delivery of written notice as provided in Article 19.3.1 regardless of whether GDOT is correct in determining that GDOT has the right to terminate for DB Team Default. In the event it is determined that GDOT lacked such right, then such termination shall be treated as a Termination for Convenience as provided in Article 19.1.4 for the purpose of determining the Termination Compensation due.

## **19.4 Termination for GDOT Default, Suspension of Work, Force Majeure Event, or Materially Delayed Notice to Proceed**

**19.4.1** In the event of a material GDOT Default under Article 17.5.1.1 (failure to pay money due) that remains uncured following notice and expiration of the applicable cure period under Article 17.5.2, DB Team may deliver to GDOT a further written notice setting forth such GDOT Default and warning GDOT that DB Team may elect to terminate this Agreement and if GDOT does not cure such GDOT Default within sixty (60) days after the delivery of such notice with respect to a GDOT Default under Article 17.5.1.1. GDOT may avoid termination by effecting cure within such sixty (60) day period. Failing such cure, DB Team shall have the right

to terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon delivery of written notice of termination to GDOT. In the event of such termination, DB Team will be entitled to compensation determined in accordance with Exhibit 20. Payment shall be due and payable as and when provided in Exhibit 20. Any Dispute arising out of the determination of such compensation shall be resolved according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes.”

**19.4.2** In the event (i) GDOT orders DB Team to suspend Work on all or any material portion of the Project for a reason other than those set forth in Article 17.3.7.1, or (ii) as a result of a Force Majeure Event, and such suspension of Work continues for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) consecutive days or more, DB Team shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon delivery of written notice of termination to GDOT. In the event of such termination, DB Team will be entitled to compensation determined in accordance with Exhibit 20. Payment shall be due and payable as and when provided in Exhibit 20. Any Dispute arising out of the determination of such compensation shall be resolved according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes.”

**19.4.3** In the event GDOT, due to no fault of a DB Team-Related Entity or other than because the NEPA Finality Date has not occurred, does not issue NTP 1, NTP 2, or NTP 3 within three hundred and sixty five (365) days after the anticipated issuance date set forth in Article 3.3, DB Team shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon delivery of written notice of termination to GDOT. In the event of such termination, DB Team will be entitled to compensation determined in accordance with Exhibit 20. Payment shall be due and payable as and when provided in Exhibit 20. Any Dispute arising out of the determination of such compensation shall be resolved according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes.”

**19.4.4** If DB Team issues notice of termination of this Agreement due to a material GDOT Default under Article 17.5.1.1, termination shall be effective and final immediately upon delivery as provided in Article 19.4.1 regardless of whether DB Team is correct in determining that it has the right to terminate for such GDOT Default. In the event it is determined that DB Team lacked such right, then such termination shall be treated as a termination due to material DB Team Default and Article 19.3.2 shall govern the measure of the Termination Compensation.

## **19.5 Termination Procedures and Duties**

Upon expiration of the Term or any earlier termination of this Agreement for any reason, including due to GDOT Default, the provisions of this Article 19.5 shall apply. DB Team shall timely comply with such provisions independently of, and without regard to, the timing for determining, adjusting, settling and paying any amounts due DB Team or GDOT on account of termination.

**19.5.1** In any case where notice of termination precedes the effective Early Termination Date:

**19.5.1.1** DB Team shall continue performing the Work in accordance with, and without excuse from, all the standards, requirements and provisions of the DB Documents, and without curtailment of services, quality and performance;

**19.5.1.2** Reserved

**19.5.1.3** Reserved.

**19.5.1.4** Within three (3) days after receipt of a notice of termination, DB Team shall meet and confer with GDOT for the purpose of developing an interim transition plan for the orderly transition of Work, demobilization and transfer of the Project control to GDOT. The Parties shall use diligent efforts to complete preparation of the interim transition plan within fifteen (15) days after the date DB Team receives the notice of termination. The Parties shall use diligent efforts to complete a final transition plan within thirty (30) days after such date. The transition plan shall be in form and substance acceptable to GDOT in its good faith discretion and shall include and be consistent with the other provisions and procedures set forth in this Article 19.5, all of which procedures DB Team shall immediately follow, regardless of any delay in preparation or acceptance of the transition plan.

**19.5.2** On the Termination Date, or as soon thereafter as is possible, DB Team shall relinquish and surrender full control and possession of the Project to GDOT, and shall cause all persons and entities claiming under or through DB Team to do likewise, in at least the condition required by the Termination Turnover Requirements.

**19.5.3** On the later of the Termination Date or the date DB Team relinquishes full control and possession, GDOT shall assume responsibility, at its expense, for the Project, subject to any rights to damages that GDOT has against DB Team where the termination is due to a Default Termination Event.

**19.5.4** Reserved.

**19.5.5** Reserved.

**19.5.6** Within thirty (30) days after notice of termination is delivered, DB Team shall provide GDOT with true and complete list of all materials, goods, machinery, equipment, parts, supplies and other property in inventory or storage (whether held by DB Team or any person or entity on behalf of or for the account of DB Team) for use in or respecting the Work or the Project, or on order or previously completed but not yet delivered from Suppliers for use in or respecting the Work or the Project. In addition, on or about the Termination Date, DB Team shall transfer title and deliver to GDOT or GDOT's Authorized Representative, through bills of sale or other documents of title, as directed by GDOT, all such materials, goods, machinery, equipment, parts, supplies and other property.

**19.5.7** DB Team shall take all action that may be necessary, or that GDOT may direct, for the protection and preservation of the Project, the Work and such materials, goods, machinery, equipment, parts, supplies and other property.

**19.5.8** On or about the Termination Date, DB Team shall execute and deliver to GDOT the following, together with an executed bill of sale or other written instrument, in form and substance acceptable to GDOT, acting reasonably, assigning and transferring to GDOT all of DB Team's right, title and interest in and to the following:

**19.5.8.1** All completed or partially completed drawings (including plans, elevations, sections, details and diagrams), specifications, designs, design documents, as-built

and record plans, surveys, and other documents and information pertaining to the design or construction of the Project or the Utility Adjustments;

**19.5.8.2** All samples, borings, boring logs, geotechnical data and similar data and information relating to the Project;

**19.5.8.3** All books, records, reports, test reports, studies and other documents of a similar nature relating to the Work, the Project;

**19.5.8.4** All data and information relating to the use of the Project, including all studies, reports, and other information provided that the transfer of any Intellectual Property shall be subject to Articles 22.4; and

**19.5.8.5** All other work product and Intellectual Property used or owned by DB Team or any Affiliate relating to the Work, the Project, provided that the transfer of any Intellectual Property shall be subject to Articles 22.4.

**19.5.9** Reserved.

**19.5.10** On or about the Termination Date, DB Team shall execute and deliver to GDOT a written assignment, in form and substance acceptable to GDOT, acting reasonably, of all DB Team's right, title and interest in and to all warranties, claims and causes of action held by DB Team against third parties in connection with the Project or the Work.

**19.5.11** DB Team shall otherwise assist GDOT in such manner as GDOT may require prior to and for a reasonable period following the Termination Date to ensure the orderly transition of the Project and its management to GDOT.

## **19.6 Reserved**

## **19.7 Contracts and Agreements**

**19.7.1** Regardless of GDOT's prior actual or constructive knowledge thereof, no contract or agreement to which DB Team is a party (unless GDOT is also a party thereto) as of the Termination Date shall bind GDOT, unless GDOT elects to assume such contract or agreement in writing. Except in the case of GDOT's express written assumption, no such contract or agreement shall entitle the contracting party to continue performance of work or services respecting the Project following DB Team's relinquishment to GDOT of possession and control of the Project, or to any claim, legal or equitable, against GDOT.

## **19.8 Liability After Termination; Final Release**

**19.8.1** No termination of this Agreement shall excuse either Party from any liability arising out of any default as provided in this Agreement that occurred prior to termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any termination of this Agreement shall automatically extinguish any Claim of DB Team to payment of Compensation Amounts for adverse cost and revenue impacts accruing after the Early Termination Date from Compensation Events that occurred prior to termination.

**19.8.2** If this Agreement is terminated under Article 19.1, 19.3.1, 19.4, or 19.11, then GDOT's payment to DB Team of the amounts required thereunder (if any) shall constitute full



and final satisfaction of, and upon payment GDOT shall be forever released and discharged from, any and all Claims, causes of action, suits, demands and Losses, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, that DB Team may have against GDOT arising out of or relating to this Agreement or termination thereof, or the Project, are unresolved at the time of such payment and are not related to termination or Termination Compensation. Upon such payment, DB Team shall execute and deliver to GDOT all such releases and discharges as GDOT may reasonably require to confirm the foregoing, but no such written release and discharge shall be necessary to give effect to the foregoing satisfaction and release.

### **19.9 Exclusive Termination Rights**

This Article 19, together with the express provisions on termination set forth in Articles 17.3.1, and 17.6.1, contain the entire and exclusive provisions and rights of GDOT and DB Team regarding termination of this Agreement, and any and all other rights to terminate at law or in equity are hereby waived to the maximum extent permitted by Law.

### **19.10 Access to Information**

DB Team shall conduct all discussions and negotiations to determine any Termination Compensation, and shall share with GDOT all data, documents and information pertaining thereto, on an Open Book Basis.

### **19.11 Termination by Court Ruling**

**19.11.1** Except in the circumstances described in Exhibit 20, Termination by Court Ruling means, and becomes effective upon, (a) issuance of a final order by a court of competent jurisdiction to the effect that this Agreement is void and/or unenforceable or impossible to perform in its entirety, (b) issuance of a final order by a court of competent jurisdiction upholding the binding effect on DB Team or GDOT of a Change in Law that causes impossibility of performance of a fundamental obligation by DB Team or GDOT under the DB Documents or impossibility of exercising a fundamental right of DB Team or GDOT under the DB Documents, (c) occurrence of the circumstances described in Article 24.13.2, or (d) issuance of a final order by a court of competent jurisdiction to the effect that a material provision under the Estate for Years, Intergovernmental Agreement or the DB Documents is void and/or unenforceable so as to deprive DB Team of its ability to exercise a fundamental right granted to DB Team under the DB Documents and such inability resulting from such order cannot be otherwise remedied through a Compensation Event, Relief Event or other contractual remedy. The final court order shall be treated as the notice of termination.

**19.11.2** Once Termination by Court Ruling becomes effective, GDOT and DB Team shall cooperate to implement Articles 19.5, 19.8, and 19.9.

**19.11.3** Notwithstanding Article 19.11.2, if a Termination by Court Ruling occurs, DB Team shall be entitled to compensation to the extent, and only to the extent, provided in Exhibit 20. Payment shall be due and payable as and when provided in Exhibit 20. Any Dispute arising out of the determination of such compensation shall be resolved according to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes."

**Article 20 RESERVED****Article 21 ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER****21.1 Restrictions on Assignment, Subletting and Other Transfers**

**21.1.1** DB Team shall not voluntarily or involuntarily sell, assign, convey transfer, pledge, mortgage or otherwise encumber the DB Team's Interest or any portion thereof without GDOT's prior written acceptance (including under any Direct Agreement), except:

**21.1.1.1** To any entity that is under the same ultimate management control as DB Team.

**21.1.2** DB Team shall not grant any other special occupancy or use of the Project to any other Person that is not in the ordinary course of DB Team performing the Work, without GDOT's prior written acceptance.

**21.1.3** Any sale, assignment, conveyance, transfer, pledge, mortgage, encumbrance, or grant of other special occupancy or use in violation of this provision shall be null and void *ab initio* and GDOT may, by Warning Notice, declare any such attempted action to be a material DB Team Default.

**21.2 Standards and Procedures for GDOT Acceptance**

**21.2.1** Where GDOT's prior acceptance is required for a proposed sale, assignment, conveyance, transfer, pledge, mortgage, encumbrance, sublease or grant of other special occupancy or use, or for any proposed Change of Control, GDOT may withhold or condition its acceptance in its sole discretion. Any such decision of GDOT to withhold consent shall be final, binding and not subject to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes."

**21.2.2** Thereafter, GDOT shall not unreasonably withhold its acceptance thereto. Among other reasonable factors and considerations, it shall be reasonable for GDOT to withhold its acceptance if:

**21.2.2.1** DB Team fails to demonstrate to GDOT's reasonable satisfaction that the proposed assignee, sublessee, grantee or transferee, or the proposed transferee of rights and/or equity interests that would amount to a Change of Control (for purposes of these Articles 21.2 through 21.5, collectively the "Transferee"), and its proposed contractors (a) have the financial resources, qualifications and experience to timely perform DB Team's obligations under the DB Documents and Principal Project Documents and (b) are in compliance with GDOT's rules, regulations and adopted written policies regarding organizational conflicts of interest;

**21.2.2.2** Less than all of DB Team's Interest is proposed to be assigned, conveyed, transferred, pledged, mortgaged, encumbered, or granted; or

**21.2.2.3** At the time of the proposed sale, assignment, conveyance, transfer, pledge, mortgage, encumbrance, sublease or grant of other special occupancy or use requiring GDOT's prior acceptance, or of any proposed Change of Control, there exists any uncured DB Team Default or any event or circumstance that with the lapse of time, the giving of notice or

both would constitute a DB Team Default, unless GDOT receives from the proposed Transferee assurances of cure and performance acceptable to GDOT in its good faith discretion.

**21.2.3** GDOT will accept or disapprove within thirty (30) days after it receives from DB Team a Submittal consisting of a request for acceptance together with (a) a reasonably detailed description of the proposed transaction, (b) such information, evidence and supporting documentation as GDOT may request concerning the identity, financial resources, qualifications, experience and potential conflicts of interest of the proposed Transferee and its proposed contractors and (c) such evidence of organization and authority, and such incumbency certificates, certificates regarding debarment or suspension, and other certificates, representations and warranties as GDOT may reasonably request. GDOT will evaluate the identity, financial resources, qualifications, experience and potential conflicts of interest using the same standards and criteria that it is then currently applying, or if there is no current application, then the same standards and criteria it most recently applied, to the evaluation of Persons responding to GDOT requests for qualifications for concession or similar agreements for comparable projects and facilities.

**21.2.4** If for any reason GDOT does not act within such thirty (30) day period, or any extension thereof by mutual agreement of the Parties, then the provisions of Article 6.3.4.2 shall apply.

### **21.3 Assignment by GDOT**

GDOT may assign all or any portion of its rights, title and interests in and to the DB Documents, payment and performance bond(s), guarantees, and other security for payment or performance, (a) without DB Team's consent, to any other Person that succeeds to the governmental powers and authority of GDOT, and (b) to others with the prior written consent of DB Team.

### **21.4 Notice and Assumption**

**21.4.1** Assignments and transfers of the DB Team's Interest permitted under this Article 21 (other than pursuant to Article 21.1.1.1) or otherwise accepted in writing by GDOT shall be effective only upon GDOT's receipt of written notice of the assignment or transfer and a written recordable instrument executed by the Transferee, in form and substance acceptable to GDOT, in which the Transferee, without condition or reservation, assumes all of DB Team's obligations, duties and liabilities under the DB Documents and agrees to perform and observe all provisions thereof applicable to DB Team.

**21.4.2** Each Transferee, including any Person who acquires the DB Team's Interest pursuant to foreclosure, transfer in lieu of foreclosure or similar proceeding, shall take the DB Team's Interest subject to, and shall be bound by, the Project Management Plan, the Key Contracts, the Utility Agreements, all agreements between the transferor and railroads, the Governmental Approvals, and all agreements between the transferor and Governmental Entities with jurisdiction over the Project or the Work, except to the extent otherwise accepted by GDOT in writing in its good faith discretion.

**21.4.3** Except with respect to assignments and transfers pursuant to foreclosure, transfer in lieu of foreclosure or similar proceeding, the transferor and Transferee shall give

GDOT written notice of the assignment not less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date thereof.

## **21.5 Change of Organization or Name**

**21.5.1** DB Team shall not change the legal form of its organization in a manner that adversely affects GDOT's rights, protections and remedies under the DB Documents without the prior written acceptance of GDOT, which consent may be granted or withheld in GDOT's sole discretion.

**21.5.2** In the event either Party changes its name, such Party agrees to promptly furnish the other Party with written notice of change of name and appropriate supporting documentation.

## **Article 22 RECORDS AND AUDITS; INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

### **22.1 Maintenance and Inspection of Records**

**22.1.1** DB Team shall keep and maintain at a single location all books, records and documents relating to the Project, Utility Adjustments or Work, including copies of all original documents delivered to GDOT. DB Team shall keep and maintain such books, records and documents in accordance with applicable provisions of the DB Documents, Section 2.3.8 of the Technical Provisions, and of the Project Management Plan, and in accordance with Good Industry Practice. DB Team shall notify GDOT where such records and documents are kept.

**22.1.2** DB Team shall make all its books, records and documents available for inspection by GDOT, its representatives and legal counsel at DB Team's principal offices in Georgia, at all times during normal business hours, without charge. GDOT may conduct any such inspection upon 48 hours' prior written notice, or unannounced and without prior notice where there is good faith suspicion of fraud. The right of inspection includes the right to make extracts and take notes. The provisions of this Article 22.1.2 are subject to the following:

**22.1.2.1** DB Team reserves the right to assert exemptions from disclosure for information that would be exempt under applicable State Law from discovery or introduction into evidence in legal actions; and

**22.1.2.2** Unless otherwise lawfully required by the FHWA, federal Law or the Open Government Laws, DB Team may make available copies of books, records and documents containing trade secrets and confidential proprietary information with such information redacted. Unless otherwise lawfully required by the FHWA, federal Law or the Open Government Laws, GDOT shall have no right to make extracts of such trade secrets and confidential proprietary information except in connection with resolution of Claims and Disputes.

**22.1.2.3** DB Team shall retain records and documents for a minimum of five (5) years after the date the record or document is generated; provided that if the DB Documents or applicable Law specify any longer time period for retention of particular records, such time period shall control. With respect to records and documents generated prior to Final Acceptance, the time period for retention shall commence upon Final Acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all records which relate to Claims being processed or actions brought forth under GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes" shall be retained and made available until any later date that such Claims and actions

are finally resolved. Refer to Attachment 1 to Exhibit 8 regarding applicable federal requirements.

## **22.2 Audits**

**22.2.1** GDOT shall have such rights to review and audit DB Team, its Contractors and their respective books and records as and when GDOT deems necessary for purposes of verifying compliance with the DB Documents and applicable Law. Without limiting the foregoing, GDOT shall have the right to audit DB Team's Project Management Plan and compliance therewith, including the right to inspect Work and/or activities and to verify the accuracy and adequacy of the Project Management Plan and its component parts, plans and other documentation. GDOT may conduct any such audit of books and records upon 48 hours' prior written notice, or unannounced and without prior notice where there is good faith suspicion of fraud.

**22.2.2** All Claims filed against GDOT shall be subject to audit at any time following the filing of the Claim. The audit may be performed by employees of GDOT or by an auditor under contract with GDOT. Notice shall not be required before commencing any audit prior to sixty (60) days after the expiration of the term of this Agreement. Thereafter, GDOT shall provide twenty (20) days notice to DB Team, any Contractors or their respective agents before commencing an audit. DB Team, Contractors or their agents shall provide adequate facilities, acceptable to GDOT, for the audit during normal business hours. DB Team, Contractors or their agents shall cooperate with the auditors. Failure of DB Team, Contractors or their agents to maintain and retain sufficient books and records to allow the auditors to verify all or a portion of the Claim or to permit the auditor access to such books and records shall constitute a waiver of the Claim and shall bar any recovery thereunder. At a minimum, the auditors shall have available to them the following documents relating to the Claim:

- 22.2.2.1** Daily time sheets and supervisor's daily reports;
- 22.2.2.2** Union agreements;
- 22.2.2.3** Insurance, welfare, and benefits records;
- 22.2.2.4** Payroll registers;
- 22.2.2.5** Earnings records;
- 22.2.2.6** Payroll tax forms;
- 22.2.2.7** Material invoices and requisitions;
- 22.2.2.8** Material cost distribution work sheet;
- 22.2.2.9** Equipment records (list of company equipment, rates, etc.);
- 22.2.2.10** Contractors' (including Suppliers') invoices;
- 22.2.2.11** Contractors' and agents' payment certificates;
- 22.2.2.12** Canceled checks (payroll and Suppliers);

**22.2.2.13** Job cost report;

**22.2.2.14** Job payroll ledger;

**22.2.2.15** General ledger;

**22.2.2.16** Cash disbursements journal;

**22.2.2.17** All documents that relate to each and every Claim together with all documents that support the amount of damages as to each Claim; and

**22.2.2.18** Work sheets used to prepare the Claim establishing (a) the cost components of the Claim, including labor, benefits and insurance, materials, equipment, Contractors, all documents that establish the time periods, individuals involved, the hours for the individuals, and the rates for the individuals, and (b) the lost revenue components of the Claim.

**22.2.3** Full compliance by DB Team with the provisions of this Article 22.2 is a contractual condition precedent to DB Team's right to seek relief on a Claim under Article 17.7.

**22.2.4** Any rights of the FHWA to review and audit DB Team, its Contractors and their respective books and records are set forth in Attachment 1 to Exhibit 8.

**22.2.5** GDOT's right of audit include the right to observe the business operations of DB Team and its Contractors to confirm the accuracy of books and records.

**22.2.6** DB Team shall include in the Project Management Plan internal procedures to facilitate review and audit by GDOT and, if applicable, FHWA.

**22.2.7** DB Team represents and warrants the completeness and accuracy in all material respects of all information it or its agents provides in connection with GDOT audits, and shall cause all Contractors other than Governmental Entities acting as Contractors to warrant the completeness and accuracy in all material respects of all information such Contractors provide in connection with GDOT audits.

**22.2.8** DB Team's internal and third party quality and compliance auditing responsibilities shall be set forth in the Project Management Plan.

**22.2.9** Nothing in the DB Documents shall in any way limit the constitutional and statutory powers, duties and rights of elected State officials, including the independent rights of the State Auditor, in carrying out his or her legal authority. DB Team understands and acknowledges that (a) the State auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the State directly under this Agreement or indirectly through a Contract, (b) acceptance of funds directly under this Agreement or indirectly through a Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State auditor to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds, and (c) an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation must provide the State auditor with access to any information the State auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit.

## **22.3 Open Government Laws and Freedom of Information Act**

**22.3.1** DB Team acknowledges and agrees that all Submittals, records, documents, drawings, plans, specifications and other materials in GDOT's possession, including materials submitted by DB Team to GDOT (whether directly or indirectly), are subject to the provisions of the Open Government Laws, subject only to certain exceptions and exemptions contained therein. DB Team also acknowledges that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70(a), "[r]ecords received or maintained by a private person, firm, corporation, or other private entity in the performance of a service or function for or on behalf of an agency, a public agency, or a public office shall be subject to disclosure to the same extent that such records would be subject to disclosure if received or maintained by such agency, public agency, or public office." If DB Team believes information or materials submitted or otherwise made available to GDOT constitute trade secrets, proprietary information or other information that is not subject to the Open Government Laws or is excepted from disclosure under the Open Government Laws, DB Team shall be solely responsible for specifically and conspicuously designating that information by placing "CONFIDENTIAL" in the center header of each such document or page affected, as it determines to be appropriate. Any specific proprietary information, trade secrets or confidential commercial and financial information shall be clearly identified as such, and shall be accompanied by a concise statement of reasons supporting the claim. Nothing contained in this Article 22.3.1 shall modify or amend requirements and obligations imposed on GDOT by the Open Government Laws or other applicable Law, and the provisions of the Open Government Laws or other Laws shall control in the event of a conflict between the procedures described above and the applicable Law. DB Team is advised to contact legal counsel concerning such Law and its application to DB Team.

**22.3.2** If GDOT receives a request for public disclosure of materials marked "CONFIDENTIAL," GDOT (as the case may be) will endeavor to notify DB Team of the request. DB Team may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy. If GDOT determines in good faith that the materials identified as "CONFIDENTIAL" are not exempt from the Open Government Laws, GDOT will release the requested information within the applicable statutory time period, unless otherwise directed by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction. GDOT shall make the final determination regarding whether the requested information is to be disclosed or withheld.

**22.3.3** In the event of any proceeding or litigation concerning the disclosure of any material submitted by DB Team to GDOT, DB Team shall be fully responsible for otherwise prosecuting or defending any action concerning the materials at its sole cost and risk; provided, however, that the Attorney General of the State shall represent GDOT who will participate in the litigation in such manner as they each may deem necessary or desirable. Except in the case of GDOT's voluntary intervention in litigation, DB Team shall pay and reimburse GDOT (as the case may be) within thirty (30) days after receipt of written demand and reasonable supporting documentation for all costs and fees, including attorneys' fees and costs, GDOT incurs in connection with any litigation, proceeding or request for disclosure.

**22.3.4** DB Team further acknowledges and agrees that all Submittals, records, documents, drawings, plans, specifications and other materials in FHWA's possession may also be subject to disclosure under federal Law, including the Freedom of Information Act. DB Team's rights and obligations with respect to such disclosure shall be in accordance with such federal Law.

## **22.4 Intellectual Property**

**22.4.1** All Proprietary Intellectual Property, including with respect to Technology Enhancements, Source Code and Source Code Documentation, shall remain exclusively the property of DB Team or its Affiliates or Contractors that supply the same, notwithstanding any delivery of copies thereof to GDOT.

**22.4.2** GDOT shall have and is hereby granted a nonexclusive, transferable, irrevocable, fully paid up right and license to use, reproduce, modify, adapt and disclose, and sublicense others to use, reproduce, modify, adapt and disclose, the Proprietary Intellectual Property of DB Team, including with respect to Technology Enhancements, Source Code and Source Code Documentation, solely in connection with the Project and any Highway, tolled or not tolled, owned and operated by GDOT or a State or regional Governmental Entity.

