SECTION 2

UTILITY NOTE

PUT-TR M-6-5.75
PID No. 98795

"Bidders are advised that the following utility facilities will not be cleared from the construction area at the time of award of the contract. These utility facilities shall remain in place or be relocated within the construction limits of the project as set out below."

All station locations listed below are approximate unless otherwise stated.

American Electric Power
The utility company facilities are at the following approximate locations:

Sta. 304+98, 29' Left – Existing pole to remain

Fairpoint Communication
The utility company facilities are at the following approximate locations:

Sta. 304+98, 29' Left – Lines on Existing AEP pole to remain

GENERAL COMMENTS
The contractor shall exercise caution when working in proximity to the existing utility facilities.

No utility relocation will be necessary.

Sections 105.07 and 107.16 of the Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications require, among other things, that the contractor cooperate with all utilities located within the limits of this construction project and take responsibility for the protection of the utility property and services.

By signing the specified contract proposal, of which the ODOT 2013 LPA Template (ODOT Spec Book and LPA Spec Book) has been incorporated, the bidder agrees to all of the below provisions. Any project that is scheduled to award after 12/31/16 must follow ODOT's 2016 CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS (CM&S) book. LOCAL PROGRAMS DBE PROCESS HAS CHANGED. INSTRUCTIONS/GUIDANCE CAN BE LOCATED ON PAGES 18-23.

ODOT's LPA Template (ODOT Spec Book and LPA Spec Book)
Required Contract Provisions.

1. **ODOT'S 2013 and 2016 CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS (CM&S) AND ITS SUPPLEMENTS**

With the exception of Section 100 "General Provisions" included in the matrix below, ODOT's Construction and Material Specifications (CM&S) and its supplements are hereby incorporated by reference, in their entirety, as if rewritten herein. **The incorporation of this document by reference is not intended to interfere with the order of precedence set forth in Section 105.04 of the CMS Manual.**

In accordance with the Locally Administrated Transportation Projects Manual of Procedures (LATPM), when bidding this project, the Contractor should replace the terms "the Department", "the Engineer" and "the DCA" with the term "the Local Public Agency (LPA)." Furthermore, nothing in this document is intended to alter the LPA's adherence to Ohio Revised Code, local ordinance or other applicable requirements which are properly established.

Excluded 2013 Specifications			
Section102.01	Section 103.01		Section 108.09
Section 102.03	Section 103.02	Section 107.04	Section 109.06
Section 102.06	Section 103.04	Section 107.13	Section 109.09
Section 102.09	Section 103.05	Section 108.01	Section 109.12(A)
Section 102.10	Section 103.06	Section 108.02(B)	Section 109.12(B)
Section 102.11	Section 103.07	Section 108.02(E)	Section 109.12(E)
Section 102.13	Section 104.02(A)	Section 108.02(G)	
Section 102.14	Section 105.05	Section 108.08	
Section 102.17	Section 105.13		

Excluded 2016 Specifications			
Section102.01	Section 103.01		Section 108.09
Section 102.03	Section 103.02	Section 107.04	Section 109.06
Section 102.06	Section 103.04	Section 107.13	Section 109.09
Section 102.09	Section 103.05	Section 108.01	Section 109.12(A)
Section 102.10	Section 103.06	Section 108.02(B)	Section 109.12(B)
Section 102.11	Section 103.07	Section 108.02(E)	Section 109.12(E)
Section 102.13	Section 104.02(A)		
Section 102.14	Section 105.05	Section 108.02(G)	
Section 102.17	Section 105.13	Section 108.08	

2. **STEEL AND IRON PRODUCTS MADE IN THE UNITED STATES**

Furnish steel and iron products that are made in the United States according to the applicable provisions of Federal regulations stated in 23 CFR 635.410 and State of Ohio laws, and ORC 153.011 and 5525.21. "United States" means the United States of America and includes all territory, continental or insular,

subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Both the State and Federal requirements contained in (A.) and (B.) of this section apply to this contract.

A. Federal Requirements. All steel or iron products incorporated permanently into the Work must be made of steel or iron produced in the United States and all subsequent manufacturing must be performed in the United States. Manufacturing is any process that modifies the chemical content; physical shape or size; or final finish of a product. Manufacturing begins with the initial melting and mixing, and continues through the bending and coating stages. If a domestic product is taken out of the United States for any process, it becomes a foreign source material.

B. State Requirements. All steel products used in the Work for load-bearing structural purposes must be made from steel produced in the United States. State requirements do not apply to iron.

C. Exceptions. ODOT may grant specific written permission to use foreign steel or iron products in bridge construction and foreign iron products in any type of construction. ODOT may grant such exceptions under either of the following conditions:

1. The cost of products to be used does not exceed 0.1 percent of the total Contract cost, or $2,500, whichever is greater. The cost is the value of the product as delivered to the project.

2. The specified products are not produced in the United States in sufficient quantity or otherwise are not reasonably available to meet the requirements of the Contract Documents. ODOT may require the Contractor to obtain letters from three different suppliers documenting the unavailability of a product from a domestic source, if the shortage is not previously established.

D. Proof of Domestic Origin. Furnish documentation to the Engineer showing the domestic origin of all steel and iron products covered by this section, before they are incorporated into the Work. Products without a traceable domestic origin will be treated as a non-domestic product.

3. CERTIFICATION AGAINST DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

The bidder hereby certifies by signing this proposal that, except as noted below, under penalty of perjury and under other such penalties as the laws of this state and the United States of America provide, that the company or any person associated there with in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal investigator, project director, manager, auditor, or any position involving the administration of federal funds is **not** currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; that the company or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal investigator, project director, manager, auditor, or any position involving the administration of federal funds has **not** been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; that the company or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, manager, auditor, or any position involving the administration of federal funds does **not** have a proposed debarment pending; that the company or any person associated there with in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal investigator has **not** been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against the company, or themselves by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years.

If there are exceptions to any of the above clauses please include a statement with the bid package detailing these exceptions.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining bidder responsibility. For any exception noted, indicate below to whom it applies, initiating agency and dates of action. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions. Execution of this proposal on the signature portion thereof shall constitute also signature of this certification as permitted by Title 28 United States Code, Section 1746.

4. PREQUALIFICATION

Only pre-qualified contractors are eligible to submit bids for this PROJECT. Pre-qualification status must be in force **at the time of bid, at the time of award, and through the life of the construction contract.** For work types that ODOT does not pre-qualify, the LPA must still select a qualified contractor. Subcontractors are not subject to the pre-qualification requirement. The "prime" contractor must perform no less than 30 percent of the total original contract price.

5. **PN033 - 4/18/2008- AS PER PLAN DESIGNATION**
(Not required by FHWA, but strongly suggested if As Per Plan is used by the LPA)
For the last several years the "As Per Plan" designation has been added to some item descriptions in the proposal to assist the Contractors to easily identify standard items that have been altered by plan notes.

The "As Per Plan" designation has proven to be a very useful tool for the Contractors. However, its use was never intended to relieve the Contractors of their responsibility to read, bid and construct all items in accordance with all governing plan notes. Therefore, the absence of an "As Per Plan" designation on some item descriptions in the proposal for which there are clear and controlling plan notes does not relieve the Contractors of the responsibility to read, bid and construct those particular items in accordance with the governing plan notes.

Be advised that the item descriptions in the bidding proposal must be read or interpreted with the governing plan notes and the Construction and Material Specification Manual. A claim based upon an "order of precedence" basis will be denied. In the event that a conflict, either real or perceived, exists between the item description and the governing plan note, the Contractors are to request clarification through the pre-bid process.

6. **FEDERALLY REQUIRED EEO CERTIFICATION FORM**

The bidder hereby certifies that he **has ....**, **has not ....**, participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the equal opportunity clause, as required by Executive Orders 10925, 11114, or 11246, and that he **has ....**, **has not ....**, filed with the Joint Reporting Committee, the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, a Federal Government Contract Compliance, a Federal Government contracting or administering agency, or the former President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, all reports due under the applicable filing requirements. ***The Bidder must circle the appropriate "has or has not" above.***

7. **PN 017 - 10/15/2004 - FEDERALLY REQUIRED EEO CERTIFICATION CLAUSE**
The Federally Required EEO Certification is required by the Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1.7 (b) (1)), and must be submitted by bidders and proposed subcontractors only in connection with contracts and subcontractors which are subject to the equal opportunity clause. Contracts and subcontracts which are exempt from the equal opportunity clause are set forth in 41 CFR 60-1.5. (Generally only contracts or subcontracts of $10,000 or under are exempt.)

