

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
CONTRACT FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS**

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1. **Labor and Materials.** The Contractor shall furnish and pay for all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary to complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Contract Documents, all materials, equipment and other items incorporated into the Work shall be new and of the most suitable grade and quality for the purpose intended. The Work is subject to tests/inspections as required by the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall afford the District, the Project Inspector, the Architect and test/inspection services with access to the Work, wherever located and whether in place or in progress. All of the Work shall conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents and applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.
2. **Submittals.** The Contractor shall submit to the District Representative or the Architect, as designated in the Contract Documents, shop drawings, product data and other submittals (collectively "Submittals") required by the Contract Documents promptly and in an orderly sequence while allowing sufficient time for review and comment. No portion of the Work requiring Submittals shall be performed until the required Submittals have been reviewed and accepted.
3. **Construction Schedule.** If required by the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall prepare a Construction Schedule in such form and format required by the Contract Documents. The Construction Schedule shall reflect all activities necessary to complete the Work and shall be in such detail as required by the Contract Documents. If a Construction Schedule is required, the Contractor shall update the schedule monthly or more frequently as directed by the District or required by the circumstances of the Work.
4. **Changes.**
 - 4.1 **Changes to the Work.** The District may, by written order, make Changes to the Work, issue additional instructions and to add to or delete from the Work. No Change may be made without the prior written approval and direction of the District. Adjustments of the Contract Price or the Contract Time on account of a Change authorized hereunder will only be made by written Change Order duly executed by the Contractor and the District Representative. Adjustments to the Contract Price for authorized Changes shall be limited to the actual costs of labor and materials necessary to complete the Change plus the mark-up set forth in the Contract; it being agreed that the mark-up represents all compensation due the Contractor for profit, overhead/administrative costs and impacts of an authorized Change. Changes approved by the District shall be reduced to Change Order in the form established by the District.
 - 4.2 **Substitutions.** No substitution of any specified item, product, material or system ("Specified Items") will be considered unless the Contractor submits a request to substitute Specified Items along with data substantiating the equivalency of the proposed substitution with the Specified Items not more than thirty five (35) days after the date of award of the Contract to the Contractor. The Contractor shall reimburse the District for all costs and expenses incurred by the District to review a proposed substitution for Specified Items. The District's acceptance or rejection of a proposed substitution shall be final. No substitution accepted by the District shall increase the Contract Price or the Contract Time; provided, however, if the cost to furnish/install an approved substitution of is less than the specified Item, the Contract Price shall be reduced by such cost difference. If any Specified Items are identified in any portion of the Contract Documents as "District Standard Materials/Equipment" "match existing in use" or similar words/phrases, in accordance with Public Contract Code §3400, the District shall be deemed to have made a finding that such Specified Items are designated as "sole source" items designed to match existing and in use items. In accordance with Public Contract Code §3400, the District will not consider or accept alternatives or substitutions for any Specified Items so identified.
 - 4.3 **Change Orders.** If the District approves of a Change, a written Change Order prepared by the Architect on behalf of the District shall be forwarded to the Contractor describing the Change and setting forth the adjustment to the Contract Time and the Contract Price, if any, on account of such Change. All Change Orders shall be in full payment and final settlement of all claims for direct, indirect and consequential costs, including without limitation, costs of delays or impacts related to, or arising out of, items covered and affected by the Change Order, as well as any adjustments to the Contract Time. Any claim or item relating to any Change incorporated into a Change Order not presented by the Contractor for inclusion in the Change Order shall be deemed waived. The Contractor shall execute the Change Order prepared pursuant to the foregoing; once the Change Order has been prepared and forwarded to the Contractor for execution, without the prior approval of the District which may be granted or withheld in the sole and exclusive discretion of the District, the Contractor shall not modify or amend the form or content of such Change Order, or any portion thereof. The Contractor's attempted or purported modification or amendment of any such Change Order, without the prior approval of the District, shall not be binding upon the District; any such unapproved modification or amendment to such Change Order shall be null, void and unenforceable. Unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Contract Documents or in the Change Order, any Change Order issued hereunder shall be binding upon the District only upon action of the District's Board of Trustees approving and ratifying such Change Order. In the event of any amendment or modification made by the Contractor to a Change Order for which there is no prior approval by the District, in accordance with the provisions of this Article 4.2, unless otherwise expressly stated in its approval and ratification of such Change Order, any action of the Board of Trustees to approve and ratify such Change Order shall be deemed to be limited to the Change Order as prepared by the Architect; such approval and ratification of such Change Order shall not be deemed the District's approval and ratification of any unapproved amendment or modification by the Contractor to such Change Order.
 - 4.4 **Contractor Notice of Changes.** If the Contractor claims that any instruction, request, the Drawings, the Specifications, action, condition, omission, default, or other situation obligates the District to increase the Contract Price or to extend the Contract Time, the Contractor shall notify the Project Manager, if any, the Project Inspector and the Architect, in writing, of such claim within ten (10) days from the date of its actual or constructive notice of the factual basis supporting the same. The District shall consider any such claim of the Contractor only if sufficient supporting documentation is submitted with the Contractor's notice to the Project Inspector and the Architect. Time is of the essence in Contractor's written notice pursuant to the preceding sentence so that the District can promptly investigate and consider alternative measures to the address such instruction, request, Drawings, Specifications, action, condition, omission, default or other situation. Accordingly, Contractor acknowledges that its failure, for any reason, to give written notice (with sufficient supporting