**22.4.3** Subject to the license and rights granted to GDOT pursuant to Article 22.4.2, GDOT shall not at any time sell any Proprietary Intellectual Property of DB Team or use, reproduce, modify, adapt and disclose, or allow any party to use, reproduce, modify, adapt and disclose, any such Proprietary Intellectual Property for any other purpose not consistent with Article 22.4.2 above.

**22.4.4** The right to transfer the license is limited to any Governmental Entity that succeeds to the power and authority of GDOT generally or with respect to the Project.

**22.4.5** The right to sublicense is limited to State or regional Governmental Entities that own or operate a Highway or other road, tolled or not tolled, and to the concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, employees, attorneys, consultants and agents that are retained by or on behalf of GDOT or any such State or regional Governmental Entity in connection with the Project or another Highway or other road, tolled or untolled. All such sublicenses shall be subject to Article 22.4.6.

**22.4.6** Subject to Article 22.3, GDOT shall:

**22.4.6.1** Not disclose any Proprietary Intellectual Property of DB Team to any Person other than authorized transferees and sublicensees who agree to be bound by any confidentiality obligations of GDOT relating thereto;

**22.4.6.2** Enter into a commercially reasonable confidentiality agreement if requested by DB Team with respect to the licensed Proprietary Intellectual Property; and

**22.4.6.3** Include, or where applicable require such State or regional Governmental Entity to include, in the contract with the sublicensee its covenant to employ sound business practices no less diligent than those used for its own confidential information, and no less diligent than required by commercially reasonable standards of confidentiality, to protect all Proprietary Intellectual Property of DB Team and other materials provided under the sublicense against disclosure to third parties not in receipt of a sublicense, and to use the sublicense only for the permitted purposes.

**22.4.7** Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the DB Documents, in no event shall GDOT or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, consultants or agents be liable to DB Team, any Affiliate or any Contractor for any damages, including loss of profit, arising out of breach of the duty of confidentiality set forth in Article 22.4.6 if such breach is not the result of gross negligence or intentional misconduct or is required under the provisions of the Open Government Records Law or a court order or other legal requirement.



**22.4.8** DB Team shall continue to have a full and complete right to use any and all duplicates or other originals of its Proprietary Intellectual Property in any manner it chooses.

**22.4.9** With respect to any Proprietary Intellectual Property, including with respect to Technology Enhancements, Source Code and Source Code Documentation, owned by a Person other than DB Team, including any Affiliate, and other than GDOT or a Governmental Entity acting as a Contractor, DB Team shall obtain from such owner, concurrently with execution of any contract, subcontract or purchase order with such owner or with the first use or adaptation of the Proprietary Intellectual Property in connection with the Project, for DB Team, and GDOT, nonexclusive, transferable, irrevocable, fully paid up licenses to use, reproduce, modify, adapt and disclose such Proprietary Intellectual Property solely in connection with the Project and any Highway, tolled or not tolled, owned and operated by GDOT or a State or regional Governmental Entity, of at least identical scope, purpose, duration and applicability as the license granted under Article 22.4.1. The foregoing requirement shall not apply, however, to mass-marketed software products (sometimes referred to as “shrink wrap software”) owned by such a Person where such a license cannot be extended to GDOT using commercially reasonable efforts. The limitations on sale, transfer, sublicensing and disclosure by GDOT set forth in Articles 22.4.3 through 22.4.6 shall also apply to GDOT’s licenses in such Proprietary Intellectual Property.

## **22.5 Reserved**

### **Article 23 FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

#### **23.1 Compliance with Federal Requirements**

DB Team shall comply and require its Contractors to comply with all federal requirements applicable to transportation projects that receive federal credit or funds, including those set forth in Exhibit 8. In the event of any conflict between any applicable federal requirements and the other requirements of the DB Documents, the federal requirements shall prevail, take precedence and be in force over and against any such conflicting provisions.

#### **23.2 Role of and Cooperation with FHWA**

DB Team acknowledges and agrees that FHWA will have certain approval rights with respect to the Project, including the right to provide certain oversight and technical services with respect to the Work. DB Team shall cooperate with FHWA in the reasonable exercise of FHWA’s duties and responsibilities in connection with the Project and shall provide such assistance and information as may be required by GDOT to comply with FHWA reporting requirements.

### **Article 24 MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **24.1 Taxes**

DB Team shall pay, prior to delinquency, all applicable Taxes. DB Team shall have no right to a Compensation Event or any other Claim due to its misinterpretation of Laws respecting Taxes or incorrect assumptions regarding applicability of Taxes.

#### **24.2 Amendments**

The DB Documents may be amended only by a written instrument duly executed by the Parties or their respective successors or assigns, except to the extent expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement.

### **24.3 Waiver**

**24.3.1** No waiver of any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement or the other DB Documents shall be valid unless in writing and signed by the obligee Party.

**24.3.2** The exercise by a Party of any right or remedy provided under this Agreement or the other DB Documents shall not waive or preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or remedy. No waiver by any Party of any right or remedy under this Agreement or the other DB Documents shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent right or remedy under this Agreement or the other DB Documents. The consent by one Party to any act by the other Party requiring such consent shall not be deemed to render unnecessary the obtaining of consent to any subsequent act for which consent is required, regardless of whether similar to the act for which consent is given.

**24.3.3** Except as provided otherwise in the DB Documents, no act, delay or omission done, suffered or permitted by one Party or its agents shall be deemed to waive, exhaust or impair any right, remedy or power of such Party hereunder, or to relieve the other Party from the full performance of its obligations under this Agreement or the other DB Documents.

**24.3.4** Either Party's waiver of any breach or failure to enforce any of the terms, covenants, conditions or other provisions of the DB Documents at any time shall not in any way limit or waive that Party's right thereafter to enforce or compel strict compliance with every term, covenant, condition or other provision, any course of dealing or custom of the trade notwithstanding. Furthermore, if the Parties make and implement any interpretation of the DB Documents without documenting such interpretation by an instrument in writing signed by both Parties, such interpretation and implementation thereof will not be binding in the event of any future Disputes.

**24.3.5** Subject to [Article 13.2.8](#), the acceptance of any payment or reimbursement by a Party shall not waive any preceding or then-existing breach or default by the other Party of any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement or the other DB Documents, other than the other Party's prior failure to pay the particular amount or part thereof so accepted, regardless of the paid party's knowledge of such preceding or then-existing breach or default at the time of acceptance of such payment or reimbursement. Nor shall such acceptance continue, extend or affect: (a) the service of any notice, any Claims or final judgment; (b) any time within which the other Party is required to perform any obligation; or (c) any other notice or demand.

### **24.4 Independent Contractor**

**24.4.1** DB Team is an independent contractor, and nothing contained in the DB Documents shall be construed as constituting any relationship with GDOT other than that of an independent contractor under this Agreement.

**24.4.2** Nothing in the DB Documents is intended or shall be construed to create any partnership, joint venture or similar relationship between GDOT and DB Team; and in no event shall either Party take a position in any tax return or other writing of any kind that a partnership, joint venture or similar relationship exists. While the term "public-private partnership" may be

used on occasion to refer to contractual relationships of the type hereby created, the Parties do not thereby express any intention to form or hold themselves out as a *de jure* or *de facto* partnership, joint venture or similar relationship, to share net profits or net losses, or to give GDOT control or joint control over DB Team's financial decisions or discretionary actions concerning the Project and Work.

**24.4.3** In no event shall the relationship between GDOT and DB Team be construed as creating any relationship whatsoever between GDOT and DB Team's employees. Neither DB Team nor any of its employees is or shall be deemed to be an employee of GDOT. Except as otherwise specified in the DB Documents, DB Team has sole authority and responsibility to employ, discharge and otherwise control its employees and has complete and sole responsibility as a principal for its agents, for all Contractors and for all other Persons that DB Team or any Contractor hires to perform or assist in performing the Work.

## **24.5 Successors and Assigns**

The DB Documents shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of GDOT and DB Team and their permitted successors, assigns and legal representatives.

## **24.6 Designation of Representatives; Cooperation with Representatives**

**24.6.1** GDOT and DB Team shall each designate an individual or individuals who shall be authorized to make decisions and bind the Parties on matters relating to the DB Documents ("Authorized Representative"). In addition, for purposes of Project administration and oversight to be performed by GDOT as provided in this Agreement, GDOT shall designate an individual or individuals who shall be authorized to make decisions and bind GDOT and upon such person(s) direction DB Team may rely. Exhibit 22 provides the initial Authorized Representative designations. A Party may change such designations by a subsequent writing delivered to the other Party in accordance with Article 24.11. For purposes of this Agreement, the Parties, except where expressly stated to the contrary, all communications and deliveries, including submittals, shall be through the respective Authorized Representative for each party.

**24.6.2** DB Team shall cooperate with GDOT and all representatives of GDOT designated as described above.

## **24.7 Survival**

DB Team's and GDOT's representations, covenants, warranties, the express obligations of the Parties following termination, and all other provisions which by their inherent character should survive expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement and/or completion of the Work shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement and/or the completion of the Work.

## **24.8 Limitation on Third Party Beneficiaries**

**24.8.1** It is not intended by any of the provisions of the DB Documents to create any third party beneficiary hereunder or to authorize anyone not a Party hereto to maintain a suit for personal injury or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions hereof, except to the extent provided in Article 24.9.2 and other specific provisions (such as the warranty and indemnity provisions) that identify third parties and state that they are entitled to benefits hereunder. Except as otherwise provided in this Article 24.8, the duties, obligations and

responsibilities of the Parties to the DB Documents with respect to third parties shall remain as imposed by Law. The DB Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind between GDOT and a Contractor or any Person other than DB Team.

**24.8.2** GDOT shall be a third party beneficiary, and entitled to the benefits, with respect to the rights under the DB Documents related to the following:

**24.8.2.1** Oversight, review, inspection, testing, monitoring, acceptance, and enforcement of DB Team's obligations to perform the design and construction of the Project in accordance with the DB Documents and applicable Law.

**24.8.2.2** Review, audit, inspection and copying of data, information, documents, books and records of DB Team and any other DB Team-Related Entity.

**24.8.2.3** Step in rights upon the occurrence of a DB Team Default.

**24.9 No Personal Liability of GDOT Employees; No Tort Liability**

**24.9.1** GDOT's officers, employees, representatives are acting solely as agents and representatives of such respective entities, as applicable, when carrying out the provisions of or exercising the power or authority granted to them under this Agreement and the DB Documents. They shall not be liable either personally or as employees of GDOT for actions in their ordinary course of employment.

**24.9.2** The Parties agree to provide to each other with written notice of any claim which such Party may receive from any third party relating in any way to the matters addressed in this Agreement, and shall otherwise provide notice in such form and within such period as is required by Law.

**24.10 Governing Law**

The DB Documents shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

**24.11 Notices and Communications**

**24.11.1** Notices under the DB Documents shall be in writing and: (a) delivered personally; (b) sent by certified mail, return receipt requested; (c) sent by a recognized overnight mail or courier service, with delivery receipt requested, or (d) sent by facsimile or email communication followed by a hard copy and with receipt confirmed by telephone, to the following addresses (or to such other address as may from time to time be specified in writing by such Person):

**24.11.2** All notices, correspondence and other communications to DB Team shall be delivered to the following address or as otherwise directed by DB Team's Authorized Representative:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**24.11.3** All notices, correspondence and other communications to GDOT shall be marked as regarding the SR 21 at I-95 Diverging Diamond Interchange Project and shall be delivered to the following address or as otherwise directed by GDOT’s Authorized Representative:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In addition, copies of all notices regarding Disputes, and termination and default notices shall be delivered to the following person:

Georgia Department of Transportation  
Office of General Counsel  
600 West Peachtree Street, Suite 2300  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308  
Attention:  
Telephone: (404) \_\_\_\_\_  
Facsimile: (404) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**24.11.4** Notices shall be deemed received when actually received in the office of the addressee (or by the addressee if personally delivered) or when delivery is refused, as shown on the receipt of the U.S. Postal Service, private carrier or other Person making the delivery. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notices sent by facsimile after 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard or Daylight Time (as applicable) and all other notices received after 12:00 p.m. shall be deemed received on the first Business Day following delivery (that is, in order for a fax to be deemed received on the same day, at least the first page of the fax must have been received before 12:00 p.m.). Any technical or other communications pertaining to the Work shall be conducted by DB Team’s Authorized Representative and technical representatives designated by GDOT.

**24.12 Integration of DB Documents**

GDOT and DB Team agree and expressly intend that, subject to Article 24.13, this Agreement, and other DB Documents constitute a single, non-severable, integrated agreement whose terms are interdependent and non-divisible.

**24.13 Severability**

**24.13.1** If any clause, provision, section or part of this Agreement or the other DB Documents or any other Principal Project Document (other than the Design-Build Contract) is ruled invalid (including invalid due to Change in Law) by a court having proper jurisdiction, then the Parties shall: (a) promptly meet and negotiate a substitute for such clause, provision, section or part, which shall, to the greatest extent legally permissible, effect the original intent of

the Parties; and (b) if necessary or desirable, apply to the court or other decision maker (as applicable) which declared such invalidity for an interpretation of the invalidated portion to guide the negotiations. The invalidity or unenforceability of any such clause, provision, section or part shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of the DB Documents or such other Principal Project Documents, which shall be construed and enforced as if the DB Documents or such other Principal Project Documents did not contain such invalid or unenforceable clause, provision, section or part.

**24.13.2** If after the efforts required by Article 24.13.1, the Parties mutually agree that without the section or part of the DB Documents or such other Principal Project Documents that the court ruled to be invalid, there is no interpretation or reformation of the DB Documents or such other Principal Project Documents that can reasonably be adopted which will return the Parties to the benefits of their original bargain, the Parties can mutually agree to treat the court order as a Termination by Court Ruling pursuant to Article 19.11.

#### **24.14 Headings**

The captions of the sections of this Agreement and in the DB Documents are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of this Agreement or the DB Documents or considered in construing this Agreement or the DB Documents.

#### **24.15 Construction and Interpretation of the DB Documents**

**24.15.1** The language in all parts of the DB Documents shall in all cases be construed simply, as a whole and in accordance with its fair meaning and not strictly for or against any Party. The Parties hereto acknowledge and agree that the DB Documents are the product of an extensive and thorough, arm's length exchange of ideas, questions, answers, information and drafts during the Proposal preparation process, that each Party has been given the opportunity to independently review the DB Documents with legal counsel, and that each Party has the requisite experience and sophistication to negotiate, understand, interpret and agree to the particular language of the provisions of the DB Documents. Accordingly, in the event of an ambiguity in or Dispute regarding the interpretation of the DB Documents, the DB Documents shall not be interpreted or construed against the Party preparing it, and instead other rules of interpretation and construction shall be utilized. GDOT's final answers to the questions posed during the Proposal preparation process for this Agreement shall in no event be deemed part of the DB Documents and shall not be relevant in interpreting the DB Documents except as they may clarify provisions otherwise considered ambiguous.

**24.15.2** The captions of the articles, sections and subsections herein are inserted solely for convenience and under no circumstances are they or any of them to be treated or construed as part of this instrument.

**24.15.3** References in this instrument to this "Agreement" mean, refer to and include this instrument as well as any riders, exhibits, addenda and attachments hereto (which are hereby incorporated herein by reference) or other documents expressly incorporated by reference in this instrument. Any references to any covenant, condition, obligation and/or undertaking "herein," "hereunder" or "pursuant hereto" (or language of like import) mean, refer to and include the covenants, conditions, obligations and undertakings existing pursuant to this instrument and any riders, exhibits, addenda, attachments or other documents affixed to or expressly incorporated by reference in this instrument. All terms defined in this instrument shall

be deemed to have the same meanings in all riders, exhibits, addenda, attachments or other documents affixed to or expressly incorporated by reference in this instrument unless the context thereof clearly requires the contrary. Unless expressly provided otherwise, all references to exhibits, articles and sections refer to same as set forth in this Agreement. Where a specific section is referenced, such reference shall include all subsections thereunder. Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement or the other DB Documents, words that have well-known technical or construction industry meanings are used in this Agreement or the other DB Documents in accordance with such recognized meaning. All references to a subsection or clause “above” or “below” refer to the denoted subsection or clause within the section in which the reference appears. Wherever the word “including,” “includes” or “include” is used in the DB Documents, it shall be deemed to be followed by the words “without limitation”. Wherever reference is made in the DB Documents to a particular Governmental Entity, it includes any public agency succeeding to the powers and authority of such Governmental Entity.

**24.15.4** As used in this Agreement and the other DB Documents and as the context may require, the singular includes the plural and vice versa, and the masculine gender includes the feminine and vice versa.

#### **24.16 Usury Savings**

The DB Documents are subject to the express condition that at no time shall either Party be obligated or required to pay interest on any amount due the other Party at a rate which could subject the other Party to either civil or criminal liability as a result of being in excess of the maximum non-usurious interest rate permitted by Georgia Law (the “maximum legal rate”), if any. If, by the terms of the DB Documents either Party at any time is obligated to pay interest on any amount due in excess of the maximum legal rate, then such interest shall be deemed to be immediately reduced to the maximum legal rate and all previous payments in excess of the maximum legal rate shall be deemed to have been payments in reduction of the principal amount due and not on account of the interest due. All sums paid or agreed to be paid to a Party for the use, forbearance, or detention of the sums due that Party under the DB Documents shall, to the extent permitted by applicable Georgia Law, be amortized, prorated, allocated, and spread throughout the full period over which the interest accrues until payment in full so that the rate or amount of interest on account of the amount due does not exceed the maximum legal rate in effect from time to time during such period. If after the foregoing adjustments a Party still holds interest payments in excess of the maximum legal rate, it shall promptly refund the excess to the other Party.

#### **24.17 Acceptance under DB Documents**

**24.17.1** Refer to Articles 6.3.3 and 6.3.4 regarding the standards for GDOT acceptance or consent.

**24.17.2** In all cases where acceptance or consents are required to be provided under the DB Documents by DB Team and no particular standard for such acceptance or consents is expressly provided, such acceptance or consents shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In cases where sole discretion is specified, DB Team’s decision shall be final, binding and not subject to GDOT Standard Specification 105.13 “Claims for Adjustments and Disputes” hereunder.

#### **24.18 Entire Agreement**

This Agreement and the other DB Documents contain the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter thereof and supersede all prior agreements, understandings, statements, representations and negotiations between the Parties with respect to their subject matter.

**24.19 Counterparts**

This instrument may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

CONTRACT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER <b>XXXX</b>	DATE CONTRACT EXECUTED CALL ###
PROJECT NUMBER(S) PI # 0012722	COUNTY(IES) Chatham County
CONTRACTOR <b>Contractor Name</b>	
DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITY SR 21 AT I-95 DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE PROJECT	
AMOUNT OF CONTRACT <b>\$</b>	

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, have executed this Agreement, including the requirements of the DB Documents.

ALL REFERENCES in this document, which include all papers, writings, documents, drawings, or photographs used, or to be used, in connection with this document, to “State Highway Department of Georgia”, “State Highway Department”, “Georgia State Highway Department”, “Highway Department”, “Department”, or “Department of Transportation” when the context thereof means that State Highway Department of Georgia, mean, and shall be deemed to mean, GDOT.

THIS AGREEMENT is being executed on the Date Contract Executed, specified above, in Fulton County, Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE SET THEIR HANDS AND AFFIXED THEIR SEALS:

PARTY OF THE FIRST PART

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE OF GEORGIA**

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ATTESTED BY TREASURER, GEORGIA DOT

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BY COMMISSIONER

**PARTY OF THE SECOND PART**

I attest that the seal imprinted hereon is the corporate seal of the Contractor named above and that the signature which appears hereon is genuine and is that of the President (Vice President) of the corporation who is duly authorized to execute the foregoing document on behalf of the corporation; and that the execution of the foregoing document on behalf of the corporation has been duly authorized.

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CORPORATE CONTRACTOR (1)

**Company Name (1)**

(SEAL)

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BY PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT (1)

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THIS DAY OF

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BY SECRETARY OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY (1)

(SEAL)

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I attest that the seal imprinted hereon is the corporate seal of the Contractor named above and that the signature which appears hereon is genuine and is that of the President (Vice President) of the corporation who is duly authorized to execute the foregoing document on behalf of the corporation; and that the execution of the foregoing document on behalf of the corporation has been duly authorized.

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CORPORATE CONTRACTOR (2)

**Company Name (2)**

(SEAL)

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BY PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT (2)

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THIS DAY OF

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BY SECRETARY OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY (2)

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BY OWNER OR PARTNER (1)

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BY OWNER OR PARTNER (1)

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**EXHIBIT 1**

**ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise specified, wherever the following abbreviations or terms are used in this Agreement and the Technical Provisions, they have the meanings set forth below:

<b>AASHTO</b>	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act
<b>AGC</b>	Associated General Contractors of America
<b>AMRL</b>	AASHTO Materials Reference Laboratory
<b>ANSI</b>	American National Standards Institute
<b>APE</b>	Area of Potential Effects
<b>ARC</b>	Atlanta Regional Commission
<b>AREMA</b>	American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association
<b>ASTM</b>	American Society of Testing and Materials
<b>ATC</b>	Alternative Technical Concept
<b>AVI</b>	Automatic Vehicle Identification
<b>AWS</b>	American Welders Society
<b>BMP</b>	Best Management Practice
<b>CAD</b>	Computer Aided Design
<b>CCTV</b>	Closed Circuit Television
<b>CE</b>	Categorical Exclusion
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations
<b>CMS</b>	Changeable Message Sign
<b>CPI</b>	Consumer Price Index
<b>CSC</b>	Customer Service Center
<b>CSJ</b>	Control Section Job
<b>CWA</b>	Clean Water Act
<b>DB</b>	Design-Build
<b>DBE</b>	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, as set forth in 49 CFR Part 26
<b>DEIS</b>	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
<b>DMS</b>	Dynamic Message Signs
<b>DNR</b>	Georgia Department of Natural Resources
<b>DSS</b>	Decent, Safe and Sanitary
<b>EA</b>	Environmental Assessment
<b>EP</b>	Extraction Procedure (toxicity)
<b>EPD</b>	Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division
<b>EPIC</b>	Environmental Permits Issues and Commitments
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 <i>et seq.</i> , as amended from time to time
<b>ETCS</b>	Electronic Toll Collection System
<b>FAA</b>	Federal Aviation Administration

<b>FAPG</b>	Federal-Aid Policy Guide
<b>FEMA</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency
<b>FHWA</b>	U.S. Federal Highway Administration
<b>FEIS</b>	Final Environmental Impact Statement
<b>FONSI</b>	Finding of No Significant Impact
<b>FTP</b>	File Transfer Protocol
<b>FWCA</b>	Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. §§661 <i>et seq.</i> , as amended from time to time
<b>GDOT</b>	Georgia Department of Transportation
<b>GEPA</b>	Georgia Environmental Policy Act, Section 12-16-1, <i>et seq.</i> of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated
<b>GIS</b>	Geographical Information System
<b>GP</b>	General Purpose
<b>HEC-FFA</b>	Hydraulic Engineering Circular – Flood Frequency Analysis
<b>HCR</b>	Highway Conditions Report
<b>HOT</b>	High Occupancy/Toll
<b>HOV</b>	High Occupancy Vehicle
<b>ICD</b>	Interface Control Document
<b>ID</b>	Form of Identification
<b>IH</b>	Interstate Highway
<b>IRI</b>	International Roughness Index
<b>ISO</b>	International Organization for Standardization
<b>ITS</b>	Intelligent Transportation System
<b>IVHS</b>	Intelligent Vehicle Highway System
<b>IWP</b>	Investigative Work Plan
<b>LCS</b>	Lane Control System
<b>MARTA</b>	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
<b>MDS</b>	Microwave Detection System
<b>MOA</b>	Memorandum of Agreement
<b>MOT</b>	Maintenance of Traffic
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MPH</b>	Miles Per Hour
<b>MPO</b>	Metropolitan Planning Organization
<b>MS4</b>	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
<b>MSDS</b>	Materials Safety Data Sheets
<b>MSE</b>	Mechanically Stabilized Earth
<b>MUTCD</b>	Manual of Traffic Control Devices
<b>NAVD</b>	North American Vertical Datum
<b>NBIS</b>	National Bridge Inspection Standards
<b>NCHRP</b>	National Cooperative Highway Research Program
<b>NEPA</b>	National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 <i>et seq.</i> , as amended

	from time to time
<b>NFIP</b>	National Flood Insurance Program
<b>NOI</b>	Notice of Intent
<b>NPDES</b>	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
<b>NRCS</b>	Natural Resource Conservation Service
<b>NRHP</b>	National Register of Historic Places
<b>NTP</b>	Notice to Proceed
<b>OCGA</b>	Official Code of Georgia Annotated
<b>OCR</b>	Optical Character Recognition
<b>ORT</b>	Open Road Toll
<b>OSAH</b>	Georgia Office of State Administrative Hearings
<b>OSHA</b>	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
<b>OVT</b>	Owner Verification Tests
<b>PA</b>	Programmatic Agreement
<b>PACES</b>	Pavement Condition Evaluation System
<b>PICP</b>	Public Information and Communications Plan
<b>PLS</b> (or <b>RPLS</b> )	Registered Professional Land Surveyor
<b>PMP</b>	Project Management Plan
<b>PUA</b>	Possession and Use Agreement
<b>QMP</b>	Quality Management Plan
<b>RFC</b>	Release for Construction
<b>RFI</b>	Request for Information
<b>RFQ</b>	Request for Qualifications
<b>RFP</b>	Request for Proposals
<b>RLM</b>	Residual Life Methodology
<b>ROD</b>	Record of Decision
<b>ROW</b>	Right of Way
<b>ROW AM</b>	Right of Way Acquisition Manager
<b>ROWIS</b>	Right of Way Information System
<b>RTF</b>	Related Transportation Facilities
<b>SDPP</b>	Special Deposit and Possession Procedure
<b>SDEIS</b>	Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement
<b>SH</b>	State Highway
<b>SHPO</b>	State Historic Preservation Officer
<b>SOQ</b>	Statement of Qualifications
<b>SOV</b>	Single Occupancy Vehicle
<b>SSTR</b>	Single Slope Traffic Railing
<b>SRTA</b>	State Road and Tollway Authority
<b>STA</b>	State Transportation Agency
<b>SUE</b>	Subsurface Utility Engineering

<b>TCLP</b>	Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure
<b>TMC</b>	Traffic Management Center
<b>TMP</b>	Transportation Management Plan
<b>TOC</b>	Toll Operations Center
<b>UAM</b>	Utility Accommodation Manual
<b>UCS</b>	User Classification Subsystem
<b>UDC</b>	Utility Design Coordinator
<b>UJUA</b>	Utility Joint Use Acknowledgment or Utility Joint Use Agreement
<b>UM</b>	Utility Manager
<b>US</b>	United States Highway
<b>USACE</b>	United States Army Corps of Engineers
<b>U.S. DOT</b>	United States Department of Transportation
<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>	U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
<b>USPAP</b>	Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practices
<b>UTM</b>	Universal Transverse Mercator
<b>VDS</b>	Video Detection System
<b>VES</b>	Video Exception Sub-system
<b>WBS</b>	Work Breakdown Structure
<b>WECS</b>	Worksite Erosion Control Supervisor
<b>WTCS</b>	Worksite Traffic Control Supervisor
<b>WUCS</b>	Worksite Utility Coordination Supervisor

**Abandonment** means that Design-Build Team abandons all or a material part of the Project, which abandonment shall have occurred if (a) Design-Build Team demonstrates through acts or omissions an intent not to continue, for any reason other than a Relief Event that materially interferes with ability to continue, to construct or operate all or a material part of the Project and (b) no significant Work (taking into account the Project Baseline Schedule, if applicable, and any Relief Event) on the Project or a material part thereof is performed for a continuous period of more than forty five (45) days.