Currently, Standard Form 100 (EEO-1) is the only report required by the Executive Orders or their implementing regulations.

Proposed prime contractors and subcontractors who have participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Executive Orders and have not filed the required reports should note that 41 CFR 60-1.7 (b) (1) prevents the award of contracts and subcontracts unless such contractor submits a report covering the delinquent period or such other period specified by the Federal Highway Administration or by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, U.S. Department of Labor.

8. **PN 026 - 10/15/2004 - CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES**

(a) Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities, as required by the May 9, 1967, Order of the Secretary of Labor (32 F.R. 7439, May 19, 1967) on Elimination of Segregated Facilities (for a Federal-aid highway construction contract exceeding $10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause).

(b) Bidders are cautioned as follows: By signing this bid, the bidder has agreed to the provisions of the "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" in this proposal. This certification provides that the bidder does not maintain or provide for his employees facilities which are segregated on a basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, whether such facilities are segregated by directive or on a de facto basis. The certification also provides that the bidder will not maintain such segregated facilities.

(c) Bidders receiving Federal-aid highway construction contract awards exceeding $10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, will be required to provide for the forwarding of the following notice to prospective subcontractors for construction contracts and material suppliers where the subcontracts or material supply agreements exceed $10,000 and are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause.

"Notice to Prospective Subcontractors and Material Suppliers of Requirement for Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" -

(a) A Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities as required by the May 9, 1967, Order of the Secretary of Labor (32 F.R. 7439, May 19, 1967) on Elimination of Segregated Facilities, which is included in the proposal, or attached hereto, must be submitted by each subcontractor and material supplier prior to the award of the subcontract or consummation of a material supply agreement if such subcontract or agreement exceeds $10,000 and is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause.

(b) Subcontractors and material suppliers are cautioned as follows: By signing the subcontract or entering into a material supply agreement, the subcontractor or material supplier will be deemed to have signed and agreed to the provisions of the "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" in the subcontract or material supply agreement. This certification provides that the subcontractor or material supplier does not maintain or provide for his employees facilities which are segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, whether such facilities are segregated by directive or on a de facto basis. The certification also provides that the subcontractor or material supplier will not maintain such segregated facilities.

(c) Subcontractors or material suppliers receiving subcontract awards or material supply agreements exceeding $10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause will be required to provide for the forwarding of this notice to prospective subcontractors for construction contracts and material suppliers where the subcontracts or material supply agreements exceed $10,000 and are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause.

9. PN 035 - 10/15/2004 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS OF FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM OF MANUAL 6-4-1-2 SPECIFIC EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. GENERAL

a. Equal employment opportunity requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal employment opportunity as required by Executive Order 11246 and Executive Order 11375 are set forth in Required Contract Provisions (Form PR- 1273 or 1316, as appropriate) and these Special Provisions which are imposed pursuant to Section 140 of Title 23, U.S.C., as established by Section 22 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1968. The requirements set forth in these Special Provisions shall constitute the specific affirmative action requirements for project

activities under this contract and supplement the equal employment opportunity requirements set forth in the Required Contract Provisions.

b. The contractor will work with the LPA, ODOT and the Federal Government in carrying out equal employment opportunity obligations and in their review of his/her activities under the contract.

c. The contractor and all his/her subcontractors holding subcontracts not including material suppliers, of $10,000 or more, will comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of equal employment opportunity: (The equal Employment Opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as set forth in Volume 6, Chapter 4, Section 1, Subsection I of the Federal-Aid Highway Program Manual, are applicable to material suppliers as well as contractors and subcontractors.) The contractor will include these requirements in every subcontract of $10,000 or more with such modification of language as is necessary to make them binding on the subcontractor.

2. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY

The contractor will accept as his operating policy the following statement which is designed to further the provision of equal employment opportunity to all persons without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and to promote the full realization of equal employment opportunity through a positive continuing program:

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, or national origin. 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.

3. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OFFICE

The contractor will designate and make known to the LPA contracting officer(s) an equal employment opportunity officer (hereinafter referred to as the EEO Officer) who will have the responsibility for and must be capable to effectively administering and promoting an active contractor program of equal employment opportunity and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

4. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

a. 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 equal employment opportunity policy and contractual responsibilities to provide equal employment opportunity 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:

(1) 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 equal employment opportunity policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer or other knowledgeable company official.

(2) All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer or other knowledgeable company official covering all major aspects of the contractor's equal employment opportunity obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the contractor.

(3) All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer or appropriate company official in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minority group employees.

b. In order to make the contractor's equal employment opportunity policy known to all employees, prospective employees and potential sources of employees, i.e., schools, employment agencies, labor unions (where appropriate), college placement officers, etc., the contractor will the following actions:

(1) Notices and posters setting forth the contractor's equal employment opportunity policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

(2) The contractor's equal employment opportunity 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.

5. RECRUITMENT

a. When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Employment Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be published in newspapers or other publications having a large circulation among minority groups in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

b. 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 minority group applicants, including, but not limited to, State employment agencies, schools, colleges and minority group organizations. To meet this requirement, the contractor will, through his EEO Officer, identify sources of potential minority group employees, and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority group applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, he is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system permits the contractor's compliance with equal employment opportunity contract provisions. (The U.S. Department of Labor has held that where implementation of such agreements have the effect of discriminating against minorities or women or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Executive Order 1 1246, as amended.)

c. The contractor will encourage his present employees to refer minority group applicants for employment by posting appropriate notices or bulletins in areas accessible to all such employees. In addition, information and procedures with regard to referring minority group applicants will be discussed with employees.

6. 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, or national origin. 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 his 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 his avenues of appeal.

7. TRAINING AND PROMOTION

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minority group and women employees, and applicants for employment.

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. Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year of apprenticeship or training. In the event the "Training Special Provisions" are included in this bid proposal, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in said provisions.

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 minority group and women employees and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

8. UNIONS

If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use his/her best efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minority groups and women within the unions, and to effect referrals by such unions of minority and female employees. 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 best efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minority group members and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minority group employees and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

b. The contractor will use best efforts to incorporate an equal employment opportunity 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, or national origin.

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 ODOT 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 minority and women 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 or national origin, making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minority group persons and women. (The U.S. Department of Labor has held that it shall be no excuse that the union with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement providing for exclusive referral failed to refer minority employees.) 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 ODOT.

9. SUBCONTRACTING

a. The contractor will use his best efforts to solicit bids from and to utilize minority group subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority group and female representation among their employees. Contractors shall obtain lists of minority-owned construction firms from the LPA's personnel.

b. The contractor will use his best efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their equal employment opportunity obligations.

10. RECORDS AND REPORTS

a. The contractor will keep such records as are necessary to determine compliance with the contractor's equal employment opportunity obligations. The records kept by the contractor will be designed to indicate:

(1) The number 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 to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women (applicable only to contractors who rely in whole or in part on unions as a source of their work force);

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minority and female employees, and;

(4) The progress and efforts being made in securing the services of minority group subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority and female representation among their employees.

b. All such records must be retained for a period of three years following completion of the contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the LPA, ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

c. The contractors will submit to the LPA and ODOT a monthly report for the first three months after construction begins and every month of 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 PR 139 1. If on-the-job training is being required by "Training Special Provisions," the contractor will be required to furnish Form FHWA 1409.

10. PN 003 - 10/15/2004 - TITLE VI RELATED STATUTES NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The LPA, under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and related statutes, ensures that no person in the LPA, shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity it administers.

11. **CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS**

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code §9.47, before any Contract is awarded, the LPA will require the Bidder to furnish a valid Certificate of Compliance with Affirmative Action Programs, issued by the State EEO Coordinator dated prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids.

12. **PN 020 – 11/21/2011 - NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Bidder's attention is called to the affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 23 CFR Part 230, 41 CFR Part 60, Executive Order 11246, Section 503, and the affirmative action provisions of Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act (VEVRAA) of 1974.

