

# Standard Form of General Conditions of Contract Between Owner and Design-Builder

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# 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* refers to the executed contract between Owner and Design-Builder under DBIA Document No. 530, *Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design-Builder – Cost Plus Fee With an Option for a Guaranteed Maximum Price* (2022 Edition, as revised).

**1.2.2** *Basis of Design Documents* are as follows: For DBIA Document No. 530, *Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design-Builder – Cost Plus Fee With an Option for a Guaranteed Maximum Price*, the Basis of Design Documents are those documents specifically listed in, as applicable, the GMP Amendment as being the “Basis of Design Documents.”

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

**1.2.4** *Contract Time* consists of the dates set forth in Article 5 of the Agreement.

**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 Design-Builder, Design Consultant, and key Subcontractors identified by 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 Design Consultant but is retained by 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 Submission* means any and all documents, shop drawings, electronic information, including computer programs and computer generated materials, data, plans, drawings, sketches, illustrations, specifications, descriptions, models, and other information developed, prepared, furnished, delivered or required to be delivered by, or for, Design-Builder (1) to the Owner under the Contract Documents; or (2) developed or prepared by or for the Design-Builder specifically to discharge its duties under the Contract Documents.

**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 DBIA Document No. 535, *Standard Form of General Conditions of Contract Between Owner and Design-Builder* (2022 Edition).

**1.2.12**

**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** *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.

**1.2.15** *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.

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

**1.2.17** *Subcontractor* is any person or entity retained by Design-Builder as an independent contractor to perform a portion of the Work and shall include Design Consultants, materialmen and suppliers.

**1.2.18** *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 Design Subconsultants, materialmen and suppliers.

**1.2.19** *Substantial Completion* or *Substantially Complete* means the date on which the Work, or an Interim Milestone Date, is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that Owner can occupy and use the Project or a portion thereof for its intended purposes without compromising the building operation (including materially increasing operating expenses) or the user's ability to reasonably use all parts of the Project.

**1.2.20** *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, incidentals, and labor whether expressly required by or 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** Unless the parties agree on a different time period for submission of a status report, Design-Builder shall provide Owner with a reports detailing the progress of the Work as set forth in Exhibit C, including but not limited to (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 contingency accounts; 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 Time(s). In addition to the frequency set forth in Exhibit C, status reports shall be submitted with Design-Builder's draft Payment Applications as a pre-requisite to payment.

**2.1.3** Design-Builder shall prepare and submit the schedules and deliverables set forth in Exhibit C, including but not limited to the Project Schedule for the execution of the Work for Owner's review and response. The Project 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 Time(s). The Project Schedule shall be revised as required by Exhibit C and the conditions and progress of the Work, but such revisions shall not relieve Design-Builder of its obligations to complete the Work within the Contract Time(s), as such dates may be adjusted in accordance with the Contract Documents. Owner's review of, and response to, the Project Schedule and other deliverables provided by Design-Builder 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 any procedures additional to Exhibit C, including those relating to submittals and payment, to facilitate the ability of the parties to perform their obligations under the Contract Documents.

**2.1.5** The Design-Build Team, which at a minimum shall consist of the Design-Builder's Representative and a representative from the lead designer and lead constructor, shall meet with the Owner at least on a weekly basis and shall provide to the Owner a written update regarding the status of the Project, including but not limited to the information required in Exhibit C and any issues that may have a material effect on the Project. The Design-Build Team shall issue meeting minutes within three days of meeting.

**2.1.6** Design Builder hereby assigns to Owner all its interest in first-tier subcontracts now or hereafter entered into by Design Builder for performance of any part of the Work. The assignment will be effective upon acceptance by Owner in writing and only as to those subcontracts which the Owner designates in writing. The Owner may accept said assignment at any time during the course of the Work and prior to Final Completion in the event of a suspension or termination of Design Builder's rights under the Contract Documents. Such assignment is part of the consideration to the Owner for entering into the Contract with Design Builder and may not be withdrawn prior to Final Completion.

## **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.

**2.2.2** Design-Builder shall employ only Design Consultants and/or Design Subconsultants who are duly licensed and qualified to perform the Work consistent with the Contract Documents. Prior to the date that Design Consultants and/or Design Subconsultants perform Work on the Project, Design-Builder shall identify in writing to Owner all Design Consultants and Design Subconsultants.