**Addenda/Addendum** means supplemental additions, deletions, and modifications to the provisions of the RFP after the release of the draft RFP.

**Additional Properties** means those parcels or portions of property proposed by Design-Build Team in addition to the ROW, including with respect to an approved ATC or otherwise contiguous to the Property and to be used for Project or in connection with the construction thereof, all as expressly designated as “Additional Properties” within the Right of Way Acquisition Plan. Additional Properties shall not include any Project Specific Locations.

**Adjust** means to perform a Utility Adjustment.

**Administrative Information Submittals** means those submittals Proposers are required to submit with their respective Proposal.

**Adjustment** means a Utility Adjustment.

**Adjustment Standards** means the standard specifications, standards of practice, and construction methods that a Utility Owner customarily applies to facilities (comparable to those being Adjusted on account of the Project) constructed by the Utility Owner (or for the Utility Owner by its contractors), at its own expense. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in the DB Documents to a Utility Owner’s “applicable Adjustment Standards” refer to those that are applicable pursuant to Article 7.5.3 of the Agreement.

**Affiliate** means:

(a) any shareholder, member, partner or joint venture member of Design-Build Team,

(b) any Person which directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, Design-Build Team or any of its shareholders, members, partners or joint venture members; and

(c) any Person for which ten percent (10%) or more of the equity interest in such Person is held directly or indirectly, beneficially or of record by (i) Design-Build Team, (ii) any of Design-Build Team’s shareholders, members, partners or joint venture members or (iii) any Affiliate of Design-Build Team under clause (b) of this definition.

For purposes of this definition the term “control” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to cause the direction of the management of a Person, whether through voting securities, by contract, family relationship or otherwise.

**Affidavit of Property Interest** means the form of documentation of Existing Utility Property Interests described in Section 6.2.4 of the Technical Provisions.

**Age** means the elapsed time since an Element was first constructed or installed or, if applicable, last reconstructed, rehabilitated, restored, renewed or replaced.

**Agreement, DBA, or DB Agreement** means this certain Design-Build Agreement executed by GDOT and Design-Build Team, including any and all exhibits, attachments, riders, and amendments thereto.

**Alternative Technical Concept (“ATC”)** means an alternative technical concept proposed by Design-Build Team pursuant to the terms set forth in the RFP.

**Apparent Successful Proposer**” means the Proposer with the apparent Successful Proposer, taking into consideration the evaluation criteria and procedures.

**Area of Potential Effects** means the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of Historic Properties, if such properties exist.

**Authorized Representative** has the meaning set forth in Article 24.6.1 of the Agreement, and shall be applicable person(s) and/or party(ies) authorized to act on behalf of each of GDOT and the Design-Build Team respectively, as initially set forth pursuant to Exhibit 22 of the Agreement. All notices, deliveries, responses, approvals, and other communications among GDOT and/or the Design-Build Team shall be directed to the respective Authorized Representative for each of the aforementioned, unless expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement.

**Best Management Practices (BMP)** has the meaning set forth in *Storm Water Management For Construction Activities: Developing Pollution Prevention Plans and Best Management Practices* (EPA Document 832 R 92-005).

**Best Value Proposal** means the Proposal meeting the standards set by the RFP that GDOT determines, through the evaluation process and evaluation criteria described in this ITP, to present the best value and to be in the best interest of GDOT and the State.

**Betterment** has, with respect to a given Utility being Adjusted, the meaning (if any) set forth in the Utility Agreement(s) applicable to the Utility; in all other cases, “Betterment” means any upgrading of the Utility in the course of such Utility Adjustment that is not attributable to the construction of the Project and is made solely for the benefit of and at the election of the Utility Owner, including an increase in the capacity, capability, efficiency or function of an Adjusted Utility over that which was provided by the existing Utility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following are not considered Betterments unless otherwise provided in the applicable Utility Agreement(s):

- (a) any upgrading which is required for accommodation of the Project;
- (b) replacement devices or materials that are of equivalent standards although not identical;
- (c) replacement of devices or materials no longer regularly manufactured with an equivalent or next higher grade or size;
- (d) any upgrading required by applicable Law;



- (e) replacement devices or materials that are used for reasons of economy (e.g., non-stocked items may be uneconomical to purchase); and
- (f) any upgrading required by the Utility Owner’s applicable Adjustment Standards.

With respect to any Replacement Utility Property Interest, “**Betterment**” has the meaning (if any) set forth in the applicable Utility Agreement(s). In all other cases, a Replacement Utility Property Interest shall be considered a Betterment, except to the extent that reinstallation of a Utility in the Replacement Utility Property Interest (i) is necessary in order to meet the requirements of the DB Documents, or (ii) is called for by Design-Build Team in the interest of overall economy for the Project.

**Business Day** means any day on which GDOT is officially open for business.

**Change in Law** means (a) the adoption of any Law after the date that is ninety (90) days prior to the Proposal Due Date, or (b) any change, amendment to, repeal or revocation of any Law or in the interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Entity after the date that is ninety (90) days prior to the Proposal Due Date, in each case that is materially inconsistent with Laws in effect ninety (90) days prior to the Proposal Due Date; excluding, however, any such Change in or new Law that also constitutes or causes a change in or new Adjustment Standards, as well as any change in or new Law passed or adopted but not yet effective as of the date that is ninety (90) days prior to the Proposal Due Date.

**Change of Control** means any assignment, sale, financing, grant of security interest, transfer of interest or other transaction of any type or description, including by or through voting securities, asset transfer, contract, merger, acquisition, succession, dissolution, liquidation or otherwise, that results, directly or indirectly, in a change in possession of the power to direct or control or cause the direction or control of the management of Design-Build Team or a material aspect of its business. A change in the power to direct or control or cause the direction or control of the management of a shareholder, member, partner or joint venture member of Design-Build Team may constitute a Change of Control of Design-Build Team if such shareholder, member, partner or joint venture member possesses the power to direct or control or cause the direction or control of the management of Design-Build Team. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following shall not constitute a Change of Control:

(a) A change in possession of the power to direct or control the management of Design-Build Team or a material aspect of its business due solely to a bona fide open market transactions in securities effected on a recognized public stock exchange, including such transactions involving an initial public offering;

(b) A change in possession of the power to direct or control the management of Design-Build Team or a material aspect of its business due solely to a bona fide transaction involving beneficial interests in the ultimate parent organization of a shareholder, member, partner or joint venture member of Design-Build Team, (but not if the shareholder, member, partner or joint venture member is the ultimate parent organization), unless the transferee in such transaction is at the time of the transaction suspended or debarred or subject to a proceeding to suspend or debar from bidding, proposing or contracting with any federal or State department or agency;

(c) An upstream reorganization or transfer of direct or indirect interests in Design-Build Team so long as there occurs no change in the entity with ultimate power to direct or control or cause the direction or control of the management of Design-Build Team;

(d) A transfer of interests between managed funds that are under common ownership or control other than a change in the management or control of a fund that manages or controls Design-Build Team;

(e) The exercise of minority veto or voting rights (whether provided by applicable Law, by Design-Build Team's organizational documents or by related member or shareholder agreements or similar agreements) over major business decisions of Design-Build Team, provided that if such minority veto or voting rights are provided by shareholder or similar agreements, GDOT has received copies of such agreements; or

**Change Order** means a written approval by GDOT, counter-signed by Design-Build Team, with respect to a GDOT Change or Change Request, which shall set forth any adjustments to the DB Contract Sum and/or the Contract Time, including on account of a Relief Event or Compensation Event, as provided in the Agreement.

**Change Request** means a written request from Design-Build Team seeking to change the character, quantity, quality, description, scope or location of any part of the Work, to modify the DB Documents.

**Chief Executive Officer of Design-Build Team** means the chief executive officer, president or other senior officer of Design-Build Team, or the governing body of Design-Build Team, in each case having authority to negotiate and resolve a Dispute with the Commissioner and bind Design-Build Team by his or her decision in regard to such Dispute.

**Claim** means (a) a demand by Design-Build Team, which is or potentially could be disputed by GDOT, for a time extension under the DB Documents, payment of money or damages from GDOT to Design-Build Team, or for payment from GDOT of a Compensation Amount or Termination Compensation, or (b) a demand by GDOT, which is or potentially could be disputed by Design-Build Team, for payment of money or damages from Design-Build Team to GDOT.

**Claimant** means any Person that would be entitled to protection of payment bond under Code Section 13-10-63, including any P&P Bonds.

**Code** has the meaning set forth in Recital C of the Agreement.

**Commissioner** means the Commissioner of GDOT appointed by the State Transportation Board and any successor thereto having substantially similar powers and authority.

**Comparable Limited Access Highways** means Highways that have full control of access, are divided, have grade separations at intersections and are in other respects substantially similar to the Project and associated facilities, as applicable. For purposes of this definition, determination of what portions of the Limited Access Highway system are substantially similar to the Project shall be based on any one or more of similar age, design, engineering, construction, topographical features, operating systems and features, or other features or situations, and/or based on a geographical area in which Highways have been or are

susceptible to being affected by a common event (such as but not limited to hurricane or tornado). The presence or absence of tolling and tolling facilities shall not be a factor in determining whether a Highway is substantially similar to the Project.

**Compensation Amount** means the amount of compensation to be paid to Design-Build Team for a Compensation Event as set forth and subject to the limitations of the Agreement, including Article 13.2 therein.

**Compensation Event** means any of the following events, subject to any limitations, claims submission requirements and other conditions set forth in the Agreement, provided that no relief will be available to the extent that (i) the events are within Design-Build Team's control, or are due to any wrongful act, wrongful omission, negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct, breach of contract or Law or violation of a Governmental Approval of any of the Design-Build Team-Related Entities; (ii) the events (or the effects of such events) could have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable caution, due diligence, or other reasonable efforts by Design-Build Team:

- (a) Change in Law;
- (b) Discriminatory Action;
- (c) Material breach by GDOT of its material obligations under the Agreement or other DB Documents, including unreasonable failure to issue a certificate of Substantial Completion or a certificate of satisfaction of conditions precedent to Final Acceptance after Design-Build Team satisfies all applicable conditions and requirements for obtaining such a certificate;
- (d) GDOT-Caused Delay, other than with respect to GDOT's failure to provide response to Design-Build Team Submittals as provided under clause (d) of the definition of a GDOT-Caused Delay;
- (e) GDOT Change;
- (f) A GDOT Release of Hazardous Material or remediation of Pre-Existing Hazardous Materials, but excluding the extent of any Design-Build Team Release of Hazardous Materials;
- (g) Issuance by a court in a legal proceeding challenging any NEPA Approval or a temporary restraining order or other form of temporary injunction that prohibits prosecution of any material portion of the Work;
- (h) Any change in the design concept of the Project or any portion thereof resulting from judicial or administrative action taken with respect to a legal challenge to any NEPA Approval as compared to the design concept indicated in the alternative that was the subject of the NEPA Approval, except to the extent the change in design concept had already been incorporated into Design-Build Team's design schematics as approved pursuant to this Agreement;
- (i) Subject to clause (n) of this definition, failure to obtain, or unreasonable and unjustified delay in obtaining or otherwise maintaining once issued, a Governmental Approval from any Governmental Entity, except to the extent that such failure or delay results from failure

by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity to locate or design the Project or carry out the work in accordance with the NEPA Approval or other Governmental Approval (which failure may include (i) modification by or on behalf of Design-Build Team of the design concept included in the NEPA Approval, (ii) means or methods used by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity for carrying out the Work, or (iii) decision or action by or on behalf of Design-Build Team to use or acquire Additional Property);

(j) Latent defects in Existing Improvements, resulting in costs in excess of such amounts for which Design-Build Team is responsible including as set forth in Article 7.12 of the Agreement;

(k) GDOT's (i) lack of good and sufficient title to any parcel in the Existing Right of Way or the Property, to the extent it interferes with or adversely affects performance of Work (ii) inability or failure to obtain an interest (including by easement or other right of access) to real property not identified in the Proposed Right of Way and required for construction of the Project as demonstrated by Design-Build Team, exclusive of any Additional Properties, Project Specific Locations, or parcels that are solely for the convenience of Design-Build Team, to the extent it interferes with or adversely affects performance of Work, or (iii) the existence at any time following issuance of NTP 3 of any title reservation, condition, easement or encumbrance on any parcel in the Existing Right of Way or Property owned by GDOT, of record or not of record, to the extent it interferes with or adversely affects performance of Work, except any title reservations, conditions, easements or encumbrances (A) concerning Utilities or (B) caused, permitted or suffered by a Design-Build Team-Related Entity;

(l) Discovery of subsurface or latent physical conditions at the actual boring holes identified in the geotechnical reports included in the Reference Information Documents that differ materially from the subsurface conditions indicated in such geotechnical reports at such boring holes, excluding any such conditions known to Design-Build Team prior to the Proposal Due Date;

(m) Failure to obtain, or unreasonable and unjustified delay in obtaining, an approval from GDOT with respect to a Permitted Design Exception, except to the extent that such failure or delay in obtaining the GDOT approval results from failure by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity to carry out the Work in accordance with the DB Documents; or

(n) Failure to obtain, or unreasonable and unjustified delay in obtaining, a Governmental Approval required for a re-evaluation of a NEPA Approval due to an approved ATC; provided that Design-Build Team shall only be entitled to compensation for such failure or delay after expiration of the applicable GDOT Re-evaluation Period;

(o) Performance of work in or directly adjacent to the Construction Maintenance Limits or Operations and Maintenance Limits, as well as any work by Separate Contractors within the ROW, carried out by or on behalf of GDOT or a Governmental Entity, excluding any Utility Adjustment Work by a Utility Owner, that directly disrupts Design-Build Team's onsite Work, or other documented delays to the Critical Path of the Work directly caused a Separate Contractor working on behalf of GDOT or a Governmental Entity, all being subject to Article 17.4.2 of the Agreement; or

(p) Material modifications to the NEPA Approval as set forth pursuant to subpart (a) of the definition of NEPA Approval as provided in Exhibit 1 hereto, as a result of the NEPA Approval, and all approved supplements and re-evaluations pertaining to the Project as of the

Effective Date as provided in subpart (b) of such definition, provided that any such modifications are not the result of an ATC, Additional Properties, or attributable to Design-Build Team's design.

**Compensation Event Notice** means the written notice submitted by Design-Build Team in accordance with Article 13.2 of the Agreement.

**Completed Payment Activity** means a Payment Activity that Design-Build Team has certified as acceptable and ready for the following activity to begin.

**Construction Commencement Date** means for the date on which Design-Build Team first commences construction of the Project or such relative phase thereof.

**Construction Documents** means all shop drawings, working drawings, fabrication plans, material and hardware descriptions, specifications, construction quality control reports, construction quality assurance reports and samples necessary or desirable for construction of the Project and/or the Utility Adjustments included in the Construction Work, in accordance with the DB Documents.

**Construction Maintenance Limits** means the physical boundaries of Design-Build Team's maintenance responsibilities for the Construction Work, as identified in the Construction Maintenance Limits Plan.

**Construction Maintenance Limits Plan** has the meaning set forth in Section 19.2 of the Technical Provisions.

**Construction Work** means all portions of the all Work necessary to build or construct, make, form, manufacture, furnish, install, supply, deliver or equip the Project and/or the Utility Adjustments. Construction Work includes landscaping.

**Construction Phase** has the meaning set forth in Section 23.1 of the Technical Provisions.

**Construction Phasing Plan** has the meaning set forth in Section 23.1 of the Technical Provisions.

**Contract** means any agreement, and any supplement or amendment thereto, by either (a) Design-Build Team with any other Person or Contractor, or (b) any Contractor with any Person or Subcontractor, to perform any part of the Work or provide any materials, equipment or supplies for any part of the Work, or any such agreement, supplement or amendment at a lower tier, between a Subcontractor and its lower tier sub-subcontractor or supplier. The term "Contract" excludes Utility Agreements and any agreement with SRTA or GDOT.

**Contract Time** means the time period provided for Design-Build Team's completion of the Work as provided in Article 3.3.1 of the Agreement.

**Contractor** means any Person, including any Subcontractor with whom Design-Build Team has entered into any Contract to perform any part of the Work or provide any materials, equipment or supplies for the Project and/or the Utility Adjustments included in the Construction Work, on behalf of Design-Build Team. The term "Contractor" excludes GDOT.

**Cost to Cure** means an appraisal method applied to estimate a proper adjustment for damages to a property that can be physically and economically corrected, as described in further detail in the GDOT ROW Manual.

**Critical Path** means the sequence of activities that must be completed on schedule for the entire Project to be completed on in accordance with the Milestone Deadlines. This is the longest duration path through the work plan, in terms of time, of logically connected activities on the Project Baseline Schedule ending with the relative Milestone Deadline in respect thereof.

**CSC Host** means the central computer system of SRTA or its contractor that supports customer service center account management functions for the Project.

**Customer Groups** means groups, Persons and entities having a perceived stake or interest in the Project, including: the media, elected officials, Governmental Entities, general public residing or working within the general vicinity of the Project or traveling within or across the limits of the Project, business owners within or adjacent to the Project corridor, Utility Owners, railroads, transportation authorities and providers, community groups, and local groups (neighborhood associations, business groups, chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus, contractors, etc.).

**Customer Service Center (CSC)** means the facility used to service Users, including a database system that enables registration and maintenance of customer accounts.

**Day** or **day** means calendar day unless otherwise expressly specified.

**DBE Performance Plan** means Design-Build Team's plan for meeting the DBE participation goals set forth in Article 10.9.2 of the Agreement. The DBE Performance Plan is Exhibit 14 to the Agreement.

**Decent, Safe and Sanitary (DSS)** means the condition of a dwelling such that it meets applicable housing and occupancy codes.

**Default Interest Rate** means the statutory interest rate applicable to GDOT for contract payment defaults.

**Default Termination Event** means each of the Design-Build Team Defaults listed in Article 19.3.1 of the Agreement.

**Defect** means any Work that does not otherwise conform with the DB Documents, or otherwise is a defect, whether by design, construction, installation, affecting the condition, use, functionality or operation of any portion of the Work which, ordinary wear and tear excepted, would cause or have the potential to cause one or more of the following:

- (a) a hazard, nuisance or other risk to public or worker health or safety, including the health and safety of Users;
- (b) a structural deterioration of the affected Element or any other part of the Project;
- (c) damage to a third party's property or equipment;
- (d) damage to the Environment;

(e) failure of the affected Element or any other part of the Project to meet a Performance Requirement; or

(f) failure of an Element to meet the Target for a measurement record as set forth in the columns headed “Target” and “Measurement Record” in the Performance and Measurement Table Baseline.

**Design-Build Agreement** or **DB Agreement** means the agreement between the Proposer and GDOT requiring the Design-Build Team to design and construct the Project during the construction period.

**Design-Build Contract** or **DB Contract Sum** means the total contract sum to be paid to Design-Build Team on account of the fully and properly performed Work as set forth in the Agreement, as adjusted pursuant to Supplemental Agreements (including to reflect adjustments for Compensation Events or Change Orders as provided in the Agreement), including without limitation all of Design-Build Team's profit, fees, financing costs and interest expense for Design-Build Team Debt, all costs of work and services, materials, equipment, supplies, general conditions costs, overhead and administrative expenses, professional fees and subconsultant costs, acquisition and other costs associated with acquisition of any Approved Properties, insurance and bond premiums, sales taxes, assessments, tariffs, permit, license and registration fees, and all other related costs and expenses.

**Design-Build Documents** or **DB Documents** means those documents as set forth in Article 1.2 of the Agreement and all such other agreements entered into by GDOT and Design-Build Team or any Design-Build Team-Related Entity, or otherwise executed by Design-Build Team or a Design-Build Team-Related Entity and delivered to SRTA, with respect to or in connection with this Agreement, including without limitation Supplemental Agreements, the Design-Build Guaranty, or any Master Utility Adjustment Agreement.

**Design-Build Period** means the period commencing with NTP 1 and ending when Design-Build Team achieves Final Acceptance.

**Design-Build Team** or **DB Team** means the party identified as such in the opening paragraph of this Agreement, together with its permitted successors and assigns.

**Design-Build Team Default** or **DB Team Default** has the meaning set forth in Article 17.1.1 of the Agreement.

**Design-Build Team's Interest** or **DB Team's Interest** means all right, title, and interest of Design-Build Team in, to, under or derived from the Agreement and the other DB Documents.

**Design-Build Team-Related Entities** or **DB Team Team-Related Entities** means (a) Design-Build Team, (b) Design-Build Team's shareholders, partners, joint venture members and/or members, (c) the Contractor and all other Subcontractors (including Suppliers), (d) any other Persons performing any of the Work, (e) any other Persons for whom Design-Build Team may be legally or contractually responsible, and (f) the employees, agents, officers, directors, shareholders, representatives, consultants, successors and assign of any of the foregoing; provided, however, that GDOT shall be considered a Design-Build Team-Related Entity.

**Design-Build Team Release(s) of Hazardous Material** or **DB Team Release(s) of Hazardous Material** means (a) Release(s) of Hazardous Material, or the exacerbation of any

such release(s), attributable to the culpable actions, culpable omissions, negligence, willful misconduct, or breach of applicable Law or contract by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity; (b) Release(s) of Hazardous Materials arranged to be brought onto the Site or elsewhere by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity; regardless of cause, or (c) use, containment, storage, management, handling, transport and disposal of any Hazardous Materials by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity in violation of the requirements of the DB Documents or any applicable Law or Governmental Approval

**Design-Build Team Vehicle** or **DB Team Vehicle** means any vehicle authorized by Design-Build Team performing construction, maintenance or operation of the Project, or other related activity.

**Design Documents** means all drawings (including plans, profiles, cross-sections, notes, elevations, typical sections, details and diagrams), specifications, reports, studies, calculations, electronic files, records and submittals necessary for, or related to, the design of the Project and/or the Utility Adjustments included in the Design Work and/or the Construction Work.

**Design Speed** means the speed used to determine the various geometric design features of the roadway.

**Design Submittal Guide** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23.1 of the Technical Provisions.

**Design Work** means all Work of design, engineering or architecture for the Project or Utility Adjustments.

**Deviation** means any proposed or actual change, deviation, modification, alteration or exception from this Agreement, the Technical Provisions, Technical Documents or Governmental Approvals.

**Directive Letter** means the letter described in Article 14.3 of the Agreement.

**Disadvantaged Business Enterprise** or **DBE** has the meaning set forth 49 CFR 23 and further described in Attachment 6 to Exhibit 8 to the Agreement.

**Discipline Groups** has the meaning set forth in Section 23.3 of the Technical Provisions.

**Discriminatory** or **Discriminatory Action** means (a) materially more onerous application to Design-Build Team or the Project of changes or additions to Technical Provisions or Technical Documents than the application thereof to other Comparable Limited Access Highways, or (b) selective application of changes or additions to Technical Provisions or Technical Documents to Design-Build Team or the Project and not to other Comparable Limited Access Highways. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following actions are not Discriminatory or Discriminatory Actions: (i) any such application in response to any act or omission by or on behalf of Design-Build Team in violation of Law or the DB Documents; (ii) Safety Compliance; (iii) any such application in response to a directive by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or comparable State agency, unless such directive is directed solely at or solely affects the Project and such application requires specific changes in Design-Build Team's normal design, construction, operation or maintenance procedures in order to comply; and (iv) any



other actions necessary to address potential safety concerns arising from a specific condition or feature peculiar to the Project.

**Dispute** means any Claim, dispute, disagreement or controversy between GDOT and Design-Build Team concerning their respective rights and obligations under the DB Documents, including concerning any alleged breach or failure to perform and remedies.

**Dispute Resolution Procedures** means the procedures for resolving Disputes set forth in Article 17.7 of the Agreement.