Utilization goals applicable to the project, expressed in percentages, for minority and female participation for each construction craft can be found on ODOT's website at **http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Pages/default.aspx**. These goals are based on 2000 census data and represent the area, per craft, minority and female availability pool.

Minority and female utilization obligations by craft per county (applicable to project):
http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Construction/CountyAvailability-ByTrade.pdf

Statewide utilization obligations by craft (applicable to the Contractor's statewide workforce):
http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Construction/StatewideAverages-ByTrade.pdf

Effective 1/1/08 the New Hire Definition will be as follows:
Individual who has a break in service (not on an employer's payroll) for a period of 60 days or longer and the person affected is not a salaried employee, but belongs to a union craft. If this person is rehired the following Spring (construction industry), that person is to be considered a new hire even though the individual may have worked for the contractor the previous construction season or prior years. Individuals compensated for training or incidental work which does **not cause a break in unemployment compensation**, i.e., paid by voucher check or petty cash, are considered new hires if the individual's break in service is 60 days or longer.

Effective 4/1/09:

A new hire shall be associated with the first project worked for that contractor regardless of whether it is public or private. When reporting new hires the contractor shall identify that employee as a new hire on that specific project only. Subsequent work, barring a break in service of 60 days or more, would not qualify the employee as a new hire for that contractor.

The Contractor's compliance shall be based on the implementation of affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 23 CFR Part 230, and its good faith efforts to meet these obligations. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and females on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the affirmative action obligations shall be a violation of the contract and regulations in 23 CFR Part 230. The good faith efforts put forth by the contractor will be measured against the total work hours performed. Under FHWA, ODOT is the authority tasked with ensuring that the contractor adheres to the aforementioned regulations. In addition to complying with the Required Contract Provisions as outlined in the attached subcontract agreement the Contractor shall provide immediate written notification to the ODOT and the Prime Contractor when referral practices of the union or unions with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement impede the company's efforts to meet its equal opportunity obligations.

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) administers and enforces equal employment opportunity laws that apply to Federal government contractors and subcontractors supplying goods and services, including construction, to the Federal Government under 41 CFR Part 60, Executive Order 11246, Section 503, and the affirmative action provisions of VEVRAA. The OFCCP monitors compliance with these laws primarily through compliance evaluations, during which a compliance officer examines the contractor's affirmative action efforts and employment practices. Under Executive Order 11246, the OFCCP may perform contract compliance reviews on contractors involved with federally funded ODOT projects.

Requirements for affirmative action obligations governing OFCCP contract compliance reviews are those listed in the Federal Register for the Economic Area. http://www.dol.gov/ofccp/TAguides/consttag.pdf page E-32

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Equal Opportunity Division, is responsible for ensuring state contractors implement and adhere to the State of Ohio's affirmative action program pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 123:2-3-02. Specifically, this unit's responsibilities includes the issuance of certificates of compliance under ORC 9.47 and 153.08, conducting project site visits and compliance reviews (desk audits) to ensure contractors utilize minorities and women in the construction trades, as well as maintaining a working environment free of discrimination, harassment and intimidation. The DAS may perform contract compliance reviews on contractors involved with state funded ODOT projects. Requirements for affirmative action obligations governing DAS contract compliance reviews are those listed in the O.A.C. for the Metropolitan Statistical Area in which a project is located. http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/EqualOpportunity/ConstructionCompliance.aspx

All prime and subcontractors regardless on the number of employees or the state contract amount are required to submit monthly utilization reports (Input Form 29) to Ohio Department of Administrative Services covering the contractor's total workforce within the state of Ohio. The reports must be filed electronically by the 10th of each month, beginning with the contract award and continuing until the contractor or subcontractor completes performance of the state contract. http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/EqualOpportunity/InputForm29.aspx

The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, 200 N. High Street, Room 409, Columbus, Ohio 43215, within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of $10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address and telephone number of the subcontractor, employer identification number of the subcontractor, estimated dollar amount of the

subcontract, estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

13. **PN 029 - 10/15/2004 - ON-THE JOB TRAINING (OJT) PILOT PROGRAM**

The requirements of this Training Special Provision supersede subparagraph 7b of the Special Provision entitled Special Employment Opportunity Responsibilities, and implements 23 U.S.C. 140(a).

The following must be included as part of the Contractor's equal employment opportunity affirmative action training program:

The Contractor must provide on-the-job training aimed at developing full journey persons in the type or job classification in which they work.

The contractor is not required to have a specific number of trainees assigned to this project. The number of trainees will be distributed among the work classifications on the basis of the Contractor's needs and the availability of the journey persons in the various classifications. The Contractor will be credited for each trainee employed by him or her who is currently enrolled or becomes enrolled in an approved program.

Training and upgrading of minorities and women toward journey person status is a primary objective of this Training Special Provision. Accordingly, the Contractor must make every effort to enroll minority trainees and women (e.g., by conducting systematic and direct recruitment through public and private sources likely to yield minority and women trainees) to the extent that such persons are available within a reasonable area of recruitment. This training commitment is not intended, and will not be used, to discriminate against any applicant for training, regardless of whether the applicant is a member of a minority group or not.

No employee will be employed as a trainee in any classification in which he or she has successfully completed a training course leading to journey person status or in which he or she has been employed as a journey person. The Contractor must satisfy this requirement by including appropriate questions in the employee's application or by other suitable means. Regardless of the method used, the Contractor's records must document the findings in each case.

The minimum length and type of training for each classification will be established in the training program selected by the Contractor.

No payment by the LPA will be made to the Contractor for providing this training. However, if the Contractor fails to provide adequate training and cannot show good faith efforts on its part to provide adequate training, it will be subject to a formal compliance review to determine the Contractor's efforts in meeting the EEO laws and regulations.

The Contractor must provide the following reports:

1. CR1 Report

   A. To be completed on each trainee
   B. To be filled out at the start of training and finish of training or at the end of the year, whichever comes first
   C. To be submitted to the ODOT District in which the Contractor's home office is located.

2. Tracking will be on an annual basis. The Contractor must submit the subsequent CR1 to the ODOT District in which the Contractors home office is located.

The prime or subcontractor conducting the training must be involved in at least one Federal project per calendar year in order to get FHWA training credit. Participation in the OJT Program is not project or contract specific.

All Contractors are encouraged to participate in the OJT program. Such a program will be considered when examining the contractor's Good Faith Efforts toward meeting its contractual affirmative action obligations.

All Contractors shall submit their own Training Program or Apprenticeship Certificate, for approval, to the ODOT District in which the company's home office is located.

All OJT Trainees must have the appropriate certification. Apprenticeship Certificates can be obtained from the State of Ohio, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. The union apprenticeship agreement is not acceptable verification of an apprentice's enrollment in a union sponsored training program. A copy of the Apprenticeship Certificate along with a statement indicating the number of months/years the employee has been in the apprenticeship program must be submitted to the District Contract Compliance Officer (CCO) Coordinator in the company's home district and to the prevailing wage coordinator in the district responsible for the project within 90 days of the apprentice beginning work on the project.

14. PN 059 - 10/15/2004 - 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 for 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 Determination
Wage and Hour Division
U. S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 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, D. C. 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 requester 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, D. C. 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

15. **PN 061 –10/22/2012- WAGE SCALE ON ALL FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS**

The wage rates for this project were determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with Federal-Aid requirements. LPA must formally incorporate into contract documents.

Contractors shall use only the classifications and wage rates set forth in the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) wage decision found at website noted below on payrolls submitted to the LPA Office. Additionally, please note that the wage modification in effect at the time of the project sale date, shall be used by all contractors.

This USDOL wage decision may be viewed, by accessing the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) website at:

http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx#3

This contract requires the payment of the total of the basic hourly rates plus the fringe benefits payments for each classification in accordance with the following regulations which by reference are made part of this contract:

1) The U.S. Department of Labor Regulations, Title 29, Subtitle A, Part 5, Sections 5.5, 5.31, and 5.32, most recent revision at contract execution.

Form FHWA-1273 (most recent revision at contract execution) Part IV. Payment of Predetermined Minimum Wage and Part V. Statements and Payrolls.