To the extent that Design-Builder has not selected a Design Consultant or Design Subconsultant prior to performing the Work, Design-Builder shall provide Owner in writing a list of any subsequently added Design Consultants and/or Design Subconsultants and their scope of Work prior to their performing Work on the Project. Owner may reasonably object to Design-Builder's selection of any Design Consultant or Design Subconsultant, provided that the Contract Price and/or Contract Time(s) shall be adjusted to the extent that Owner's decision impacts Design-Builder's cost and/or time of performance. Design-Builder shall not substitute a listed Design Consultant or Subconsultant without obtaining Owner's prior written consent; such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Nothing in the Contract Documents is intended or deemed to create any legal or contractual relationship between Owner and any Design Consultant or Design Subconsultant, including but not limited to any third-party beneficiary rights. Design-Builder assumes responsibility to Owner for the proper performance of the Work of the Design Consultants and any Sub-Consultant and any acts and omissions in connection with such performance.

## **2.3 Standard of Care for Professional Services.**

**2.3.1** The standard of care for all professional services performed to execute the Work shall be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of the applicable profession practicing under similar conditions at the same time and locality of the Project. The Design-Builder shall also perform the design and construction so that the Work meets or exceeds the performance requirements set forth in the Owner's Project Criteria and/or Final Basis of Design Documents.

**2.3.2** Design Builder shall perform all activities efficiently and with the requisite expertise, skill and competence to satisfy the requirements of the Contract Documents.

## **2.4 Design Development Services.**

**2.4.1** Design-Builder shall provide the Design Submissions set forth in the Contract Documents. 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.

**2.4.1.1** Design Submissions shall be consistent with the Owner's Project Criteria as well as the Basis of Design Documents, as the Basis of Design Documents may have been changed or supplemented through the design process set forth in this Section 2.4.1 as well as the Commercial Terms. By submitting Design Submissions, Design-Builder represents to the Owner that the Work depicted and otherwise shown, contained, or reflected in Design Submissions may be constructed in compliance with the then current Contract Price and Contract Time and are consistent with the Owner's Project Criteria, the Design Log and Basis of Design Documents, as applicable. Notwithstanding the above, Design-Builder may propose Design Submissions that may alter the Owner's Project Criteria, the Basis of Design Documents, the Contract Price and/or Contract Time; however, Design-Builder must provide notice thereof in accordance with Article 10 of the General Conditions and obtain a Change Order before such proposed Design Submissions are incorporated into the Construction Documents.

**2.4.1.2** On or about the time of the Design Submissions, Design-Builder and Owner shall meet and confer about the Design 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 schedule.

**2.4.1.3** Owner shall review and respond to Design Submissions, providing any comments and/or concerns about the Design Submissions. Owner shall provide all comments on the Design Submissions within the time provided by the Contract Documents. Design-Builder shall revise the Design Submissions (and any other deliverables) in response to Owner's comments and incorporate said responses into the next submission of Design Submissions.

**2.4.1.4** If incorporation of Owner's comments results in a design that is inconsistent with or otherwise gives rise to a change in Owner's Project Criteria, the Basis of Design Documents, the Contract Price and/or the Contract Time, Design-Builder shall provide notice thereof in accordance with Articles 9 and 10 of the General Conditions. Changes to the Basis of Design Documents, the Contract Price and/or the Contract Time, including those that are deemed minor changes, shall be processed in accordance with Article 9 of the General Conditions.

**2.4.1.5** The Design-Builder shall provide an updated cost model for the Project periodically as required in Exhibit C. The Design-Builder shall also schedule and facilitate a one-day review meeting with the Owner to present and summarize changes in the Design Submission, changes to the scheduled Milestone dates and present an overview of cost model.

**2.4.1.6** Design Log. A Design Log, including a full listing of Reliable Design Decisions and all changes to the Initial and Final Basis of Design Documents, will be maintained by the Design-Builder and provided to all attendees for review.

- a. Both parties must agree to include a Reliable Design Decision in the Design Log.
- b. The Design Log shall be updated after every Design Review Meeting, and in any case, on a weekly basis.
- c. Once a Reliable Design Decision in the Design Log is approved in writing by the Owner, it shall be binding on the Design-Builder as if set forth in the Interim or Final Basis of Design Documents.
- d. The Design Log is for the sole purpose of tracking the development of the Design Submissions. If a Reliable Design Decision will cause a change in the Interim or Final Basis of Design Decisions, or any of the Commercial Terms, such changes must be processed pursuant to Articles 9 and 10.

**2.4.1.7** Trend Log. If either party does not know the extent to which a Design Submission or other potential change will alter a Commercial Term, either party may request in writing to identify a Trend in the Trend Log.