**Early Adjustment** means a Utility identified as such in Section 6 of the Technical Provisions.

**Early Termination Date** means the effective date of termination of the Agreement for any reason prior to the stated expiration Final Acceptance Deadline, as specified in the relevant provisions of Article 19.

**Effective Date** means the date of the Agreement or such other date as shall be mutually agreed upon in writing by GDOT and Design-Build Team.

**Electronic Toll Collection System** or **ETCS** means the electronic toll collection system used for the collection of tolls based on the automatic identification and classification of vehicles using electronic systems, including its components, systems and subsystems, the hardware and physical infrastructure, and the software to be incorporated into the Project.

**Element** means an individual component, system or subsystem of the Work, included as an independent line item as provided on the approved Schedule of Values.

**Element Category** means each of the main headings numbered 1 to 19 in the column entitled “Element Category” in the Performance and Measurement Table Baseline.

**Emergency** means an unforeseen event affecting the Project whether directly or indirectly which (a) causes or has the potential to cause disruption to the free flow of traffic on the Project or a threat to the safety of the public; (b) is an immediate or imminent threat to the long term integrity of any part of the infrastructure of the Project, to the Environment, to property adjacent to the Project or to the safety of Users or the traveling public; or (c) is recognized by the Georgia Department of Public Safety as an emergency.

**Environment** means air, soils, surface waters, groundwater, land, stream sediments, surface or subsurface strata, biological resources, including endangered, threatened and sensitive species, natural systems, including ecosystems, and historic, archeological and paleontological resources.

**Environmental Approvals** means all Governmental Approvals arising from or required by any Environmental Law in connection with development of the Project, including approvals and permits required under NEPA.

**Environmental Commitment (also Environmental Permits, Issues and Commitments)** means an environmental requirement that must be fulfilled before, during or after construction. Environmental Commitments include commitments to avoid impacts in

specified areas, complete environmental investigations before construction impacts, or to perform specified actions after completion of construction.

**Environmental Law** means any Law applicable to the Project or the Work regulating or imposing liability or standards of conduct that pertains to the Environment, Hazardous Materials, contamination of any type whatsoever, or environmental health and safety matters, and any lawful requirements and standards that pertain to the Environment, Hazardous Materials, contamination of any type whatsoever, or environmental health and safety matters, set forth in any permits, licenses, approvals, plans, rules, regulations or ordinances adopted, or other criteria and guidelines promulgated, pursuant to Laws applicable to the Project or the Work, as such have been or are amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time (including any present and future amendments thereto and reauthorizations thereof) including those relating to:

- (a) The manufacture, processing, use, distribution, existence, treatment, storage, disposal, generation, and transportation of Hazardous Materials;
- (b) Air, soil, surface and subsurface strata, stream sediments, surface water, and groundwater;
- (c) Releases of Hazardous Materials;
- (d) Protection of wildlife, Threatened or Endangered Species, sensitive species, wetlands, water courses and water bodies, historical, archeological, and paleontological resources, and natural resources;
- (e) The operation and closure of underground storage tanks;
- (f) and safety of employees and other persons; and
- (g) Notification, documentation, and record keeping requirements relating to the foregoing.

Without limiting the above, the term “Environmental Laws” shall also include the following:

- (i) The National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (ii) The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (iii) The Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 *et seq.*);
- (iv) The Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. §§ 11001 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (v) The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (vi) The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 *et seq.*);

- (vii) The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 6901, *et seq.*), as amended;
- (viii) The Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 2601 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (ix) The Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. §§ 1801 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (x) The Oil Pollution Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 2701, *et seq.*), as amended;
- (xi) The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 136 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (xii) The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 300 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (xiii) The Federal Radon and Indoor Air Quality Research Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (xiv) The Occupational Safety and Health Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 651 *et seq.*);
- (xv) The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (xvi) The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 661 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (xvii) The National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 470 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (xviii) The Coastal Zone Management Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1451 *et seq.*), as amended;
- (xix) Georgia Water Quality Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-5-20);
- (xx) Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-1), as amended;
- (xxi) Best Management Practices (O.C.G.A. § 12-7-6(b)(15)); and
- (xxii) Georgia Underground Storage Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-13-1)).

**Escrow Agent** has the meaning set forth in Article 22.5.2 of the Agreement.

**Estate for Years** has the meaning set forth in Recital C of the Agreement.

**Exhibits** means all exhibits, riders, and other attachments to the DB Documents, including without limitation Volume 1, Volume 2, and Volume 3, as well as, any of the aforementioned, which are incorporated into any DB Documents by reference, and all amendments, modifications, and supplements thereto.

**Existing Improvements** means the existing highway, bridge, and related improvements as of the date that is ninety (90) days prior to the Proposal Due Date within the Construction Maintenance Limits.

**Existing Right of Way** or **Existing ROW** means any real property (which term is inclusive of all estates and interests in real property), improvements and fixtures (i) as provided in Article 2.2.1.1(a) of the Agreement and more specifically described and identified as “Existing

ROW” within Exhibit 4, in which GDOT has a property right or interest, and (ii) any Proposed Right of Way, which GDOT at any time after the Effective Date, shall acquire a leasehold estate or other property interest. The term specifically includes all air space, surface rights and subsurface rights within the limits of the Existing Right of Way.

**Existing Utility Property Interest** means any right, title or interest in real property (e.g., a fee or an easement) claimed by a Utility Owner as the source of its right to maintain an existing Utility in such real property, which is compensable in eminent domain.

**Evaluation Score** means the numerical score resulting from the adjectival evaluation and numerical conversion of a particular portion of the Proposals.

**Federal Requirements** means the provisions required to be part of federal-aid construction contracts, including the provisions set forth in Exhibit 8 to the Agreement.

**Final Acceptance** means the occurrence of all the events and satisfaction of all the conditions set forth in GDOT Standard Specification 105.16.

**Final Acceptance Date** means the date upon which Design-Build Team has satisfied all conditions of and for Final Acceptance and GDOT has certified same.

**Final Design** shall have the meaning set forth in Article 3.3.1.2 of the DB Agreement.

**Final Payment Holdback** means, the amount of the DB Contract Sum to be held back by GDOT until Final Acceptance and subject to satisfaction of all conditions for final payment, which shall be the amount that is 10% of the DB Contract Sum Amount.

**Final Plans** means the Design Documents which provide the complete and final documents necessary for the related to construction, operations, and maintenance of the Project or any portion thereof including any Utility Adjustments required by the Project.

**Final ROW Lines** means the final location of all Right of Way within the project limits.

**Fiscal Year** means the twelve (12) month fiscal year used by GDOT for budgeting purposes.

**Float** means the amount of time that any given activity or logically connected sequence of activities shown on the Preliminary Baseline Schedule and Project Baseline Schedule, as the case may be, may be delayed before it will affect completion of any Work as required to achieve any Milestone Schedule Deadline, including the Substantial Completion Deadline and Final Acceptance Deadline.

**Force Majeure Event** means the occurrence of any of the following events that materially and adversely affects performance of Design-Build Team’s obligations, provided that such events (or the effects of such events) could not have been avoided by the exercise of caution, due diligence, or reasonable efforts by Design-Build Team: (a) war (including civil war and revolution), invasion, armed conflict, violent act of foreign enemy, military or armed blockade, or military or armed takeover of the Project, in each case occurring within the State; (b) any act of terrorism or sabotage that causes direct physical damage to the Project; (c) nuclear explosion or contamination, in each case occurring within the State; (d) riot and civil commotion on or in the immediate vicinity of the Project; (e) fire, explosion, flood, earthquake,

hurricane, or tornado, in each case that causes direct physical damage to the Project; or (f) national or statewide (i.e. State of Georgia) strike that has a direct adverse impact on Design-Build Team's ability to obtain materials, equipment or labor for the Project.

**Formal Consultation** means any discussions or correspondence about listed species that takes place subsequent to FHWA submitting a written request for consultation and USFWS submitting a written response acknowledging initiation or consultation.

**GDOT** means the Georgia Department of Transportation, as set forth in the recitals of the Agreement, and any entity succeeding to the powers, authorities and responsibilities of GDOT invoked by or under the DB Documents.

**GDOT-Caused Delay** means any of the following events, to the extent they result in a material delay or interruption in performance of any material obligation under the Agreement, and provided such events are beyond Design-Build Team's control and are not due to any act, omission, negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct, breach of contract or Law of any of the Design-Build Team-Related Entities, solely to the extent not concurrent or overlapping with any delay attributable to Design-Build Team, and further provided that such events (or the effects of such events) could not have been avoided by the exercise of caution, due diligence, or reasonable efforts by Design-Build Team, and with respect to any Compensation Event, solely to the extent that the cumulative effect of any such delays as set forth below have or shall result in delays, after taking into account any available Float, in excess of ninety (90) days:

(a) Failure of GDOT to issue NTP 1 as provided pursuant to Article 3.3.1.1 of the Agreement and/or failure to issue NTP 2 or NTP 3 as provided pursuant to Article 3.3.1.2 and Article 3.3.1.3 of the Agreement;

(b) GDOT Changes;

(c) Failure of GDOT to provide the GDOT-Provided Approvals within the time periods set forth in Section 4.2.2 of the Technical Provisions, subject to Article 6.2.1 of the Agreement; or

(d) Failure of GDOT to provide responses to proposed schedules, plans, Design Documents, condemnation and acquisition packages, and other Submittals and matters submitted to GDOT after the Effective Date for which response is required under the DB Documents as an express prerequisite to Design-Build Team's right to proceed or act, within the time periods (if any) indicated in the DB Documents, or if no time period is indicated, within a reasonable time, taking into consideration the nature, importance and complexity of the submittal or matter, following delivery of written notice from Design-Build Team requesting such action in accordance with the terms and requirements of the DB Documents;

(e) Failure of GDOT to provide Design-Build Team with access to the Right of Way as required; or

(f) The occurrence of a GDOT Release of Hazardous Materials.

Any proper suspension of Work pursuant to Article 17.3.7 of the Agreement shall not be considered a GDOT -Caused Delay.

**GDOT Change** means:

(a) Any change in the scope of the Work or terms and conditions of the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents (including changes in the standards applicable to the Work) that GDOT has directed Design-Build Team to perform through a Supplemental Agreement as described in Article 14.1 of the Agreement or a Directive Letter pursuant to Article 14.3 of the Agreement; and

(b) Any other event that the DB Documents expressly state shall be treated as a GDOT Change.

**GDOT Claims Account** means the designated account for the benefit of GDOT and Design-Build Team to be administered and maintained by GDOT for payments on account of Claims as required by GDOT pursuant to Article 17.3.4.3 of the Agreement.

**GDOT Default** has the meaning set forth in Article 17.5.1 of the Agreement.

**GDOT Re-evaluation Period** means the specified amount of time set forth as a condition in an approved ATC for GDOT to obtain the applicable Governmental Approval required for a re-evaluation of the NEPA Approval, prior to Design-Build Team being entitled to a Relief Event or Compensation Event; provided, however, that such time shall commence upon the date that GDOT has received a full and complete document package from Design-Build Team required for GDOT to process such re-evaluation.

**GDOT Recoverable Costs** means:

(a) The costs of any assistance, action, activity or Work undertaken by GDOT which Design-Build Team is liable for or is to reimburse under the terms of the DB Documents, including the charges of third party contractors, and reasonably allocated wages, salaries, compensation and overhead of GDOT staff and employees, performing such action, activity or Work (exclusive or ordinary and customary administration and review activities by GDOT employees or consultants (except for such consultant fees and expenses as expressly reserved in the Agreement); plus

(b) Third-party costs GDOT incurs to publicly procure any such third party contractors; plus

(c) Reasonable fees and costs of attorneys (including the reasonably allocable fees and costs of the Georgia Attorney General's Office), financial advisors, engineers, architects, insurance brokers and advisors, investigators, traffic and revenue consultants, risk management consultants, other consultants, and expert witnesses, as well as court costs and other litigation costs, in connection with any such assistance, action, activity or Work, including in connection with defending claims by and resolving disputes with third party contractors; plus

(d) Any expense or cost for which GDOT is to be reimbursed by Design-Build Team pursuant to the express terms of the Agreement; including without limitation Articles 2.2.3.2, 6.2.5, 7.5.7.2, 16.1.2.4, 16.6.7, 17.3.3.2, 17.3.8.3, 17.3.11.2, and 22.3.3; plus

(e) Interest on all the foregoing sums at the Default Interest Rate from the date due under the applicable terms of the DBA Documents and continuing until paid.

**GDOT Release(s) of Hazardous Materials** means, except as provided below, the introduction in, on or under the Construction Maintenance Limits or Operation and Maintenance

Limits of Hazardous Material directly by GDOT, and their respective agents and contractors (excluding Design-Build Team). GDOT Release(s) of Hazardous Material excludes, however, (i) any Hazardous Materials so introduced that are in or part of construction materials and equipment incorporated into the Project and (ii) any Hazardous Materials identified in the phase 1 investigation and report described in clause (i) of the definition of Pre-Existing Hazardous Materials.

**GDOT Standard Specifications** means the Georgia Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, Construction of Transportation Systems.

**General Purpose Lanes** means Limited Access Highway lanes within the Existing Right of Way other than the Managed Lanes.

**Geotechnical Engineering Reports** means the reports which meet the requirements described in Section 8.2 of the Technical Provisions.

**GEPA Approval** means the (a) GEPA document as approved by Georgia EPD including any studies, reports, Environmental Commitments, and all other procedural requirements and documents required for Georgia EPD approval for the Project or a portion of the Project, as (b) may be modified pursuant to all approved supplements and re-evaluations pertaining to the Project.

**Good Industry Practice** means the exercise of the degree of skill, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from time to time from a skilled and experienced designer, engineer, or constructor, seeking in good faith to comply with its contractual obligations, complying with the DB Documents, all applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals, and engaged in the same type of undertaking in the United States under similar circumstances and conditions.

**Governmental Approval** means any permit, license, consent, concession, grant, franchise, authorization, waiver, variance or other approval, guidance, protocol, mitigation agreement, special provision, or memoranda of agreement/understanding, and any amendment or modification of any of them provided by Governmental Entities including State, local, or federal regulatory agencies, agents, or employees, which authorize or pertain to the Project or the Work.

**Governmental Entity** means any federal, State or local government and any political subdivision or any governmental, quasi-governmental, judicial, public or statutory instrumentality, administrative agency, authority, body or entity other than GDOT.

**Guarantor** means any Person that is the obligor under any guaranty in favor of GDOT required under the Agreement, including any Design-Build Guaranty.

**Hazardous Materials** means any element, chemical, compound, material or substance, whether solid, liquid or gaseous, which at any time is defined, listed, classified or otherwise regulated in any way under any Environmental Laws, or any other such substances or conditions (including mold and other mycotoxins or fungi) which may create any unsafe or hazardous condition or pose any threat to human health and safety. "Hazardous Materials" includes the following:

(a) Hazardous wastes, hazardous material, hazardous substances, hazardous constituents, and toxic substances or related materials, whether solid, liquid, or gas, including substances defined as or included in the definition of “hazardous substance”, “hazardous waste”, “hazardous material”, “extremely hazardous waste”, “acutely hazardous waste”, “radioactive waste”, “radioactive materials”, “bio-hazardous waste”, “pollutant”, “toxic pollutant”, “contaminant”, “restricted hazardous waste”, “infectious waste”, “toxic substance”, “toxic waste”, “toxic material”, or any other term or expression intended to define, list or classify substances by reason of properties harmful to health, safety or the indoor or outdoor environment (including harmful properties such as ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, carcinogenicity, toxicity, reproductive toxicity, “TCLP” toxicity” or “EP toxicity” or words of similar import under any applicable Environmental Laws);

(b) Any petroleum, including crude oil and any fraction thereof, and including any refined petroleum product or any additive thereto or fraction thereof or other petroleum derived substance; and any waste oil or waste petroleum byproduct or fraction thereof or additive thereto;

(c) Any drilling fluids, produced waters and other wastes associated with the exploration, development or production of crude oil, natural gas or geothermal resources;

(d) Any flammable substances or explosives;

(e) Any radioactive materials;

(f) Any asbestos or asbestos-containing materials;

(g) Any lead and lead-based paint;

(h) Any radon or radon gas;

(i) Any methane gas or similar gaseous materials;

(j) Any urea formaldehyde foam insulation;

(k) Electrical equipment which contains any oil or dielectric fluid containing regulated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls;

(l) Pesticides;

(m) Any other chemical, material or substance, exposure to which is prohibited, limited or regulated by any Governmental Entity or which may or could pose a hazard to the health and safety of the owners, operators, Users or any Persons in the vicinity of the Project or to the indoor or outdoor Environment; and

(n) Soil, or surface water or ground water, contaminated with Hazardous Materials as defined above.

**Hazardous Materials Management** means procedures, practices and activities to address and comply with Environmental Laws and Environmental Approvals with respect to Hazardous Materials encountered, impacted, caused by or occurring in connection with the Project or the Work, as well as investigation and remediation of such Hazardous Materials.



Hazardous Materials Management may include sampling, stock-piling, storage, backfilling in place, asphalt batching, recycling, treatment, clean-up, remediation, transportation and/or off-site disposal of Hazardous Materials, whichever approach is effective, most cost-efficient and authorized under applicable Law.

**Highway** means a travel way for vehicular traffic that is included in the State or federal highway system.

**Highway Service Systems** means GDOT's or a Governmental Entity's lighting and electrical systems, traffic control systems, communications systems and irrigation systems serving street or highway purposes (including ITS and Intelligent Vehicle Highway System facilities).

**Historic Property** means any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register or Historic Places.

**HOV** means a passenger vehicle carrying a specified minimum number of passengers. HOVs include carpools, vanpools and buses.

**Immigration Act** means the Georgia Immigration & Compliance Act, O.C.G.A. § 13-10-90, *et seq.* as set forth in Article 10.6.4 of the Agreement.

**Incident** means any unplanned event during the course of construction.

**Incident Management Plan** means Design-Build Team's plan for detection and response to Incidents or Emergencies, as part of the PMP.

**Indemnified Parties** means GDOT, the State, the State Transportation Board, and their respective successors, assigns, officeholders, officers, directors, commissioners, agents, representatives, consultants and employees. Indemnified Party shall mean any of the aforementioned.

**Informal Consultations** means any discussions or correspondence about listed species that take place before the beginning of Formal Consultations.

**ITP** or **Instructions to Proposers** means the document that provides instructions to be followed by Proposers in their responses to the RFP.

**Insurance Policies** means all of the insurance policies Design-Build Team is required to carry pursuant to Article 16.1 and Exhibit 17 of the Agreement.

**Intellectual Property** means all current and future legal and/or equitable rights and interests in know-how, patents (including applications), copyrights (including moral rights), trade marks (registered and unregistered), service marks, trade secrets, designs (registered and unregistered), utility models, circuit layouts, plant varieties, business and domain names, inventions, solutions embodied in technology, and other intellectual activity, and applications of or for any of the foregoing, subsisting in or relating to the Project, Project design data or Project traffic data. Intellectual Property includes toll-setting and traffic management algorithms, and software used in connection with the Project (including but not limited to software used for management of traffic on the Project), and Source Code. Intellectual Property also includes the trade secret information contained in proprietary pricing information. Intellectual Property is

distinguished from physical construction and equipment itself and from drawings, plans, specifications, layouts, depictions, manuals and other documentation that disclose Intellectual Property.

**Interim Design** means any submittal of Design Documents after the Preliminary Plans have been accepted but prior to submittal of Final Plans for the entire Project or any approved Project segment. Interim Designs are intended to resolve conflicts and unresolved comments from the Preliminary Plans submittal.

**Key Contract** means any one of the following Contracts for Work that Design-Build Team or Design-Build Team's Contractor's causes to be performed:

- (a) All prime construction Contracts;
- (b) All project or program management services, architectural design, or engineering Contracts; and
- (c) All other Contracts with a single Contractor or Subcontractor which individually or in the aggregate total in excess of \$25 million.

**Key Contractor** means any Contractor or Subcontractor, as the case may be, under any Key Contract.

**Key Personnel** means those individuals appointed by Design-Build Team and approved by GDOT from time to time to fill the "Key Personnel" positions. The specific individuals appointed by Design-Build Team and approved by GDOT to initially fill certain of the Key Personnel positions are identified in Exhibit 2 to the Agreement.

**Latent Defects Deductible** has the meaning set forth in Article 7.12.2.1 of the Agreement.

**Law** or **Laws** means (a) any statute, law, code, regulation, ordinance, rule or common law, (b) any binding judgment (other than regarding a Claim or Dispute), (c) any binding judicial or administrative order or decree (other than regarding a Claim or Dispute), (d) any written directive, guideline, policy requirement or other governmental restriction (including those resulting from the initiative or referendum process, but excluding those by GDOT within the scope of its administration of the DBA Documents or in the normal course of its adoption of new or revised technical standards pursuant to Article 7.2.5 of the Agreement) or (e) any similar form of decision of or determination by, or any written interpretation or administration of any of the foregoing by, any Governmental Entity, in each case which is applicable to or has an impact on the Project or the Work, whether taking effect before or after the Effective Date, including Environmental Laws. "Laws", however, excludes Governmental Approvals.

**Lead Contractor** shall mean the entity designated as a Proposer's "Lead Contractor" in its SOQ. There may only be one Lead Contractor per Proposer team.

**Lead Engineering Firm** shall mean the entity designated as a Proposer's "Lead Engineering Firm" in its SOQ. There may only be one Lead Engineering Firm per Proposer team.

**Line** or **line** means, in the context of Utilities or Highway Service Systems, a line, pipeline, conduit or cable used for utility purposes, including underground, surface or overhead facilities.

**Liquidated Damages** means such liquidated damages as may accrue and be due and payable by Design-Build Team to GDOT as set forth under Article 17.4 of the Agreement and as set forth under Exhibit 18 thereto.

**Loss** or **Losses** means any loss, damage, injury, liability, obligation, cost, response cost, expense (including attorneys', accountants' and expert witnesses' fees and expenses (including those incurred in connection with the enforcement of any indemnity or other provision of the Agreement)), fee, charge, judgment, penalty or fine. Losses include injury to or death of persons, damage or loss of property, and harm or damage to natural resources.

**Maintenance Acceptance** means the occurrence of all the events and satisfaction of all the conditions set forth in Article 7.7.3.

**Maintenance Acceptance Deadline** means the deadline for achieving Maintenance Acceptance, as set forth in the Milestone Schedule, as such deadline may be extended for any Relief Event or Change Order as and to the extent provided in the Agreement.

**Major Culvert** means a culvert that provides an opening of more than 35 square feet in a single or multiple installations. A major culvert may consist of a single round pipe, pipe arch, open or closed-bottom box, bottomless arch, or multiple installations of these structures placed adjacent or contiguous as a unit. Certain major culverts are classified as bridges when they provide an opening of more than 20 feet, measured parallel to the roadway; such culverts may be included in the bridge inventory.

**Major Non-Participating Member** means a Proposer's Lead Contractor and Lead Engineering Firm. If any of these entities qualify as a Participating Member, then that entity shall not be treated as a Major Non-Participating Member. Major Non-Participating Members are not considered Contractors to Proposer regardless of their role in the performance of Project-related services.

**Major River Crossing** means a crossing with a 100-year storm event flow in excess of 10,000 cubic feet per second (cfs).

**Managed Lanes** means Limited Access Highway lanes located within the Property that increase traffic efficiency by using various design and operational strategies (including congestion priced tolls), including the Electronic Toll Collection System for such lanes.

**Management Plans** means all of the management plans identified in Section 2 of the Technical Provisions.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** means a formal agreement between GDOT and one or more agencies, organizations or providers.

**Milestone Deadline** shall have the same meaning as any Milestone Schedule Deadline.

**Milestone Schedule** means the schedule of deadlines set forth in Exhibit 9 to the Agreement, as may be adjusted upon approval of the Project Baseline Schedule as set forth in

Article 3.3 of the Agreement and as may be further adjusted pursuant to any Supplemental Agreement, including on account of any Relief Events.

**Milestone Schedule Deadline** means the critical milestones for commencement and/or completion of the Work as set forth in Exhibit 9 to the Agreement, including without limitation the Substantial Completion Deadline, Final Acceptance Deadline, as may be adjusted upon approval of the Project Baseline Schedule as set forth in Article 3.3 of the Agreement, and as further adjusted pursuant to any Supplemental Agreement, including on account of any Relief Events.

**Minor Culvert** means any culvert not classified as a Major Culvert.

**Mobilization** means Work to establish and remove offices, plants, and facilities; and to move personnel, equipment, and supplies to and from the Project site to begin Work or complete Work.

**NEPA** means the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 *et seq.*, as amended and as it may be amended from time to time.

**NEPA Approval** means the (a) NEPA document as approved by FHWA including any studies, reports, Environmental Commitments, and all other procedural requirements and documents required for FHWA approval for the Project or a portion of the Project, as (b) may be modified pursuant to all approved supplements and re-evaluations pertaining to the Project.

**NEPA Finality Date** means the date NEPA Approval becomes final and non-appealable and the federal statute of limitations for commencing legal action to challenge the validity of any NEPA Approval has expired.

**Nonconforming Work** means Work that does not conform to the requirements of the DB Documents, the Governmental Approvals, applicable Law or the Design Documents.

**Notice of Termination for Convenience** means written notice issued by GDOT to Design-Build Team terminating the Agreement in whole or in part for convenience.

**NTP** means a written notice issued by GDOT to Design-Build Team authorizing Design-Build Team to proceed with the portion or phase of the Work as being designated as subject to such notice to proceed in the Preliminary Baseline Schedule, the Project Baseline Schedule, or otherwise in the DBA Documents, including without limitation NTP 1, NTP 2, and NTP 3.