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documentation to permit the District's review and evaluation) within ten (10) days of its actual or constructive knowledge of any instruction, request, Drawings, Specifications, action, condition, omission, default or other situation for which the Contractor believes there should be an adjustment of the Contract Time or the Contract Price shall be deemed Contractor's waiver, release, discharge and relinquishment of any right to assert or claim any entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Time or the Contract Price on account of any such instruction, request, Drawings, Specifications, action, condition, omission, default or other situation. In the event that the District determines that the Contract Price or the Contract Time are subject to adjustment based upon the events, circumstances and supporting documentation submitted with the Contractor's written notice under this Article.

5. **Safety; Security.** The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations pertaining to safety at the Site. The Contractor shall implement safety measures such as fencing, barricades, signs, lights and other precautions to prevent injury or death to persons or damage to property. The Contractor is responsible for securing the Site and Work in place or in progress (including materials/equipment/tools situated at the Site) to prevent theft, loss or damage. The District and employees, officers, agents or representatives of the District are not liable to the Contractor, Subcontractors or their respective personnel for the loss, theft, damage or destruction of materials, equipment, tools and other personal property items, whether or not such personal property is used to complete the Work or is incorporated into the Work. The risk of such loss, theft, damage or destruction is solely that of the Contractor or Subcontractors.
6. **Labor.**
 - 6.1 **Prevailing Wage Rates.** The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall: (i) pay their respective workers at least the prevailing wage rate established for the classification, trade or work performed by each worker; and (ii) maintain complete and accurate payroll records for workers engaged in the Work. During the Work and pursuant to Labor Code §1771.4(a)(4), the Department of Industrial Relations will monitor and enforce the prevailing wage rate obligations of the Contractor and Subcontractors. The Contractor shall comply with all requirements established by the Department of Industrial Relations relating prevailing wage rates, the payment thereof and posting of notices relating thereto. The Contractor is subject to all assessments, penalties and other charges for prevailing wage rate violations.
 - 6.2 **Apprentices.** Apprentices, if any engaged in performing any portion of the Work shall be in strict conformity with applicable laws, rules and regulations, including without limitation, Labor Code §§1777.5 through 1777.7, which are incorporated herein by this reference.
 - 6.3 **DIR Registration.**
 - 6.3.1 **Contractor and Subcontractor Compliance.** Strict compliance with DIR Registration requirements pursuant to Labor Code §1725.5 is a material obligation of the Contractor hereunder. The foregoing includes without limitation, compliance with DIR Registration requirements at all times during performance of the Work by the Contractor and all Subcontractors of any tier. No portion of the Work is permitted to be performed by a Subcontractor of any tier unless the Subcontractor is a DIR Registered contractor. The failure of the Contractor and all Subcontractors of every tier to be DIR Registered at all times during performance of the Work is the Contractor's default of a material obligation of the Contractor under the Contract Documents.
 - 6.3.2 **Contractor Obligation to Verify Subcontractor DIR Registration Status.** An affirmative and on-going obligation of the Contractor under the Contract Documents is the Contractor's verification that all Subcontractors, of all tiers, are at all times during performance of the Work in full and strict compliance with DIR Registration requirements. The Contractor shall not permit or allow any Subcontractor of any tier to perform any Work without the Contractor's verification that all such Subcontractors are in full and strict compliance with DIR Registration requirements.
 - 6.3.3 **Contractor Obligation to Request Substitution of Non-DIR Registered Subcontractor.** If any Subcontractor identified in the Contractor's Subcontractors List submitted with the Contractor's proposal for the Work is not DIR Registered at the time of opening of proposals for the Work or if a Subcontractor's DIR Registration lapses prior to or during a Subcontractor's performance of Work, the Contractor shall request the District's consent to substitute the non-DIR Registered Subcontractor pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(3) and/or Labor Code §1771.1(d).
 - 6.4 **Certified Payroll Records.**
 - 6.4.1 **Compliance With Labor Code §§1771.4 and 1776.** A material obligation of the Contractor under the Contract Documents is: (i) the Contractor's strict compliance with the requirements pursuant to Labor Code §§ 1771.4 and 1776 for preparation and submittal of Certified Payroll Records ("CPR"); and (ii) the Contractor's enforcement of CPR preparation and submittal for all Subcontractors of every tier.
 - 6.4.2 **Express Condition Precedent to Payment of Contract Price.** Strict compliance with CPR requirements established pursuant to Labor Code §1776 is an express condition precedent to the District's obligation to: (i) process any request for payment of any portion of the Contract Price; or (ii) to disburse any portion of the Contract Price to the Contractor. The Contractor shall demonstrate strict compliance with CPR preparation and submittal requirements by delivery to the District of electronic files or hard copies of all CPRs submitted by the Contractor and/or Subcontractors for the Work pursuant to Labor Code §§1771.4 and 1776 concurrently with the submittal thereof to the Labor Commissioner. The District: (i) shall not be obligated to process or disburse any portion of the Contract Price; or (ii) shall not be deemed in default of the District's obligations under the Contract Documents unless the Contractor's demonstrates strict compliance with CPR preparation and submittal requirements.
 - 6.5 **Limits on Hours/Days of Work.** The Contractor and Subcontractors shall not require or permit any worker to provide more than eight (8) hours of work per day or forty (40) hours of work per week without additional compensation as mandated by law.
 - 6.6 **Competency and Discipline.** The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees, the employees of any Subcontractor and all other persons performing any part of the Work at the Site. Personnel of the Contractor or any Subcontractor shall be subject to removal from the Site for violations of applicable law