- a. The request to include a Trend in the Trend Log must include the following information:
  - i. Identification of the portion of the Design Submission for which the costs are uncertain and may cause any Commercial Term to be exceeded;
  - ii. The estimated change in the applicable Commercial Term; and
  - iii. Potential impacts or changes to the Initial or Final Basis of Design Documents as a result of the Trend.
- b. Both parties must consent in writing to include the Trend in the Trend Log. The Design-Builder will track the Trend on the Trend Log, and the Trend Log shall be updated with the most recent information on a weekly basis.
- c. The parties will work collaboratively to resolve Trends in the Trend Log as quickly as possible. When a Trend in the Log is resolved and the resolution changes the Initial or Final Basis of Design Documents and/or any Commercial Term, the resolution shall be memorialized in a Change Order. If the resolution does not

change the Initial or Final Basis of Design Documents and/or any Commercial Term, it shall be removed from the Trend Log.

**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 by the parties and recorded as set forth in the Contract Documents. 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 and Exhibit C. 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 Design Submissions, meeting minutes, the Design Log, the Trend Log, 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, the Design Log, the Trend Log, and Construction Documents shall be deemed to transfer any design liability from Design-Builder to Owner. Design-Builder shall provide Owner with sufficient time in the Project Schedule to review and approve the Design Submissions.

**2.4.4** To the extent not prohibited by the Contract Documents or Legal Requirements, Design-Builder may prepare 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 Time(s) shall be adjusted to compensate Design-Builder for the effects of any changes in the Legal Requirements enacted after the date the parties agree upon the Guaranteed Maximum Price. 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** Unless the parties have identified permits in an Owner's Permit List attached either as an exhibit to the Agreement or as part of the Owner's Project Criteria or Basis of Design Documents, 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** The Design-Builder shall assemble and install all equipment according to the applicable manufacturer's installation instructions. Work that does not conform to the applicable instructions and/or any resulting errors in assembly or installation shall be corrected by the Design-Builder. If the Owner determines that the Design-Builder has incorrectly assembled, installed and/or damaged any such equipment, the Design-Builder shall, at its own expense, furnish a competent manufacturer's representative to assist, instruct and approve the Design-Builder's corrected work.

**2.7.4** If any materials or equipment are stored by Design-Builder, they shall be stored so as to ensure the preservation of their quality and fitness. Materials and equipment shall be placed on platforms or other hard, clean surfaces, and not on the ground, and shall be placed under cover and heated adequately to prevent condensation, oxidation or freezing. Stored materials and equipment shall be located so as to facilitate observation. The Design-Builder shall be responsible for all damage or loss that occurs as a result of its fault or negligence in connection with the care and protection of all materials and equipment until acceptance by the Owner.

**2.7.5** Design-Builder is responsible for verifying that any equipment supplied by the Owner is in working order and sufficient for the purposes for which it was intended in the Project. If equipment furnished by Owner is not in working order or is not sufficient for the Project, Design-Builder shall notify Owner immediately, and Owner shall either repair or replace the equipment, at Owner's sole discretion. Design-Builder is responsible for the proper installation of the equipment furnished by Owner.

**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 Subcontracts**

**2.8.1** Design-Builder shall employ only Subcontractors who are duly licensed and qualified to perform the Work consistent with the Contract Documents. Prior to the date that Subcontractors perform Work on the Project, Design-Builder shall identify in writing to Owner all Subcontractors. To the extent that Design-Builder has not selected a Subcontractor prior to performing the Work, Design-Builder shall provide Owner in writing a list of any subsequently added Subcontractors prior to their performing Work on the Project. Owner may reasonably object to Design-Builder's selection of any Subcontractor, provided that the Contract Price and/or Contract Time(s) shall be adjusted to the extent that Owner's decision impacts Design-Builder's cost and/or time of performance. Design-Builder may not substitute listed Subcontractors without Owner's prior written consent; such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind between Owner and any Subcontractor of any tier.

**2.8.2** 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.

**2.8.3** 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.

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

**2.9.1** 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.

**2.9.2** 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.

**2.9.3** 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 or accidents resulting from their performance of the Work.

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

**2.10.1** 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. If the parties have opted in Section \_\_\_ of the Agreement to establish a limited time frame for the warranty set forth in this Section, the warranty in this section shall be limited to the time frame set forth in Section \_\_\_\_ of the Agreement. Design-Builder's warranty obligation excludes defects caused by 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 2.10 or the Contract Documents. Design-Builder will provide Owner with all manufacturers' warranties upon Substantial Completion.

## **2.11 Correction of Defective Work.**

**2.11.1** 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 2.10 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.

**2.11.2** 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 2.11.1 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.

## **2.12 Contract Phases**

**2.12.1 Phase 1.** Phase 1 shall commence upon Notice to Proceed from the Owner and shall end on the Phase 1 Completion Date as set forth in DBIA Document 530, Section 5.2. The services provided by the Design-Builder during Phase 1 shall be established in Exhibit C.