**NTP 1** means a written notice issued by GDOT to Design-Build Team authorizing Design-Build Team to proceed with the portion of the Work described in Article 3.3.1.1 of the Agreement.

**NTP 2** means a written notice issued by GDOT to Design-Build Team authorizing Design-Build Team to proceed with the portion of the Work described in Article 3.3.1.2 of the Agreement.

**NTP 3** means a written notice issued by GDOT to Design-Build Team pursuant to Article 3.3.1.3 of the Agreement authorizing Design-Build Team to proceed with the remaining Work and other activities pertaining to the Project.

**NTP 1 Conditions Deadline** means the outside date set forth in the Milestone Schedule (or the Project Baseline Schedule as to the extent such outside date is adjusted thereby) by which Design-Build Team is obligated under the Agreement to satisfy all conditions to issuance of NTP 1, as such deadline may be extended for Relief Events from time to time pursuant to the Agreement.

**NTP 2 Conditions Deadline** means the outside date set forth in the Milestone Schedule (or the Project Baseline Schedule as to the extent such outside date is adjusted thereby) by which Design-Build Team is obligated under the Agreement to satisfy all conditions to issuance of NTP 2, as such deadline may be extended for Relief Events from time to time pursuant to the Agreement.

**NTP 3 Conditions Deadline** means the outside date set forth in the Milestone Schedule (or the Project Baseline Schedule as to the extent such outside date is adjusted thereby) by which Design-Build Team is obligated under the Agreement to satisfy all conditions to issuance of NTP 3, as such deadline may be extended for Relief Events from time to time pursuant to the Agreement.

**Open Book Basis** means allowing the relevant Party to review all underlying assumptions and data associated with the issue in question, including, but not limited to, assumptions as to costs of the Work, schedule, composition of equipment spreads, equipment rates, labor rates, productivity, estimating factors, design and productivity allowance, contingency and indirect costs, risk pricing, discount rates, interest rates, inflation and deflation rates, and other items reasonably required by the relevant Party.

**Open Government Laws** mean, collectively, the Georgia Open Records Act, Ga. Code Ann. §§ 50-18-70 *et seq.*, Section 32-2-80(a)(40) of the Code and Section 672-17.06 of the Rules, as amended from time to time.

**Open Road Toll (ORT)** means toll collection conducted (a) exclusively via vehicle identification with transponders and/or video capture of the license plate and (b) in an open multilane free-flow highway environment with no constraints on speed, vehicle type or vehicle location.

**Optical Character Recognition (OCR)** means the process of converting an image to text.

**Owner Verification Tests (OVT)** means the material tests performed in accordance with the applicable GDOT test method to verify the accuracy of the tests performed by Design-Build Team and pursuant to the approved Quality Management Plan to ensure that only materials of specified quality or better are accepted and incorporated into the Project.

**P&P Bonds** means the bonds meeting the requirements of Article 16.2.1 of the Agreement.

**P&P Obligor** means the Person identified as the obligor or account party in the P&P Bonds, as applicable.

**Participating Agency** means a public, quasi-public, or private agency that has agreed to cooperate with and assist Design-Build Team during an Emergency.

**Participating Member** means (a) if the Proposer is a joint venture, partnership, or limited liability company, each member of the joint venture, partnership or limited liability company; or (b) if the Proposer is a corporation or other corporate entity, the Proposer.

**Party** means Design-Build Team or GDOT, as the context may require, and “**Parties**” means Design-Build Team and GDOT, collectively.

**Payment Activity** means completion of an Element of the Work for which payment on account of the DB Contract Sum shall be due, subject to the terms of this Agreement and as follows:

(a) The first Payment Request may include up to 50% of the amount for Mobilization set forth in the Proposal, or 3% of the of the construction cost set forth in the Schedule of Values, whichever is less;

(b) When 5% of the construction cost set forth in the approved Schedule of Values is incurred, the next Payment Request may include up to 100% of the amount of Mobilization set forth in the Proposal, or 3% of the construction cost set forth in the approved Schedule of Values, whichever is less, minus any previous payments;

(c) Any amount for Mobilization set forth in the Schedule of Values shall not exceed 2.5% of the total construction cost; and

(d) Design-Build Team’s indirect costs such as project management, administration, design, contingencies, site cleanup and maintenance, temporary roads and access, off site access roads and security costs related to design-build costs shall be prorated through all Payment Activities. Projected maintenance costs are non-reimbursable.

**Payment Request** means the request for payment on account of the Work all in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in GDOT Standard Specification 109.03.

**Performance and Measurement Table Baseline** means the table setting forth Performance Requirements, time periods for response to Defects, inspection and measurement methods, measurement records and Targets, as submitted by Design-Build Team annually for GDOT approval described in Table 19-1 of the Technical Provisions.

**Performance Requirements** means, for each Element of the Project during the Term, the requirements set forth in Table 19-1 of the Technical Provisions in the Column headed “Performance Requirement.”

**Permitted Design Exceptions** means design exceptions identified in Section 11.2 Technical Provisions that are allowed to be implemented on the Project.

**Person** means any individual, corporation, joint venture, limited liability company, company, voluntary association, partnership, trust, unincorporated organization, Governmental Entity, or GDOT.

**Phase 1 Hazardous Materials Investigation** means an environmental assessment conducted in accordance with the DB Documents and ASTM E-1527-05, or any future revision

or replacement thereof, to identify Recognized Environmental Conditions and potential Recognized Environmental Conditions.

**Plans** means (only where capitalized) contract drawings, working drawings, supplemental drawings, detail sheets or exact reproductions thereof, which show the location, character, dimensions and details of the Construction Work to be done.

**Pre-existing Hazardous Materials** means Hazardous Materials that meet all the following criteria:

(a) The Hazardous Materials are in, on or under the Right of Way as of the date SRTA or GDOT makes available to Design-Build Team the affected parcel; or

(b) The Hazardous Materials are not located in, on or under any Project Specific Locations or Additional Properties, except Additional Properties required due to GDOT Changes (including GDOT Changes regarding the initial construction).

For purposes of determining whether Hazardous Materials were in, on or under the Right of Way or any Additional Properties required by GDOT to be included in the Property as a result of GDOT Changes, as of the date on which GDOT makes available to Design-Build Team the affected parcel, Design-Build Team shall have the burden of proof to demonstrate it was not a Design-Build Team Release of Hazardous Materials:

(i) As to any Hazardous Materials not identified as being present as of such date in the following: The phase 1 investigations of the Project conducted by GDOT prior to the Effective Date or any Phase 1 Hazardous Materials Investigation or Phase 2 Hazardous Materials Investigation supplementing the foregoing report prepared as and when set forth in Article 7.8.2 of the Agreement; and

(ii) As to any Additional Properties required by GDOT to be included in the Property as a result of GDOT Changes, any Phase 1 Hazardous Materials Investigation thereof prepared and delivered as and when set forth in Article 7.8.2 of the Agreement.

For the purpose of this definition, “makes available” means:

(x) The Effective Date, except for parcels not yet acquired as of the Effective Date; and

(y) As to parcels not yet acquired as of the Effective Date and as to Additional Properties required by GDOT to be included in the Property as a result of GDOT Changes, the date Design-Build Team first receives the right to take and maintain possession of the parcel for all purposes for the remainder of the Term in accordance with the DB Documents, including commencement of construction, as the result of GDOT’s having secured title or right of possession by contract or title instrument or by a special commissioners’ award through the

**Preliminary Baseline Schedule** means the high level, logic based, critical path schedule representing Design-Build Team’s plan to complete performance of the Work beginning on the date of NTP 1 to Final Acceptance of the Work, submitted with the Proposal, as set forth on Exhibit 10 to the Agreement. The Preliminary Baseline Schedule shall not mean the Project Status Schedule Updates as set forth in Section 2.2.3 of the Technical Provisions,

nor shall such Project Status Schedule Updates constitute revisions or amendments to the Preliminary Baseline Schedule.

**Preliminary Plans** means the Design Documents which provide the preliminary design necessary for the related to construction, operations, and maintenance of the entire Project including any Utility Adjustments required by the Project.

**Presidential Disaster Declaration** means a declaration of a major disaster by the President of the United States triggering assistance from FEMA pursuant to the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (Pub.L. No. 93-288, as amended).

**Price Proposal** means the price component of the Proposal evaluation as described ITP.

**Price Proposal Score** means the score calculated in accordance projects evaluation criteria.

**Principal Project Documents** means the Security Instruments and the Design-Build Contract.

**Project** means the Project as defined in the RFP, that is the subject of this Agreement, and which shall include the transportation facilities and all related structures, and improvements, including integration of the ITS, and communications systems used in connection with operation of such transportation facilities, to be designed and constructed pursuant to the terms of the DB Documents.

**Project Baseline Schedule** means the logic-based critical path schedule for all Work from commencement of the Work leading up to and including, without limitation, each Milestone Schedule Deadline, Substantial Completion and Final Acceptance, to be prepared by Design-Build Team consistent with and taking into account the Milestone Schedule, as and to the extent such schedule has been approved by GDOT, all as more particularly described in Section 2.3 of the Technical Provisions, and all revisions to such schedule as provided in the DB Documents. The Project Baseline Schedule shall not mean the Project Status Schedule Updates as set forth in Section 2.3.4 of the Technical Provisions, nor shall such Project Status Schedule Updates constitute revisions or amendments to the Project Baseline Schedule.

**Project Extension** means a linear addition to the original Project by Design-Build Team, including any at either terminus of the original Project and any linear improvement that interconnects with the original Project.

**Project Management Plan** means the document approved by GDOT, describing quality assurance and quality control activities necessary to manage the design and construction of the Project, containing the GDOT-approved component parts, plans and documentation described in Section 2 to the Technical Provisions.

**Project Manager** means the individual designated by Design-Build Team and approved in writing by GDOT in the position to take full responsibility for the prosecution of the Work and will act as a single point of contact on all matters on behalf of Design-Build Team as described in the approved Project Management Plan.



**Project Phase** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.4 of the Technical Provisions.

**Project Schedule** shall mean the Preliminary Baseline Schedule or Project Baseline Schedule, as applicable, as controlled by the Milestone Schedule, pursuant to Article 3.3.4 of the Agreement, as may be further adjusted pursuant to any Supplemental Agreement, including on account of any Relief Events.

**Project Specific Locations** means any additional temporary property interests or rights, other than ROW or Additional Properties, which are not contiguous to the Property, that Design-Build Team may require for performance of the Work, including for temporary activities in connection with the Construction Work, such as construction work sites, temporary work areas, staging areas, storage areas, and earthwork material borrow sites.

**Project Status Schedule Update** means the logic-based critical path schedule submitted monthly containing progress status and enabling comparison to the Project Baseline Schedule.

**Property** has the meaning set forth in Article 2.2.1 of the Agreement and shall include only such property as identified in the NEPA Approval.

**Proposal** has the meaning set forth in Recital F of the Agreement.

**Proposal Bond** means the security that Proposers submit to GDOT with their Proposals.

**Proposal Revisions** has the meaning set forth in Section 5.4 of the ITP.

**Proposal Due Date** means the deadline for submission of the Proposal to GDOT as defined in the ITP Section 1.4.

**Proposed Right of Way** or **Proposed ROW** means any real property (which term is inclusive of all estates and interests in real property), improvements and fixtures within the lines established in and designated as “Proposed ROW” within Exhibit 4 to the Agreement for which GDOT is obligated to provide access to Design-Build Team and/or acquire a leasehold estate or other similar property interest or rights pursuant to Article 2.2.1.1(b) of the Agreement. The term specifically includes all air space, surface rights and subsurface rights within the limits of the Proposed Right of Way and specifically excludes any Additional Properties. All portions of the Proposed Right of Way, as and to the extent of any property interests in same acquired by GDOT, shall thereafter and without further amendment to Exhibit 4 be deemed Existing Right of Way.

**Proposer**” or **Proposers**” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1 in the ITP.

**Proprietary Intellectual Property** means Intellectual Property created, used, applied or reduced to practice in connection with the Project or the Work that derives commercial value from its protection as a trade secret under applicable Law or from its protection under patent law.

**Protection in Place** means any action taken to avoid damaging a Utility which does not involve removing or relocating that Utility, including staking the location of a Utility, exposing the

Utility, avoidance of a Utility's location by construction equipment, installing steel plating or concrete slabs, encasement in concrete, temporarily de-energizing power lines, and installing physical barriers. The term includes both temporary measures and permanent installations meeting the foregoing definition.

**Provided Approvals** means the Governmental Approvals for the Project obtained or to be obtained by GDOT, as specifically listed in Section 4.2 of the Technical Provisions (including any such approvals as may be required from GDOT independent of GDOT's Project administration pursuant to Article 6.2 of the Agreement).

**Punch List** means an itemized list of Construction Work that remains to be completed following Substantial Completion but as a condition to Final Acceptance, provided that the nature of any such incomplete Work, and the correction and completion of same, will have no material or adverse effect on the normal and safe use and operation of the Project.

**Punch List Period** means the time provided for Design-Build Team's completion of Punch List Work, which shall be the time between Substantial Completion and Final Acceptance as provided in the Project Baseline Schedule.

**QA/QC Proposal Revisions** has the meaning set forth in Section 5.4 of the ITP.

**QA/QC** means quality assurance and quality control.

**Quality Management Plan (QMP)** means the set of GDOT-approved plans for quality management and control of the Project and Work, as set forth in Section 2.3.9 of the Technical Provisions.

**Quality Manager** means the individual retained by Design-Build Team as the Key Personnel with the authority and responsibility for ensuring establishment and maintenance of, and compliance with, the Quality Management Plan.

**Quitclaim Deed** means a quitclaim deed to be executed by a Utility Owner relinquishing its rights to maintain a Utility in a particular location, as more particularly described in Section 6.2.4.4 of the Technical Provisions.

**Recognized Environmental Condition** has the meaning set forth in ASTM E-1527-00.

**Record Drawings** means construction drawings and related documentation revised to show as-built changes to the Project at Final Acceptance. Interim marked-in-the-field or red-lined drawings to be provided during the progress of the Work as required pursuant to the Technical Provisions shall not constitute the final Record Drawings.

**Reference Information Documents (RIDs)** means the collection of information, data, documents and other materials that GDOT has provided to Design-Build Team for general or reference information only.

**Registered Professional Engineer** means a person who is duly licensed and registered by the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to engage in the practice of engineering in the State of Georgia.

**Registered Professional Land Surveyor** means a person registered by the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to practice the profession of land, boundary, or property surveying or other similar professional practices.

**Related Transportation Facility(ies)** means all existing and future highways, streets and roads, including upgrades and expansions thereof, that is/are or will be adjacent to, connecting with or crossing under or over the Project, as specifically identified in the Technical Provisions.

**Release of Hazardous Materials** means any spill, leak, emission, release, discharge, injection, escape, leaching, dumping or disposal of Hazardous Materials into the soil, air, water, groundwater or environment, including any exacerbation of an existing release or condition of Hazardous Materials contamination.

**Release for Construction** or **RFC** means the written authorization by GDOT to proceed with any designated phase of the Construction Work based on the approved Released for Construction Documents.

**Relief Event** means any of the following events, subject to any limitations, claims submission requirements and other conditions set forth in the Agreement, provided that no relief will be available to the extent that (i) the events are within Design-Build Team's control, or are due to any wrongful act, wrongful omission, negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct, breach of contract or Law or violation of a Governmental Approval of any of the Design-Build Team-Related Entities; (ii) the events (or the effects of such events) could have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable caution, due diligence, or other reasonable efforts by Design-Build Team:

- (a) Force Majeure Event;
- (b) Latent defects in Existing Improvements;
- (c) Change in Law;
- (d) Discriminatory Action;
- (e) GDOT's failure to perform or observe any of the covenants or obligations of GDOT under the Agreement or other DB Documents;
- (f) GDOT Change;
- (g) GDOT -Caused Delay;
- (h) Performance of work in or directly adjacent to the Construction Maintenance Limits or Operations and Maintenance Limits, as well as any work by Separate Contractors within the ROW, carried out by or on behalf of GDOT or a Governmental Entity, excluding any Utility Adjustment Work by a Utility Owner, that directly disrupts Design-Build Team's onsite Work, or other documented delays to the Critical Path of the Work directly caused a Separate Contractor working on behalf of GDOT or a Governmental Entity;
- (i) Discovery at, near or on the Existing Right of Way or Property of (a) any Pre-existing Hazardous Materials or Hazardous Materials not otherwise constituting a Design-Build

Team Release of Hazardous Materials, provided that where such condition was identified in the existing Phase 1 Hazardous Materials Investigation included in the RIDs, Design-Build Team shall account for same in the Project Schedule and impacts shall be limited to such conditions not identified therein (whether in type or quantity), or (b) any archeological, paleontological or cultural resources not known to Design-Build Team prior to the Proposal Due Date;

(j) Discovery of (i) subsurface or latent physical conditions at the actual boring holes identified in the geotechnical reports included in the Reference Information Documents that differ materially from the subsurface conditions indicated in such geotechnical reports at such boring holes, excluding any such conditions known to Design-Build Team prior to the Proposal Due Date, or (ii) physical conditions within the Existing Right of Way or Property of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered in the area and generally recognized as inherent in the type of work provided for in the Agreement, excluding any such conditions known to Design-Build Team prior to the Proposal Due Date or that would become known to Design-Build Team by undertaking reasonable investigation prior to the Proposal Due Date (for avoidance of doubt, conditions away from the actual boring holes that differ from conditions extrapolated from such boring data and that are not within clause (ii) above are not a Relief Event);

(k) Discovery at, near or on the Existing Right of Way or Property of any Threatened or Endangered Species (regardless of whether the species is listed as threatened or endangered as of the Proposal Due Date), excluding any such presence of species known to Design-Build Team prior to the Proposal Due Date or that would become known to Design-Build Team by undertaking reasonable investigation prior to the Proposal Due Date;

(l) Any spill of Hazardous Material by a third party who is not acting in the capacity of a Design-Build Team-Related Entity which (i) occurs after the Proposal Due Date, (ii) is required to be reported to a Governmental Entity and (iii) renders use of the roadway or construction area unsafe or potentially unsafe absent assessment, containment and/or remediation;

(m) Issuance of a temporary restraining order or other form of injunction by a court that prohibits prosecution of any material portion of the Work;

(n) Suspension, termination or interruption of a NEPA Approval, except to the extent that such suspension, termination or interruption results from failure by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity to locate or design the Project or carry out the work in accordance with the NEPA Approval or other Governmental Approval (which failure may include (i) modification by or on behalf of Design-Build Team of the design concept included in the NEPA Approval, (ii) means or methods used by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity for carrying out the Work, or (iii) decision or action by or on behalf of Design-Build Team to use or acquire Additional Property);

(o) Any change in the design concept of the Project or any portion thereof resulting from judicial or administrative action taken with respect to a legal challenge to any NEPA Approval as compared to the design concept indicated in the alternative that was the subject of the NEPA Approval, except to the extent the change in design concept had already been incorporated into Design-Build Team's design schematics assumed in connection with the DB Contract Sum;

(p) Subject to clause (t) of this definition, failure to obtain, or unreasonable and unjustified delay in obtaining or otherwise maintaining once issued, a Governmental Approval from any Governmental Entity, except to the extent that such failure or delay results from failure by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity to locate or design the Project or carry out the work in accordance with the NEPA Approval or other Governmental Approval (which failure may include (i) modification by or on behalf of Design-Build Team of the design concept included in the NEPA Approval, (ii) means or methods used by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity for carrying out the Work, or (iii) decision or action by or on behalf of Design-Build Team to use or acquire Additional Property);

(q) GDOT's (i) lack of good and sufficient title to any parcel in the Existing Right of Way or the Property, to the extent it interferes with or adversely affects performance of Work, (ii) inability or failure to obtain an interest (including by easement or other right of access) to real property not identified in the Proposed Right of Way and required for construction of the Project as demonstrated by Design-Build Team, exclusive of any Additional Properties, Project Specific Locations, or parcels that are solely for the convenience of Design-Build Team, to the extent it interferes with or adversely affects performance of Work, or (iii) the existence at any time following issuance of NTP 3 of any title reservation, condition, easement or encumbrance on any parcel in the Existing Right of Way or Property owned by GDOT, of record or not of record, to the extent it interferes with or adversely affects performance of Work, except any title reservations, conditions, easements or encumbrances concerning Utilities or otherwise caused, permitted or suffered by a Design-Build Team-Related Entity;

(r) Unreasonable and unjustified delay by a Utility Owner with whom Design-Build Team has been unable to enter into a Utility Agreement in connection with a Utility Adjustment, or failure or delay of any Utility in obtaining any required easement, right of way or other property interest as may be required, provided that all of the "conditions to assistance" described in Article 7.5.7.2 of the Agreement have been satisfied;

(s) Failure to obtain, or unreasonable and unjustified delay in obtaining, an approval from GDOT with respect to a Permitted Design Exception, except to the extent that such failure or delay in obtaining the GDOT approval results from failure by any Design-Build Team-Related Entity to carry out the Work in accordance with the DB Documents;

(t) Failure to obtain, or unreasonable and unjustified delay in obtaining, a Governmental Approval required for a re-evaluation of a NEPA Approval due to an approved ATC; provided that Design-Build Team shall only be entitled to relief for such failure or delay after expiration of the applicable GDOT Re-evaluation Period; or

(u) Material delays as a result of any modification to the NEPA Approval as set forth pursuant to subpart (a) of the definition of NEPA Approval as provided in Exhibit 1 hereto, as a result of the ROD, and all approved supplements and re-evaluations pertaining to the Project as of the Effective Date as provided in subpart (b) of such definition, provided that any such modifications are not the result of an ATC, Additional Properties, or attributable to Design-Build Team's design.

**Relief Event Determination** has the meaning set forth in Article 13.1 of the Agreement.

**Relief Event Notice** means the written notice required to be provided by Design-Build Team under Article 13.1.1 of the Agreement.

**Replacement Housing Calculation** means the opportunity to provide the displaced person with the financial assistance to purchase or rent and occupy a comparable replacement dwelling without involuntarily incurring additional financial means due to the displacement.

**Replacement Utility Property Interest** means any permanent right, title or interest in real property outside of the Property (e.g., a fee or an easement) that is acquired for a Utility being reinstalled in a new location as a part of the Utility Adjustment Work. The term specifically excludes any statutory right of occupancy or permit granted by a Governmental Entity for occupancy of its real property by a Utility.

**Request for Change Proposal** means a written notice issued by GDOT to Design-Build Team setting forth a proposed GDOT Change and requesting Design-Build Team's assessment of cost, and schedule impacts thereof, as set forth in Article 14.1.2 of the Agreement.

**Request for Information** means a written request by the DB Team to GDOT requesting clarification of the DB Document requirements.

**Request for Proposals (RFP)** means all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, utilized for soliciting proposals. The RFP is the only solicitation utilized by the Department in the One Phase Low Bid selection method. The RFP is the second phase utilized by the Department for the Two Phase Low Bid and Best Value selection methods.

**Request for Qualifications (RFQ)** means all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, utilized by the Department for soliciting interested Proposers to apply for prequalification including instruction for submitting a Statement of Qualification (SOQ), evaluation criteria and minimum qualifications required of a Design-Build Team. The RFQ is the first phase of a two phase process utilized by the Department for the Two Phase Low Bid and Best Value selection methods.

**Reserved** means a section of the DB Documents (Design-Build Agreement, Technical Provisions, or Programmatic Provisions) that is not being utilized for this contract. Sections marked Reserved have no requirements and references to sections marked Reserved shall mean that there are no additional requirements beyond the reference point.

**Right of Way** or **ROW** means the Existing Right of Way and Proposed Right of Way.

**Rules** have the meaning set forth in Recital C of the Agreement.

**Safety Compliance** means any and all improvements, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, restoration, renewal, replacement and changes in configuration or procedures respecting the Project to correct a specific safety condition or risk of the Project that GDOT has reasonably determined to exist by investigation or analysis and that is in violation of the requirements of the DB Documents.

**Safety Compliance Order** means a written order or directive from GDOT to Design-Build Team to implement Safety Compliance measures.

**Safety Standards** means those provisions of the Technical Provisions or Technical Documents that GDOT, FHWA, OSHA, or AASHTO considers to be important measures to protect public safety or worker safety. As a matter of clarification, provisions of Technical Provisions or Technical Documents primarily directed at durability of materials or equipment,

where the durability is primarily a matter of life cycle cost rather than protecting public or worker safety, are not Safety Standards.

**Schedule of Values** means a detailed line item valuations for all Elements of the Work which lists all Payment Activities in a format that provides a sufficiently breakdown of the Pay Items. Include the Schedule of Values a rational basis for partial payments of the Lump Sum bid based on the completed portion of the item and definitive activities. Payment for construction activities will be made on a per completed intersection basis. Payment will not be made for individual construction activities. No payments will be made until the schedule of values is accepted. Mobilization, and Payment and Performance Bonds may be included as separate line items in the Schedule of Values.

**Schematic Plan of Project** means Design-Build Team’s schematic plan specific to the preliminary roadway plans showing the concept and technical solutions in accordance with the provisions of the Instructions to Proposers, Exhibit C.3.4.1.

**Security Document** means any mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, lien, indenture, trust agreement, hypothecation, assignment, collateral assignment, financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code of any jurisdiction, security instrument or other charge or encumbrance of any kind, including any lease in the nature of a security instrument, given to any Person as security for Design-Build Team Debt or Design-Build Team’s obligations pertaining to Design-Build Team Debt and encumbering the Design-Build Team’s Interest.

**Selection Recommendation Committee** means the group of individuals authorized by GDOT (if any) to recommend the Best Value Proposer to the Steering Committee.

**Separate Contractor(s)** means each and any separate contractor or vendor engaged by GDOT or any other governmental authority or agency of the State to perform, provide, and/or supply work, services, labor or materials for the Project that is expressly excluded from Design-Build Team’s Work pursuant to the DB Documents.

