

# GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT BETWEEN OWNER AND DESIGN-BUILDER

## Article 1 General

### 1.1 Mutual Obligations

1.1.1 *Owner and Design-Builder* commit at all times to cooperate fully with each other, and proceed on the basis of trust and good faith, to permit each party to realize the benefits afforded under the Contract Documents.

### 1.2 Basic Definitions

1.2.1 *Agreement* is the executed *Comprehensive Agreement* between Owner and Design-Builder, which is a modified version of DBIA Document No. 525, *Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design-Builder - Lump Sum* (2010 Edition).

1.2.2 *Basis of Design Documents* are as follows: 60% Design Documents produced from the Interim Agreement (defined below), Owner's Project Criteria, Design-Builder's Proposal, and the Deviation List, if any.

1.2.3 *Comprehensive Agreement* refers to the Agreement, defined above.

1.2.4 *Construction Documents* are the documents, consisting of Drawings and Specifications, to be prepared or assembled by the Design-Builder consistent with the Basis of Design Documents unless a deviation from the Basis of Design Documents is specifically set forth in a Change Order executed by both the Owner and Design-Builder, as part of the design review process contemplated by Section 2.4 of these General Conditions of Contract.

1.2.5 *Day* or *Days* shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specifically noted in the Contract Documents.

1.2.6 *Design-Build Team* is comprised of the Design-Builder, the Design Consultant, and key Subcontractors identified by the Design-Builder.

1.2.7 *Design Consultant* is a qualified, licensed design professional who is not an employee of Design-Builder, but is retained by Design-Builder, or employed or retained by anyone under contract with Design-Builder, to furnish design services required under the Contract Documents. A Design Sub-Consultant is a qualified, licensed design professional who is not an employee of the Design Consultant, but is retained by the Design Consultant or employed or retained by anyone under contract to Design Consultant, to furnish design services required under the Contract Documents.

**1.2.8** *Design and Construction Contingency* is as defined in Article 6.2 of the Comprehensive Agreement.

**1.2.9** *Final Completion* is the date on which all Work is complete in accordance with the Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, any items identified in the punch list prepared under Section 6.6.1 and the submission of all documents set forth in Section 6.7.2.

**1.2.10** *Force Majeure Events* are those events that are beyond the control of both Design-Builder and Owner, including the events of war, floods, labor disputes, earthquakes, epidemics, adverse weather conditions not reasonably anticipated, and other acts of God.

**1.2.11** *General Conditions of Contract* refer to this revised version of DBIA Document No. 535, *Standard Form of General Conditions of Contract Between Owner and Design-Builder* (2010 Edition).

**1.2.12** *GMP Proposal* means that proposal developed by Design-Builder in accordance with the Interim Agreement.

**1.2.13** *Hazardous Conditions* are any materials, wastes, substances, and chemicals deemed to be hazardous under applicable Legal Requirements, or the handling, storage, remediation, or disposal of which are regulated by applicable Legal Requirements.

**1.2.14** *Interim Agreement* means the Standard Form of Preliminary Agreement Between Owner and Design-Builder previously entered into by Owner and Design-Builder. The Design Documents from the Interim Agreement are being used as the basis for the Comprehensive Agreement.

**1.2.15** *Legal Requirements* are all applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders and decrees of any government or quasi-government entity having jurisdiction over the Project or Site, the practices involved in the Project or Site, or any Work.

**1.2.16** *Owner's Project Criteria* are developed by or for Owner to describe Owner's program requirements and objectives for the Project, including use, space, price, time, site and expandability requirements, as well as submittal requirements and other requirements governing Design-Builder's performance of the Work. Owner's Project Criteria may include conceptual documents, design criteria, design performance specifications, design specifications, and LEED® or other sustainable design criteria and other Project-specific technical materials and requirements.

**1.2.17** *Site* is the land or premises on which the Project is located.

**1.2.18** *Subcontractor* is any person or entity retained by Design-Builder as an independent contractor to perform a portion of the Work and shall include

materialmen and suppliers.

**1.2.19** *Sub-Subcontractor* is any person or entity retained by a Subcontractor as an independent contractor to perform any portion of a Subcontractor's Work and shall include materialmen and suppliers.

**1.2.20** *Substantial Completion* or *Substantially Complete* means the date on which the Work is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that Owner can occupy and use the Project for its intended purposes. Substantial Completion shall be deemed to have been achieved if a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the local building official for all buildings and areas of the Project for which there is no Certificate of Occupancy, such as athletic fields, are substantially complete so as not to impair school activities.

**1.2.21** *Work* is comprised of all Design-Builder's design, construction and other services required by the Contract Documents, including procuring and furnishing all materials, equipment, services and labor reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents.

## **Article 2**

### **Design-Builder's Services and Responsibilities**

#### **2.1 General Services.**

**2.1.1** Design-Builder's Representative shall be reasonably available to Owner and shall have the necessary expertise and experience required to supervise the Work. Design-Builder's Representative shall communicate regularly with Owner and shall be vested with the authority to act on behalf of Design-Builder. Design-Builder's Representative may be replaced only with the mutual agreement of Owner and Design-Builder.

**2.1.2** Design-Builder shall provide Owner with a monthly status report detailing the progress of the Work, including (i) whether the Work is proceeding according to schedule, (ii) whether discrepancies, conflicts, or ambiguities exist in the Contract Documents that require resolution, (iii) whether health and safety issues exist in connection with the Work; (iv) status of the Design and Construction Contingency account; and (v) other items that require resolution so as not to jeopardize Design-Builder's ability to complete the Work for the Contract Price and within the Contract Times.

**2.1.3** Unless a schedule for the execution of the Work has been attached to the Agreement as an exhibit at the time the Agreement is executed, Design-Builder shall prepare and submit, at least three (3) days prior to the meeting contemplated by Section 2.1.4 hereof, a schedule for the execution of the Work for Owner's review and response. The schedule shall indicate the dates for the start and completion of the various stages of Work, including the dates when Owner information and approvals are required to enable Design-Builder to

achieve the Contract Times. The schedule shall be revised as required by conditions and progress of the Work, but such revisions shall not relieve Design-Builder of its obligations to complete the Work within the Contract Times, as such dates may be adjusted in accordance with the Contract Documents. Owner's review of, and response to, the schedule shall not be construed as relieving Design-Builder of its complete and exclusive control over the means, methods, sequences, and techniques for executing the Work.

**2.1.4** The parties will meet within seven (7) days after execution of the Agreement to discuss issues affecting the administration of the Work and to implement the necessary procedures, including those relating to submittals and payment, to facilitate the ability of the parties to perform their obligations under the Contract Documents.

## **2.2 Design Professional Services.**

**2.2.1** Design-Builder shall, consistent with applicable state licensing laws, provide through qualified, licensed design professionals employed by Design-Builder, or procured from qualified, independent licensed Design Consultants, the necessary design services, including architectural, engineering and other design professional services, for the preparation of the required drawings, specifications and other design submittals to permit Design-Builder to complete the Work consistent with the Contract Documents. Nothing in the Contract Documents is intended or deemed to create any legal or contractual relationship between Owner and any Design Consultant.

## **2.3 Standard of Care for Construction and Design Professional Services.**

**2.3.1 General Standard.** The standard of care for all design professional services performed to execute the Work shall be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of the design profession practicing under similar conditions at the same time and locality of the Project.