**.1** In Phase 1, the Design-Builder shall carefully and thoroughly examine the information set forth in Exhibit C, the existing site conditions, and any other information provided by the Owner with respect to the Project. Such information includes, but is not limited to, as-built drawings of the existing facilities; necessary testing of existing facilities; geotechnical and other site conditions; and legal, permitting and regulatory requirements and restrictions

**.2** The Design-Builder may not rely on information provided by the Owner and must validate all information provided by the Owner during Phase 1 as set forth in Exhibit C. Notwithstanding the above, the parties recognize that the Design-Builder relied on the information set forth in the Request for Proposals to establish the Phase 1 NTE, and if the actual conditions differ materially from the information set forth in the RFP, then the Design-Builder shall provide Notice thereof and may be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Phase 1 NTE, provided that the Design-Builder meets the requirements in Section 4.2.1 of the General Conditions.

**.3** The Design-Builder shall provide the submissions set forth in Exhibit C on a transparent basis, meaning that the Owner is entitled to see all cost back up documentation, including but not limited to timesheets, invoices, purchase orders, or any other document that evidences the Cost of the Work or any other cost for which Design-Builder requests reimbursement. In addition, the Design-Builder and the Owner shall, consistent with any applicable provision of the Contract Documents, agree upon the quantity and level of development for Design Submissions that the Owner may wish to review, which Design Submissions may include Milestone Design Submissions, design criteria, drawings, diagrams and specifications setting forth the Project requirements. Design Submissions shall be consistent with the GMP and the information set forth in the RFP, as they may develop through the design process set forth in the Contract Documents.

**.4** If the Design-Builder discovers or should have discovered with reasonable diligence material differences from the actual conditions and the information provided in Exhibit C, Design-Builder shall, at the conclusion of Phase 1, provide Owner with written notice of any such material differences in the Phase 2 Proposal. A "Material Difference" is defined as one that would either a) impact the Owner's Project Criteria or Design-Builder's Fee Percentage or b) be considered a Differing Site Condition. Design-Builder shall not be entitled to a Change Order for Differing Site Conditions pursuant to Section 4.2.1 of the General Conditions if the Differing Site Condition could have been discovered, with

reasonable diligence, during Phase 1.

**.5** At the conclusion of Phase 1, the Design-Builder will submit a Phase 2 Proposal pursuant to Exhibit C and Section 6.6.2 of the Agreement. The parties will negotiate the Final terms of the Phase 2 Proposal, and if the parties agree, they will enter into the Phase 2 Amendment. Upon execution of the Phase 2 Amendment, the Design-Builder shall provide a payment and performance bond for the amount of the GMP.

**.6** If the Design-Builder performs Work after the submission of the Phase 2 Proposal but before the parties enter into the Phase 2 Amendment pursuant to Section 6.6.2 of the Agreement, the Design-Builder shall be entitled to be paid in the same manner as it was paid during Phase 1; however, in no case shall the Design-Builder be entitled to be paid in excess of the Phase 1 NTE.

**2.12.2 Phase 2.** Phase 2 is the final phase of the Contract where the Design-Builder: (i) completes the design services and develops Construction Documents for the Project, (ii) performs the construction, start-up, testing and commissioning and closeout of the Project, (iii) undertakes any necessary warranty services for the Project, and (iv) performs other services as set forth in Exhibit C and the Phase 2 Amendment.

## 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 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** The Owner's Project Criteria sets forth the information provided by the Owner.

**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** If Design-Builder has reasonable belief that Owner will not have sufficient funds to complete the Project, at Design-Builder's written 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 it 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 Section 2.6.1 of 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 that could have been reasonably discovered during Phase 1. Unless working with Hazardous Condition is part of the scope of the Work, 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 that are not set forth as part of the Work or that could not have been reasonably discovered during Phase 1, 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 or Site.

**4.1.4** Unless expressly provided in the Contract Documents to be part of the Work, Design-Builder will be entitled, in accordance with these General Conditions of Contract, to an adjustment in its Contract Price and/or Contract Time(s) 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** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Owner shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Design-Builder, Design Consultants, Subcontractors, anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them, and their officers, directors, employees and agents, from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, arising out of or resulting from the presence, removal or remediation of Hazardous Conditions at the Site pursuant to this Section.

**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.

**4.1.7** With respect to Hazardous Conditions that are part of the Work, Design-Builder agrees to comply with all applicable regulatory authorities, including but not limited to any statute, regulation, or regulatory agency regarding such Hazardous Conditions. Design-Builder agrees to work cooperatively with Owner and regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the Project to properly handle, dispose of, and/or remediate any Hazardous Conditions.