**Service Line** means a Utility line, the function of which is to directly connect the improvements on an individual property to another Utility line located off such property, which other Utility line connects more than one such individual line to a larger system. However, unless otherwise noted in the Technical Provisions, the term “Service Line” excludes any line that supplies an active feed from a Utility Owner’s facilities to supply, activate or energize GDOT’s or a Governmental Entity’s Highway Service System. Such line, including its actual connection to the Utility facility, shall instead be considered to be part of the applicable Highway Service System.

**Site** means the Property and any temporary rights or interests that Design-Build Team may acquire in connection with the Project or the Utility Adjustments included in the Construction Work, including Project Specific Locations.

**Source Code** and **Source Code Documentation** mean software written in programming languages, such as C++ and Fortran, including all comments and procedural code, such as job control language statements, in a form intelligible to trained programmers and capable of being translated into object or machine readable code for operation on computer equipment through assembly or compiling, and accompanied by documentation, including flow charts, schematics, statements of principles of operations, architectural standards, and commentary, explanations and instructions for compiling, describing the data flows, data

structures, and control logic of the software in sufficient detail to enable a trained programmer through study of such documentation to maintain and/or modify the software without undue experimentation. Source Code and Source Code Documentation also include all modifications, additions, substitutions, updates, upgrades and corrections made to the foregoing items.

**SRTA** means the State Road and Tollway Authority.

**Staged Design Submittals** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23.2.1 in the Technical Provisions.

**State** means the State of Georgia.

**State and Local Government Series (SLGS) Index** means the State and Local Government Series (SLGS) Index published and maintained by the United States Department of the Treasury.

**State Highway** means a highway designated as part of the state highway system under Code 32-4-21.

**Statement of Qualifications** or **SOQ** has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1 of the ITP.

**Stipulated Fee** means the amount GDOT will pay unsuccessful responsive Proposers for their Work Product.

**Subcontractor** means any other Person, including any Supplier with whom any Contractor has further subcontracted, purchased or procured any part of the Work, at all tiers.

**Submittal** means any document, work product or other written or electronic end product or item required under the DB Documents to be delivered or submitted to GDOT, as applicable.

**Substantial Completion** means satisfaction of the criteria for completion of Construction Work as set forth in Article 7.7 of the Agreement, as and when confirmed by GDOT's issuance of a certificate in accordance with the procedures and within the time frame established in Article 7.7.1 of the Agreement.

**Substantial Completion Date** means the date upon which Design-Build Team has satisfied all conditions of and for Substantial Completion.

**Substantial Completion Deadline** means the deadline and required date for Substantial Completion of the Project as set forth in the Milestone Schedule, as such deadline may be extended for Relief Events from time to time pursuant to the Agreement, time being of the essence.

**Substitute** has the meaning set forth in the Direct Agreement.

**Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE)** means an engineering process for accurately identifying the quality of subsurface utility information needed for highway plans, and for acquiring and managing that level of information during the development of a highway project, as more particularly described at the FHWA website <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/sueindex.cfm>.



**Supplemental Agreement** means a mutual agreement between GDOT and Design-Build Team for changes in the Work under Article 14 of the Agreement, including on account of any Relief Event Determination and/or Compensation Event Determination as set forth under Article 14.4 of the Agreement.

**Supplier** means any Person not performing work at or on the Site that supplies machinery, equipment, materials, hardware, software, systems or any other appurtenance to the Project to Design-Build Team or to any Contractor in connection with the performance of the Work. Persons who merely transport, pick up, deliver or carry materials, personnel, parts or equipment or any other similar items or persons to or from the Site shall not be deemed to be performing Work at the Site.

**Surety** means each properly licensed surety company, insurance company or other Person approved by GDOT, which has issued any of the P&P Bonds.

**Taxes** means federal, State, local or foreign income, margin, gross receipts, sales, use, excise, transfer, consumer, license, payroll, employment, severance, stamp, business, occupation, premium, windfall profits, environmental (including taxes under Section 59A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), customs, permit, capital stock, franchise, profits, withholding, social security (or similar), unemployment, disability, real property, personal property, registration, value added, alternative or add-on minimum, estimated or other taxes, levies, imposts, duties, fees or charges imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed at any time, whether direct or indirect, relating to, or incurred in connection with, the Project, the performance of the Work, or act, business, status or transaction of Design-Build Team, including any interest, penalty or addition thereto, and including utility rates or rents, in all cases whether disputed or undisputed.

**Technical Documents** means all the standards, criteria, requirements, conditions, procedures, specifications and other provisions set forth in the manuals and documents identified in the DB Documents, as such provisions may (a) have been generally revised from time to time up the RFP advertisement date, or (b) be changed, added to or replaced pursuant to the Agreement.

**Technical Provisions** means Volume 2 and Volume 3; as such documents may (a) have been generally revised from time to time up to ninety (90) days prior to the Proposal Due Date, or (b) be changed, added to or replaced pursuant to the Agreement.

**Technical Proposal** means the technical component of the Proposal evaluation as described ITP.

**Technology Enhancements** means modifications, additions, refinements, substitutions, revisions, replacements and upgrades made to or in place of electronic toll collection and enforcement systems deployed on or for the Project or to any other computer systems or other technology used for the operation of the Project, or to any related documentation, that accomplish incidental, performance, structural, or functional improvements. The term specifically includes modifications, updates, revisions, replacements and upgrades made to or in place of software or any related documentation that correct errors or safety hazards or support new models of computer hardware with which the software is designed to operate. Technology Enhancements also include such new models of computer hardware.

**Term** has the meaning set forth in Article 3.1.1 of the Agreement.

**Termination by Court Ruling** has the meaning set forth in Article 19.11 of the Agreement.

**Termination Compensation** means each of the measure of compensation owing from GDOT to Design-Build Team upon termination of the Agreement prior to the stated expiration of the Term, pursuant to Article 19, and as set forth in Exhibit 20 to the Agreement.

**Termination Date** means (a) the date of expiration of the Term or (b) if applicable, the Early Termination Date.

**Termination for Convenience** has the meaning set forth in Article 19.1.1 of the Agreement.

**Third Party Claims** means, subject to Article 16.5.4 of the Agreement, any and all claims, disputes, disagreements, causes of action, demands, suits, actions, investigations, or legal or administrative proceedings asserted, initiated or brought by a Person that is not an Indemnified Party or Design-Build Team with respect to any Third Party Loss.

**Third Party Loss** means, subject to Article 16.5.4 of the Agreement, any actual or alleged Loss sustained or incurred by a Person that is not an Indemnified Party or Design-Build Team.

**Threatened or Endangered Species** means any species listed by the USFWS as threatened or endangered pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531, *et seq.*

**Tolling Integration Deadline** means each certain Milestone Schedule Deadline, as set forth in the Milestone Schedule, as may be adjusted by the Project Baseline Schedule, for completion of such portions of the Work as necessary and required to allow the Tolling Integration Contractor to commence and complete the Tolling Integration Work.

**Traffic Management Center** is a center for the management and distribution of information to Users on a regional or statewide basis.

**Transferee** means any party as defined pursuant to Article 21.2.2.1 of the Agreement, solely for purposes of Articles 21.2 through 21.5 of the Agreement.

**Transponder** means the in-vehicle device that permits Users to communicate, identify, and conduct an electronic toll transaction with Design-Build Team's ETCS.

**Transportation Management Plan** means Design-Build Team's plan for transportation management throughout the Term, as more particularly described in Article 9.2.2 the Agreement and Section 18.2.1 of the Technical Provisions.

**Travel Lane** means the portion of roadway for the movement of vehicles, exclusive of shoulders.

**Uniform Act** means the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, P.L. 91-646, as amended.

**Uninsurable Risk** means a risk, or any component of a risk, against which Design-Build Team or a Contractor is required to insure pursuant to the Agreement and for which, at any time after the Effective Date, either:

(a) the insurance coverage required under the Agreement is not available in relation to that risk from insurers that meet the qualifications set forth in Article 16.1.2.1 of the Agreement; or

(b) the terms and conditions for insuring that risk are such that the risk is not generally being insured against in the insurance market under commercially reasonable terms from insurers that meet the qualifications set forth in Article 16.1.2.1 of the Agreement.

**Utility** or **utility** means any of the following:

(a) a public, private, cooperative, municipal and/or government line, facility or system used for the carriage, transmission and/or distribution of cable television, electric power, telephone, telegraph, water, gas, oil, petroleum products, steam, chemicals, hydrocarbons, telecommunications, sewage, and similar commodities, that directly or indirectly serves the public;

(b) a line, facility or system which (i) carries or transmits a commodity referenced in clause (a) above but does not directly or indirectly serve the public, and (ii) is designated in Volume 1 or Volume 2 to be treated, for purposes of the DB Documents only, in the same manner as a line, facility or system that qualifies as a Utility under clause (a) above; and

(c) a radio tower or transmission tower (including cellular) that directly or indirectly serve the public.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term “Utility” or “utility” excludes:

(a) all storm water lines, facilities, and systems that are part of the drainage system for the Property or connect to that system; and

(b) GDOT’s or a Governmental Entity’s Highway Service Systems.

The necessary appurtenances to each Utility facility shall be considered part of such Utility. Any Service Line connecting directly to a Utility shall be considered an appurtenance to that Utility, regardless of the ownership of such Service Line.

**Utility Accommodation Manual (UAM)** means the Utility Accommodation Manual issued by GDOT, at Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 672-11-.01 through -.04, as the same may be amended, supplemented or replaced by GDOT from time to time.

**Utility Adjustment Field Modification** means any horizontal or vertical design change to a Utility Adjustment required by Design-Build Team or proposed by a Utility Owner due either to roadway design or to conditions not accurately reflected in the corresponding Utility Work Plan for which the review and comment/approval process has been completed, that alters the design included in the approved Utility Work Plan. An example would be shifting the alignment of an 8” water line to miss a roadway drainage structure. A minor change (e.g., an additional water valve, an added Utility marker at ROW line, a change in vertical bend, etc.) will not be considered a Utility Adjustment Field Modification, but shall be shown in the Record Drawings.

**Utility Adjustment** means each relocation (temporary or permanent), abandonment, Protection in Place, removal (of previously abandoned Utilities as well as of newly abandoned Utilities), replacement, reinstallation, and/or modification of existing Utilities necessary to accommodate construction, operation, maintenance and/or use of the Project; provided, however, that the term “Utility Adjustment” shall not refer to any of the work associated with facilities owned by any railroad. For any Utility crossing the Property, the Utility Adjustment Work for each crossing of the Property by that Utility shall be considered a separate Utility Adjustment. For any Utility installed longitudinally within the Property, the Utility Adjustment Work for each continuous segment of that Utility located within the Property shall be considered a separate Utility Adjustment.

**Utility Adjustment Work** means all efforts and costs necessary to accomplish the required Utility Adjustments, including all coordination, design, design review, permitting, construction, inspection, maintenance of records, relinquishment of Existing Utility Property Interests, preparation of Utility Joint Use Acknowledgements, and acquisition of Replacement Utility Property Interests, whether provided by Design-Build Team or by the Utility Owners. The term also includes any reimbursement of Utility Owners which is Design-Build Team’s responsibility pursuant to Article 7.5 of the Agreement. Any Utility Adjustment Work furnished or performed by Design-Build Team is part of the Work; any Utility Adjustment Work furnished or performed by a Utility Owner is not part of the Work.

**Utility Agreement** means a MUAA and/or MUAAA, as the context may require.

**Utility Enhancement** means a Betterment or a Utility Owner Project, as referenced in Article 7.5.6 of the Agreement.

**Utility Joint Use Acknowledgment** or **Utility Joint Use Agreement** means an agreement between GDOT and a Utility Owner that establishes the rights and obligations of GDOT and the Utility Owner with respect to occupancy of the Property by such Utility Owner’s Utility.

**Utility Manager (UM)** means the senior staff person designated by Design-Build Team to be responsible for coordination and oversight of Utility Adjustment operations during the planning, design, and construction phases of the Work, as more particularly described in Section 6.2.3 of the Technical Provisions.

**Utility Owner** means the owner or operator of any Utility (including both privately held and publicly held entities, cooperative utilities, and municipalities and other governmental agencies).

**Utility Owner Project** means the design and construction by or at the direction of a Utility Owner (or by Design-Build Team) of a new Utility other than (a) as part of a Utility Adjustment or (b) to provide service to the Project. Betterments are not Utility Owner Projects. Utility Owner Projects are entirely the financial obligation of the Utility Owner.

**Utility Tracking Report** means the report regarding Utilities likely to be impacted by the Project, which Design-Build Team shall maintain on a current basis, as more particularly described in Section 6.5.1 of the Technical Provisions.

**Utility Work Plan** means the collection of agreements, plans and other information and materials which Design-Build Team is required to submit to GDOT in connection with each

Utility Adjustment (or group of Utility Adjustments subject to the same original Master Utility Adjustment Agreement), as more particularly described in Section 6.3.4.5 of the Technical Provisions. Depending on the context, the term also refers to Supplemental Utility Work Plans and Utility Work Plan Retention Requests (both also described in Section 6.3.4.5 of the Technical Provisions).

**Utility Work Plan Checklist** means a checklist listing the required components of a Utility Work Plan, as referenced in Section 6.3.4.5 of the Technical Provisions.

**Utility Work Plan Retention Request** means the collection of plans and other information and materials which Design-Build Team is required to submit to GDOT in connection with each Utility proposed to remain at its original location within the Existing Right of Way or Property, as more particularly described in Section 6.3.4.5 of the Technical Provisions; a single Utility Work Plan Retention Request may address more than one such Utility.

**Volume 1** means the DB Agreement.

**Volume 2** means the project-specific technical provisions entitled “Technical Provisions for DB Agreement - Volume 2”.

**Volume 3** means GDOT’s technical provisions entitled “Programmatic Technical Provisions for DB Agreement - Volume 3”.

**Warning Notice** means a written notice that GDOT delivers to Design-Build Team pursuant to Article 17.2 of the Agreement.

**Work** means all of the work required to be furnished and provided by Design-Build Team under the DB Documents for the Project, including without limitation, all administrative, design, engineering, construction, Utility Adjustment, utility accommodation, support services, ECTS and software integration, and coordination, except for those efforts which such DB Documents expressly specify will be performed by Persons other than Design-Build Team-Related Entities, all as required and as may reasonably be inferred for full and proper completion of the Project in accordance with this Agreement and the DB Documents.

**Work Breakdown Structure** means a deliverable-oriented hierarchical structure that breaks the Work into elements that have distinct identification and that contain specific scope characteristics. Each descending WBS level represents an increasingly detailed delineation of elements of the total Project scope. The WBS will contain elements of Design Work and Construction Work. There shall be clearly identifiable linkage between the WBS, the elements of the Work, and Project Schedule. The WBS numbering convention shall be compatible with Project Baseline Schedule coding and may be compatible with document control coding.

**Work Product** means any design files, concepts, ideas, technology, techniques, methods, processes, drawings, reports, plans and specifications used in the development of the bid and technical proposal including any ATCs being acquired by the GDOT.

**EXHIBIT 2**

**DB TEAM'S KEY PERSONNEL**

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**EXHIBIT 3**

**RESERVED**

**EXHIBIT 4**

**RIGHT OF WAY**

**(Existing Right of Way and Required Right of Way)**

The form and content of this Exhibit 4 is set forth on the Sharepoint site.



**EXHIBIT 5**

**RESERVED**

**EXHIBIT 6**

**RESERVED**

**EXHIBIT 7**

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**EXHIBIT 8**

**FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

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**ATTACHMENT 1 TO EXHIBIT 8****FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION FACILITIES**

GENERAL. — The work herein proposed will be financed in whole or in part with federal funds, and therefore all of the statutes, rules and regulations promulgated by the federal government and applicable to work financed in whole or in part with federal funds will apply to such work. The “Required Contract Provisions, Federal-Aid Construction Contracts, Form FHWA-1273,” are included in this Exhibit 8. Whenever in said required contract provisions references are made to:

(a) “SHA contracting officer,” “SHA resident engineer,” or “authorized representative of the SHA,” such references shall be construed to mean GDOT or its Authorized Representative;

(b) “contractor,” “prime contractor,” “bidder” or “prospective primary participant,” such references shall be construed to mean Design-Build Team or its authorized representative and/or the Design-Build Contractor or its authorized representative, as may be appropriate under the circumstances;

(c) “contract” or “prime contract,” such references shall be construed to mean the Design-Build Agreement;

(d) “subcontractor,” “supplier,” “vendor,” “prospective lower tier participant” or “lower tier subcontractor,” such references shall be construed to mean, as appropriate, Contractors other than the Design-Build Contractor; and

(e) “department,” “agency” or “department or agency entering into this transaction,” such references shall be construed to mean GDOT, except where a different department or agency is specified.

PERFORMANCE OF PREVIOUS CONTRACT. — In addition to the provisions in Section II, “NONDISCRIMINATION,” and Section VI, “SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT,” of the Form FHWA-1273 required contract provisions, Design-Build Team shall cause the contractor to comply with the following:

The bidder shall execute the CERTIFICATION WITH REGARD TO THE PERFORMANCE OF PREVIOUS CONTRACTS OR SUBCONTRACTS SUBJECT TO THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE AND THE FILING OF REQUIRED REPORTS located in the proposal. No request for subletting or assigning any portion of the contract in excess of \$10,000 will be considered under the provisions of Section VI of the required contract provisions unless such request is accompanied by the CERTIFICATION referred to above, executed by the proposed subcontractor.

NON-COLLUSION PROVISION. — The provisions in this section are applicable to all contracts except contracts for Federal Aid Secondary Projects. Title 23, United States Code, Section 112, requires as a condition precedent to approval by the Federal Highway Administrator of the contract for this work that each bidder file a sworn statement executed by, or on behalf of, the person, firm, association, or corporation to whom such contract is to be awarded, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or

indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. A form to make the non-collusion affidavit statement required by 23 U.S.C. § 112 as a certification under penalty of perjury rather than as a sworn statement as permitted by 28 U.S.C. § 1746, is included in the Proposal.

**PARTICIPATION BY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN SUBCONTRACTING.** — Part 26, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations applies to this Project. Pertinent sections of said Code are incorporated within other articles or sections of the Agreement and any other Contract and the GDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program adopted pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26.

#### CONVICT PRODUCED MATERIALS

a. FHWA Federal-aid projects are subject to 23 C.F.R. § 635.417, Convict produced materials.

b. Materials produced after July 1, 1991, by convict labor may only be incorporated in a Federal aid highway construction project if such materials have been: (i) produced by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation from a prison, or (ii) produced in a prison project in which convicts, during the 12 month period ending July 1, 1987, produced materials for use in Federal aid highway construction projects, and the cumulative annual production amount of such materials for use in Federal aid highway construction does not exceed the amount of such materials produced in such project for use in Federal aid highway construction during the 12 month period ending July 1, 1987.

#### ACCESS TO RECORDS

a. As required by 49 C.F.R. 18.36(i)(10), Design-Build Team and its Contractors shall allow FHWA and the Comptroller General of the United States, or their duly authorized representatives, access to all books, documents, papers, and records of Design-Build Team and Contractors which are directly pertinent to any grantee or subgrantee contract, for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions thereof. In addition, as required by 49 C.F.R. 18.36(i)(11), Design-Build Team and its Contractors shall retain all such books, documents, papers, and records for three years after final payment is made pursuant to any such contract and all other pending matters are closed.

b. Design-Build Team agrees to include this section in each Contract at each tier, without modification except as appropriate to identify the Contractor who will be subject to its provisions.

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

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
- III. Nonsegregated Facilities
- IV. Davis-Bacon and Related Act Provisions
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- VI. Subletting or Assigning the Contract
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- X. Compliance with Governmentwide Suspension and Debarment Requirements
- XI. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying

**ATTACHMENTS**

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

**I. GENERAL**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**II. NONDISCRIMINATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**6. Training and Promotion:**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

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

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

### IV. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

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

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

#### 1. Minimum wages

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 2. Withholding

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

## 3. Payrolls and basic records

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 4. Apprentices and trainees

##### a. Apprentices (programs of the USDOL).

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

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

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

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

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

##### b. Trainees (programs of the USDOL).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**10. Certification of eligibility.**

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

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

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

**V. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT**

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

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

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

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

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

## VI. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract.

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

## VII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

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

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

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

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

## VIII. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. That any person who is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract is not prohibited from receiving an award due to a violation of Section 508 of the Clean Water Act or Section 306 of the Clean Air Act.

2. That the contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraph (1) of this Section X in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

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

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

##### **1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:**

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

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **2. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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**XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ATTACHMENT 3 TO EXHIBIT 8**

**GDOT Special Provision  
Modifications to FHWA Form 1273**

1. Subsections IV.3(a); Delete the wording referencing “social security number” in the second sentence and substitute “and the last four digits of the social security number”.

**ATTACHMENT 4 TO EXHIBIT 8**

**FEDERAL PREVAILING WAGE RATE**

**(Subject to change)**

General Decision Number: GA150001 01/02/2015 GA1

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140001

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker and Whitfield Counties in Georgia.

**HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13658 establishes an hourly minimum wage of \$10.10 for 2015 that applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation is issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.10 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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	Rates	Fringes
LABORER:		
CARPENTER	\$ 11.45	
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 11.15	
ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 11.00	
ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 10.50	
COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 9.00	
GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
MILLING MACHINE GROUND PERSON	\$ 10.00	
PIPE LAYER	\$ 10.20	
TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADE FLAGGER	\$ 10.00	
POWER EQUIPMENT		

OPERATOR:

ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$	14.10
ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$	12.00
BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$	10.80
BULLDOZER	\$	11.60
COMPACTOR	\$	10.00
CRANE/Dragline	\$	17.50
CRUSHER	\$	14.00
FRONT END LOADER	\$	10.70
MECHANIC	\$	14.50
MILLING MACHINE	\$	11.50
MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	14.55
ROLLER	\$	10.00
WATER TRUCK	\$	11.25

TRUCK  
DRIVER:

26,000 GVW & UNDER	\$	10.79
26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	11.00

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

General Decision Number: GA150002 01/02/2015 GA2

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140002

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13658 establishes an hourly minimum wage of \$10.10 for 2015 that applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation is issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.10 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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		Rates	Fringes
LABORER:	CARPENTER	\$ 11.45	
	CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 11.30	
LABORER:	ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 11.00	
	ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 10.50	
	COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 9.00	
	GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
	MILLING MACHINE GROUND PERSON	\$ 10.00	
	PIPE LAYER	\$ 10.20	
	TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADE FLAGGER	\$ 10.00	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:	ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 14.10	
	ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$ 12.00	
	BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$ 10.80	
	BULLDOZER	\$ 11.60	
	COMPACTOR	\$ 10.00	

	CRANE/Dragline	\$	17.50
	CRUSHER	\$	14.00
	FRONT END LOADER	\$	10.70
	MATERIAL TRANSFER VEHICLE (SHUTTLE BUGGY)	\$	11.30
	MECHANIC	\$	13.98
	MILLING MACHINE	\$	11.50
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	14.55
	MOTORGRADER/BLADE	\$	14.00
	ROLLER	\$	10.00
	WATER TRUCK	\$	11.25
TRUCK DRIVER:			
	26,000 GVW & UNDER	\$	10.79
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	16.25

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

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General Decision Number: GA150003 01/02/2015 GA3

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140003

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13658 establishes an hourly minimum wage of \$10.10 for 2015 that applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation is issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.10 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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		Rates	Fringes
LABORER:	CARPENTER	\$ 11.16	
	CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 10.99	
	ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 11.00	
	ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 10.50	
	COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 9.00	
	FORM SETTER	\$ 10.35	
	GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
	MILLING MACHINE GROUND PERSON	\$ 10.00	
	PIPE LAYER	\$ 10.20	
	TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADE FLAGGER	\$ 10.00	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:	ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 14.10	
	ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$ 12.28	
	BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$ 10.80	
	BULLDOZER	\$ 11.60	



	COMPACTOR	\$	10.00
	CONCRETE CURB MACHINE	\$	16.45
	CRANE/Dragline	\$	17.50
	CRUSHER	\$	14.00
	FRONT END LOADER	\$	10.70
	MATERIAL TRANSFER VEHICLE (SHUTTLE BUGGY)	\$	11.30
	MECHANIC	\$	14.47
	MILLING MACHINE	\$	12.37
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	14.55
	MOTORGRADER/BLADE	\$	14.39
	ROLLER	\$	10.00
	SCRAPER-PAN	\$	10.00
	SWEEPER TRUCK	\$	14.21
	WATER TRUCK	\$	11.25
TRUCK			
DRIVER:			
	26,000 GVW & UNDER	\$	10.76
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	14.91

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

General Decision Number: GA150004 01/02/2015 GA4

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140004

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, and Upson Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13658 establishes an hourly minimum wage of \$10.10 for 2015 that applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation is issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.10 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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		Rates	Fringes
LABORER:	CARPENTER	\$ 11.45	
	CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 11.22	
LABORER:	ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 11.00	
	ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 10.50	
	COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 9.00	
	GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
	MILLING MACHINE GROUND PERSON	\$ 10.00	
	PIPE LAYER	\$ 10.20	
	TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADE FLAGGER	\$ 9.77	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:	ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 14.10	
	ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$ 12.00	
	BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$ 10.80	
	BULLDOZER	\$ 11.60	
	COMPACTOR	\$ 10.00	