**2.3.3 Virginia Department of Education Regulations.** The design and construction of the Project shall meet or exceed the Virginia Department of Education Regulations for Public School Building Construction; meet the standards of quality of design and workmanship as defined in the Agreement and these General Conditions; and meet any other standards specifically identified in the Agreement or these General Conditions.

## **2.4 Design Development Services.**

**2.4.1** To the extent not already established in the Design Documents developed from the Interim Agreement, Design-Builder and Owner shall, consistent with any applicable provision of the Contract Documents, agree upon any interim design submissions that Owner may wish to review, which interim design submissions may include design criteria, drawings, diagrams and specifications setting forth the Project requirements. Interim design submissions shall be consistent with

the Basis of Design Documents, as the Basis of Design Documents may have been changed through the design process set forth in this Section 2.4.1. On or about the time of the scheduled submissions, Design-Builder and Owner shall meet and confer about the submissions, with Design-Builder identifying during such meetings, among other things, the evolution of the design and any changes to the Basis of Design Documents, or, if applicable, previously submitted design submissions. Changes to the Basis of Design Documents, including those that are deemed minor changes under Section 9.3.1, shall be processed in accordance with Article 9. Minutes of the meetings, including a full listing of all changes, will be maintained by Design-Builder and provided to all attendees for review. Following the design review meeting, Owner shall review and approve the interim design submissions and meeting minutes in a time that is consistent with the turnaround times set forth in Design-Builder's Project Schedule.

**2.4.2** Design-Builder shall submit to Owner Construction Documents setting forth in detail drawings and specifications describing the requirements for construction of the Work. The Construction Documents shall be consistent with the latest set of interim design submissions, as such submissions may have been modified in a design review meeting and recorded in the meetings minutes. The parties shall have a design review meeting to discuss, and Owner shall review and approve, the Construction Documents in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.4.1 above. Design-Builder shall proceed with construction in accordance with the approved Construction Documents and shall submit one set of approved Construction Documents to Owner prior to commencement of construction.

**2.4.3** Owner's review and approval of interim design submissions, meeting minutes, and the Construction Documents is for the purpose of mutually establishing a conformed set of Contract Documents compatible with the requirements of the Work. Neither Owner's review nor approval of any interim design submissions, meeting minutes, and Construction Documents shall be deemed to transfer any design liability from Design-Builder to Owner.

**2.4.4** To the extent not prohibited by the Contract Documents or Legal Requirements, Design-Builder may prepare interim design submissions and Construction Documents for a portion of the Work to permit construction to proceed on that portion of the Work prior to completion of the Construction Documents for the entire Work.

## **2.5 Legal Requirements.**

**2.5.1** Design-Builder shall perform the Work in accordance with all Legal Requirements and shall provide all notices applicable to the Work as required by the Legal Requirements.

**2.5.2** The Contract Price and/or Contract Times shall be equitably adjusted to compensate Design-Builder for the effects of any changes in the Legal Requirements enacted after the date of the Agreement affecting the performance

of the Work. Such effects may include, without limitation, revisions Design-Builder is required to make to the Construction Documents because of changes in Legal Requirements.

## **2.6 Government Approvals and Permits.**

**2.6.1** Except as identified in an Owner's Permit List attached as an exhibit to the Agreement, Design-Builder shall obtain and pay for all necessary permits, approvals, licenses, government charges and inspection fees required for the prosecution of the Work by any government or quasi-government entity having jurisdiction over the Project.

**2.6.2** Design-Builder shall provide reasonable assistance to Owner in obtaining those permits, approvals, and licenses that are Owner's responsibility.

## **2.7 Design-Builder's Construction Phase Services.**

**2.7.1** Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents to be the responsibility of Owner or a separate contractor, Design-Builder shall provide through itself or Subcontractors the necessary supervision, labor, inspection, testing, start-up, material, equipment, machinery, temporary utilities and other temporary facilities to permit Design-Builder to complete construction of the Project consistent with the Contract Documents.

**2.7.2** Design-Builder shall perform all construction activities efficiently and with the requisite expertise, skill and competence to satisfy the requirements of the Contract Documents. Design-Builder shall at all times exercise complete and exclusive control over the means, methods, sequences, and techniques of construction.

**2.7.3** Design-Builder shall employ only Subcontractors who are duly licensed and qualified to perform the Work consistent with the Contract Documents. Owner may reasonably object to Design-Builder's selection of any Subcontractor, provided that the Contract Price and/or Contract Times shall be equitably adjusted to the extent that Owner's decision impacts Design-Builder's cost and/or time of performance.

**2.7.4** Design-Builder assumes responsibility to Owner for the proper performance of the Work of Subcontractors and any acts and omissions in connection with such performance. Nothing in the Contract Documents is intended or deemed to create any legal or contractual relationship between Owner and any Subcontractor or Sub-Subcontractor, including, but not limited to, any third-party beneficiary rights.

**2.7.5** Design-Builder shall coordinate the activities of all Subcontractors. If Owner performs other work on the Project or at the Site with separate contractors under Owner's control, Design-Builder agrees to reasonably cooperate and coordinate its activities with those of such separate contractors so that the

Project can be completed in an orderly and coordinated manner without unreasonable disruption.

**2.7.6** Design-Builder shall keep the Site reasonably free from debris, trash and construction wastes to permit Design-Builder to perform its construction services efficiently, safely, and without interfering with the use of adjacent land areas. Upon Substantial Completion of the Work, or a portion of the Work, Design-Builder shall remove all debris, trash, construction wastes, materials, equipment, machinery, and tools arising from the Work or applicable portions thereof to permit Owner to occupy the Project or a portion of the Project for its intended use.

## **2.8 Design-Builder's Responsibility for Project Safety.**

**2.8.1** Design-Builder recognizes the importance of performing the Work in a safe manner so as to prevent damage, injury, or loss to (i) all individuals at the Site, whether working or visiting, (ii) the Work, including materials and equipment incorporated into the Work or stored on-Site or off-Site, and (iii) all other property at the Site or adjacent thereto. Design-Builder assumes responsibility for implementing and monitoring all safety precautions and programs related to the performance of the Work. Design-Builder shall, prior to commencing construction, designate a Safety Representative with the necessary qualifications and experience to supervise the implementation and monitoring of all safety precautions and programs related to the Work. Unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, Design-Builder's Safety Representative shall be an individual stationed at the Site who may have responsibilities on the Project in addition to safety. The Safety Representative shall make routine daily inspections of the Site and shall hold weekly safety meetings with Design-Builder's personnel, Subcontractors, and others as applicable.

**2.8.2** Design-Builder and Subcontractors shall comply with all Legal Requirements relating to safety, as well as any Owner-specific safety requirements set forth in the Contract Documents, provided that such Owner-specific requirements do not violate any applicable Legal Requirement. Design-Builder will immediately report in writing any safety-related injury, loss, damage or accident arising from the Work to Owner's Representative and, to the extent mandated by Legal Requirements, to all government or quasi-government authorities having jurisdiction over safety-related matters involving the Project or the Work.

**2.8.3** Design-Builder's responsibility for safety under this Section 2.8 is not intended in any way to relieve Subcontractors and Sub-Subcontractors of their own contractual and legal obligations and responsibility for (i) complying with all Legal Requirements, including those related to health and safety matters, and (ii) taking all necessary measures to implement and monitor all safety precautions and programs to guard against injuries, losses, damages, and accidents resulting from their performance of the Work.