## **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 adjustment in the Contract Price and/or Contract Time(s) to the extent Design-Builder's cost and/or time of performance are adversely impacted by the Differing Site Condition. Notwithstanding the above, provided the parties sign the Phase 2 Amendment, Design-Builder shall not be entitled to a Change Order for Differing Site Conditions if the Differing Site Condition could have been discovered, with reasonable diligence, during Phase 1.

**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.

## **4.3 Archaeological Resources**

**4.3.1** In the event the Design-Builder or any of its Subcontractors inadvertently discover

archaeological resources at any time during the project, Design-Builder shall immediately notify the Owner and suspend all excavation activities at the site.

**4.3.2** "Archaeological Resource" shall mean any material remains of human life or activities which are of interest. This shall include all sites, objects, structures, artifacts, implements, and locations of prehistoric or archaeological interest, whether previously recorded or still unrecognized, including, but not limited to objects pertaining to prehistoric and historic American Indian or aboriginal burials, campsites, dwellings, and their habitation sites, including rock shelters and caves, their artifacts and implements of culture such as projectile points, arrowheads, skeletal remains, grave goods, basketry, pestles, mauls and grinding stones, knives scrapers, rock carvings and paintings, and other implements and artifacts of any material or form.

**4.3.3** The disturbance of any cairn or Native Indian grave is prohibited by the Indian Graves and Records Act (RCW 27.44).

## **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 Insurance Exhibit to 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** Upon signing and returning the signed Agreement to the Owner, and in any event, prior to performing any Work under this Agreement, 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 is 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 Design-Builder with reasonable promptness according to Design-Builder's information and belief.

**5.1.4** The Design-Builder's maintenance of insurance, its scope of coverage, and limits as required herein shall not be construed to limit the liability of the Design-Builder to the coverage provided by such insurance, or otherwise limit the Owner's recourse to any remedy available at law or in equity. Design-Builder shall be financially responsible for all pertinent deductibles, self-insured retentions, and/or self-insurance.

**5.1.5** If Design-Builder maintains higher insurance limits than the minimums shown above, Owner shall be insured for the full available limits of commercial general and excess or umbrella liability maintained by Design-Builder, irrespective of whether such limits maintained by Design-Builder are greater than those required by this Agreement or whether any certificate of insurance furnished to the Owner evidences limits of liability lower than those maintained by Design-Builder.

**5.1.6** Design-Builder's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to Owner. Any insurance, self-insurance, or insurance pool coverage maintained by Owner shall be excess

of Design-Builder's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

**5.1.7** Design-Builder shall cause each and every subcontractor to provide insurance coverage that complies with all applicable requirements of Design-Builder-provided insurance as set forth herein, except Design-Builder shall have sole responsibility for determining the limits of coverage required to be obtained by subcontractors. Design-Builder shall ensure that the Owner is an additional insured on each subcontractor's Commercial General liability insurance policy using an endorsement as least as broad as ISO CG 20 10 10 01 for ongoing operations and CG 20 37 10 01 for completed operations.

**5.1.7** Failure on the part of the Design-Builder to maintain the insurance as required shall constitute a material breach of contract, upon which the Owner may, after giving as least five business days' notice to Design-Builder to correct the breach, immediately terminate the Agreement or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, with any sums so expended to be repaid to the Owner on demand, or at the sole discretion of the Owner, offset against funds due Design-Builder from the Owner.

## **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 Insurance Exhibit to 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 Builder's Risk Insurance.**

**5.3.1** Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, Design-Builder shall procure and maintain from insurance companies authorized to do business in the state in which the Project is located builder's risk insurance on an "all risk" or equivalent policy form 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. The property insurance obtained by Design-Builder shall be the broadest coverage commercially available and shall include as additional insureds the interests of Owner, Design-Builder, Design Consultants and Subcontractors of any tier. Such insurance shall include but not be limited to the perils of fire and extended coverage, theft, vandalism, malicious mischief, collapse, flood, earthquake, debris removal and other perils or causes of loss as called for in the Contract Documents. A copy of the builder's risk policy shall be made available to the Owner. The builder's risk insurance shall include physical loss or damage to the Work, including temporary buildings, debris removal, and damage to materials and equipment in transit, at the Site or at another location as may be indicated in Design-Builder's Application for Payment and approved by Owner. Design-Builder is responsible for the payment of any deductibles under the insurance required by this Section 5.3.1.

**5.3.2** Unless the Contract Documents provide otherwise, Owner shall procure and maintain boiler and machinery insurance that will include the interests of Owner, Design-Builder, Design Consultants, and Subcontractors of any tier. Owner is responsible for the payment of any deductibles under the insurance required by this Section 5.3.2.