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or District policies. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them and shall dismiss from its employ and direct any Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor to dismiss from their employment any person deemed by the District to be unfit or incompetent to perform Work.

- 6.7 Superintendent.** The Contractor shall employ a Superintendent fluent in verbal and written English who shall be in attendance at the Site at all times during performance of Work at the Site. The Superintendent shall be deemed the Contractor's Representative for the Work; directions, instructions or other communications to or with the Contractor's Superintendent shall be deemed directions, instructions or communications to or with the Contractor.
- 7. Subcontractors.** The Work of each Subcontractor shall be set forth in a written Subcontract agreement incorporating by reference this Contract; Subcontracts shall be made available to the District for review upon request of the District. The Contractor is responsible to the District for the acts, omissions and other conduct of Subcontractors. Each Subcontractor shall maintain Workers Compensation/Employers Liability Insurance and Commercial General Liability Insurance as required by the Contract for Labor and Materials.
- 8. Project Certification.** If the Work is subject, in whole or in part, to DSA jurisdiction, the Contractor shall completely and timely complete and/or comply with all DSA requirements relating to: (i) observations/inspections of the Work during construction; and (ii) DSA PR 13-01 project inspections, tests and certification process. A material obligation of the Contractor hereunder is completion of all actions or activities required by a contractor for a work of improvement subject to DSA jurisdiction sufficient for DSA to issue a certification that the Work, as constructed, complies with the DSA approved Design Documents.
- 9. Payment of the Contract Price.** The District will make payment of the Contract Price upon completion of the Work, the Contractor's full performance of all other obligations under this Contract Documents and the Contractor's submission of a properly itemized invoice. Upon receipt of the Contractor's invoice, the District Representative will promptly verify that the Work has been completed and that the Contractor has performed all other obligations hereunder. Within thirty (30) days of the District Representative confirmation of the completion of Work and the Contractor's performance of other obligations hereunder, the District will make payment of the Contract Price. If the Contract Time is a duration of sixty (60) days or more, the Contractor may submit invoices on a monthly basis for the value of Work completed in the prior month, whereupon the District Representative will promptly verify that the Work has been completed as indicated in the Contractor's invoice. Within thirty (30) days of the date of such verification, the District will make payment equal to ninety five percent (95%) of the value of the Work completed. Within sixty (60) days of completion of all Work and all other of the Contractor's obligations hereunder, amounts previously retained from prior invoices will be released to the Contractor. The District may, in its sole discretion, condition payment of the Contract Price, or any portion thereof, upon: (i) the Contractor's preparation of a Schedule of Values for review and acceptance by the District's Representative; (ii) the submittal of executed Waivers and Releases (on Progress Payment or Final Payment, as applicable) for the Contractor and all Subcontractors receiving any portion of the Contract Price; and/or (iii) delivery of Certified Payroll records of the Contractor and Subcontractors. The District may withhold payment of the Contract Price if: (i) there are claims or the probability of claims being submitted by Subcontractor, Material Suppliers or others in connection with the Work; (ii) defective or non-conforming Work which is not remedied; or (iii) there are any uncured Contractor defaults.
- 10. Insurance.** The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall, at all times during the Work, maintain Workers Compensation, Employers Liability, and Commercial General Liability Insurance in the minimum coverage amounts set forth in the Contract. The Contractor's Commercial General Liability Insurance shall name the District as an Additional Insured. All policies of insurance shall include provisions that the policy of insurance will not be materially modified, cancelled or allowed to expire without at least thirty (30) days advance notice to the District. Prior to commencing the Work, the Contractor shall deliver Certificates of Insurance of itself and its Subcontractors evidencing the required insurance coverages.
- 11. Indemnification.** Unless arising solely out of the active negligence or willful misconduct of the District, the Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District, the District's Board of Trustees and all members thereof and the District's employees, officers, agents and representatives from all claims, demands and liabilities, including without limitation, attorneys fees, which arise out of or related in any manner to this Contract or the Work. The Contractor's obligations hereunder include without limitation: (a) injury to, or death of, persons; (b) damage to property; (c) theft or loss of property; (d) Stop Notice claims; and (e) other losses, damages or costs arising out of, in whole or in part, of the acts, omissions or other conduct of the Contractor or Subcontractors. The Contractor's obligations hereunder shall survive termination of the Contract and/or completion of the Work, and are incorporated into and made a part of the obligations of the Surety issuing the Performance Bond.
- 12. District Right to Terminate.** The Contractor's failure to comply with any term or condition of the Contract Documents shall constitute default of the Contractor; in such event, the District may terminate the Contract upon seven (7) days written notice to the Contractor. Unless the Contractor shall have commenced, and diligently thereafter prosecute to completion, all required actions to cure such default(s), this Contract shall be deemed terminated without further action of the District; such termination shall be effective the seventh (7th) day after the date of the District's written notice. If the District terminates the Contract for default of the Contractor, the Contractor and the Performance Bond Surety shall be liable to the District for all losses, costs and damages arising out of the Contractor's default and costs to complete the Work which exceeds the remaining Contract Price at the time of termination. In addition to the preceding, the District may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for the convenience of the District by written notice to the Contractor, in which case, the payment of the Contract Price shall be limited to the value of the Work in place or in progress at the time of the termination for the District's convenience; no payment shall be made or due from the District for the unperformed portion of the Work.
- 13. Warranty.** The Contractor warrants to the District that: (i) all materials and equipment furnished under the Contract Documents are new, of good quality and of the most suitable grade and quality for the purpose intended, unless otherwise specified in the

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Contract Documents; and (ii) all Work and workmanship is of good quality, free from faults and defects and in conformity with the requirements of the Contract Documents. If within one (1) year, or such other period set forth in the Contract Documents, any of the Work or workmanship is found defective or not in compliance with the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall upon the District's demand, promptly take all measures necessary to correct, repair or replace such Work or workmanship. If the Contractor fails to do so, the District may take necessary action to correct, replace or replace such Work or workmanship at the cost and expense of the Contractor.