## **2.9 Design-Builder's Warranty.**

**2.9.1** Design-Builder warrants to Owner that the construction, including all materials and equipment furnished as part of the construction, shall be new unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents, of good quality, in conformance with the Contract Documents, and free of defects in materials and workmanship. Design-Builder further warrants that its work will be completed in a workmanlike manner, so as to pass without objection in the applicable trade. Design-Builder's warranty obligation excludes defects caused by Owner's abuse, alterations, or failure to maintain the Work in a commercially reasonable manner. Nothing in this warranty is intended to limit any manufacturer's warranty which provides Owner with greater warranty rights than set forth in this Section 2.9 or the Contract Documents. Design-Builder will provide Owner with all manufacturers' warranties upon Substantial Completion.

## **2.10 Correction of Defective Work.**

**2.10.1** Design-Builder agrees to correct any Work that is found to not be in conformance with the Contract Documents, including that part of the Work subject to Section 2.9 hereof, within a period of one year from the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or any portion of the Work, or within such longer period to the extent required by any specific warranty included in the Contract Documents.

**2.10.2** Design-Builder shall, within seven (7) days of receipt of written notice from Owner that the Work is not in conformance with the Contract Documents, take meaningful steps to commence correction of such nonconforming Work, including the correction, removal, or replacement of the nonconforming Work and any damage caused to other parts of the Work affected by the nonconforming Work. If Design-Builder fails to commence the necessary steps within such seven (7) day period, Owner, in addition to any other remedies provided under the Contract Documents, may provide Design-Builder with written notice that Owner will commence correction of such nonconforming Work with its own forces. If Owner does perform such corrective Work, Design-Builder shall be responsible for all reasonable costs incurred by Owner in performing such correction. If the nonconforming Work creates an emergency requiring an immediate response, the seven (7) day period identified herein shall be deemed inapplicable.

**2.10.3** The one-year period referenced in Section 2.10.1 above applies only to Design-Builder's obligation to correct nonconforming Work and is not intended to constitute a period of limitations for any other rights or remedies Owner may have regarding Design-Builder's other obligations under the Contract Documents. Owner preserves all rights to pursue claims for damages and other remedies with respect to any defective work within the timer period allowed under applicable statutes of limitations, the one-year period not being deemed to shorten any such statutes of limitations.



**Article 3**  
**Owner's Services and Responsibilities**

**3.1 Duty to Cooperate.**

**3.1.1** Owner shall, throughout the performance of the Work, cooperate with Design-Builder and perform its responsibilities, obligations and services in a timely manner to facilitate Design-Builder's timely and efficient performance of the Work and so as not to delay or interfere with Design-Builder's performance of its obligations under the Contract Documents.

**3.1.2** Owner shall provide timely reviews and approvals of interim design submissions and Construction Documents consistent with the turnaround times set forth in Design-Builder's schedule.

**3.1.3** Owner shall give Design-Builder timely notice of any Work that Owner notices to be defective or not in compliance with the Contract Documents.

**3.2 Furnishing of Services and Information.**

**3.2.1** Unless expressly stated to the contrary in the Contract Documents, Owner shall provide, at its own cost and expense, for Design-Builder's information and use, the following, all of which Design-Builder is entitled to rely upon in performing the Work:

**3.2.1.1** Surveys describing the property, boundaries, topography, and reference points for use during construction, including existing service and utility lines;

**3.2.1.2** Geotechnical studies describing subsurface conditions, and other surveys describing other latent or concealed physical conditions at the Site;

**3.2.1.3** Temporary and permanent easements, zoning, and other requirements and encumbrances affecting land use, or necessary to permit the proper design and construction of the Project and enable Design-Builder to perform the Work;

**3.2.1.4** A legal description of the Site;

**3.2.1.5** To the extent available, record drawings of any existing structures at the Site; and

**3.2.1.6** To the extent available, environmental studies, reports and impact

statements describing the environmental conditions, including Hazardous Conditions, in existence at the Site.

**3.2.2** Owner is responsible for securing and executing all necessary agreements with adjacent land or property owners that are necessary to enable Design-Builder to perform the Work. Owner is further responsible for all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred in securing these necessary agreements.

### **3.3 Financial Information.**

**3.3.1** At Design-Builder's request, Owner shall promptly furnish reasonable evidence satisfactory to Design-Builder that Owner has adequate funds available and committed to fulfill all of Owner's contractual obligations under the Contract Documents. If Owner fails to furnish such financial information in a timely manner, Design-Builder may stop Work under Section 11.3 hereof or exercise any other right permitted under the Contract Documents.

**3.3.2** Design-Builder shall cooperate with the reasonable requirements of Owner's lenders or other financial sources. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, after execution of the Agreement Design-Builder shall have no obligation to execute for Owner or Owner's lenders or other financial sources any documents or agreements that require Design-Builder to assume obligations or responsibilities greater than those existing obligations Design-Builder has under the Contract Documents.

### **3.4 Owner's Representative.**

**3.4.1** Owner's Representative shall be responsible for providing Owner-supplied information and approvals in a timely manner to permit Design-Builder to fulfill its obligations under the Contract Documents. Owner's Representative shall also provide Design-Builder with prompt notice if Owner observes any failure on the part of Design-Builder to fulfill its contractual obligations, including any errors, omissions, or defects in the performance of the Work. Owner's Representative shall communicate regularly with Design-Builder and shall be vested with the authority to act on behalf of Owner.

### **3.5 Government Approvals and Permits.**

**3.5.1** Owner shall obtain and pay for all necessary permits, approvals, licenses, government charges, and inspection fees set forth in the Owner's Permit List attached as an exhibit to the Agreement.

**3.5.2** Owner shall provide reasonable assistance to Design-Builder in obtaining those permits, approvals, and licenses that are Design-Builder's responsibility.

### **3.6 Owner's Separate Contractors.**

**3.6.1** Owner is responsible for all work performed on the Project or at the Site

by separate contractors under Owner's control. Owner shall contractually require its separate contractors to cooperate with, and coordinate their activities so as not to interfere with, Design-Builder in order to enable Design-Builder to timely complete the Work consistent with the Contract Documents.

#### **Article 4**

### **Hazardous Conditions and Differing Site Conditions**

#### **4.1 Hazardous Conditions.**

**4.1.1** Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract Documents to be part of the Work, Design-Builder is not responsible for any Hazardous Conditions encountered at the Site. Upon encountering any Hazardous Conditions, Design-Builder will stop Work immediately in the affected area and duly notify Owner and, if required by Legal Requirements, all government or quasi-government entities with jurisdiction over the Project or Site.

**4.1.2** Upon receiving notice of the presence of suspected Hazardous Conditions, Owner shall take the necessary measures required to ensure that the Hazardous Conditions are remediated or rendered harmless. Such necessary measures shall include Owner retaining qualified independent experts to (i) ascertain whether Hazardous Conditions have actually been encountered, and, if they have been encountered, (ii) prescribe the remedial measures that Owner must take either to remove the Hazardous Conditions or render the Hazardous Conditions harmless.

**4.1.3** Design-Builder shall be obligated to resume Work at the affected area of the Project only after Owner's expert provides it with written certification that (i) the Hazardous Conditions have been removed or rendered harmless and (ii) all necessary approvals have been obtained from all government and quasi-government entities having jurisdiction over the Project and Site.

**4.1.4** Design-Builder will be entitled, in accordance with these General Conditions of Contract, to an equitable adjustment in its Contract Price and/or Contract Times to the extent Design-Builder's cost and/or time of performance have been adversely impacted by the presence of Hazardous Conditions.