The failure to pay prevailing wages to all laborers and mechanics employed on this project, shall be considered a breach of contract. Such a failure may result in the termination of the contract and debarment.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all wages and fringe benefits by company check. All payroll records and canceled pay checks shall be maintained for at least three years after final acceptance as defined in section 109.12 of the Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Materials Specifications. The Contractor's and all subcontractors payroll records and canceled pay checks shall be made available for inspection by the Department and the U.S. Department of Labor, upon request, anytime during the life of the contract, and for three years thereafter by the U.S. Department of Labor. Additionally, the Contractor and all subcontractors shall permit such representatives to interview any employees during working hours while the employee is on the job.

The wage and fringe rates determined for this project shall be posted by the Contractor in a prominent and accessible place on the project, field office, or equipment yard where they can be easily read by the workers.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the LPA certified payrolls each week beginning two weeks after the start of work. These payrolls shall be on a Form WH-347 or equivalent and shall show the following:

Employee name, address, classification, and
hours worked.
2. The basic hourly and overtime rate paid, total pay, and the manner in which fringe benefit payments have been irrevocably made.
3. The project number and pay week days and dates.
4. Original signature of a company officer on the certification statement.

Additionally, a copy of the "Apprentice Certification" obtained from the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council, must accompany all certified payrolls submitted for all apprentices working on this project.

Please be aware that it is ultimately the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that all laws relating to prevailing wages in the USDOL Regulations, Title 29, parts 1 and 5, are strictly adhered to by all subcontractors on the project.

If the Contractor or any subcontractor fails to comply with any of the provisions contained in this proposal note, the Department may terminate the contract, debar the Contractor or Subcontractor and/or withhold or suspend pay estimates after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to comply has been provided.

The applicable wage and fringe rates for this project are to be incorporated in their entirety as an attachment to the executed contract.

16. LIMITATION ON USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

1. The prospective bidder certifies, by signing and submitting this bid 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. This certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

3. The prospective bidder also agrees by submitting his or her bid proposal that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed $100,000 and that all such subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

17. PN 045 - 10/15/2004 - NON -COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

In accordance with Title 23 United States Code, Section 112 and Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 1331 et. seq: and Sections 2921.11 and 2921.13, the bidder hereby states, under penalty of perjury and under other such penalties as the law provides, that he or his agents or employees have not entered either directly or indirectly into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this proposal. Execution of this proposal on the signature portion thereof shall constitute also signature of this Non-Collusion Affidavit as permitted by title 28 United States Code, Section 1746.

REPORTING BID RIGGING

To report bid rigging activities call:

1-800-424-9071

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) operates the above toll-free "hotline" Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report such activities.

The "hotline" is part of the DOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

18. **PN 014 - 10/15/2004 - DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE**

The prime contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding drug-free workplace. The prime contractor shall make a good faith effort to ensure that all its employees, while working on this project, will not purchase, transfer, use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way.

The prime contractor shall also require that this contractual obligation be placed in all subcontractor and materialman contracts that it enters into and further requires that all subcontractors and materialmen place the same contractual obligations in each of their lower tier contracts.

19. **PN 034 - 05/25/2011 – DRUG FREE SAFETY PROGRAM**

During the life of this project, the Contractor and all its Subcontractors, that provide labor on the Project site, must be enrolled in and remain in good standing in the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation ("OBWC") Drug-Free Safety Program ("DFSP") or a comparable program approved by the OBWC.

In addition to being enrolled in and in good standing in an OBWC-approved DFSP or a comparable Drug Free Workplace Program ("DFWP") approved by the OBWC, the LPA requires each Contractor and Subcontractor that provides labor, to subject its employees who perform labor on the project site to random drug testing of 5 percent of its employees. The random drug testing percentage must also include the on-site supervisors of the Contractors and Subcontractors. Upon request, the Contractor and Subcontractor shall provide evidence of required testing to the LPA.

Each Subcontractor shall require all lower-tier Subcontractors that provides labor on the project site with whom the Subcontractor is in contract for the Work to be enrolled in and be in good standing in the OBWC DFSP or an OBWC-approved DFWP prior to a lower-tier Subcontractor providing labor at the Site.

The LPA will declare a bid non-responsive and ineligible for award if the Contractor is not enrolled and in good standing in the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation's DFSP Discount Program or a similar program approved by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation within 8 days of the bid opening. Furthermore, the LPA will deny all requests to sublet when the subcontractor does not comply with the provisions of this proposal note.

Failure of the Contractor to require a Subcontractor to be enrolled in and be in good standing in the OBWC DFSP or an OBWC-approved DFWP prior to the time that the Subcontractor provides labor at the Site, shall result in the Contractor being found in breach of the Contract and that breach shall be used in the responsibility analysis of that Contractor or the Subcontractor who was not enrolled in a program for future contracts with the State for five years after the date of the breach.

20. **OHIO WORKERS'COMPENSATION COVERAGE**

The Contractor must secure and maintain valid Ohio workers' compensation coverage until the project has been finally accepted by the Ohio Department of Transportation. A certificate of coverage evidencing valid workers' compensation coverage must be submitted to the LPA before the contract will be executed by the LPA.

The Contractor must immediately notify the LPA, in writing, if it or any subcontractor fails or refuses to renew their workers' compensation coverage. Furthermore, the Contractor must notify the LPA, in writing, if its or any of its subcontractor's workers' compensation policies are canceled, terminated or lapse.

The failure to maintain valid workers' compensation coverage shall be considered a breach of contract which may result in the Contractor or subcontractor being removed from the project, withholding of pay estimates and/or termination of the contract.

21. **PN 038 - 10/15/2004 - UNRESOLVED FINDING FOR RECOVERY**

The Contractor affirmatively represents to the LPA that it is not subject to a finding for recovery under Ohio Revised Code §9.24, or that it has taken the appropriate remedial steps required under §9.24 or otherwise qualifies under that section. The Contractor agrees that if this representation is deemed to be false, the contract shall be void ab initio as between the parties to this contract, and any funds paid by the state hereunder shall be immediately repaid to the LPA, or an action for recovery may be immediately commenced by the LPA and/or for recovery of said funds.

22. **PN 039 - 10/15/2004 - ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CLAIMS IN STATE CONTRACT LANGUAGE**

The Contractor should recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are usually borne by ODOT and/or the LPA. As consideration for the Award of the Contract and intent to be legally bound, the Contractor acting herein by and through the person signing this contract on behalf of the Contractor as a duly authorized agent, hereby assigns, sells, conveys, and transfers to ODOT and/or the LPA any and all right, title and interest to any and all claims and causes of action the Contractor now has or hereafter requires under state or federal antitrust laws provided that the claims or causes of action related to the goods or services that are the subject to the contract. In addition, the Contractor warrants and represents that it will require any and all of its subcontractors and first tier suppliers to assign any and all federal and state antitrust claims and causes of action to ODOT and/or the LPA. The provisions of this article shall become effective at the time the LPA executes this contract without further acknowledgment by any of the parties.

All contracting entities shall assign their rights and responsibilities to ODOT and/or the LPA for all antitrust claims and causes of action regarding subcontractors.

23. **PN 024 - 4/21/2006- US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PERMITS**

The above referenced permits are incorporated and made a part of this contract as special provisions incorporated herein. Therefore, in the event that the Contractor or its agents refuse or fail to adhere to the requirements of the 404 Permit, and/or the NPDES Stormwater Permit and as a result an assessment or fine is made or levied against the Ohio Department of Transportation and/or the LPA, the Contractor shall reimburse ODOT or the LPA within thirty (30) calendar days of the notice of assessment or fine or the LPA or ODOT may withhold the amount of the fine from the Contractor's next pay estimate. All money collected or withheld from the Contractor shall be delivered to the permitting agencies issuing the assessment or fine.

These fines are not to be construed as a penalty but are liquidated damages to recover costs assessed against the LPA and/or ODOT due to the Contractor's refusal or failure to comply with the permits.

The Contractor shall make all necessary or required adjustments to the Storm Water Pollution Plan or plan quantities to adhere to the above permits and shall be paid in accordance with the contract. The Engineer will make the weekly and rainfall inspections of the work as required by the NPDES.

24. **PN 007 - 10/15/2004 - TRUCK LEASING (Required if DBE goal on the project)**

The Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, Section 26.55(d) (4) (5) (6) governs trucking operations. This section states that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (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 provides on the contract. The DBE may also lease trucks from a non-DBE firm, including an owner-operator. The DBE who leases trucks from a non-DBE will receive credit for only the fee or commission it receives as a result of the lease agreement. 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. The law requires that a lease must indicate that the DBE has exclusive use of and control over the truck for credit to be accorded to the DBE. 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.