- 14. Tests/Inspections of the Work.** The Work shall be subject to tests/inspections as required by the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall be liable for all costs, fees or expenses of tests/inspections which result from the Work not being ready for tests/inspections or the failure of the Work to comply with the applicable test/inspection standards. If the Work is subject to the jurisdiction of the Division of State Architect ("DSA"), all of the Work shall be subject to inspection/observation by the Project Inspector retained by the District under DSA regulations. If DSA or the Project Inspector deem any portion of the Work to not be in compliance with requirements of the Contract Documents, a material obligation of the Contractor is its prompt and complete repair, replacement or correction of such portion(s) of the Project so they comply with requirements of the Contract Documents. The Project Inspector shall have access at all times to the Work, whether in place or in progress; the Contractor shall provide such access without adjustment of the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

15. Miscellaneous.

15.1.1 Disputes; Continuation of Work. Notwithstanding any claim, dispute or other disagreement between the District and the Contractor regarding performance under the Contract Documents, the scope of Work thereunder, or any other matter arising out of or related to, in any manner, the Contract Documents or the Work, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of the Work in accordance with the District's written direction, pending any final determination or decision regarding any such claim, dispute or disagreement.

15.1.2 Public Contract Code §9204 Claims Resolution Procedures. Claims of the Contractor are subject to the non-binding dispute resolution procedures set forth in Public Contract Code §9204 ("Section 9204") provided, however, that the Contractor's initiation of Section 9204 procedures is expressly subject to the Contractor's prior full and timely compliance with requirements and procedures of the Contract Documents relating to procedures for resolution of claims, change orders, disputes and other matters in controversy under the Contract Documents.

15.1.2.1 Claim Defined. The term "Claim" shall be as defined in Section 9204.

15.1.2.2 Claim Documentation. The Contractor shall furnish reasonable documentation to support each Claim. "Reasonable documentation" includes, without limitation: (i) contractual and legal basis establishing Claim entitlement or merit; (ii) factual basis establishing District liability for the Claim; (iii) detailed breakdown of labor, materials, equipment and other costs included in the Claim; and (iv) detailed basis, including Construction Schedule analysis and fragments supporting any Contract Time adjustment or Liquidated Damages relief included in the scope of a Claim.

15.1.2.3 District Claim Review Statement. Within forty five (45) days (or such other time mutually agreed to by the District and the Contractor) after receipt of a properly submitted and properly documented Claim, the District will conduct a reasonable review of the Claim and provide the Contractor with a written statement identifying the disputed and undisputed portions of the Claim ("Claim Review Statement"). If the District does not provide the Contractor with the Claim Review Statement for any Claim within forty five (45) days (or other time mutually agreed to by the District and the Contractor) after receipt of a properly submitted and properly documented Claim, the Claim is deemed rejected in its entirety and thereupon, the Contractor may initiate the Meet and Confer process described below. A Claim deemed rejected pursuant to the foregoing does not constitute an adverse finding of Claim merit or the Contractor's responsibility or qualifications. If the Claim Review Statement identifies any undisputed portion of a Claim ("Undisputed Claim") and payment is due from the District on the Undisputed Claim, the District shall process and make payment on the Undisputed Claim within sixty (60) days after the issuance date of the Claim Review Statement.

15.1.3 Meet and Confer.

15.1.3.1 Meet and Confer Demand. If the Contractor disputes any portion of the Claim Review Statement, or if a Claim is deemed rejected by the District not providing the Contractor with the Claim Review Statement within the time permitted under Section 9204, the Contractor may demand an informal conference to meet and confer with the District for settlement of the issues in dispute ("Meet and Confer"). The Contractor's Meet and Confer request must be submitted to the District: (i) in writing; (ii) by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested; and (iii) within ten (10) days after the Claim Review Statement is submitted to the Contractor or within ten (10) days after the date the Claim is deemed **rejected**, as applicable. Failure of the Contractor to strictly comply with the foregoing is deemed a waiver of the Contractor's right to request the Meet and Confer and the Non-Binding Mediation procedures under Section 9204. If the Contractor strictly complies with the foregoing, the District will schedule the Meet and Confer conference within thirty (30) days of the Contractor's Meet and Confer request for settlement of disputed portions of the Claim Review Statement.

15.1.3.2 Meet and Confer Statement. Within ten (10) **business** days after conclusion of the Meet and Confer conference, if any portion of a Claim remains disputed, the District shall provide the Contractor a written statement identifying the disputed and undisputed portions of the Claim ("Meet and Confer Statement"). If the Meet and Confer Statement identifies any Undisputed Claim and payment is due from the District on the Undisputed Claim, the District shall process and make payment on the Undisputed Claim within sixty (60) days after date the Meet and Confer Statement is issued.