**4.1.5** [deleted].

**4.1.6** Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Section 4.1, Owner is not responsible for Hazardous Conditions introduced to the Site by Design-Builder, Subcontractors or anyone for whose acts they may be liable. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Design-Builder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Owner and Owner's officers, directors, employees and agents from and against all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, and expenses, including attorneys' fees and expenses, arising out of or resulting from those Hazardous Conditions introduced to the Site by Design-Builder, Subcontractors, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable.

## **4.2 Differing Site Conditions.**

**4.2.1** Concealed or latent physical conditions or subsurface conditions at the Site that (i) materially differ from the conditions indicated in the Contract Documents or (ii) are of an unusual nature, differing materially from the conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the Work, are collectively referred to herein as “Differing Site Conditions.” If Design-Builder encounters a Differing Site Condition, Design-Builder will be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price and/or Contract Times to the extent Design-Builder’s cost and/or time of performance are adversely impacted by the Differing Site Condition. The parties acknowledge that rock is known to exist at the Site, and, therefore, it cannot form the basis of an adjustment to the Contract Times. Adjustments to the Contract Price for rock is addressed in the Agreement.

**4.2.2** Upon encountering a Differing Site Condition, Design-Builder shall provide prompt written notice to Owner of such condition, which notice shall not be later than fourteen (14) days after such condition has been encountered. Design-Builder shall, to the extent reasonably possible, provide such notice before the Differing Site Condition has been substantially disturbed or altered.

## **Article 5** **Insurance and Bonds**

### **5.1 Design-Builder’s Insurance Requirements.**

**5.1.1** Design-Builder is responsible for procuring and maintaining the insurance for the coverage amounts all as set forth in the Agreement. Coverage shall be secured from insurance companies authorized to do business in the state in which the Project is located, and with a minimum rating set forth in the Agreement.

**5.1.2** Design-Builder’s insurance shall specifically delete any design-build or similar exclusions that could compromise coverages because of the design-build delivery of the Project.

**5.1.3** Prior to commencing any construction services hereunder, Design-Builder shall provide Owner with certificates evidencing that (i) all insurance obligations required by the Contract Documents are in full force and in effect and will remain in effect for the duration required by the Contract Documents and (ii) no insurance coverage will be canceled, renewal refused, or materially changed unless at least thirty (30) days prior written notice is given to Owner. If any of the foregoing insurance coverages are required to remain in force after final payment are reasonably available, an additional certificate evidencing continuation of such coverage shall be submitted with the Final Application for Payment. If any information concerning reduction of coverage is not furnished by the insurer, it shall be furnished by the Design-Builder with reasonable promptness according

to the Design-Builder's information and belief.

## **5.2 Owner's Liability Insurance.**

**5.2.1** Owner shall procure and maintain from insurance companies authorized to do business in the state in which the Project is located such liability insurance as set forth in the Agreement to protect Owner from claims which may arise from the performance of Owner's obligations under the Contract Documents or Owner's conduct during the course of the Project.

## **5.3 Property Insurance.**

**5.3.1** As set forth in the Agreement, Design-Builder shall procure and maintain from insurance companies authorized to do business in the state in which the Project is located property insurance upon the entire Project to the full insurable value of the Project, including professional fees, overtime premiums, and all other expenses incurred to replace or repair the insured property.

**5.3.2** During the pendency of the Project or thereafter, Owner may, but is not required to, procure and maintain boiler and machinery insurance on machinery and equipment installed in connection with the Project. Owner is responsible for the payment of any deductibles under any such insurance that is maintained.

**5.3.3** Prior to Design-Builder commencing any Work, Owner shall provide Design-Builder with certificates evidencing that (i) all Owner's insurance obligations required by the Contract Documents are in full force and in effect and will remain in effect until Design-Builder has completed all of the Work and has received final payment from Owner, and (ii) no insurance coverage will be canceled, renewal refused, or materially changed unless at least thirty (30) days prior written notice is given to Design-Builder. Owner's property insurance shall not lapse or be canceled if Owner occupies a portion of the Work pursuant to Section 6.6.3 hereof. Owner shall provide Design-Builder with the necessary endorsements from the insurance company prior to occupying a portion of the Work.

**5.3.4** Any loss covered under Design-Builder's property insurance shall be adjusted with Owner and Design-Builder and made payable to both of them as trustees for the insureds as their interests may appear, subject to any applicable mortgage clause or similar financing clause. All insurance proceeds received as a result of any loss will be placed in a separate account and distributed in accordance with such agreement as the interested parties may reach. Any disagreement concerning the distribution of any proceeds will be resolved in accordance with Article 10 hereof.

**5.3.5** If approved in writing by the underwriters of the respective insurance policies maintained under the Contract Documents, and only to the extent so

approved, Owner and Design-Builder waive against each other and their respective employees, all damages covered by property insurance provided herein, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance. Design-Builder and Owner shall, where appropriate, require similar waivers of subrogation from Owner's separate contractors, Design Consultants and Subcontractors and shall require each of them to include similar waivers in their contracts. These waivers of subrogation shall not contain any restriction or limitation that will impair the full and complete extent of its applicability to any person or entity unless agreed to in writing prior to the execution of this Agreement.

#### **5.4 Bonds and Other Performance Security.**

**5.4.1** Owner requires Design-Builder to obtain performance and labor and material payment bonds, or other forms of performance security, the amount, form, and other conditions of such security being set forth in the Agreement.

**5.4.2** All bonds furnished by Design-Builder shall be in a form satisfactory to Owner. The surety shall be a company qualified and registered to conduct business in the state in which the Project is located.

### **Article 6** **Payment**

#### **6.1 Schedule of Values.**

**6.1.1** Unless required by the Owner upon execution of this Agreement, within twenty-one (21) days of execution of the Agreement, Design-Builder shall submit for Owner's review and approval a schedule of values for all of the Work. The Schedule of Values will (i) subdivide the Work into its respective parts, (ii) include values for all items comprising the Work and (iii) serve as the basis for monthly progress payments made to Design-Builder throughout the Work. The Schedule of Values will be used to adjust the Projected Billing Schedule that is attached to the Agreement.

**6.1.2** Owner will timely review and approve the Schedule of Values so as not to delay the submission of Design-Builder's first Application for Payment. Owner and Design-Builder shall also timely resolve any differences so as not to delay the Design-Builder's submission of its first Application for Payment.

#### **6.2 Monthly Progress Payments.**

**6.2.1** On or before the date established in the Agreement, Design-Builder shall submit for Owner's review and approval its Application for Payment requesting payment for all Work performed as of the date of the Application for Payment. The Application for Payment shall be accompanied by all supporting documentation required by the Contract Documents and/or established at the meeting required by Section 2.1.4 hereof.

**6.2.2** The Application for Payment may request payment for equipment and materials not yet incorporated into the Project, provided that (i) Owner is satisfied that the equipment and materials are suitably stored at either the Site or another acceptable location, (ii) the equipment and materials are protected by suitable insurance, and (iii) upon payment, Owner will receive the equipment and materials free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

**6.2.3** All discounts offered by Subcontractor, Sub-Subcontractors and suppliers to Design-Builder for early payment shall accrue one hundred percent to Design-Builder to the extent Design-Builder advances payment. Unless Owner advances payment to Design-Builder specifically to receive the discount, Design-Builder may include in its Application for Payment the full undiscounted cost of the item for which payment is sought.