**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 the builder's risk 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. 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** Owner and Design-Builder waive against each other and Owner's separate contractors, Design Consultants, Subcontractors, agents and employees of each and all of them, 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** If 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 shall be as 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** Design-Builder shall submit for Owner's review and approval a preliminary schedule of values for all of the Work as set forth in Exhibit C. 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. Design-Builder will furnish, as part of the Schedule of Values, adequate and reliable cost justification and documentation so as to provide both Owner and Design-Builder a transparent understanding of the cost data estimates and bids that comprise the initial baseline Schedule of Values as well as any updates thereto. Design-Builder will provide a final Schedule of Values with the Phase 2 Proposal.

**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 timely resolve any differences so as not to delay 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/or materials delivered to the Site and suitably stored, or for completed preparatory work. Payment may similarly be requested for material stored off Site, provided Design-Builder complies with or furnishes satisfactory evidence of the following:

- .1 The material will be placed in a warehouse that is structurally sound, dry, lighted and suitable for the materials to be stored;
- .2 The warehouse is located within a 10-mile radius of the Project. Other locations may be utilized, if approved in writing, by Owner;
- .3 Only materials for the Project are stored within the warehouse (or a secure portion of a warehouse set aside for the Project);
- .4 Design-Builder furnishes Owner a certificate of insurance extending Design-Builder's insurance coverage for damage, fire, and theft to cover the full value of all materials stored, or in transit;
- .5 The warehouse (or secure portion thereof) is continuously under lock and key, and only Design-Builder's authorized personnel shall have access;
- .6 Owner shall at all times have the right of access in the company of Design-Builder;
- .7 Design-Builder and its surety assume total responsibility for the stored materials;
- .8 Design-Builder furnishes to Owner certified lists of materials stored, bills of lading, invoices, and other information as may be required, and shall also furnish notice to Owner when materials are moved from storage to the Site; and
- .9 Upon payment, Owner will receive the equipment and materials free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

**6.2.3** All discounts offered by Subcontractors, 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 therein 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, provided Design-Builder gives Owner five business days' written notice of its intent to stop work and an opportunity to cure the late payment. 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 representing an Interim Milestone, has achieved Substantial Completion. 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 Design-Builder has achieved Substantial Completion 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;

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

**6.7.2.6** "As Built" drawings, with any and all implemented changes that constitute a final record set of the Project.

**6.7.3** Upon making final payment, Owner waives all claims against Design-Builder except claims relating to (i) Design-Builder's failure to satisfy its payment obligations, if such failure affects Owner's interests; (ii) Design-Builder's failure to complete the Work consistent with the Contract Documents, including defects appearing after Substantial Completion; and (iii) the terms of any special warranties required by the Contract Documents.

**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.

**6.7.5** Owner shall release the Contract Retainage pursuant to RCW 60.28.011.

## **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, 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; or (ii) arising from modifications to the Work by Owner or its agents after acceptance of the Work. If the suit, claim or proceeding is based upon events set forth in the preceding sentence, Owner shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Design-Builder to the same extent Design-Builder is obligated to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Owner in Section 7.1.1 above.

**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** Not used

**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** Except as set forth in Section 7.4.2 below, 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 non-party bodily injury, sickness or death and non-party property damage or destruction (other than to the Work itself) but only 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. Design-Builder's duty to indemnify shall not apply to liability for damages arising out of Design-Builder's services or out of bodily injury to persons or damage to property that are (a) caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of Indemnitee or (b) caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of (i) Indemnitee, its agents or employees and (ii) Design-Builder, its agents or employees, with such liability limited only to the extent of the negligence of Design-Builder, its agents or employees.

**7.4.2** For indemnity obligations that arise from professional errors and omissions, Design-Builder, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall indemnify Owner, its officers, directors, and employees from and against claims, losses, damages, liabilities, including attorneys' fees and expenses, for non-party bodily injury, sickness, or death and non-party property damage or destruction (other than to the Work itself) but only 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.

**7.4.3** 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 liable has a claim against Owner, its officers, directors, employees, or agents, Design-Builder's indemnity obligations set forth in Sections 7.4.1 and 7.4.2 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. Solely for the purposes of the indemnification obligations under this Agreement,

Design Builder specifically and expressly waives any immunity that may be granted it under the worker's compensation laws under the Washington State Industrial Insurance Act, Title 51 RCW; provided that such waiver shall be expressly limited to Design-Builder's indemnity obligations herein and shall not be intended as a benefit to any third party. Further, the indemnification obligation under this Agreement shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable to or for any third party under workers compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefits acts. This waiver was mutually negotiated.

**7.4.4** THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS IN THIS AGREEMENT AND THE WAIVER OF IMMUNITY UNDER RCW TITLE 51 WERE MUTUALLY NEGOTIATED.