15.1.4 Non-Binding Mediation.

15.1.4.1 Contractor Initiation. The Contractor may request nonbinding mediation ("Mediation") of disputed portions of a Claim identified in the Meet and Confer Statement. The Contractor's Mediation demand must be submitted to the District: (i) in writing; (ii) by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested; (iii) within ten (10)

- days after the Meet and Confer Statement is submitted to the Contractor; and (iv) with specific identification of the disputed Claims issues subject to Mediation. Failure of the Contractor to strictly comply with the foregoing is deemed a waiver of the Contractor's right to demand Mediation procedures under Section 9204.
- 15.1.4.2 Mediator Selection.** The District and Contractor shall mutually agree to a mediator within ten (10) business days after the date of the Contractor's demand for Mediation. If the District and Contractor do not mutually agree to a mediator, the District and Contractor shall each select a mediator and the District/Contractor selected mediators shall select a qualified neutral third party to mediate the disputed portion of the Claim.
- 15.1.4.3 Mediation Procedures.** Mediation includes any nonbinding process, including, but not limited to, neutral evaluation or a dispute review board, in which an independent third party or board assists the District and Contractor in dispute resolution through negotiation or by issuance of an evaluation.
- 15.1.4.4 Mediation Costs.** All costs, fees and expenses of the mediator(s) and mediation administration shall be shared equally by the District and Contractor. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Contractor and District shall each bear the costs, fees and expenses of their own attorneys, experts and consultants.
- 15.1.4.5 Post-Mediation Disputed Claims.** Any Claims issues in dispute after Mediation **shall** be resolved in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Contract Documents.
- 15.1.4.6 Waiver.** The District and Contractor may **mutually** agree to waive, in writing, Mediation under Section 9204 and subject to the Contractor's compliance with Government Code Claim requirements, proceed directly to commencement of a civil action or binding arbitration.
- 15.1.5 Payments of Undisputed Claims.** If a payment due from the District for Undisputed Claims identified in the Claim Review Statement or the Meet and Confer Statement issued for a Claim is not made within the time established under Section 9204 the overdue portion of such payment shall bear interest at the rate of seven percent (7%) per annum from the date due. The District's credit application of any amount due for an Undisputed Claim against amounts due from the Contractor under the Contract Documents shall be deemed payment of the Undisputed Claim.
- 15.1.6 Subcontractor Claims.**
- 15.1.6.1 Subcontractor Claim Submittal.** If a Subcontractor, of any tier (collectively "Subcontractor") lacks legal standing to assert a Claim against the District because privity of contract does not exist, the Contractor may present the District a Claim on behalf of the Subcontractor ("Subcontractor Claim"). Each Subcontractor requesting submittal of a Subcontractor Claim to the District shall furnish reasonable documentation to support the Subcontractor Claim. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt of a Subcontractor's written request to submit a Subcontractor Claim, the Contractor shall notify the Subcontractor in writing as to whether the Contractor presented the Subcontractor Claim to the District. If the Contractor did not present the Subcontractor Claim, the Contractor shall provide the Subcontractor with a statement of the reasons for not having done so.