**6.2.4** The Application for Payment shall constitute Design-Builder's representation that the Work described herein has been performed consistent with the Contract Documents, has progressed to the point indicated in the Application for Payment, and that title to all Work will pass to Owner free and clear of all claims, liens, encumbrances, and security interests upon the incorporation of the Work into the Project, or upon Design-Builder's receipt of payment, whichever occurs earlier.

### **6.3 Withholding of Payments.**

**6.3.1** On or before the date established in the Agreement, Owner shall pay Design-Builder all amounts properly due. If Owner determines that Design-Builder is not entitled to all or part of an Application for Payment as a result of Design-Builder's failure to meet its obligations hereunder, it will notify Design-Builder in writing at least five (5) days prior to the date payment is due. The notice shall indicate the specific amounts Owner intends to withhold, the reasons and contractual basis for the withholding, and the specific measures Design-Builder must take to rectify Owner's concerns. Design-Builder and Owner will attempt to resolve Owner's concerns prior to the date payment is due. If the parties cannot resolve such concerns, Design-Builder may pursue its rights under the Contract Documents, including those under Article 10 hereof.

**6.3.2** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Contract Documents, Owner shall pay Design-Builder all undisputed amounts in an Application for Payment within the times required by the Agreement.

### **6.4 Right to Stop Work and Interest.**

**6.4.1** If Owner fails to pay timely Design-Builder any undisputed amount that becomes due, Design-Builder, in addition to all other remedies provided in the Contract Documents, may stop Work pursuant to Section 11.3 hereof. All payments due and unpaid shall bear interest at the rate set forth in the Agreement.

## **6.5 Design-Builder's Payment Obligations.**

**6.5.1** Design-Builder will pay Design Consultants and Subcontractors, in accordance with its contractual obligations to such parties, all the amounts Design-Builder has received from Owner on account of their work. Design-Builder will impose similar requirements on Design Consultants and Subcontractors to pay those parties with whom they have contracted. Design-Builder will indemnify and defend Owner against any claims for payment and mechanic's liens as set forth in Section 7.3 hereof.

## **6.6 Substantial Completion.**

**6.6.1** Design-Builder shall notify Owner when it believes the Work, or to the extent permitted in the Contract Documents, a portion of the Work, is Substantially Complete. Within five (5) days of Owner's receipt of Design-Builder's notice, Owner and Design-Builder will jointly inspect such Work to verify that it is Substantially Complete in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. If such Work is Substantially Complete, Owner shall prepare and issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion that will set forth (i) the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or portion thereof, (ii) the remaining items of Work that have to be completed before final payment, (iii) provisions (to the extent not already provided in the Contract Documents) establishing Owner's and Design-Builder's responsibility for the Project's security, maintenance, utilities and insurance pending final payment, and (iv) an acknowledgment that warranties commence to run on the date of Substantial Completion, except as may otherwise be noted in the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

**6.6.2** Upon Substantial Completion of the entire Work or, if applicable, any portion of the Work, Owner shall release to Design-Builder all retained amounts relating, as applicable, to the entire Work or completed portion of the Work, less an amount equal to the reasonable value of all remaining or incomplete items of Work as noted in the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

**6.6.3** Owner, at its option, may use a portion of the Work which has been determined to be Substantially Complete, provided, however, that (i) a Certificate of Substantial Completion has been issued for the portion of Work addressing the items set forth in Section 6.6.1 above, (ii) Design-Builder and Owner have obtained the consent of their sureties and insurers, and to the extent applicable, the appropriate government authorities having jurisdiction over the Project, and (iii) Owner and Design-Builder agree that Owner's use or occupancy will not interfere with Design-Builder's completion of the remaining Work.

## **6.7 Final Payment.**

**6.7.1** After receipt of a Final Application for Payment from Design-Builder, Owner shall make final payment by the time required in the Agreement, provided that Design-Builder has achieved Final Completion.



**6.7.2** At the time of submission of its Final Application for Payment, Design-Builder shall provide the following information:

**6.7.2.1** An affidavit that there are no claims, obligations, or liens outstanding or unsatisfied for labor, services, material, equipment, taxes or other items performed, furnished or incurred for or in connection with the Work which will in any way affect Owner's interests;

**6.7.2.2** A general release executed by Design-Builder waiving, upon receipt of final payment by Design-Builder, all claims, except those claims previously made in writing to Owner and remaining unsettled at the time of final payment;

**6.7.2.3** Consent of Design-Builder's surety, if any, to final payment;

**6.7.2.4** All operating manuals, warranties, and other deliverables required by the Contract Documents; and

**6.7.2.5** Certificates of insurance confirming that required coverages will remain in effect consistent with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

**6.7.3** [deleted]

**6.7.4** Deficiencies in the Work discovered after Substantial Completion, whether or not such deficiencies would have been included on the Punch List if discovered earlier, shall be deemed warranty Work. Such deficiencies shall be corrected by Design-Builder under Sections 2.9 and 2.10 herein, and shall not be a reason to withhold final payment from Design-Builder, provided, however, that Owner shall be entitled to withhold from the Final Payment the reasonable value of completion of such deficient work until such work is completed.

## **Article 7** **Indemnification**

### **7.1 Patent and Copyright Infringement.**

**7.1.1** Design-Builder shall defend any action or proceeding brought against Owner based on any claim that the Work, or any part thereof, or the operation or use of the Work or any part thereof, or the use of any of the Contract Documents initially supplied by Design-Builder, constitutes infringement of any United States patent or copyright, now or hereafter issued. Owner shall give prompt written notice to Design-Builder of any such action or proceeding and will reasonably provide authority, information and assistance in the defense of same. Design-Builder shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner from and against all damages and costs, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and expenses awarded against Owner or Design-Builder in any such action or proceeding. Design-

Builder agrees to keep Owner informed of all developments in the defense of such actions.

**7.1.2** If Owner is enjoined from the operation or use of the Work, or any part thereof, as the result of any patent or copyright suit, claim, or proceeding, Design-Builder shall at its sole expense take reasonable steps to procure the right to operate or use the Work. If Design-Builder cannot so procure such right within a reasonable time, Design-Builder shall promptly, at Design-Builder's option and at Design-Builder's expense, (i) modify the Work so as to avoid infringement of any such patent or copyright, or (ii) replace said Work with Work that does not infringe or violate any such patent or copyright.

**7.1.3** Sections 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 above shall not be applicable to any suit, claim, or proceeding based on infringement or violation of a patent or copyright (i) relating solely to a particular process or product of a particular manufacturer specified by Owner and not offered or recommended by Design-Builder to Owner, (ii) arising from modifications to the Work by Owner or its agents after acceptance of the Work, or (iii) Owner's use of the Contact Documents or Design Documents without the aid, assistance, and/or involvement of the Design-Builder, which shall be at Owner's sole risk.

**7.1.4** The obligations set forth in this Section 7.1 shall constitute the sole agreement between the parties relating to liability for infringement or violation of any patent or copyright.

## **7.2 Tax Claim Indemnification.**

**7.2.1** [deleted]

## **7.3 Payment Claim Indemnification.**

**7.3.1** Provided that Owner is not in breach of its contractual obligation to make payments to Design-Builder for the Work, Design-Builder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Owner from any claims or mechanic's liens brought against Owner or against the Project as a result of the failure of Design-Builder, or those for whose acts it is responsible, to pay for any services, materials, labor, equipment, taxes, or other items or obligations furnished or incurred for or in connection with the Work. Within three (3) days of receiving written notice from Owner that such a claim or mechanic's lien has been filed, Design-Builder shall commence to take the steps necessary to discharge said claim or lien, including, if necessary, the furnishing of a mechanic's lien bond. If Design-Builder fails to do so, Owner will have the right to discharge the claim or lien and hold Design-Builder liable for costs and expenses incurred, including attorneys' fees.