	CRANE/Dragline	\$ 17.50
	CRUSHER	\$ 14.00
	FRONT END LOADER	\$ 10.70
	MATERIAL TRANSFER VEHICLE (SHUTTLE BUGGY)	\$ 11.30
	MECHANIC	\$ 14.50
	MILLING MACHINE	\$ 11.50
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$ 14.55
	MOTORGRADER/BLADE	\$ 14.00
	ROLLER	\$ 10.00
	WATER TRUCK	\$ 11.25
TRUCK DRIVER:		
	26,000 GVW & UNDER	\$ 10.76
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$ 12.90

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

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General Decision Number: GA150005 01/02/2015 GA5

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140005

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs, and Wilkinson Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13658 establishes an hourly minimum wage of \$10.10 for 2015 that applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation is issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.10 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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	Rates	Fringes
LABORER:		
CARPENTER	\$ 11.45	
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 11.33	
ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 11.00	
ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 10.50	
COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 9.00	
MILLING MACHINE GROUND PERSON	\$ 10.00	
PIPE LAYER	\$ 10.20	
TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADE FLAGGER	\$ 9.57	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:		
ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 14.10	
ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$ 12.00	
BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$ 10.80	
BULLDOZER	\$ 11.60	
COMPACTOR	\$ 10.00	
CRANE/Dragline	\$ 17.50	

	CRUSHER	\$	14.00
	FRONT END LOADER	\$	10.70
	MATERIAL TRANSFER VEHICLE (SHUTTLE BUGGY)	\$	11.30
	MECHANIC	\$	14.50
	MILLING MACHINE	\$	11.50
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	14.55
	MOTORGRADER/BLADE	\$	14.00
	ROLLER	\$	10.00
	WATER TRUCK	\$	11.25
TRUCK DRIVER:			
	26,000 GVW & UNDER	\$	10.76
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	11.88

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

General Decision Number: GA150006 01/02/2015 GA6

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140006

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Walton Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13658 establishes an hourly minimum wage of \$10.10 for 2015 that applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation is issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.10 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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		Rates	Fringes
LABORER:	CARPENTER	\$ 11.45	
	CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 11.36	
	ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 11.00	
	ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 10.50	
	COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 9.00	
	FORM SETTER	\$ 10.35	
	GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
	MILLING MACHINE GROUND PERSON	\$ 10.00	
	PIPE LAYER	\$ 10.20	
	TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADE FLAGGER	\$ 9.83	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:	ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 14.10	
	ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$ 12.21	
	BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$ 10.80	
	BROOM	\$ 11.80	

	BULLDOZER	\$	11.60
	COMPACTOR	\$	10.00
	CRANE/Dragline	\$	17.50
	CRUSHER	\$	14.00
	FRONT END LOADER	\$	10.70
	MATERIAL TRANSFER VEHICLE (SHUTTLE BUGGY)	\$	11.30
	MECHANIC	\$	14.50
	MILLING MACHINE	\$	11.50
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	14.55
	MOTORGRADER/BLADE	\$	14.00
	ROLLER	\$	10.00
	WATER TRUCK	\$	11.25
TRUCK DRIVER:			
	26,000 GVW & UNDER	\$	10.76
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	13.66

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

General Decision Number: GA150007 01/02/2015 GA7

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140007

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington and Wilkes Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13658 establishes an hourly minimum wage of \$10.10 for 2015 that applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation is issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.10 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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SUGA2011-007 03/07/2011

		Rates	Fringes
LABORER:	CARPENTER	\$ 11.45	
	CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 11.36	
	ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 11.00	
	ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 10.50	
	COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 8.93	
	FORM SETTER	\$ 10.35	
	GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
	MILLING MACHINE GROUND PERSON	\$ 10.00	
	PIPE LAYER	\$ 10.20	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:			
	ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 14.10	
	ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$ 12.00	
	BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$ 10.80	
	BULLDOZER	\$ 11.60	
	COMPACTOR	\$ 10.00	



	CRANE/Dragline	\$	17.50
	FRONT END LOADER	\$	10.70
	MATERIAL TRANSFER VEHICLE (SHUTTLE BUGGY)	\$	11.30
	MECHANIC	\$	12.75
	MILLING MACHINE	\$	11.50
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	14.55
	MOTORGRADER/BLADE	\$	16.00
	ROLLER	\$	10.00
	WATER TRUCK	\$	11.25
TRUCK DRIVER:			
	26,000 GVW & UNDER	\$	10.79
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	12.75

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

General Decision Number: GA150008 01/02/2015 GA8

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140008

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor and Webster Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13658 establishes an hourly minimum wage of \$10.10 for 2015 that applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation is issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.10 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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SUGA2011-008 03/07/2011

	Rates	Fringes
LABORER:		
CARPENTER	\$ 11.45	
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 11.34	
ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 11.00	
ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 10.50	
COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 9.04	
FORM SETTER	\$ 10.35	
GRADE CHECKER	\$ 9.50	
GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
MILLING MACHINE GROUND PERSON	\$ 10.00	
PIPE LAYER	\$ 9.97	
SIGN INSTALLER/ERECTOR	\$ 11.00	
TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADE FLAGGER	\$ 9.11	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:		
ARTICULATING TRUCK/YUKE	\$ 11.10	
ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 14.10	

	ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$	12.00
	BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$	10.80
	BROOM	\$	10.73
	BULLDOZER	\$	11.60
	COMPACTOR	\$	9.54
	CONCRETE CURB MACHINE	\$	13.97
	FRONT END LOADER	\$	10.70
	MATERIAL TRANSFER VEHICLE (SHUTTLE BUGGY)	\$	11.30
	MECHANIC	\$	10.43
	MILLING MACHINE	\$	11.80
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	14.55
	MOTORGRADER/BLADE	\$	9.50
	ROLLER	\$	10.00
	SCRAPER-PAN	\$	13.48
	WATER TRUCK	\$	11.25
TRUCK			
DRIVER:			
	26,000 GVW & UNDER	\$	10.76
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	10.83

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

General Decision Number: GA150009 01/02/2015 GA9

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140009

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler and Wilcox Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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SUGA2011-009 03/07/2011

		Rates	Fringes
LABORER:	CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 11.50	
	ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 11.00	
	ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 10.50	
	COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 9.00	
	FORM SETTER	\$ 10.35	
	GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
	MILLING MACHINE GROUND PERSON	\$ 10.00	
	TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADE FLAGGER	\$ 9.50	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:	ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 14.10	
	ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$ 12.00	
	BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$ 10.80	
	BULLDOZER	\$ 11.60	
	COMPACTOR	\$ 10.00	

	CRANE/Dragline	\$	17.50
	FRONT END LOADER	\$	10.70
	MECHANIC	\$	15.86
	MILLING MACHINE	\$	12.26
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	14.55
	MOTORGRADER/BLADE	\$	14.00
	ROLLER	\$	10.00
	WATER TRUCK	\$	11.25
TRUCK			
DRIVER:			
	26,000 GVW & UNDER	\$	10.79
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	11.37

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

General Decision Number: GA150010 01/02/2015 GA10

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140010

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, and Screven Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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SUGA2011-010 03/07/2011

	Rates	Fringes
CARPENTER:		
FORM BUILDER ONLY (WOOD)	\$ 9.21	
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 10.98	
LABORER:		
ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 9.55	
COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 9.21	
GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
PIPE LAYER	\$ 9.36	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:		
ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 15.09	
ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$ 11.29	
BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$ 13.14	
BULLDOZER	\$ 12.69	
COMPACTOR	\$ 11.00	
CRANE/Dragline	\$ 15.00	
FRONT END LOADER	\$ 10.00	

	MECHANIC	\$	12.57
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	14.12
	ROLLER	\$	9.39
	WATER TRUCK	\$	11.17
TRUCK			
DRIVER:			
	26,000 GVW & UNDER	\$	9.60
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	13.72

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

General Decision Number: GA150011 01/02/2015 GA11

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140011

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas and Worth Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13658 establishes an hourly minimum wage of \$10.10 for 2015 that applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation is issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.10 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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SUGA2011-011 03/07/2011

		Rates	Fringes
LABORER:	CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 10.98	
	ASPHALT RAKER	\$ 12.83	
	ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 9.00	
	COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 8.72	
	GRADE CHECKER	\$ 8.72	
	GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
	PIPE LAYER	\$ 8.72	
	SIGN INSTALLER/ERECTOR	\$ 11.00	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:	ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 14.55	
	ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$ 12.40	
	BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$ 10.50	
	BROOM	\$ 10.68	
	BULLDOZER	\$ 9.50	



	FRONT END LOADER	\$	10.00
	MECHANIC	\$	8.96
	MILLING MACHINE	\$	12.50
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	18.75
	MOTORGRADER/BLADE	\$	9.50
	ROLLER	\$	10.20
	SCRAPER-PAN	\$	9.30
	WATER TRUCK	\$	11.25
TRUCK			
DRIVER:			
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	10.46

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

General Decision Number: GA150012 01/02/2015 GA12

Superseded General Decision Number: GA20140012

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner and Ware Counties in Georgia.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13658 establishes an hourly minimum wage of \$10.10 for 2015 that applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the solicitation is issued on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.10 (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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SUGA2011-012 03/07/2011

		Rates	Fringes
LABORER:	CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 10.98	
	ASPHALT SCREED PERSON	\$ 9.00	
	COMMON OR GENERAL	\$ 8.52	
	GRADE CHECKER	\$ 9.90	
	GUARDRAIL ERECTOR	\$ 13.50	
	PIPE LAYER	\$ 8.52	
	SIGN INSTALLER/ERECTOR	\$ 11.00	
	TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADE FLASHER	\$ 9.35	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:	ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	\$ 13.00	
	ASPHALT PAVER/SPREADER	\$ 11.75	
	BACKHOE/EXCAVATOR	\$ 10.50	
	BROOM	\$ 10.68	
	BULLDOZER	\$ 9.50	

	FRONT END LOADER	\$	10.00
	MECHANIC	\$	9.26
	MILLING MACHINE	\$	12.50
	MOTORGRADER FINE GRADE	\$	17.95
	MOTORGRADER/BLADE	\$	9.50
	ROLLER	\$	9.90
	SCRAPER-PAN	\$	9.30
	WATER TRUCK	\$	11.25
TRUCK			
DRIVER:			
	26,001 GVW & OVER	\$	10.35

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

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Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

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The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of "identifiers" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than "SU" or "UAVG" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the "SU" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average

rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

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WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- \* an existing published wage determination
- \* a survey underlying a wage determination
- \* a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- \* a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour Regional Office for the area in which the survey was conducted because those Regional Offices have responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations  
 Wage and Hour Division  
 U.S. Department of Labor  
 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

END OF GENERAL DECISION



**ATTACHMENT 5 TO EXHIBIT 8****STANDARD FEDERAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CONSTRUCTION  
CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS (EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246) (43 FR 14895)**

1. As used in these specifications:

a. “Covered area” means the geographical area described in the solicitation from which this contract resulted;

b. “Director” means Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, United States Department of Labor, or any person to whom the Director delegates authority;

c. “Employer identification number” means the Federal Social Security number used on the Employer’s Quarterly Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Department Form 941.

d. “Minority” includes:

(i) Black (all persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups not of Hispanic origin);

(ii) Hispanic (all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race);

(iii) Asian and Pacific Islander (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); and

(iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and participation or community identification).

2. Whenever the Contractor, or any Subcontractor at any tier, subcontracts a portion of the work involving any construction trade, it shall physically include in each subcontract in excess of \$10,000 the provisions of these specifications and the Notice which contains the applicable goals for minority and female participation and which is set forth in the solicitations from which this contract resulted.

3. If the Contractor is participating (pursuant to 41 CFR 60–4.5) in a Hometown Plan approved by the U.S. Department of Labor in the covered area either individually or through an association, its affirmative action obligations on all work in the Plan area (including goals and timetables) shall be in accordance with that Plan for those trades which have unions participating in the Plan. Contractors must be able to demonstrate their participation in and compliance with the provisions of any such Hometown Plan. Each Contractor or Subcontractor participating in an approved Plan is individually required to comply with its obligations under the EEO clause, and to make a good faith effort to achieve each goal under the Plan in each trade in which it has employees. The overall good faith performance by other Contractors or Subcontractors toward a goal in an approved Plan does not excuse any covered Contractor’s or Subcontractor’s failure to take good faith efforts to achieve the Plan goals and timetables.

4. The Contractor shall implement the specific affirmative action standards provided in paragraphs 7a through p of these specifications. The goals set forth in the solicitation from which this contract resulted are expressed as percentages of the total hours of employment and training of minority and female utilization the Contractor should reasonably be able to achieve in each construction trade in which it has employees in the covered area. Covered Construction contractors performing construction work in geographical areas where they do not have a Federal or federally assisted construction contract shall apply the minority and female goals established for the geographical area where the work is being performed. Goals are published periodically in the Federal Register in notice form, and such notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs office or from Federal procurement contracting officers. The Contractor is expected to make substantially uniform progress in meeting its goals in each craft during the period specified.

5. Neither the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement, nor the failure by a union with whom the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement, to refer either minorities or women shall excuse the Contractor's obligations under these specifications, Executive Order 11246, or the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

6. In order for the nonworking training hours of apprentices and trainees to be counted in meeting the goals, such apprentices and trainees must be employed by the Contractor during the training period, and the Contractor must have made a commitment to employ the apprentices and trainees at the completion of their training, subject to the availability of employment opportunities. Trainees must be trained pursuant to training programs approved by the U.S. Department of Labor.

7. The Contractor shall take specific affirmative actions to ensure equal employment opportunity. The evaluation of the Contractor's compliance with these specifications shall be based upon its effort to achieve maximum results from its actions. The Contractor shall document these efforts fully, and shall implement affirmative action steps at least as extensive as the following:

a. Ensure and maintain a working environment free of harassment, intimidation, and coercion at all sites, and in all facilities at which the Contractor's employees are assigned to work. The Contractor, where possible, will assign two or more women to each construction project. The Contractor shall specifically ensure that all foremen, superintendents, and other on-site supervisory personnel are aware of and carry out the Contractor's obligation to maintain such a working environment, with specific attention to minority or female individuals working at such sites or in such facilities.

b. Establish and maintain a current list of minority and female recruitment sources, provide written notification to minorities and female recruitment sources and to community organizations when the Contractor or its unions have employment opportunities available, and maintain a record of the organizations' responses.

c. Maintain a current file of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each minority and female off-the-street applicant and minority or female referral from a union, a recruitment source or community organization and of what action was taken with respect to each such individual. If such individual was sent to the union hiring hall for referral and was not referred back to the Contractor by the union or, if referred, not employed by the Contractor, this



shall be documented in the file with the reason therefor, along with whatever additional actions the Contractor may have taken.

d. Provide immediate written notification to the Director when the union or unions with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement has not referred to the Contractor a minority person or woman sent by the Contractor, or when the Contractor has other information that the union referral process has impeded the Contractor's efforts to meet its obligations.

e. Develop on-the-job training opportunities and/or participate in training programs for the area which expressly include minority and women, including upgrading programs and apprenticeship and trainee programs relevant to the Contractor's employment needs, especially those programs funded or approved by the Department of Labor. The Contractor shall provide notice of these programs to the sources compiled under 7b above.

f. Disseminate the Contractor's EEO policy by providing notice of the policy to unions and training programs and requesting their cooperation in assisting the Contractor in meeting its EEO obligations; by including it in any policy manual and collective bargaining agreement; by publicizing it in the company newspaper, annual report, etc.; by specific review of the policy with all management personnel and with all minority and female employees at least once a year and by posting the company EEO policy on bulletin boards accessible to all employees at each location where construction work is performed.

g. Review, at least annually, the company's EEO policy and affirmative action obligations under these specifications with all employees having any responsibility for hiring, assignment, layoff, termination or other employment decisions including specific review of these items with onsite supervisory personnel such as Superintendents, General Foremen, etc., prior to the initiation of construction work at any job site. A written record shall be made and maintained identifying the time and place of these meetings, persons attending, subject matter discussed, and disposition of the subject matter.

h. Disseminate the Contractor's EEO policy externally by including it in any advertising in the news media, specifically including minority and female news media, and providing written notification to and discussing the Contractor's EEO policy with other Contractors and Subcontractors with whom the Contractor does or anticipates doing business.

i. Direct its recruitment efforts, both oral and written, to minority, female and community organizations, to schools with minority and female students and to minority and female recruitment and training organizations serving the Contractor's recruitment area and employment needs. Not later than one month prior to the date for the acceptance of applications for apprenticeship or other training by any recruitment source, the Contractor shall send written notification to organizations such as the above, describing the openings, screening procedures, and tests to be used in the selection process.

j. Encourage present minority and female employees to recruit other minority persons and women and, where reasonable, provide after school, summer and vacation employment to minority and female youth both on the site and in other areas of a Contractor's work force.

k. Validate all tests and other selection requirements where there is an obligation to do so under 41 CFR Part 60-3.

l. Conduct, at least annually, an inventory and evaluation at least of all minority and female personnel for promotional opportunities and encourage these employees to seek or to prepare for, through appropriate training, etc. such opportunities.

m. Ensure that seniority practices, job classifications, work assignments and other personnel practices, do not have a discriminatory effect by continually monitoring all personnel and employment related activities to ensure that the EEO policy and the Contractor's obligations under these specifications are being carried out.

n. Ensure that all facilities and company activities are nonsegregated except that separate or single-user toilet and necessary changing facilities shall be provided to assure privacy between the sexes.

o. Document and maintain a record of all solicitations of offers for subcontracts from minority and female construction contractors and suppliers, including circulation of solicitations to minority and female contractor associations and other business associations.

p. Conduct a review, at least annually of all supervisors' adherence to and performance under the Contractor's EEO policies and affirmative action obligations.

8. Contractors are encouraged to participate in voluntary associations which assist in fulfilling one or more of their affirmative action obligations (7a through p). The efforts of a contractor association, joint contractor-union, contractor-community, or other similar group of which the contractor is a member and participant, may be asserted as fulfilling any one or more of its obligations under 7a through p of these Specifications provided that the contractor actively participates in the group, makes every effort to assure that the group has a positive impact on the employment of minorities and women in the industry, ensures that the concrete benefits of the program are reflected in the Contractor's minority and female workforce participation, makes a good faith effort to meet its individual goals and timetables, and can provide access to documentation which demonstrates the effectiveness of actions taken on behalf of the Contractor. The obligation to comply, however, is the Contractor's and failure of such a group to fulfill an obligation shall not be a defense for the Contractor's noncompliance.

9. A single goal for minorities and a separate single goal for women have been established. The Contractor, however, is required to provide equal employment opportunity and to take affirmative action for all minority groups, both male and female, and all women, both minority and non-minority. Consequently, the Contractor may be in violation of the Executive Order if a particular group is employed in a substantially disparate manner (for example, even though the Contractor has achieved its goals for women generally, the Contractor may be in violation of the Executive Order if a specific minority group of women is underutilized).

10. The Contractor shall not use the goals and timetables or affirmative action standards to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

11. The Contractor shall not enter into any Contract or Subcontract with any person or firm debarred from Government contracts pursuant to Executive Order 11246.

12. The Contractor shall carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of these specifications and of the Equal Opportunity Clause, including suspension, termination and cancellation of existing subcontracts as may be imposed or ordered pursuant to Executive

Order 11246, as amended, and its implementing regulations, by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. Any Contractor who fails to carry out such sanctions and penalties shall be in violation of these specifications and Executive Order 11246, as amended.

13. The Contractor, in fulfilling its obligations under these specifications, shall implement specific affirmative action steps, at least as extensive as those standards prescribed in paragraph 7 of these specifications, so as to achieve maximum results from its efforts to ensure equal employment opportunity. If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of the Executive Order, the implementing regulations, or these specifications, the Director shall proceed in accordance with 41 CFR 60–4.8.

14. The Contractor shall designate a responsible official to monitor all employment related activity to ensure that the company EEO policy is being carried out, to submit reports relating to the provisions hereof as may be required by the Government and to keep records. Records shall at least include for each employee the name, address, telephone numbers, construction trade, union affiliation if any, employee identification number when assigned, social security number, race, sex, status (e.g., mechanic, apprentice trainee, helper, or laborer), dates of changes in status, hours worked per week in the indicated trade, rate of pay, and locations at which the work was performed. Records shall be maintained in an easily understandable and retrievable form; however, to the degree that existing records satisfy this requirement, contractors shall not be required to maintain separate records.

15. Nothing herein provided shall be construed as a limitation upon the application of other laws which establish different standards of compliance or upon the application of requirements for the hiring of local or other area residents (e.g., those under the Public Works Employment Act of 1977 and the Community Development Block Grant Program).

**ATTACHMENT 6 TO EXHIBIT 8****DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM  
CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTABILITY**

The purpose of this special provision is to establish criteria for acceptability of DBE firms for work performed on this contract. The intent is to ensure all participation counted toward fulfillment of the DBE goals is (1) real and substantial, (2) actually performed by viable, independent DBE owned firms, and (3) in accordance with the spirit of the applicable laws and regulations.

The policy of the Georgia Department of Transportation is to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 49 Code of Federal Register, Part 26 and related statutes and regulations in all program activities.

To this end the Georgia Department of Transportation shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in the award, administration and performance of any Georgia Department of Transportation assisted contract or in the administration of its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. The Georgia Department of Transportation shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure nondiscrimination.

DBE payments and commitments for Federal-aid projects shall be separate and distinct and cannot be transferred or combined in any matter.

The DBE Goal specified in the contract will be a percentage representing the DBE Race Conscious Participation. The Contractor will strive to achieve an additional percentage in his/her contracts for all projects during the course of the current State Fiscal Year, in order to meet the overall Georgia Department of Transportation DBE goal.

**DBE DIRECTORY:** The Department has available a directory or source list to facilitate identifying DBEs with capabilities relevant to general contracting requirements and to particular solicitations. The Department will make the directory available to bidders and proposers in

their efforts to meet the DBE requirements. The directory or listing includes firms which the Department has certified to be eligible DBEs in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.

**GOAL FOR PARTICIPATION:** If a percentage goal for DBE participation in this contract is set forth elsewhere in this proposal, the Contractor shall complete the DBE GOALS Form included in the proposal. The Contractor is encouraged to make every effort to achieve the goal set by the Department. However, if the Contractor cannot find sufficient DBE participants to meet the goal established by the Department, the Department will consider for award a proposal with less participation than the established goal if:

(A) The bidder can demonstrate no greater participation could be obtained. This should be well documented by demonstrating the Contractor's actions through good faith efforts. The following is a list of types of actions which the Department will consider as part of the Contractor's good faith efforts to obtain DBE participation. This is not intended to be a

mandatory checklist nor intended to be exclusive or exhaustive. Other factors or types of efforts may be relevant in appropriate cases.

(1) Soliciting through all reasonable and available means (e.g. attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising and/or written notices) the interest of all certified DBEs who have the capability to perform the work of the contract. The Contractor must solicit this interest within sufficient time to allow the DBEs to respond to the solicitation. The Contractor must determine with certainty if the DBEs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations.

(2) Selecting portions of the work to be performed by DBEs in order to increase the likelihood the DBE goals will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate DBE participation, even when the Contractor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.

(3) Providing interested DBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist DBEs participants in responding to a solicitation.

(4) (a) Negotiating in good faith with interested DBEs. Contractor(s) are responsible to make a portion of the work available to DBE subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available DBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate DBE participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBEs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for DBEs to perform the work.

(b) Contractor(s) using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including DBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration. However, the fact there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using DBEs is not in itself sufficient reason for a bidder's failure to meet the contract DBE goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also, the ability or desire of a Contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility to make good faith efforts. Contractors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from DBEs if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.

(5) Not rejecting DBEs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The Contractor's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. nonunion employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non solicitation of bids in the Contractor's efforts to meet the project goal.

(6) Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the contractor.

(7) Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.

(8) Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women Contractors' groups; local, state, and Federal minority/women business assistance offices; and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of DBE's.

(B) The participation proposed by the low bidder is not substantially less than the participation proposed by the other bidders on the same contract.

If no percentage goal is set forth in the proposal, the contractor may enter a proposed DBE participation. This voluntary DBE participation will count as race neutral DBE participation. Prime Contractor shall report race-neutral participation in accordance with the DBE Monthly Report requirements shown in this document.

To be eligible for award of this contract, All bidders will be required to submit the following information to the Department by the close of business on the 3rd working day following opening of the bid as a matter of bidder responsibility.

- (1) The names and addresses of DBE firms committed to participate in the Contract;
- (2) A description of the work each DBE will perform;
- (3) The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating;
- (4) Written documentation of the bidder's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet a contract goal;
- (5) Written confirmation from the DBE committed to participating in the contract, as provided in the prime contractor's commitment.
- (6) If the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts must be provided.

Failure by a bidder to furnish the above information may subject the bid to disqualification. Also failure by the bidder to submit satisfactory evidence of good faith efforts may subject the bid to disqualification.

Award of a contract by the Department to a Prime Contractor who has listed DBE participants with the bid may not constitute final approval by the Department of the listed DBE. The Department reserves the right to approve or disapprove a Disadvantaged firm after a review of the Disadvantaged firm's proposal participation. Payment to the Contractor under the contract may be withheld until final approval of the listed DBEs is granted by the Department.

If the Contractor desires to substitute a DBE in lieu of those listed in the proposal, a letter of concurrence shall be required from the listed DBE prior to approval of the substitution, unless this requirement is waived by the Department.

Agreements between bidder and a DBE in which promises not to provide Subcontracting quotations to other bidders are prohibited.

**DEFINITION:** For the purposes of this provision, the following definitions will apply:

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise or DBE means a for-profit small business concern –

(1) Ensuring at least 51 percent owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged or, in the case of a corporation, in which 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own the business.

Good Faith Efforts means efforts to achieve a DBE goal or other requirement of this part which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, can reasonably be expected to fulfill the program requirement.

Joint Venture means an association of a DBE firm and one or more other firms to carry out a single, for-profit business enterprise, for which the parties combine their property, capital, efforts, skills and knowledge, and in which the DBE is responsible for a distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract and whose share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks, and profits of the joint venture are commensurate with its ownership interest.

Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individual means any individual who is a citizen (or lawfully admitted permanent resident) of the United States and who is –

(1) Any individual who the Department finds to be a socially and economically disadvantaged individual on a case-by-case basis.

(2) Any individual in the following groups, members of which are reputedly presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged.

(i) “Black Americans,” which includes persons having origins, in any of the Black racial groups of Africa;

(ii) “Hispanic Americans,” which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin, regardless of race;

(iii) “Native Americans,” which includes persons who are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians;

(iv) “Asian-Pacific Americans,” which includes persons whose origins are from Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Burma (Myanmar), Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the

Pacific Islands (Republic of Palau), the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Macao, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Juvalu, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia, or Hong Kong;

(v) “Subcontinent Asian Americans,” which includes persons whose origins are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands, Nepal or Sri Lanka;

(vi) Women;

(vii) Any additional groups whose members are designated as socially and economically disadvantaged by the SBA, at such time as the SBA designation becomes effective.

(3) GDOT will presume that such persons are socially and economically disadvantaged only to the extent permitted by applicable federal law.

Race-conscious measure is one focused specifically on assisting only DBEs, including women-owned DBEs.

Race-neutral measure is one being, or can be, used to assist all small businesses. For the purposes of this part, race-neutral includes gender-neutrality.

**DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED:** No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of this contract on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

The following assurance becomes a part of this contract and must be included in and made a part of each subcontract the prime contractor enters into with their subcontractors (49 CFR 26.13):

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

**Failure to Achieve Requirements:** Periodic reviews shall be made by the Department to determine the extent of compliance with the requirements set forth in this provision. If the Contractor is found to be in noncompliance, further payments for any work performed may be withheld until corrective action is taken. If corrective action is not taken, it may result in termination of this contract.

Participation will be counted toward fulfillment of the DBE goal as follows:

(A) When a DBE participates in a contract, the Contractor counts only the value of the work actually performed by the DBE toward DBE goals.



(1) Count the entire amount of the portion of a construction contract (or other contract not covered by paragraph (A) (2) of this section) performed by the DBE's own forces. Include the cost of supplies and materials obtained by the DBE for the work of the contract, including supplies purchased or equipment leased by the DBE (except supplies and equipment the DBE subcontractor purchases or leases from the prime contractor or its affiliate).

(2) Count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged by a DBE firm for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a DOT-assisted contract, toward DBE goals, provided the Department determines the fee is reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

(3) When a DBE subcontracts part of the work of its contract to another firm, the value of the subcontracted work may be counted toward DBE goals only if the DBE's subcontractor is itself a DBE. Work that a DBE subcontracts to a non-DBE firm does not count toward DBE goals.

(B) When a DBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, count a portion of the total dollar value of the contract equal to the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract the DBE performs with own forces toward DBE goals.

(C) Count expenditures to a DBE contractor toward DBE goals only if the DBE is performing a commercially useful function on that contract.

(1) A DBE performs a commercially useful function when responsible for execution of the work of the contract and carrying out responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself.

(2) A DBE does not perform a commercially useful function if their role is limited to being an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation.

(3) If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least 30 percent of the total cost of their contract with their own work force, or the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of a contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, the Department will presume the DBE is not performing a commercially useful function.

(4) When a DBE is presumed not to be performing a commercially useful function as provided in paragraph (C) (3) of this section, the DBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption.

(5) The Department's decisions on commercially useful function matters are subject to review by the US DOT, but are administratively appealable to the US DOT.

(D) The following factors are to be used in determining whether a DBE trucking company is performing a commercially useful function:

(1) The DBE must be responsible for the management and supervision of the entire trucking operation for which they are responsible on a particular contract, and there cannot be a contrived arrangement for the purpose of meeting DBE goals.

(2) The DBE must itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured, and operational truck used on the contract.

(3) The DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services it provides on the contract using trucks it owns, insures, and operates using drivers it employs.

(4) The DBE may lease trucks from another DBE firm, including an owner/operator who is certified as a DBE. The DBE who leases trucks from another DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services the lessee DBE provided on the contract.

(5) The DBE may also lease trucks from a non-DBE and is entitled to credit only for the fee or commission it receives as a result of the lease arrangement. The DBE does not receive credit for the total value of the transportation services provided by the lessee, since these services are not provided by a DBE.

(6) For purposes of this paragraph (D), a lease must indicate the DBE has exclusive use of and control over the truck. This does not preclude the leased truck from working for others during the term of the lease with the consent of the DBE, so long as the lease gives the DBE absolute priority for use of the leased truck. Leased trucks must display the name and identification number of the DBE.

(E) Count expenditures with DBEs for materials or supplies toward DBE goals as provided in the following:

(1) (i) If the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer, count 100 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies toward DBE goals.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph, a manufacturer is a firm that operates or maintains a factory or establishment that produces, on the premises, the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment required under the contract and of the general character described by the specifications.

(2) (i) If the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE regular dealer, count 60 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies toward DBE goals.

(ii) For purposes of this section, a regular dealer is a firm owning, operating, or maintaining a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which the materials, supplies, articles or equipment of the general character described by the specifications and required under the contract are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold or leased to the public in the usual course of business.

(A) To be a regular dealer, the firm must be an established, regular business engaging, as its principal business and under its own name, in the purchase and sale or lease of the products in question.

(B) A person may be a regular dealer in such bulk items as petroleum products, steel, cement, gravel, stone, or asphalt without owning, operating, or maintaining a place of business as provided in this paragraph (E)(2)(ii) if the person both owns and operates distribution equipment for the products. Any supplementing of regular dealers' own distribution equipment shall be by a long-term lease agreement and not on an ad hoc or contract-by-contract basis.

(C) Packagers, brokers, manufacturers' representatives, or other persons who arrange or expedite transactions are not regular dealers within the meaning of this paragraph (E)(2).

(3) With respect to materials or supplies purchased from a DBE which is neither a manufacturer nor a regular dealer, count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, or fees or transportation charges for the delivery of materials or supplies required on a job site, toward DBE goals, provided you determine the fees to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services. Do not count any portion of the cost of the materials and supplies themselves toward DBE goals, however.

(4) Do not count the participation of a DBE subcontractor toward the prime contractor's DBE achievements until the amount being counted toward the goal has been paid to the DBE.

(5) No participation will be counted not in compliance with Special Provision entitled "Criteria for Acceptability" which is a part of this contract or with any provisions included in 49 CFR Part 26.

(6) If the contract amount overruns, the contractor will not be required to increase the dollar amount of DBE participation. If the contract amount under runs, the contractor will not be allowed to under run the dollar amount of DBE participation except when the DBE subcontracted items themselves under run.

## REPORTS

A: The contractor shall submit a "DBE Participation Report" on this contract monthly which shall include the following:

1. The name of each DBE participating in the contract.
2. A description of the work to be performed, materials, supplies, and services provided by each DBE.
3. Whether each DBE is a supplier, subcontractor, owner/operator, or other.
4. The dollar value of each DBE subcontract or supply agreement.

5. The actual payment to date of each DBE participating in the contract.
  6. The report shall be updated by the Prime Contractor whenever the approved DBE has performed a portion of the work that has been designated for the contract. Copies of this report should be transmitted promptly to the Engineer. Failure to submit the report within 30 calendar days following the end of the month may cause payment to the contractor to be withheld.
  7. The Prime Contractor shall notify the Project Engineer at least 24 hours prior to the time the DBE commences working on the project. The DBE must furnish supervision of the DBE portion of the work, and the person responsible for this supervision must report to the Project Engineer when they begin work on the project. They must also inform the Project Engineer when their forces will be doing work on the project.
- B. In order to comply with 49 CFR 26.11, the Prime Contractor shall submit documentation regarding all payments made from the Prime to all DBE subcontractors on federal aid projects in the form of copies of cancelled checks or notarized electronic documentation which validates said payments made on the DBE Monthly Participation Reports. This information shall be required monthly and submitted with the DBE Monthly Participation Report.
- C. Failure to respond within the time allowed in the request will be grounds for withholding all payments on all Contracts.

**SUBSTITUTION OF DBEs:** The Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to replace a DBE Subcontractor unable to perform work for any reason with another DBE. The Department shall approve all substitutions of Subcontractors in order to ensure the substitute firms are eligible DBEs.

**CERTIFICATION OF DBEs:** To ensure the DBE Program benefits only firms owned and controlled by Disadvantaged Individuals, the Department shall certify the eligibility of DBEs and joint ventures involving DBEs named by bidders.

Questions concerning DBE Certification/Criteria should be directed to the EEO Office at (404) 631-1972.

**ATTACHMENT 7 TO EXHIBIT 8**

**DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION**

1. By signing and submitting its proposal or bid, and by executing the DB Agreement or and Contract, each prospective Design-Build Team member (at all tiers) shall be deemed to have signed and delivered the following certification:

The undersigned certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;

b. Have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 1b of this certification; and

d. Have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the prospective Design-Build Team member is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Person shall attach a certification to its proposal or bid, or shall submit it with the executed DB Agreement or Contract, stating that it is unable to provide the certification and explaining the reasons for such inability.

**ATTACHMENT 8 TO EXHIBIT 8****CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING**

By signing and submitting its proposal or bid, and by executing the DB Agreement or any Contract, each prospective Design-Build Team and Contractor (at all tiers) shall be deemed to have signed and delivered the following:

1. The prospective Design-Build Team/Contract certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

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

b. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with **THIS** Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions, and shall include a copy of said form in its proposal or bid, or submit it with the executed DB Agreement or Contract.

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

3. Design-Build Team/Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier Contracts which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

4. The undersigned certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the undersigned understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. §3801, et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each expenditure or failure.]

**NOTE: DESIGN-BUILD TEAM AND EACH CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED, PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW, TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE LANGUAGE IN CONTRACTS OVER \$100,000**

**AND TO OBTAIN THIS LOBBYING CERTIFICATE FROM EACH CONTRACTOR BEING PAID \$100,000 OR MORE.**

**ATTACHMENT 9 TO EXHIBIT 8**

**RESERVED**



**ATTACHMENT 10 TO EXHIBIT 8****COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS**

Design-Build Team shall comply with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Buy America Requirement in 23 CFR 635.410, which permits FHWA participation in this Agreement only if domestic steel and iron will be used on the Project. To be considered domestic, all steel and iron used and all products manufactured from steel and iron must be produced in the United States and all manufacturing processes, including application of a coating, for these materials must occur in the United States. Coating includes all processes that protect or enhance the value of the material to which the coating is applied. This requirement does not preclude a minimal use of foreign steel and iron materials, provided the cost of such materials does not exceed 0.1% of the contract price under the DB Agreement.

Concurrently with execution of the Agreement, Design-Build Team has completed and submitted, or shall complete and submit, to GDOT a Buy America Certificate, in the format below. After submittal, Design-Build Team is bound by its original certification.

A false certification is a criminal act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Should this Agreement be investigated, Design-Build Team has the burden of proof to establish that it is in compliance.

At Design-Build Team's request, GDOT may, but is not obligated to, seek a waiver of Buy America requirements if grounds for the waiver exist. However, Design-Build Team certifies that it will comply with the applicable Buy America requirements if a waiver of those requirements is not available or not pursued by GDOT. A request for a waiver shall be treated as a Change Request under Article 14.2 of the Agreement.

**BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATE**

Insert Completed Form J in Executed Version

**EXHIBIT 9**  
**MILESTONE SCHEDULE**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Substantial Completion Deadline	600 days after the date GDOT issues NTP1
Maintenance Acceptance Deadline	180 days after Substantial Completion

**EXHIBIT 10**

**RESERVED**

**EXHIBIT 11****HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RISK ALLOCATION TERMS**

1. Design-Build Team shall be solely responsible for Hazardous Materials Management, including all required remediation and disposal of Hazardous Materials that constitute Design-Build Team Releases of Hazardous Materials or which are otherwise with respect to any Additional Properties or Project Specific Locations, Design-Build Team shall be responsible for all Hazardous Materials Management for Design-Build Team Release(s) of Hazardous Materials or with respect to Additional Properties, even if the required Hazardous Materials Management extends beyond the end of the Term or Final Acceptance of the Work.

2. Other than a Design-Build Team Releases of Hazardous Materials or with respect to any Additional Properties or Project Specific Locations, GDOT shall, at its own expense shall manage, treat, handle, store, remediate, remove, transport (where applicable), investigate, oversee and dispose of such Hazardous Materials in accordance with applicable Law and Governmental Approvals or otherwise enter into a Supplement Agreement with the Design-Build Team, or order such Work pursuant to Directive Letter (provided that GDOT may not require any long term monitoring of Hazardous Materials under any such Directive Letter), with respect to same.

3. Notwithstanding the aforementioned or anything to the contrary in the Agreement, none of the following costs and expenses shall be chargeable to or reimbursed by GDOT:

(a) Costs and expenses to the extent attributable to Design-Build Team Releases of Hazardous Materials;

(b) Delay and disruption costs and expenses, except to the extent expressly set forth under the Agreement;

(c) Costs and expenses that could be avoided by the exercise of commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate and reduce cost; and

(d) Attorney's fees or other expenses incurred by Design-Build Team in demonstrating or determining the proportionate responsibility between the parties as to Design-Build Team Releases of Hazardous Materials, GDOT Releases of Hazardous Materials, Pre-existing Hazardous Materials, and/or Hazardous Materials due to any third party.

4. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to limit Design-Build Team's obligations with respect to Articles 7.8 or 7.9 of the Agreement.

**EXHIBIT 12**

**RESERVED**

**EXHIBIT 13**

**RESERVED**

**EXHIBIT 14**

**DESIGN-BUILD TEAM'S DBE COMMITMENTS LIST**

[To be provided with execution version]

**EXHIBIT 15**

**RESERVED**



**EXHIBIT 16**

**RESERVED**

**EXHIBIT 17**

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**EXHIBIT 18**

**MEASURES OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES and NONREFUNDABLE DEDUCTIONS**

**1.1 For Late Substantial Completion and Late Final Acceptance**

(a) Liquidated damages for late Substantial Completion for the Project shall equal \$713 per day for each day that the Substantial Completion Date is later than the Substantial Completion Deadline, as the Substantial Completion Deadline may be extended pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) Liquidated damages for late Maintenance Acceptance shall equal \$713 per day for each day that the date of Maintenance Acceptance is later than the Maintenance Acceptance Deadline, as the Maintenance Acceptance Deadline may be extended pursuant to this Agreement.

(c) Liquidated damages on account of any failure to achieve Maintenance Acceptance by the Maintenance Acceptance Deadline shall not be in cumulative and addition to liquidated damages under subpart (a) above where Substantial Completion is not achieved by the Substantial Completion Deadline, provided that where any such liquidated damages under subpart (a) cease to then accrue as a result of achieving Substantial Completion, and the Maintenance Acceptance Deadline, as may thereafter be revised is not met, subpart (b) shall then apply.

**1.2 Incident Based Liquidated Damages**

Liquidated damages upon the occurrence of the following, which shall not be cumulative, for any single occurrence. Where there are multiple incidents as set forth below contributing to a single occurrence, the highest applicable incident based liquidated damages relative to such occurrence shall apply.

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| <b>1</b> | Failure to reopen lanes and complete all work specified in Volume 2 Section 18.3.1.1.2.1 | <b>\$1,000.00 per hour*</b> |
| <b>2</b> | Failure to reopen lanes specified in Volume 2 Section 18.3.1.1.2.2                       | <b>\$1,000.00 per hour*</b> |
| <b>3</b> | Failure to reopen lanes specified in Volume 2 Section 18.3.1.1.2.3                       | <b>\$1,000.00 per hour*</b> |
| <b>4</b> | Failure to adhere to Volume 2 Section 18.3.1.1.2.4                                       | <b>\$1,000.00 per hour*</b> |

\*In addition to liquidated damages, Design-Build Team shall be liable for any fines assessed against GDOT as a result of the any noncompliance event as provided herein.

**1.3 Incident Based Nonrefundable Deductions**

Nonrefundable deductions upon the occurrence of the following, which shall not be cumulative, for any single occurrence. Where there are multiple incidents as set forth below contributing to a single occurrence, the highest applicable incident based liquidated damages relative to such occurrence shall apply.

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| <b>1</b> | Causing environmental damage in contravention of Section 4 of the Technical Provisions and NEPA Approval   | <b>\$500 per occurrence*</b>                |
| <b>2</b> | Failure to establish and maintain traffic in accordance with an approved Traffic Management Plan in accordance with Design-Build Team’s Work, including in Related Transportation Facilities and as required by Section 18.2 and Section 18.3 of the Technical Provisions. | <b>\$500 per occurrence*</b>                |
| <b>3</b> | A failure to follow the approved procedures outlined in the Utility Emergency Procedures Plan as required in Section 6 of Technical Provisions.  | <b>\$1,000 per occurrence*</b>              |
| <b>4</b> | Damage caused to an existing GDOT ITS device:  | <b>\$ 1,000 per device per occurrence**</b> |
| <b>5</b> | Damage caused to an existing GDOT ITS trunk line:  | <b>\$ 10,000 per trunk per occurrence**</b> |

\*In addition to nonrefundable deductions, Design-Build Team shall be liable for any fines assessed against GDOT as a result of the any noncompliance event as provided.

\*\*In addition to nonrefundable deductions, Design-Build Team shall be liable for all costs of repairs of ITS equipment.



**EXHIBIT 19**

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**EXHIBIT 20****TERMS FOR TERMINATION COMPENSATION****A. Compensation on Termination for Convenience, for GDOT Default, or for GDOT Suspension of Work**

1. In the event of termination of the Agreement under Article 19.1 (Termination for Convenience) or Article 19.4 (Termination for GDOT Default or Suspension of Work), the Termination Compensation shall equal:

(i) That portion of the DB Contract Sum on account of (a) Work performed;  
plus

(ii) The amount necessary to reimburse reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs of third party and Affiliate Contractors to demobilize and terminate under Contracts between Design-Build Team and third parties or Affiliates for performance of Work, excluding Design-Build Team's non-contractual liabilities and indemnity liabilities (contractual or non-contractual) to third parties or Affiliates; plus

(iii) If termination occurs prior to Substantial Completion, Design-Build Team's own reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs to demobilize (without duplication) and carry out termination obligations as may directed by GDOT or required pursuant to the Agreement; plus

(iv) Any reimbursement due to Design-Build Team pursuant to Article 17.3.6.2(b); plus

(v) Breakage Costs; minus

(vi) The amount of all distributions and all payments to Affiliates in excess of reasonable compensation for necessary services or that are advance payments in violation of Article 10.5.3 of the Agreement, between the date notice of conditional election to terminate is delivered and the Early Termination Date, but without double counting of the amounts under any clauses above; minus

(vii) The sum of (i) the greater of (A) the proceeds received from insurance (including casualty insurance and business interruption insurance) that is required to be carried pursuant to Article 16.1 of the Agreement and provides coverage to pay, reimburse or provide for any of the costs and losses attributable to any Force Majeure Event, and (B) the proceeds received from insurance that is actually carried by or insuring Design-Build Team under policies solely with respect to the Project and the Work, regardless of whether required to be carried pursuant to Article 16.1 of the Agreement, and that provides coverage to pay, reimburse or provide for any of the costs and losses attributable to any Force Majeure Event, plus (ii) the foregoing costs and losses that Design-Build Team is deemed to have self-insured pursuant to Article 16.1.4.3 of the Agreement; minus

(viii) The portion of any Compensation Amounts previously paid to (or charged against) Design-Build Team that compensated Design-Build Team for Work attributable to the period after the Early Termination Date.

2. In the event of termination of the Agreement under Article 19.1 (Termination for Convenience) or Article 19.4 (Termination for GDOT Default or Suspension of Work), any such Termination Compensation shall be payable by GDOT as follows:

(i) For Termination for Convenience

(a) Termination for Convenience shall be valid and effective on the date set forth in the Notice of Termination for Convenience, which date shall not be more than three (3) months after the date the notice is delivered.

(b) GDOT shall deliver to Design-Build Team, in immediately available funds, within sixty (60) days after the Early Termination Date, the Termination Compensation due, less a holdback amount equal to GDOT's reasonable estimate of the costs Design-Build Team will thereafter incur to perform and complete its post-termination obligations under Article 19.5 of the Agreement, subject to Sections (ii)(b) - (d) below.

(ii) For Termination for GDOT Default or Suspension of Work

(a) If the Agreement is terminated due to Design-Build Team's exercise of its right to terminate under Article 19.4 of the Agreement, termination shall be valid and effective on the date notice of termination is delivered; and, subject to Articles 19.3.2 and 19.4.4, GDOT shall deliver to Design-Build Team, in immediately available funds, within sixty (60) days after the Early Termination Date, the Termination Compensation due, less a holdback amount equal to GDOT's reasonable estimate of the costs Design-Build Team will thereafter incur to perform and complete its post-termination obligations under Article 19.5 of the Agreement.

(b) GDOT shall pay the holdback amount to Design-Build Team within ten (10) days after Design-Build Team completes all its post-termination obligations under Article 19.5 of the Agreement.

(c) If as of the date GDOT tenders payment under clause (a) above the Parties have not agreed upon the amount of Termination Compensation due, then:

(i) GDOT shall proceed with such payment to Design-Build Team;

(ii) Within thirty (30) days after receiving such payment Design-Build Team shall deliver to GDOT written notice of the additional amount of Termination Compensation that Design-Build Team in good faith determines is still owing (the "disputed portion");

(iii) GDOT shall pay the disputed portion of the Termination Compensation to Design-Build Team in immediately available funds within thirty (30) days after the disputed portion is determined by settlement, final order or final judgment, and also shall pay interest thereon, at the Default Interest Rate from the Early Termination Date until paid; and



(iv) A failure by GDOT to effect payment by such date shall not entitle Design-Build Team to reinstatement of the Design-Build Team's Interest or to rescission of the termination.

(d) From and after the Early Termination Date until the Termination Compensation is finally determined and paid, the provisions of Article 19.10 of the Agreement shall apply and Design-Build Team shall continue to have a pledge of and security interest in and to the Post-Termination Revenue Account and Security Instruments.

(e) If it is determined by settlement or final judgment that the Termination Compensation due from GDOT is less than the payment previously made by GDOT, then within thirty (30) days after the date of settlement or final judgment Design-Build Team shall reimburse the excess payment, together with interest thereon at the Default Interest Rate from the date of overpayment until the date of reimbursement.

(f) Any amounts to be paid by GDOT pursuant hereto shall be subject to Default Interest Rate from the date that such payment shall be due until paid.

**B. Compensation on Termination for Design-Build Team Default**

1. Design-Build Team shall not be entitled to receive any compensation where the Agreement is terminated by GDOT pursuant to Article 19.3 as a result a Design-Build Team Default if it has been determined by GDOT that the damages incurred by GDOT and costs to complete the Work as a result of the Design-Build Team Default exceed the unpaid balance of the DB Contract Sum. In no event shall Design-Build Team be entitled to Breakage Fees or any direct costs, including demobilization, associated with a termination by GDOT pursuant to Article 19.3.

**C. Claims**

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Termination Compensation shall include and be adjusted on account of any outstanding Claim that is independent of the event of termination and which is not otherwise resolved as of the effective date of such termination. The Parties shall adjust the Termination Compensation by the amount of the unpaid award, if any, on the Claim.

2. At GDOT's sole election, it may hold back from payment of the Termination Compensation for deposit into the GDOT Claims Account the amount of any Claim of GDOT against Design-Build Team not resolved prior to payment. GDOT shall provide written notice to Design-Build Team of any such election, the subject Claim and the amount deposited or to be deposited, prior to or concurrently with tendering payment of the Termination Compensation.

3. If as of the date GDOT tenders payment under clause (a) above the Parties have not agreed upon the amount of Termination Compensation due, then:

(i) GDOT shall proceed with such payment to Design-Build Team;

(ii) Within thirty (30) days after receiving such payment Design-Build Team shall deliver to GDOT written notice of the additional amount of Termination Compensation that Design-Build Team in good faith determines is still owing (the “disputed portion”);

(iii) GDOT shall pay the disputed portion of the Termination Compensation to Design-Build Team in immediately available funds within thirty (30) days after the disputed portion is determined by settlement, final order or final judgment, together with interest thereon at the Default Interest Rate from the later of the two dates set forth in clause (a) above until paid; and

(iv) Failure by GDOT to effect payment by such date shall not entitle Design-Build Team to reinstatement of the Design-Build Team’s Interest or to rescission of the termination.

4. If it is determined by settlement or final judgment that the Termination Compensation due from GDOT is less than the payment previously made by GDOT, then within thirty (30) days after the date of settlement or final judgment Design-Build Team shall reimburse the excess payment, together with interest thereon at the Default Interest Rate from the date of overpayment until the date of reimbursement.

**EXHIBIT 21**

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**EXHIBIT 22****INITIAL DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES****GDOT's Authorized Representative:**

GDOT hereby designates the persons from time to time serving as the Commissioner of GDOT as its Authorized Representatives and such other persons as the Commissioner may from time to time designate by delivering written notice thereof to Design-Build Team. Any such designations by the Commissioner may be limited in scope and duration and may be revoked at any time by delivery of written notice thereof to Design-Build Team pursuant to Article 24.11 of the Agreement.

**Design-Build Team's Authorized Representative:**

Design-Build Team hereby designates the persons from time to time serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Design-Build Team as its Authorized Representatives and such other persons as the Chief Executive Officer may from time to time designate by delivering written notice thereof to GDOT. Any such designations by the Chief Executive Officer may be limited in scope and duration and may be revoked at any time by delivery of written notice thereof to GDOT pursuant to Article 24.11 of the Agreement.