In lieu of a truck owner displaying the name and identification number of the DBE, the truck owner shall be required to furnish a photocopy of the lease agreement, thereby fulfilling the rule without causing undue hardship on any entity.

Credit for expenditures with DBEs for materials or supplies toward the DBE goal is described as follows:

1. When the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer the prime contractor may receive credit for 100 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies toward the DBE goal. For purposes of this section, 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. When the materials or supplies are purchased from a DBE regular dealer or supplier the prime contractor may receive credit for 60 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies toward the DBE goal. For purposes of this section, a regular dealer or supplier is a firm that owns, operates, or maintains 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.

For subcontract agreement (C-92) purposes the following definitions will be used:

Install - DBE contractor who obtains goods, materials and supplies and fixes in place, for use, the same goods, materials and supplies. (e.g., DBE contractor obtains and fixes in place re-bar on project site). Must spend 20% or more time on project per day. 100% credit toward prime's DBE goal.

Stockpiling - DBE Contractor/Trucker who delivers materials, goods, or supplies to project site. 60% credit toward prime's DBE goal.

Tailgating - DBE Contractor/Trucker who delivers and installs materials, goods, or supplies to project site. Must spend 20% or more time on project per day. 100% credit toward prime's DBE goal.

25. **LPA PN 013 – 5/26/2016 - DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) UTILIZATION PLAN AND GOOD FAITH EFFORTS**

DBE UTILIZATION PLAN

All Bidders shall submit a DBE Utilization Plan at the time of bid setting forth specific information demonstrating how the Bidder will achieve the DBE goal. By submitting a DBE Utilization Plan, the Bidder is affirming that they will be using the DBE firms identified in the Utilization Plan to meet the DBE contract goal. The DBE Utilization Plan shall be submitted online at **https://odot.formstack.com/forms/dbe.**

The DBE Utilization Plan shall include the following information:

1) The names and addresses of the certified DBE firm(s) that will be used to meet the DBE goal;
2) A description of the work that each DBE will perform. To count toward meeting a goal, each DBE firm must be certified in a NAICS code applicable to the kind of work the firm would perform on the contract;
3) Whether the DBE firm(s) being used to meet the goal will be utilized as a subcontractor, regular dealer, manufacturer, consultant or other capacity; and
4) The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm used to meet the DBE goal.

DBE AFFIRMATION

The Apparent Low Bidder shall ensure the DBE firms being utilized to meet the DBE goal affirm their participation in the bid within five (5) calendar days after the bid opening. The Apparent Low Bidder shall utilize the DBE Affirmation Form located at http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Pages. The DBE Affirmation Form will be utilized as written confirmation from each listed DBE firm that it is participating in the contract in the kind and amount of work provided in the Bidder's DBE Utilization Plan. The Apparent Low Bidder shall submit a separate DBE Affirmation Form for each DBE it is utilizing for the DBE goal.

All other Bidders shall submit a DBE Affirmation Form(s) if notified that the information is required in order for ODOT to complete its bid assessment. Bidders shall have five (5) calendar days from the date of notification to submit all required DBE Affirmation Forms. Notification will be by phone or email.

In the event a DBE firm fails to confirm the information contained in the DBE Affirmation Form within five (5) calendar days of bid opening, the Apparent Low Bidder shall submit a Request to Terminate/Substitute DBE Form, as set forth herein. The Request to Terminate/Substitute DBE Form shall be submitted within five (5) calendar days after bid opening in order for the Apparent Low Bidder to still be considered for contract award. The Apparent Low Bidder shall include as its reason for termination the DBE firm's failure to provide a timely affirmation and should include all efforts the Apparent Low Bidder made to obtain the affirmation from the DBE firm and shall attach proof of these efforts, if available. If the Apparent Low Bidder intends to replace the DBE Firm, it shall include the replacement firm's information on the form. A DBE firm's failure to timely confirm information contained in the DBE Affirmation Form will be considered as good cause to terminate the DBE firm and will also be considered a part of the Apparent Low Bidder's Good Faith Efforts in meeting the goal.

DBE BIDDERS

In the event that the Bidder is also a certified DBE firm, the Bidder is required to complete a DBE Utilization Plan as set forth above. In this instance, however, the certified DBE Bidder would not need to submit a DBE Affirmation Form for the work it is planning to self-perform in order to meet the goal. ODOT will consider the submission of the bid as the certified DBE Bidder's written confirmation that it is participating in the contract. However, a DBE Affirmation Form must be submitted for all other DBE firms that are being utilized toward the DBE goal.

JOINT VENTURES

In the event that the Bidder is a Joint Venture, the Joint Venture will only be considered a Certified DBE firm if the Joint Venture itself has been certified. The Joint Venture may, however, utilize a Certified DBE firm that is also a partner in the Joint Venture as part of its DBE Utilization Plan. The Certified DBE Firm/Joint Venture Partner, however, does not need to submit a DBE Affirmation Form for any work that the Certified DBE Firm/Joint Venture Partner is going to perform to meet the goal. ODOT will consider submission of the Joint Venture's bid as the Certified DBE Firm/Joint Venture Partner's confirmation that it is participating in the contract.

GOOD FAITH EFFORTS (GFEs)

In the event that the DBE contract goal established by ODOT is not met, the Apparent Low Bidder shall demonstrate that it made adequate good faith efforts to meet the goal, even though it did not succeed in obtaining enough DBE participation to do so.
The Apparent Low Bidder shall demonstrate its GFEs by submitting the following information within five (5) calendar days after the bid opening:

(1) All written quotes received from certified DBE firms;
(2) All written (including email) communications between the Apparent Low Bidder and DBE firms;
(3) All written solicitations to DBE firms, even if unsuccessful;
(4) Copies of each non-DBE quote when a non-DBE was selected over a DBE for work on the contract;
(5) Phone logs of communications with DBE firms.

GFE documentation shall be submitted directly to ODOT at the following e-mail address:

DOT_PWEEO@dot.ohio.gov

All other Bidders shall submit documentation of GFE's if notified that the information is required in order for ODOT to complete its bid assessment. Bidders shall have five (5) calendar days from the date of notification to submit all required GFE documentation. Notification will be by phone or email.

ODOT shall utilize the guidance set forth in 49 CFR §26.53 Appendix A in determining whether the Bidder has made adequate good faith efforts to meet the goal.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECONSIDERATION

ODOT will review the GFE documentation and issue a written determination on whether adequate GFE's have been demonstrated prior to contract award. In the event that ODOT determines that the Apparent Low Bidder has failed to demonstrate adequate GFE's to meet the goal, the Apparent Low Bidder will have an opportunity for administrative reconsideration prior to the contract being awarded.

As part of this reconsideration, the Apparent Low Bidder may provide written documentation or argument concerning the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. Such written documentation or argument must be provided to ODOT, attention to the Deputy Director of the Division of Chief Legal Counsel, 1980 West Broad Street, MS 1500, Columbus, Ohio 43223, within two (2) business days of ODOT's written determination that GFE's were not adequately demonstrated. The Apparent Low Bidder may also include in their written documentation a request for an in person meeting to discuss the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so.

ODOT will send the Apparent Low Bidder a written decision on reconsideration explaining the basis for finding that the Apparent Low Bidder did or did not meet the goal or make adequate good faith efforts to do so. The result of the reconsideration process is not administratively appealable to the United States Department of Transportation.

TERMINATION OR REPLACEMENT OF A DBE

By submitting a DBE Utilization Plan, the Bidder is committing to use the DBE firms identified in the plan. The Apparent Low Bidder/Awarded Contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed in the DBE Utilization Plan to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless the Apparent Low Bidder/Awarded Contractor obtains written consent as provided in this paragraph. In order to request termination or substitution of a DBE firm, the Apparent Low Bidder/Awarded Contractor shall utilize the Request to Terminate/Substitute DBE Form located at http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Pages/default.aspx.

This termination/replacement procedure applies only to DBE firms or the amount of work being utilized to meet the goal.

Without ODOT's written consent to terminate/replace a DBE firm being utilized to meet the goal, the Awarded Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for DBE listed work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE.