OWNER'S INITIALS: (\_\_\_\_\_)
DESIGN-BUILDER'S INITIALS: (\_\_\_\_\_)

**7.4.5** The Owner shall not be responsible or be held liable for any damage to person or property consequent upon the use, misuse or failure of any crane, hoist, rigging, blocking, scaffolding or other equipment used by the Design-Builder or any of its Subcontractors, even though the said crane, hoist, rigging, blocking, scaffolding, or other equipment be furnished or loaned to the Design-Builder by the Owner. The acceptance and/or use of any such crane, hoist, rigging, blocking, scaffolding or other equipment by the Design-Builder or its Subcontractors shall be construed to mean that the Design-Builder accepts all responsibility for any claims for damages whatsoever resulting from the use, misuse or failure of such apparatus whether such damages by its own employees or property or to the employees or property of other contractors, the Owner, or otherwise.

**7.5 Lower Tier Contractors Indemnification Obligations**

**7.5.1** Design-Builder shall include in its contracts with all lower tier contractors, including but not limited to its Design Consultant, Subconsultants, and Subcontractors, the indemnification obligations set forth in this Agreement and the General Conditions and shall include Owner as an Indemnitee for all such indemnification provisions.

**7.6 Survival**

**7.6.1** The Indemnification obligations in this Article shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**7.7 Limited Recourse.**

**7.7.1** None of the obligations set forth in this Agreement (on behalf of any party) constitute personal obligations of any natural persons who are the officers, shareholders, members, partners, employees, or agents of any party unless the natural person is expressly identified as a contracting party. All Parties to this Agreement shall not seek recourse against any natural person described herein. This provision, however, shall not protect such natural persons from liability for willful misconduct, illegal acts or intentional violation of any duty of corporate loyalty.

**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 Time(s) in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement and the Phase 2 Amendment.

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

**8.2.1** If Design-Builder is delayed on the critical path 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 Time(s) 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 Time(s) include acts or omissions of Owner or anyone under Owner's control (including separate contractors), changes in the Work, Differing Site Conditions, 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 appropriate 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.

# **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 or any Commercial Term; and

**9.1.1.3** The extent of the adjustment to the Contract Time(s).

**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 adjustments for such changes. Unless expressly set forth in the Change Order, Change Orders shall include all costs, including but not limited to all incidental and indirect costs and time extensions associated with the Change. Changes Orders will not be allowed unless there is an actual change to the Work.

**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.

**9.1.4** Owner may make changes in the Project, including but not limited to adding and/or removing Work from the Project. In such case, Design-Builder shall work with the Owner to adjust the remaining Work to meet as many of Owner's Project changes as reasonably possible within the applicable Commercial Term. At Owner's sole discretion, it may remove Work from the Project rather than increase the applicable Commercial Term to equitably adjust for claims by Design-Builder pursuant to Article 10 or Differing Site Conditions pursuant to Section 4.2.

## **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 Time(s).

**9.2.2** Owner and Design-Builder shall negotiate in good faith and as expeditiously as possible the appropriate 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 Time(s) 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** The Cost of the Work as well as 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 the Design-Builder's Fee Percentage (if applicable), 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 Time(s) 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 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. The claimant shall provide more complete information with respect to the claim within fourteen (14) days of the initial notice. The more complete information 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. The failure to provide timely written notice of any claim shall operate as a waiver of such claim, but only to the extent that the failure to provide timely written notice prejudices the position of the non-claiming party.

### **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 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, the parties shall submit within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the meeting of Senior Representatives the dispute or disagreement to non-binding mediation. The mediation shall be conducted by a mutually agreeable impartial mediator, or if the parties cannot so agree, a mediator designated by the American Arbitration Association (“AAA”) pursuant to its Construction Industry Mediation Rules. The mediation will be governed by and conducted pursuant to a mediation agreement negotiated by the parties or, if the parties cannot so agree, by procedures established by the mediator. Unless otherwise mutually agreed by Owner and Design-Builder and consistent with the mediator’s schedule, the mediation shall commence within ninety (90) days of the submission of the dispute to mediation. Representatives of the parties with authority to resolve the dispute shall be present at any mediation. Good faith mediation is a condition precedent to proceeding with arbitration or other binding dispute resolution procedure. Representatives of the parties with authority to resolve the dispute shall be present at any mediation.

### **10.3 Litigation**

**10.3.1** Any claims, disputes or controversies between the parties arising out of or relating to the Agreement, or the breach thereof, which have not been resolved in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 10.2 above, shall be decided by litigation.

**10.3.2** The prevailing party in any arbitration, or any other final, binding dispute proceeding upon which the parties may agree, shall be entitled to recover from the other party reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses incurred by the prevailing party. The prevailing party, if any, shall be determined by the applicable binding dispute tribunal.