- 15.1.6.2 Contractor Certification of Subcontractor Claim.** The District's review of Subcontractor Claims is expressly subject to the Contractor's submittal of a duly completed and executed form of Contractor Certification of Subcontractor Claim certifying that the Contractor has thoroughly reviewed the Subcontractor Claim and based on the Contractor's review, certify that: (i) the Subcontractor Claim is made by the Subcontractor in good faith; (ii) the Subcontractor Claim is supported by reasonable documentation establishing entitlement to the relief requested and District liability therefor; and (iii) the Subcontractor Claim does not incorporate any request constituting a False Claim under applicable law, including the California False Claim Act (Government Code §12650 et seq). The form of Contractor Certification of Subcontractor Claim is included in the Contract Documents.
- 15.1.6.3 District Review of Subcontractor Claim.** Subcontractor Claims presented by the Contractor to the District are subject to the Section 9204 non-binding dispute resolution procedures set forth above, as modified herein. Requests for the District to conduct Meet and Confer and/or non-binding mediation procedures must be submitted jointly by the Contractor and the Subcontractor submitting the Subcontractor Claim. If Mediation proceedings are initiated in connection with a Subcontractor Claim, mediator and mediation administration fees and costs shall be borne equally by the District, Contractor and Subcontractor.
- 15.1.6.4 Disputed Subcontractor Claims.** Subcontractor Claims which are not fully resolved by the Section 9204 non-binding dispute resolution procedures shall be resolved by Section 20104.4 Dispute Resolution Procedures or binding arbitration, as applicable. Commencement of Section 20104.4 Dispute Resolution Procedures or binding arbitration proceedings in connection with any Subcontractor Claim is subject to compliance with Government Code Claims requirements.
- 15.1.7 Contractor Compliance with Government Code.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 930.6, any and all claims, demands, disputes, disagreements or other matters in controversy between the Contractor and the District for money or damages, including, without limitation, a demand for arbitration, shall be deemed a "suit for money or damages" and shall be subject to the provisions of Government Code Sections 945.4, 945.6 and 946. Notwithstanding the dispute resolution and arbitration provisions set forth in Article 18.1.3 herein, all claims, demands, disputes, disagreements or other matters in controversy between the Contractor and the District seeking money or damages in any sum shall first be presented to the District's Board of Education and acted upon or deemed rejected as a condition precedent to suit including, without limitation, demand for arbitration, in accordance with California Government Code section 900, et seq.
- 15.1.8 Claims Under Small Claims Court Limit.** All claims, disputes, disagreements or other matters in controversy between District and Contractor of \$10,000 or that fall within the current limitation for Small Claims Court shall be resolved informally or filed in the Los Angeles County Small Claims Court nearest to the District Office.
- 15.1.9 Claims Over \$10,000 and Under \$375,000.** Each dispute or claim of \$375,000 or less arising out of this Contract shall be resolved in accordance with Public Contract Code §20104.4, et seq.
- 15.1.10 Inapplicability to Bid Bond.** The provisions of this Article 15.1 shall not be applicable to disputes, disagreements or enforcement of rights or obligations under the Bid Bond; all claims, disputes and actions to enforce rights or