GOOD CAUSE

ODOT may provide written consent to terminate a DBE only if it agrees, for reasons stated in a concurrence document, that the Apparent Low Bidder/Awarded Contractor has good cause to terminate the DBE firm.

For purposes of this paragraph, good cause to terminate a DBE includes the following circumstances:

1) The listed DBE firm fails or refuses to provide the required DBE Affirmation Form or to execute a written contract;
2) The listed DBE firm fails or refuses to perform the work of its subcontract in a manner consistent with normal industry standards. Provided, however, that good cause does not exist if the failure or refusal of the DBE firm to perform its work on the subcontract results from the bad faith or discriminatory action of the awarded contractor;
3) The listed DBE firm fails or refuses to meet the awarded contractor's reasonable, nondiscriminatory bond requirements.
4) The listed DBE firm becomes bankrupt, insolvent, or exhibits credit unworthiness;
5) The listed DBE firm is ineligible to work on public works projects because of suspension and debarment proceedings pursuant 2 CFR Parts 180, 215 and 1200 or applicable state law;
6) ODOT has determined that the listed DBE firm is not a responsible contractor;
7) The listed DBE firm voluntarily withdraws from the project and provides to you written notice of its withdrawal;
8) The listed DBE is ineligible to receive DBE credit for the type of work required;
9) A DBE owner dies or becomes disabled with the result that the listed DBE contractor is unable to complete its work on the contract; and
10) Other documented good cause that ODOT determines compels the termination of the DBE firm. Provided, that good cause does not exist if the awarded contractor seeks to terminate a DBE it relied upon to obtain the contract so that the awarded contractor can self-perform the work for which the DBE contractor was engaged or so that the awarded contractor can substitute another DBE or non-DBE contractor after contract award.

REPLACEMENT

When a DBE firm is terminated or fails to complete its work on the contract for any reason the Awarded Contractor must make GFEs to find another DBE firm to replace the original DBE. These GFEs 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 contract goal. The GFEs shall be documented by the Awarded Contractor. If ODOT requests documentation under this provision, the Awarded Contractor shall submit the documentation within seven (7) calendar days, which may be extended for an additional seven

(7) calendar days if necessary at the request of the contractor, and ODOT shall provide a written determination to the contractor stating whether or not GFEs have been demonstrated.

In addition to post-award terminations, the provisions of this section apply to pre-award deletions and substitutions of DBE firms put forward by Bidders in the DBE Utilization Plan.

WRITTEN NOTICE TO DBE

Before transmitting to ODOT its request to terminate and/or substitute a DBE firm, the Apparent Low Bidder/Awarded Contractor must give notice in writing to the DBE firm, with a copy to ODOT, of its intent to request to terminate and/or substitute, and the reason(s) for the request.
The Apparent Low Bidder/Awarded Contractor must give the DBE five (5) calendar days to respond to the notice, advising ODOT and the Apparent Low Bidder/Awarded Contractor of the reasons, if any, why it objects to the proposed termination of its subcontract and why ODOT should not approve the Apparent Low Bidder/Awarded Contractor's action. If required in a particular case as a matter of public necessity (e.g., safety), ODOT may provide a response period shorter than five (5) days.

GOAL ATTAINMENT POST AWARD

The Awarded Contractor shall make available upon request a copy of all DBE subcontracts. The Awarded Contractor shall ensure that all subcontracts or agreements with DBEs require that the subcontract and all lower tier subcontractors be performed in accordance with this Proposal Note.
Approval of a DBE Utilization Plan does not ensure approval of C-92 Requests to Sublet nor does approval of a DBE Utilization Plan indicate that the DBE goal has been met. ODOT will monitor goal attainment throughout the life of the project. It is the responsibility of the Awarded Contractor to advise ODOT of any changes to the DBE Utilization plan throughout the life of the project.

SANCTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

Failure to do any of the following shall result in the bid being rejected in accordance with ORC §5525.08:

1) Failure to submit a complete DBE Utilization Plan at the time of bid;
2) Failure to submit DBE Affirmation Form(s) and/or failure to submit Request to Terminate/Substitute DBE Form(s) as required by this Proposal Note; and
3) Failure to meet the goal and/or failure to demonstrate GFEs to meet the goal as required by this Proposal Note. ODOT will not penalize a company for failure to achieve dollar amounts listed beyond the contract goal.

Failure of the Apparent Low Bidder and/or Awarded Contractor to carry out the requirements of this Proposal Note, including the submission of adequate good faith efforts to meet the goal for a project, is a material breach of contract and may result in the issuance of sanctions as follows:

1st Tier:	Letter of Reprimand
2nd Tier:	Liquidated damages equivalent to the DBE shortfall
3rd Tier:	If a pattern of paying liquidated damages persists or the Contractor has falsified, misrepresented or withheld information, ODOT can pursue other remedies available by law including suspension, revocation, and/or debarment.

Factors to be considered in issuing sanctions may include, but are not limited to the following:

- the magnitude and the type of offense
- the degree of the Contractor's culpability
- any steps taken to rectify the situation
- the Contractor's record of performance on other projects including, but not limited to:
    - annual DBE participation

- annual DBE participation on projects without goals
- the number of complaints ODOT has received regarding the Contractor
- the number of times the Contractor has been previously sanctioned by ODOT

Additional information can be found on ODOT's LPA website under the "Guidance & Procedures" tab and then by choosing "New DBE Procedures" or by clicking the link:

DBE Affirmation Process

26. **PN - 031 - 10/15/2004 - AFFIDAVIT OF SUBCONTRACTOR PAYMENT**
(Required if DBE goal on the project)
The Code of Federal Regulations 49, 26.37(b), requires the LPA to monitor and verify that work committed to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms at contract award is actually performed by the DBE's. Additionally, the LPA is required to report the DBE participation on each project, including all work, materials or service sublets. Therefore, it is the LPA's responsibility to discern whether payments are made to DBE firms. An affidavit is to be completed and signed by the contractor within 15 days of the completion of the project. The affidavit seeks to verify actual payments made to DBE firms on the project. Each DBE firm must verify the actual payment amount.

The blank spaces in the affidavit must be filled in correctly, where indicated. The affidavit must be signed by the prime contractor and subcontractor, or by the subcontractor and DBE sub-contractor, if applicable. By signing the affidavit, the noted firm agrees that the payment amount recorded is true and accurate as of the payment time period.

Completed and signed affidavit shall be mailed to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Division of Opportunity, Diversity & Inclusion, attention Larry Brown,, 1980 West Broad Street; Mail Stop #3270, Columbus, Ohio 43223. A color scan of the affidavit may be sent in advance to Central Office, to keep project moving forward. However, the originals will still need to be mailed to Central Office.

27. **WAIVER OF CM&S 614.03**
ODOT's 2013 Construction and Material Specifications section 614.03, third paragraph, does not apply to any project which is not physically located on the National Highway System (NHS), and/or does not impact NHS traffic in any way.

28. **ODOT AS OBLIGEE ON BOND**
The contractor shall furnish a performance and payment bond in an amount at least equal to 100 percent of the estimate as security for the faithful performance of its contract. In addition to the project Owner, ODOT shall be named as an obligee.

29. **NON-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS**

1) **Compliance with Regulations:** The CONTRACTOR will comply with the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the United States Department of Transportation (hereinafter "U.S. DOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations"), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

In addition, the CONTRACTOR will comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, FHWA Guidance, and any other Federal, State, and/or local laws, rules and/or regulations (hereinafter referred to as "ADA/504").

(2) **Nondiscrimination:** The CONTRACTOR, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The CONTRACTOR will not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations, as well as the ADA/504 regulations.