## **7.4 Design-Builder's General Indemnification.**

**7.4.1** Design-Builder, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Owner, its officers, directors, and employees from and

against claims, losses, damages, liabilities, including attorneys' fees and expenses, for bodily injury, sickness or death, and property damage or destruction (other than to the Work itself) to the extent resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of Design-Builder, Design Consultants, Subcontractors, anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.

**7.4.2** If an employee of Design-Builder, Design Consultants, Subcontractors, anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be responsible or liable has a claim against Owner, its officers, directors, employees, or agents, Design-Builder's indemnity obligation set forth in Section 7.4.1 above shall not be limited by any limitation on the amount of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for Design-Builder, Design Consultants, Subcontractors, or other entity under any employee benefit acts, including workers' compensation or disability acts.

## **7.5 Owner's General Indemnification.**

**7.5.1** [deleted].

## **Article 8** **Time**

### **8.1 Obligation to Achieve the Contract Times.**

**8.1.1** Design-Builder agrees that it will commence performance of the Work and achieve the Contract Times in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement.

### **8.2 Delays to the Work.**

**8.2.1** If Design-Builder is delayed in the performance of the Work due to acts, omissions, conditions, events, or circumstances beyond its control and due to no fault of its own or those for whom Design-Builder is responsible, the Contract Times for performance shall be reasonably extended by Change Order. By way of example, events that will entitle Design-Builder to an extension of the Contract Times include acts or omissions of Owner or anyone under Owner's control (including separate contractors), changes in the Work, Differing Site Conditions (excluding rock), Hazardous Conditions, and Force Majeure Events.

**8.2.2** In addition to Design-Builder's right to a time extension for those events set forth in Section 8.2.1 above, Design-Builder shall also be entitled to an equitable adjustment of the Contract Price provided, however, that the Contract Price shall not be adjusted for Force Majeure Events unless otherwise provided in the Agreement.

**8.2.3** In addition to the delays noted above, Design-Builder is entitled to an equitable adjustment to the Contract Times for the following:

**8.2.3.1** Design-Builder is unable to begin site excavation by December 16, 2019 due to delays in obtaining required City permits and/or an approved Comprehensive Agreement with the City.

**8.2.3.2** The Project is delayed due to delays in the City's design and/or construction of the connecting road and utilities projects (water, sewer, and storm water management).

**8.2.3.4** The Project is delayed due to delays in the design and/or construction of natural gas and/or permanent electric service to the Site.

**8.2.3.5** Site work is delayed to correct subsurface structural conditions as determined by Owner's onsite geotechnical engineer. These conditions include additional undercut, structural fill, voids, sinkholes or unsuitable structural soil material (other than those conditions identified in the geotechnical report for the Site that has been provided to Design-Builder).

**8.2.4** With respect to events and conditions that cause a substantiated delay to the Schedule Substantial Completion Date or some other Contract Time, the affected Contract Time will be extended on a calendar day basis for each day of substantiated delay.

## **Article 9**

### **Changes to the Contract Price and Time**

#### **9.1 Change Orders.**

**9.1.1** A Change Order is a written instrument issued after execution of the Agreement signed by Owner and Design-Builder, stating their agreement upon all of the following:

**9.1.1.1** The scope of the change in the Work;

**9.1.1.2** The amount of the adjustment to the Contract Price; and

**9.1.1.3** The extent of the adjustment to the Contract Times.

**9.1.2** All changes in the Work authorized by applicable Change Order shall be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents. Owner and Design-Builder shall negotiate in good faith and as expeditiously as possible the appropriate equitable adjustments for such changes.

**9.1.3** If Owner requests a proposal for a change in the Work from Design-Builder and subsequently elects not to proceed with the change, a Change Order shall be issued to reimburse Design-Builder for reasonable costs incurred for estimating services, design services and services involved in the preparation of proposed revisions to the Contract Documents. Before providing such services, Design-Builder shall provide to Owner an estimate of the reasonable costs it

anticipates that it would incur.

## **9.2 Work Change Directives.**

**9.2.1** A Work Change Directive is a written order prepared and signed by Owner directing a change in the Work prior to agreement on an adjustment in the Contract Price and/or the Contract Times.

**9.2.2** Owner and Design-Builder shall negotiate in good faith and as expeditiously as possible the appropriate equitable adjustments for the Work Change Directive. Upon reaching an agreement, the parties shall prepare and execute an appropriate Change Order reflecting the terms of the agreement.

## **9.3 Minor Changes in the Work.**

**9.3.1** Minor changes in the Work do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Price and/or Contract Times and do not materially and adversely affect the Work, including the design, quality, performance, and workmanship required by the Contract Documents. Design-Builder may make minor changes in the Work consistent with the intent of the Contract Documents; provided, however, that Design-Builder shall promptly inform Owner, in writing, of any such changes and record such changes on the documents maintained by Design-Builder.

## **9.4 Contract Price Adjustments.**

**9.4.1** The increase or decrease in Contract Price resulting from a change in the Work shall be determined by one or more of the following methods:

**9.4.1.1** Unit prices set forth in the Agreement or as subsequently agreed to between the parties;

**9.4.1.2** A mutually accepted lump sum, properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation by Owner;

**9.4.1.3** Costs, fees, and any other markups set forth in the Agreement; or

**9.4.1.4** If an increase or decrease cannot be agreed to as set forth in items 9.4.1.1 through 9.4.1.3 above and Owner issues a Work Change Directive, the cost of the change of the Work shall be determined by the reasonable expense and savings in the performance of the Work resulting from the change, including a reasonable overhead and profit, as may be set forth in the Agreement.

**9.4.2** If unit prices are set forth in the Contract Documents or are subsequently agreed to by the parties, but application of such unit prices will cause substantial inequity to Owner or Design-Builder because of differences in the character or quantity of such unit items as originally contemplated, such unit prices shall be equitably adjusted.

**9.4.3** If Owner and Design-Builder disagree upon whether Design-Builder is entitled to be paid for any services required by Owner, or if there are any other disagreements over the scope of Work or proposed changes to the Work, Owner and Design-Builder shall resolve the disagreement pursuant to Article 10 hereof. As part of the negotiation process, Design-Builder shall furnish Owner with a good faith estimate of the costs to perform the disputed services in accordance with Owner's interpretations. If the parties are unable to agree and Owner expects Design-Builder to perform the services in accordance with Owner's interpretations, Design-Builder shall proceed to perform the disputed services, conditioned upon Owner issuing a written order to Design-Builder (i) directing Design-Builder to proceed, and (ii) specifying Owner's interpretation of the services that are to be performed. If this occurs, Design-Builder shall be entitled to submit in its Applications for Payment an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of its reasonable estimated direct cost to perform the services, and Owner agrees to pay such amounts, with the express understanding that (i) such payment by Owner does not prejudice Owner's right to argue that it has no responsibility to pay for such services, and (ii) receipt of such payment by Design-Builder does not prejudice Design-Builder's right to seek full payment of the disputed services if Owner's order is deemed to be a change to the Work.

## **9.5 Emergencies.**

**9.5.1** In any emergency affecting the safety of persons and/or property, Design-Builder shall act, at its discretion, to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. Any change in the Contract Price and/or Contract Times on account of emergency work shall be determined as provided in this Article 9.