obligations under the Bid Bond shall be adjudicated only by judicial proceedings commenced in a court of competent jurisdiction.

- 15.2 Waiver of Consequential Special Damages.** Notwithstanding any right conferred by law or arising by operation of law, by executing the Contract, the Contractor expressly waives and relinquishes any and all right or entitlement to assert or recover any damages, losses or liabilities from the District which are in the nature of special or consequential damages, losses or liabilities arising out of or related in any manner to the District's breach or default of its obligations under the Contract Documents.
- 15.3 Governing Law; Interpretation.** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. This Contract shall be interpreted as a whole and not in favor of the District or the Contractor.
- 15.4 Successors.** This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors-in-interest of the District and the Contractor. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Contractor shall not assign this Contract, any right or obligation hereunder or any portion thereof.
- 15.5 Permits; Approvals.** Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall obtain and pay for all fees, permits or approvals necessary to complete the Work.
- 15.6 Non-Discrimination.** The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall not discriminate against any active or prospective employee based upon race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex, age, sexual preference or marital status. The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations prohibiting workplace discrimination and/or discriminatory employment practices.
- 15.7 Days.** Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, all references to "days" shall be deemed references to calendar days.
- 15.8 Severability.** If any term, condition or provision of this Contract is deemed invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such term, condition or provision shall be deemed severed herefrom, but all other terms, conditions and provisions hereof shall remain unaffected and in full force and effect.
- 15.9 Attorneys' Fees.** Except as expressly provided for in the Contract Documents, or authorized by law, neither the District nor the Contractor shall recover from the other any attorneys' fees or other costs associated with or arising out of any legal, administrative or other proceedings filed or instituted in connection with or arising out of the Contract Documents or the performance of either the District or the Contractor thereunder.
- 15.10 Provisions Required by the Laws Deemed Inserted.** Each and every provision of law and clause required by the Laws to be inserted in the Contract Documents is deemed to be inserted herein and the Contract Documents shall be read and enforced as though such provision or clause are included herein, and if through mistake, or otherwise, any such provision or clause is not inserted or if not correctly inserted, then upon application of either party, the Contract Documents shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion or correction.
- 15.11 No Oral Modifications.** The terms of the Contract shall be modified only by written instrument duly executed on behalf of the Contractor and District. Verbal or oral modifications to the Contract of terms thereof are not valid or enforceable.
- 15.12 Entire Agreement.** The Contract Documents contain the entire agreement and understanding between the District and the Contractor concerning the subject matter hereof, and supersedes and replaces all prior negotiations, proposed agreements or amendments, whether written or oral. No amendment or modification to any provision of the Contract Documents shall be effective or enforceable except by an agreement in writing executed by the District and the Contractor.