(3) **Solicitations for Contractors or Subcontractors, including Procurement of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the CONTRACTOR for work to be performed under a contract or subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor, or supplier will be notified by the CONTRACTOR of the CONTRACTOR's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

(4) **Information and Reports:** The CONTRACTOR will provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the STATE or the Federal Highway Administration (hereinafter "FHWA") to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of the CONTRACTOR is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the CONTRACTOR will so certify to the STATE or FHWA, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

(5) **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of the CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the LPA will impose such contract sanctions as it or STATE / FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

(a) Withholding of payments to the CONTRACTOR under the contract until the CONTRACTOR complies, and/or

(b) Cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

(6) **Incorporation of Provisions:** The CONTRACTOR will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (5) above in every contract or subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any subcontractor procurement as the LPA or STATE / FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance; provided, however, that, in the event the CONTRACTOR becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor, or supplier as a result of such direction, the CONTRACTOR may request the LPA / STATE to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the LPA and the STATE, and, in addition, the LPA / STATE may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

30. REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (Electronic Form FHWA 1273 – May 1, 2012)

I. General
II. Nondiscrimination
III. Nonsegregated Facilities
IV. Davis-Bacon and Related Act Provisions
V. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act Provisions
VI. Subletting or Assigning the Contract
VII. Safety: Accident Prevention
VIII. False Statements Concerning Highway Projects
IX. Implementation of Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
X. Compliance with Government wide 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 contacting 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.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The Contract Documents are complimentary, and what is called for by any one shall be binding as if called for by all. The intention of the documents is to include all labor and materials, equipment and transportation necessary for the completion of the work. Materials or work described in words which so applied have a well-known technical or trade meaning shall be held to refer to such recognized standards.

2. Definition and Terms.

   (a) **The State.** Whenever the term "The State" appears in the specifications, it shall be changed to mean Putnam County, acting through its authorized representative.

   (b) **Department.** Whenever the term "The Department" appears in the specifications it shall be changed to mean the office of the Putnam County Engineer.

   (c) **Director.** Whenever the term "The Director" appears in the specifications it shall be changed to mean the Putnam County Engineer.

   (d) **The Engineer.** Whenever the word "Engineer" appears in the Contract Documents or specifications it shall mean the Putnam County Engineer or his duly authorized representative.

   (e) **County.** Whenever the word "County" appears in the Contract Documents it shall mean Putnam County or its representative as appropriate.

3. The Engineer shall furnish to the Contractor free of charge, two (2) copies of the construction drawings and specifications necessary for the execution of the work.

4. The Contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, water, tools, equipment, lights, power, transportation and other facilities necessary for the execution and completion of the work. All materials shall be new and both workmanship and materials shall be of good quality. The Contractor shall, if required, furnish satisfactory evidence of the quality and kind of materials.

5. The Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among his employees, and shall not employ on the work any unfit person or anyone not skilled in work assigned to him.

6. The Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees. He shall defend all suits and claims for infringements of any patent rights and shall save the County harmless from loss on account thereof.

7. The Contractor shall perform all survey work necessary to perform the job. Permits and licenses of a temporary nature necessary for the prosecution of the work shall be secured by the Contractor.

8. The Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations bearing on the conduct of the work as specified. If the Contractor observes that the plans and specifications are a variance therewith, he shall promptly notify the Engineer, and any necessary change shall be adjusted as provided in the Contract for changes in the work.

9. The Contractor shall continuously maintain adequate protection on all work from damage. He shall make good such damage, injury, or loss - except as may be due to errors in the Contract Documents.

He shall provide and maintain all passageways and other facilities for protection required by public authority or local conditions. In an emergency affecting the safety of life or of the work or adjoining property, the Contractor, without special instructions or authorization from the Engineer, is hereby permitted to act at his discretion to prevent such threatened loss of injury and he shall so act without appeal, if so instructed and authorized.

10. The Engineer shall at all times have access to the work. If the specifications, the Engineer's instructions, or any public authority require any work to be specially tested or approved, the Contractor shall give the Engineer timely notice of its readiness for inspection. If any work should be covered up without approval or consent of the Engineer, it must, if required by the Engineer, be uncovered for examination at the Contractor's expense.

11. The Contractor shall at all times keep a satisfactory supervisor on the work, who shall represent the Contractor in his absence and all directions given to him shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor.

12. The County, without invalidating the Contract, subject to Section 5555.69 O.R.C., may order work or make changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the work, the Contract amount being adjusted accordingly. All such work shall be executed under the conditions of the original Contract except that any claim for extension of time caused thereby shall be adjusted at the time of ordering such change.

    Except in emergency endangering life or property, no extra work or change shall be made unless in pursuance of a written order by the Engineer and no claim for an addition to the Contract Amount shall be valid unless so ordered.

    The value of any such extra work or change shall be determined by estimate and acceptance in a lump sum or by unit prices named in the contract or subsequently agreed upon.

    If the Engineer deems it inexpedient to correct work injured or done not in accordance with the Contract Documents, an equitable deduction from the Contract Amount shall be made therefore.

13. If the Contractor should be adjudged a bankrupt, or if he in any manner becomes financially insolvent, or if he should refuse or fail to supply properly skilled workmen or proper materials or otherwise be guilty of a substantial violation of the terms of the Contract, then the County, upon written certification by the Engineer that sufficient cause exists to justify such action, may, without prejudice to any other remedy and after giving the Contractor seven (7) days written notice, terminate the employment of the Contractor and take possession of all tools, appliances and materials thereon and finish the work by whatever method he may deem expedient. In such case, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive further payment until work is finished.

    If the unpaid balance in the Contract Price shall exceed the expense of finishing the work, including compensation for additional managerial services, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor. If such expense shall exceed such unpaid balance, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the County.

14. If the Contractor should neglect to prosecute the work properly or fail to perform any provision of the Contract, the County, after three (3) days written notice to the Contractor, may without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, make good such deficiencies and may deduct the cost thereof from the payment then or thereafter due the Contractor.

15. If the work should be stopped under an order of any court or other public authority for a period of three (3) months through no act or fault of the Contractor or of anyone employed by him, or if the County should fail to pay the Contractor within thirty (30) days of its maturity and presentation, any sum certified by the Engineer or awarded by arbitrators, then the Contractor may, upon seven (7) days written notice, terminate the Contract and recover from the County payment for all work executed and any loss sustained upon any materials and reasonable profit.

16. The County may withhold or, on account of subsequently discovered evidence, nullify the whole or part of any certificate to such extent as may be necessary to protect itself from loss on account of:
(a) Defective work not remedied.
(b) Claims filed or evidence indicating probable filing.
(c) Failure of the Contractor to pay bills.
(d) Doubt that the Contract can be completed for the balance then unpaid.

17. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the County from and against all losses, all claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, recoveries and judgments of every nature and description brought or recovered against the County, by reason of any act or omission of the said Contractor, his agents or employees, in the execution of the work in the guarding of it.

18. The Contractor shall not start work under this Contract until he has obtained all the insurance required hereunder and has submitted copies of the appropriate insurance as evidence of coverage to the County Engineer for his approval. The Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to start work on his subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been so obtained and approved.

19. The Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the life of this Contract, Worker's Compensation for all their employees who are working at the project site under this Contract. All subcontractors shall likewise provide Worker's Compensation for all their employees who work at this project site. Certificates of this insurance must be submitted to the County before the Contract is executed.

20. The Contractor shall carefully preserve benchmarks, reference points and stakes, and in case of willful or careless destruction, be charged with the resulting expense.

21. The Engineer shall have general supervision and direction of the work. He has authority to stop the work whenever such stoppage may be necessary to insure the proper execution of the Contract. He shall also have the authority to reject all work and materials which do not conform to the Contract, to direct the application of forces to any part of the work, to order the force increased or diminished, and to decide questions which arise in the execution of the work.

22. The Contractor shall, as directed by the Engineer, remove from public and private property, at his expense, all temporary structures, rubbish and waste materials resulting from his operations. When it is necessary for the Contractor to enter upon private property with equipment, he shall secure a written release from the property owner and same release shall be filed with the County.

23. No work in general shall be done between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., nor on Sunday - except as is necessary for the proper care and protection of the work already performed, or except in the case of an emergency, and then only with the permission of the Engineer. The Engineer shall be notified in advance at least two (2) working days before starting the project.

24. For each calendar day that any work shall remain uncompleted after the Contract completion date, the **liquidated damages shall be as called for in Section 108.07 of the ODOT Construction and Material Specifications, dated January 1, 2016**. Written requests for extensions to the completion

date due to inclement weather will be considered by the County Engineer.

25. The Contractor will comply with Sections 153.59, 4112.02 and 153.60 O.R.C. **and provisions contained within ODOT's 2016 LPA Template (ODOT Spec Book and LPA Spec Book) Required Contract Provisions** concerning Non-Discrimination and Intimidation on Account of Race, Creed, Sex, Handicap or Color, and Forfeiture, when performing the work on this project. In case of conflict between the Federal and State sections, the Federal Sections will control.