## **Article 10** **Contract Adjustments and Disputes**

### **10.1 Requests for Contract Adjustments and Relief.**

**10.1.1** If either Design-Builder or Owner believes that it is entitled to relief against the other for any event arising out of or related to the Work or the Project, such party shall provide written notice to the other party of the basis for its claim for relief. Such notice shall, if possible, be made prior to incurring any cost or expense and in accordance with any specific notice requirements contained in applicable sections of these General Conditions of Contract. In the absence of any specific notice requirement, written notice shall be given within a reasonable time, not to exceed twenty-one (21) days, after the occurrence giving rise to the claim for relief or after the claiming party reasonably should have recognized the event or condition giving rise to the request, whichever is later. Such notice shall include sufficient information to advise the other party of the circumstances giving rise to the claim for relief, the specific contractual adjustment or relief requested and the basis of such request.

### **10.2 Dispute Avoidance and Resolution.**

**10.2.1** The parties are fully committed to working with each other throughout the Project and agree to communicate regularly with each other at all times so as to avoid or minimize disputes or disagreements. If disputes or disagreements do arise, Design-Builder and Owner each commit to resolving such disputes or disagreements in an amicable, professional, and expeditious manner so as to avoid unnecessary losses, delays, and disruptions to the Work.

**10.2.2** Design-Builder and Owner will first attempt to resolve disputes or disagreements at the field level through discussions between Design-Builder's Representative and Owner's Representative which shall conclude within fourteen (14) days of the written notice provided for in Section 10.1.1 unless the Owner and Design-Builder mutually agree otherwise.

**10.2.3** If a dispute or disagreement cannot be resolved through Design-Builder's Representative and Owner's Representative, Design-Builder's Senior Representative and Owner's Senior Representative, upon the request of either party, shall meet as soon as conveniently possible, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after such a request is made, to attempt to resolve such dispute or disagreement. Five (5) days prior to any meetings between the Senior Representatives, the parties will exchange relevant information that will assist the parties in resolving their dispute or disagreement.

**10.2.4** If after meeting the Senior Representatives determine that the dispute or disagreement cannot be resolved on terms satisfactory to both parties, either party or both parties may seek to have the dispute resolved pursuant to the Dispute Resolution provision set forth in Section 13.1 of the Comprehensive Agreement.

**10.3 Arbitration.** [deleted]

**10.4 Duty to Continue Performance.**

**10.4.1** Unless provided to the contrary in the Contract Documents, Design-Builder shall continue to perform the Work and Owner shall continue to satisfy its payment obligations to Design-Builder, pending the final resolution of any dispute or disagreement between Design-Builder and Owner.

**10.5 CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.**

**10.5.1** NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY (EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 10.5.2 BELOW), NEITHER DESIGN-BUILDER NOR OWNER SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL LOSSES OR DAMAGES, WHETHER ARISING IN CONTRACT, WARRANTY, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSSES OF USE, PROFITS, BUSINESS, REPUTATION, OR FINANCING.

**10.5.2** The consequential damages limitation set forth in Section 10.5.1 above is not intended to affect the payment of liquidated damages set forth in Article 5 of the Agreement, which both parties recognize has been established, in part, to reimburse Owner for its reasonable estimate of the likely damages that might otherwise be deemed to be consequential or to reward Design-Builder for the early completion of the Project which is anticipated to save Owner a comparable amount.

## **Article 11** **Stop Work and Termination for Cause**

### **11.1 Owner's Right to Stop Work.**

**11.1.1** Owner may, without cause and for its convenience, order Design-Builder in writing to stop and suspend the Work. Such suspension shall not exceed sixty (60) consecutive days or aggregate more than ninety (90) days during the duration of the Project.

**11.1.2** Design-Builder is entitled to seek an equitable adjustment of the Contract Price and/or Contract Times if its cost or time to perform the Work has been adversely impacted by any suspension of stoppage of the Work by Owner.

### **11.2 Owner's Right to Perform and Terminate for Cause.**

**11.2.1** If Design-Builder persistently fails to (i) provide a sufficient number of skilled workers, (ii) supply the materials required by the Contract Documents, (iii) comply with applicable Legal Requirements, (iv) timely pay, without cause, Design Consultants or Subcontractors, (v) prosecute the Work with promptness and diligence to ensure that the Work is completed by the Contract Times, as such times may be adjusted, or (vi) perform material obligations under the Contract Documents, then Owner, in addition to any other rights and remedies provided in the Contract Documents or by law, shall have the rights set forth in Sections 11.2.2 and 11.2.3 below.

**11.2.2** Upon the occurrence of an event set forth in Section 11.2.1 above, Owner may provide written notice to Design-Builder that it intends to terminate the Agreement unless the problem cited is cured, or commenced to be cured, within seven (7) days of Design-Builder's receipt of such notice. If Design-Builder fails to cure, or reasonably commence to cure, such problem, then Owner may give a second written notice to Design-Builder of its intent to terminate within an additional seven (7) day period. If Design-Builder, within such second seven (7) day period, fails to cure, or reasonably commence to cure, such problem, then Owner may declare the Agreement terminated for default by providing written notice to Design-Builder of such declaration.

**11.2.3** Upon declaring the Agreement terminated pursuant to Section 11.2.2 above, Owner may enter upon the premises and take possession, for the purpose of completing the Work, of all materials, equipment, scaffolds, tools,



appliances and other items thereon, which have been purchased or provided for the performance of the Work, all of which Design-Builder hereby transfers, assigns and sets over to Owner for such purpose, and to employ any person or persons to complete the Work and provide all of the required labor, services, materials, equipment and other items. In the event of such termination, Design-Builder shall not be entitled to receive any further payments under the Contract Documents until the Work shall be finally completed in accordance with the Contract Documents. At such time, if the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the cost and expense incurred by Owner in completing the Work, such excess shall be paid by Owner to Design-Builder. If Owner's cost and expense of completing the Work exceeds the unpaid balance of the Contract Price, then Design-Builder shall be obligated to pay the difference to Owner. Such costs and expense shall include not only the cost of completing the Work, but also losses, damages, costs, and expense, including attorneys' fees and expenses, incurred by Owner in connection with the procurement and defense of claims arising from Design-Builder's default, subject to the waiver of consequential damages set forth in Section 10.5 hereof.

**11.2.4** If Owner improperly terminates the Agreement for cause, the termination for cause will be converted to a termination for convenience in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Agreement.

### **11.3 Design-Builder's Right to Stop Work.**

**11.3.1** Design-Builder may, in addition to any other rights afforded under the Contract Documents or at law, stop the Work for the following reasons:

**11.3.1.1** Owner's failure to provide financial assurances as required under Section 3.3 hereof; or

**11.3.1.2** Owner's failure to pay undisputed amounts properly due under Design-Builder's Application for Payment.

**11.3.2** Should any of the events set forth in Section 11.3.1 above occur, Design-Builder has the right to provide Owner with written notice that Design-Builder will stop the Work unless said event is cured within seven (7) days from Owner's receipt of Design-Builder's notice. If Owner does not cure the problem within such seven (7) day period, Design-Builder may stop the Work. In such case, Design-Builder shall be entitled to make a claim for an equitable adjustment to the Contract Price and Contract Times to the extent it has been adversely impacted by such stoppage.