### **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 for undisputed amounts to Design-Builder as well as any further amounts pursuant to Section 9.4.3, 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 SECTIONS 10.5.2 AND 10.5.3 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 or lost early completion bonus, if any, set forth in Article 5 of the Agreement, which both parties recognize has been established, in part, to reimburse Owner or reward Design-Builder for some damages that might otherwise be deemed to be consequential.

**10.5.3** The consequential damages limitation set forth in Section 10.5.1 above does not affect the ability of any party to recover consequential damages that are covered by insurance.

## **Article 11**

### **Stop Work and Termination**

#### **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 adjustment of the Contract Price and/or Contract Time(s) if i) its cost or time to perform the Work has been materially and adversely impacted by any suspension or stoppage of the Work by Owner, ii) the Design-Builder is entitled to the adjustment pursuant to the other provisions of the Contract Documents, and iii) the Design-Builder complies with all provisions of the Contract Documents regarding an adjustment to the Contract Price and/or Contract Time..

## **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 Time(s), as such times may be adjusted, (vi) perform material obligations under the Contract Documents, or (vii) comply with the requirements regarding safety, 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. Design-Builder will only be entitled to be paid for Work performed prior to its default. 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 Section 11.6 hereof.

## **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 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. Design-Builder shall not stop work unless it provides such written notice and Owner has failed to cure the reason for default within the seven (7) day cure period. 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 adjustment to the Contract Price and Contract Time(s) 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.

## **11.6 Termination for Convenience.**

**11.6.1** Upon ten (10) days' written notice to Design-Builder, Owner may, for its convenience and without cause, elect to terminate this Agreement. In such event, Owner shall pay Design-Builder for the following:

11.6.1.1 All Work executed and for proven loss, cost or expense in connection with the Work;

11.6.1.2 The reasonable costs and expenses attributable to such termination, including demobilization costs and amounts due in settlement of terminated contracts with Subcontractors and Design Consultants; and

11.6.1.3 The amount set forth in Article 8 of the Agreement.

**11.6.2** If Owner terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 11.6.1 above and proceeds to design and construct the Project through its employees, agents or third parties, Owner's rights to use the Work Product shall be as set forth in Section 4.3 of the Agreement. Such rights may not be transferred or assigned to others without Design-Builder's express written consent and such third parties' agreement to the terms of Article 4 of the Agreement.

## **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 operator 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 Confidential Information.**

**13.1.1** Confidential Information is defined as information which is determined by the transmitting party to be of a confidential or proprietary nature and: (i) the transmitting party identifies as either confidential or proprietary; (ii) the transmitting party takes steps to maintain the confidential or proprietary nature of the information; and (iii) the document is not otherwise available in or considered to be in the public domain. The receiving party agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information and agrees to use the Confidential Information solely in connection with the Project.

## **13.2 Assignment.**

**13.2.1** Neither Design-Builder nor Owner shall, without the written consent of the other assign, transfer or sublet any portion or part of the Work or the obligations required by the Contract Documents.

## **13.3 Successorship.**

**13.3.1** Design-Builder and Owner intend that the provisions of the Contract Documents are binding upon the parties, their employees, agents, heirs, successors and assigns.

## **13.4 Governing Law.**

**13.4.1** The Agreement and all Contract Documents shall be governed by the laws of the location of the Project, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles.

## **13.5 Severability.**

**13.5.1** If any provision or any part of a provision of the Contract Documents shall be finally determined to be superseded, invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable pursuant to any applicable Legal Requirements, such determination shall not impair or otherwise affect the validity, legality, or enforceability of the remaining provision or parts of the provision of the Contract Documents, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the unenforceable provision or part were deleted.

## **13.6 No Waiver.**

**13.6.1** The failure of either Design-Builder or Owner to insist, in any one or more instances, on the performance of any of the obligations required by the other under the Contract Documents shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of such obligation or right with respect to future performance.

## **13.7 Headings.**

**13.7.1** The headings used in these General Conditions of Contract, or any other Contract Document, are for ease of reference only and shall not in any way be construed to limit or alter the meaning of any provision.

## **13.8 Notice.**

**13.8.1** Whenever the Contract Documents require that notice be provided to the other party, notice will be deemed to have been validly given (i) if delivered in person to the individual intended to receive such notice; (ii) four (4) days after being sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid to the address indicated in the Agreement; (iii) if transmitted by facsimile, by the time stated in a machine-generated confirmation that notice was received at the facsimile number of the intended recipient; or (iv) by electronic mail, by the time frame stated in the email-generated confirmation that notice was received by the email of the intended recipient.

## **13.9 Amendments.**

**13.9.1** The Contract Documents may not be changed, altered, or amended in any way except in writing signed by a duly authorized representative of each party.