26. An individual, firm or corporation to whom the Contractor sublets part of the Contract to be performed on the job site who, prior to such undertaking, shall receive the written consent of the Engineer, and must be qualified under 5525.02 through 5525.09 inclusive, O.R.C.

27. Because there is a DBE goal on this project, the successful contractor shall follow the requirements and provisions of Item 25 of ODOT's 2016 LPA Template (ODOT Spec Book and LPA Spec Book).

28. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay the prevailing minimum wage to all labor employed on this project, during the life of this Contract, as ascertained and determined for Putnam County, Ohio, by the Davis-Bacon Act (Davis-Bacon Wage Determination Database).

    Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Determination must be posted on the project site. Supply all subcontractors with any changes in the Prevailing Wage rates issued during the life of the project.

    Once project is completed, the Contractor must submit a final Affidavit of Compliance to the County Engineer stating that Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates were complied with during this project according to the Davis-Bacon Act.

29. **Once the project is completed, the Contractor must submit a final Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Affidavit of Subcontractor Payment to the County Engineer.**

30. The contractor is responsible for verifying all sub-consultants with regards to any Findings for Recovery/Federal System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov). Results shall be submitted to the County Engineer when requested.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. If at any time, before the commencement or during the progress of the work, tools and equipment appear to the Engineer to be insufficient or inappropriate to secure the quality of the work required at the proper rate of progress, the Engineer may order the Contractor to increase their efficiency to augment their number, or to substitute new tools or equipment as the case may be, and the Contractor must conform to such order.

2. Trees, plants, fences and shrubbery along the roadway not shown for removal shall be carefully protected during the progress or the work.

3. The Contractor shall provide and maintain such warning signs, barricades and warning lights as are required by County and State authorities or by the Engineer. He shall not leave open overnight any work which will prevent access to any roads or driveways.

4. The Contractor shall not proceed with construction work or move any materials or equipment on property where the right-of-way has not been purchased.

5. All of the work included in this Contract shall meet with the approval of the Putnam County Engineer.

6. The Contractor shall furnish surveying work necessary to perform the job such as line and grade stakes.

7. **The Contractor must submit a final Affidavit of Compliance with the Engineer stating he will guarantee the improvement will retain its final dimension for a period of one (1) year after final payment is made. The statement shall state he will also make any necessary corrections during this period to the improvement to keep the project at its final dimension, at no cost to the County. These requirements must be met before final payment will be made.**

8. Any vehicle used to haul materials to this project shall not exceed the legal maximum gross load on roads or bridges and shall have painted in an obvious location on its side its legal maximum gross loaded weight in pounds. The Contractor shall obtain a list of bridges with posted weight limits from the County Engineer before beginning work.

PUTNAM COUNTY
DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM PROCESS

Putnam County's Dispute Resolution and Administrative Claim Process is premised on the partnering approach to construction administration and must be adhered to by the Contractor in order to resolve disputes on the project and in order to seek additional compensation or contract time from Putnam County in the form of an Administrative Claim.

Disputes and Claims

Disputes include disagreements, matters in question, and difference of opinion between the Putnam County's personnel and the Contractor. Claims are disputes that are not settled through Steps 1 and 2 of the Dispute Resolution and Administrative Claim Process and for which the Contractor has documented costs or time incurred as a result of such disputes.

Disputes and claims by subcontractors and suppliers may be pursued by the Contractor on behalf of subcontractors or suppliers. Disputes and claims of subcontractors and suppliers against the Contractor will not be reviewed by Putnam County. Disputes and claims by subcontractors and suppliers against Putnam County but not supported by the Contractor will not be reviewed by Putnam County.

Disputes and claims subject to review by Putnam County include:

1. Interpretation of specifications, standard drawings, plans, proposal, working drawings, change orders, authorized by the Putnam County Engineer, and orders by the Putnam County Engineer's personnel having authority over the project, provided that such orders have been authorized in accordance with Ohio law.

2. Differing site conditions as defined in ODOT CMS 104.02.B.

3. Cost and time incurred by:
   a. Suspension of work pursuant to ODOT CMS 104.02.C.
   b. Significant changes in character of work pursuant to ODOT CMS 104.02.D.
   c. Utility interference with the work pursuant to ODOT CMS 105.07 and the Utility Note.
   d. Extra work ordered pursuant to ODOT CMS 104.02.F and the policy on Change Orders.
   e. Acts or inaction of Putnam County or other governmental agencies.

4. Contract time extensions due to weather, shortages of labor, equipment, or materials, or other causes beyond the Contractor's control as defined in ODOT CMS 108.06.

5. Other subjects mutually agreed upon by Putnam County and the Contractor to be within the scope of the Dispute Resolution and Administrative Claim Process.

Process

The Contractor must exhaust Putnam County's Dispute Resolution and Administrative Claim Process prior to seeking additional compensation or contract time by filing an action in any appropriate Court located in Putnam County, Ohio. The following procedures do not compromise the Contractor's right to seek relief in any appropriate Court located in Putnam County, Ohio.

All parties to the dispute must adhere to this Dispute Resolution and Administrative Claim Process. Putnam County personnel involved in the second tier review will not consider a dispute until the previous tier has properly reviewed the dispute and issued a decision. The Contractor's personnel shall not contact the Putnam County personnel involved in a second tier review until a decision has been issued by the previous tier.

Failure to meet any of the timeframes outlined below or to request an extension may terminate further review of the dispute and may serve as a waiver of the Contractor's right to file a claim.

Continuation of Work:
The Contractor shall continue with all work, including that which is in dispute. Putnam County will continue to pay for work.

Step 1 (On-Site Determination):
The Project Engineer shall meet with the Contractor's superintendent within two (2) working days of receipt of the Contractor's written notice. They shall review all pertinent information and contract provisions and negotiate in an effort to reach a resolution according to the Contract Documents. The Project Engineer will issue a written decision of Step 1 within fourteen (14) calendar days of the meeting. If the dispute is not resolved, the Contractor must either abandon or escalate the dispute to Step 2.

Step 2 (Dispute Resolution Committee):
Within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Step 1 decision, the Contractor must submit a written request for a Step 2 meeting to the Putnam County Engineer. The Putnam County Engineer will assign the dispute a dispute number. The dispute number will consist of the project number, followed by a hyphen and then the number of disputes on this project that this dispute represents. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of submission of the request for a Step 2 meeting, the Contractor shall submit the Dispute Documentation as follows:

1. The Contractor shall submit three (3) complete copies of the documentation of the dispute to the Putnam County Engineer.
2. The Dispute Documentation shall be identified on a cover page by city, county, project number, Contractor name, subcontractor or supplier if involved in the dispute, and dispute number.
3. The Dispute Documentation shall be an original document that clearly and in detail gives the required information for each item of additional compensation and time extension requested.
4. A narrative of the disputed work or project circumstance at issue. This section must include the dates of the disputed work and the date of early notice.
5. References to the applicable provisions of the plans, specifications, proposal, or other contract documents. Copies of the cited provisions shall be included in the Dispute Documentation.
6. The dollar amount of additional compensation and length of contract time extension being requested.
7. The cost and supporting documents that served as the basis for the requested compensation stated in number six (6) above.
8. A detailed schedule analysis must be included in the Dispute Documentation for any dispute concerning additional contract time, actual or constructive acceleration, or delay damages. At a minimum, the schedule analysis must include the Schedule Update immediately preceding the occurrence of the circumstance alleged to have caused delay and must comply with accepted industry practices. Failure to submit the required schedule analysis will result in the denial of that portion of the Contractor's request.
9. Copies of relevant correspondence and other pertinent documentation.

Within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the pertinent documents related to the dispute, the Putnam County Engineer will meet with personnel from the Contractor's Headquarters and consider the dispute. The Putnam County Engineer's Chief Deputy not involved in Step 1 will assist the Putnam County Engineer with this meeting and forthcoming decision within fourteen (14) calendar days of this Step 2 meeting. The Putnam County Engineer will issue a written decision of Step 2. The decision of the Putnam County Engineer is the

final step of Putnam County's Dispute Resolution Process. The Putnam County Engineer is not bound by any offers of settlement or findings of entitlement made during Step 1 of this Dispute Resolution Process.

Step 3

If not resolved, the Contractor shall go through the proper legal proceedings through the appropriate court located in Putnam County, Ohio.