### **11.4 Design-Builder's Right to Terminate for Cause.**

**11.4.1** Design-Builder, in addition to any other rights and remedies provided in the Contract Documents or by law, may terminate the Agreement for cause for the following reasons:

**11.4.1.1** The Work has been stopped for sixty (60) consecutive days, or more than ninety (90) days during the duration of the Project, because of court order, any government authority having jurisdiction over the Work, or orders by Owner under Section 11.1.1 hereof, provided that such stoppages are not due to the acts or omissions of Design-Builder or anyone for whose acts Design-Builder may be responsible.

**11.4.1.2** Owner's failure to provide Design-Builder with any information, permits or approvals that are Owner's responsibility under the Contract Documents which result in the Work being stopped for sixty (60) consecutive days, or more than ninety (90) days during the duration of the Project, even though Owner has not ordered Design-Builder in writing to stop and suspend the Work pursuant to Section 11.1.1 hereof.

**11.4.1.3** Owner's failure to cure the problems set forth in Section 11.3.1 above after Design-Builder has stopped the Work.

**11.4.2** Upon the occurrence of an event set forth in Section 11.4.1 above, Design-Builder may provide written notice to Owner that it intends to terminate the Agreement unless the problem cited is cured, or commenced to be cured, within seven (7) days of Owner's receipt of such notice. If Owner fails to cure, or reasonably commence to cure, such problem, then Design-Builder may give a second written notice to Owner of its intent to terminate within an additional seven (7) day period. If Owner, within such second seven (7) day period, fails to cure, or reasonably commence to cure, such problem, then Design-Builder may declare the Agreement terminated for default by providing written notice to Owner of such declaration. In such case, Design-Builder shall be entitled to recover in the same manner as if Owner had terminated the Agreement for its convenience under Article 8 of the Agreement.

## **11.5 Bankruptcy of Owner or Design-Builder.**

**11.5.1** If either Owner or Design-Builder institutes or has instituted against it a case under the United States Bankruptcy Code (such party being referred to as the "Bankrupt Party"), such event may impair or frustrate the Bankrupt Party's ability to perform its obligations under the Contract Documents. Accordingly, should such event occur:

**11.5.1.1** The Bankrupt Party, its trustee or other successor, shall furnish, upon request of the non-Bankrupt Party, adequate assurance of the ability of the Bankrupt Party to perform all future material obligations under the Contract Documents, which assurances shall be provided within ten (10) days after receiving notice of the request; and

**11.5.1.2** The Bankrupt Party shall file an appropriate action within the bankruptcy court to seek assumption or rejection of the Agreement within sixty (60) days of the institution of the bankruptcy filing and shall diligently prosecute such action.

If the Bankrupt Party fails to comply with its foregoing obligations, the non-Bankrupt Party shall be entitled to request the bankruptcy court to reject the Agreement, declare the Agreement terminated and pursue any other recourse available to the non-Bankrupt Party under this Article 11.

**11.5.2** The rights and remedies under Section 11.5.1 above shall not be deemed to limit the ability of the non-Bankrupt Party to seek any other rights and remedies provided by the Contract Documents or by law, including its ability to seek relief from any automatic stays under the United States Bankruptcy Code or the right of Design-Builder to stop Work under any applicable provision of these General Conditions of Contract.

## **Article 12** **Electronic Data**

### **12.1 Electronic Data.**

**12.1.1** The parties recognize that Contract Documents, including drawings, specifications and three-dimensional modeling (such as Building Information Models) and other Work Product may be transmitted among Owner, Design-Builder, and others in electronic media as an alternative to paper hard copies (collectively "Electronic Data").

### **12.2 Transmission of Electronic Data.**

**12.2.1** Owner and Design-Builder shall agree upon the software and the format for the transmission of Electronic Data. Each party shall be responsible for securing the legal rights to access the agreed-upon format, including, if necessary, obtaining appropriately licensed copies of the applicable software or electronic program to display, interpret, and/or generate the Electronic Data.

**12.2.2** Neither party makes any representations or warranties to the other with respect to the functionality of the software or computer program associated with the electronic transmission of Work Product. Unless specifically set forth in the Agreement, ownership of the Electronic Data does not include ownership of the software or computer program with which it is associated, transmitted, generated, or interpreted.

**12.2.3** By transmitting Work Product in electronic form, the transmitting party does not transfer or assign its rights in the Work Product. The rights in the Electronic Data shall be as set forth in Article 4 of the Agreement. Under no circumstances shall the transfer of ownership of Electronic Data be deemed to be a sale by the transmitting party of tangible goods.

### **12.3 Electronic Data Protocol.**

**12.3.1** The parties acknowledge that Electronic Data may be altered or corrupted, intentionally or otherwise, due to occurrences beyond their reasonable control or knowledge, including, but not limited to, compatibility issues with user software, manipulation by the recipient, errors in transcription or transmission, machine error, environmental factors, and Design-Builder error. Consequently, the parties understand that there is some level of increased risk in the use of Electronic Data for the communication of design and construction information and, in consideration of this, agree, and shall require their independent contractors, Subcontractors, and Design Consultants to agree, to the following protocols, terms and conditions set forth in this Section 12.3.

**12.3.2** Electronic Data will be transmitted in the format agreed upon in Section 12.2.1 above, including file conventions and document properties, unless prior arrangements are made in advance in writing.

**12.3.3** The Electronic Data represents the information at a particular point in time and is subject to change. Therefore, the parties shall agree upon protocols for notification by the author to the recipient of any changes which may thereafter be made to the Electronic Data, which protocol shall also address the duty, if any, to update such information, data or other information contained in the electronic media if such information changes prior to Final Completion of the Project.

**12.3.4** The transmitting party specifically disclaims all warranties, expressed or implied, including, but not limited to, implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, with respect to the media transmitting the Electronic Data. However, transmission of the Electronic Data via electronic means shall not invalidate or negate any duties pursuant to the applicable standard of care with respect to the creation of the Electronic Data, unless such data is materially changed or altered after it is transmitted to the receiving party, and the transmitting party did not participate in such change or alteration.

## **Article 13** **Miscellaneous**

### **13.1 Subcontractors.**

**13.1.1** Design-Builder may subcontract any portion of the Work to be performed on the Project, but shall not in any event be relieved of any of its obligations contained in the Agreement. Prior to the start of any Subcontractor's or Sub-subcontractor's work on the Project, Design-Builder shall furnish to Owner a list of possible Subcontractors or Sub-subcontractors who will provide materials, equipment or services at the Site or on the Project. Owner shall, within fourteen (14) days of receiving the list of Subcontractors or Sub-subcontractors, reply in writing to Design-Builder if the Owner has any objection to any listed Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor. In the event Owner objects in writing to a Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor on Design-Builder's list, Design-Builder shall substitute a Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor acceptable to the Owner provided that the Contract Price and/or Contract Times shall be equitably

adjusted to the extent that Owner's decision impacts Design-Builder's cost and/or time of performance.

**13.1.2** Prior to the start of any work by any Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor on the Project, the Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor must provide a copy of its license to Design-Builder who shall maintain copies of such licenses available for review by Owner.

**13.1.3** Receipt of the list of possible Subcontractors or Sub-subcontractors shall not obligate Owner to investigate or to accept responsibility for the qualifications, license, or employees of any Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor. Responsibility for the qualifications, license, and employees of any Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor shall at all times remain with Design-Builder.

**13.1.4** Owner retains the right to object to and exclude at any time any Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor for cause, whether or not it responded or objected to the list provided to it pursuant to this subsection. For purposes of this provision, the acts or omission that constitute "for cause" include without limitation lack of proper licensure, violations of laws, and/or failure to comply with reasonable rules established by Design-Builder or Owner to protect the safety of persons or property located at the Site.