

Progressive Design-Build Agreement

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This **AGREEMENT** is made as of the ____ day of in the year of 2025, by and between the following parties, for services in connection with the Project identified below:

OWNER:

Town of Morrisville
100 Town Hall Drive
Morrisville, North Carolina 27560

DESIGN-BUILDER:

(Name and address)

PROJECT:

New Fire Station Number 2 – Morrisville, North Carolina

In consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations contained herein, Owner and Design-Builder agree as set forth herein.

Article 1

General

- 1.1 Duty to Cooperate.** 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 this Agreement.
- 1.2 Definitions.** Terms, words and phrases used in this Agreement shall have the meanings given them in the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.3 Design Services.** Design-Builder shall, consistent with applicable state licensing laws, provide design services, including architectural, engineering, and other design professional services required by this Agreement. Such design services shall be provided through qualified, licensed design professionals who are either (i) employed by Design-Builder, or (ii) procured by Design-Builder from independent sources. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create any legal or contractual relationship between Owner and any independent design professional.

Article 2

Design-Builder's Services and Responsibilities

2.1 General Services.

2.1.1 Owner shall provide Design-Builder with Owner's Project Criteria describing Owner's program requirements and objectives for the Project as set forth in **Exhibits A and B**. Owner's Project Criteria shall include Owner's use, space, price, time, site, performance, and expandability requirements. Owner's Project Criteria may include conceptual documents, design specifications, design performance specifications, and other technical materials and requirements prepared by or for Owner.

2.1.2 If Owner's Project Criteria have not been developed prior to the execution of this Agreement, Design-Builder will assist Owner in developing Owner's Project Criteria, with such service deemed to be an additional service for which additional compensation shall be paid by Owner to Design-Builder. If Owner has developed Owner's Project Criteria prior to executing this Agreement, Design-Builder shall review and prepare a written evaluation of such criteria, including recommendations to Owner for different and innovative approaches to the design and construction of the Project. The parties shall meet to discuss Design-Builder's written evaluation of Owner's Project Criteria and agree upon what revisions, if any, should be made to such criteria.

2.2 Phased Services.

2.2.1 Phase 1 Services. Design-Builder shall perform the services of design, pricing, and other services for the Project based on Owner's Project Criteria, as may be revised in accordance with Section 2.1 hereof, as set forth in **Exhibit B**, Scope of Services. Design-Builder shall perform such services to the level of completion required for Design-Builder and Owner to establish the Contract Price for Phase 2, as set forth in Section 2.3 below. The Contract Price for Phase 2 shall be developed during Phase 1 on an "open-book" basis. Design-Builder's compensation for Phase 1 Services is set forth in Section 7.1.1 herein. The level of completion required for Phase 1 Services is defined in **Exhibit B**, Scope of Services (either as a percentage of design completion or by defined deliverables).

2.2.2 Phase 2 Services. Design-Builder's Phase 2 services shall consist of the completion of design services for the Project, the procurement of all materials and equipment for the Project, the performance of construction services for the Project, the start-up, testing, and commissioning of the Project, and the provision of warranty services, all as further described in the Contract Price Amendment. Upon receipt of Design-Builder's proposed Contract Price for Phase 2, Owner may proceed as set forth in Article 2.3.

2.3 Proposal. Upon completion of the Phase 1 Services and any other Basis of Design Documents upon which the parties may agree, Design-Builder shall submit a proposal to Owner (the "Proposal") for the completion of the design and construction for the Project for the Contract Price, which may be based on Lump Sum or Design-Builder's Fee and Cost of the Work with an option for a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).

2.3.1 The Proposal shall include the following unless the parties mutually agree otherwise:

2.3.1.1 The Contract Price that may be based on a Lump Sum or Design-Builder's Fee and Cost of the Work, with an option for a GMP, which shall be the sum of:

- i. Design-Builder's Fee as defined in Section 7.4.1 hereof;
- ii. The estimated Cost of the Work as defined in Section 7.5 hereof, inclusive of any Design-Builder's Contingency as defined in Section 7.6.2 hereof; and
- iii. If applicable, any prices established under Section 7.1.3 hereof;

2.3.1.2 The Basis of Design Documents, which may include, by way of example, Owner's Project Criteria, which are set forth in detail and are attached to the Proposal;

2.3.1.3 A list of the assumptions and clarifications made by Design-Builder in the preparation of the Proposal, which list is intended to supplement the information contained in the drawings and specifications and is specifically included as part of the Basis of Design Documents;

2.3.1.4 The Scheduled Substantial Completion Date upon which the Proposal is based, to the extent said date has not already been established under Section 6.2.1 hereof, and a schedule upon which the Scheduled Substantial Completion Date is based and a Project Schedule for the Work;

2.3.1.5 If applicable, a list of Allowance Items, Allowance Values, and a statement of their basis;

2.3.1.6 If applicable, a schedule of alternate prices;

2.3.1.7 If applicable, a schedule of unit prices;

2.3.1.8 If applicable, a statement of Additional Services which may be performed but which are not included in the Proposal, and which, if performed, shall be the basis for an increase in the Contract Price and/or Contract Time(s); and

2.3.1.9 The time limit for acceptance of the Proposal.

2.3.2 Review and Adjustment to Proposal.

2.3.2.1 After submission of the Proposal, Design-Builder and Owner shall meet to discuss and review the Proposal. If Owner has any comments regarding the Proposal or finds any inconsistencies or inaccuracies in the information presented, it shall promptly give written notice to Design-Builder of such comments or findings. If appropriate, Design-Builder shall, upon receipt of Owner's notice, make appropriate adjustments to the Proposal.

2.3.2.3 Acceptance of Proposal. If Owner accepts the Proposal, as may be amended by Design-Builder, the Contract Price and its basis shall be set forth in an amendment to this Agreement, when mutually agreed between the parties (Contract Price Amendment). Once the parties have agreed upon the Contract Price and Owner has issued a Notice to Proceed with Phase 2, Design-Builder shall perform the Phase 2 Services, all as further described in the Contract Price Amendment, as it may be revised.

2.3.2.4 Failure to Accept the Proposal. If Owner rejects the Proposal or fails to notify Design-Builder in writing on or before the date specified in the Proposal that it accepts the Proposal, the Proposal shall be deemed withdrawn and of no effect. In such event, Owner and Design-Builder shall meet and confer as to how the Project will proceed, with Owner having the following options:

i. Owner may suggest modifications to the Proposal, whereupon (A) if such modifications are accepted in writing by Design-Builder, the Proposal shall be deemed accepted and the parties shall proceed in accordance with Section 2.3.2.3 above and (B) if such modifications are rejected by Design-Builder, or not promptly accepted in writing by Design-Builder, the Proposal shall be deemed withdrawn and Owner will again have the options set forth in this Section 2.3.2.4; or

ii. Owner may terminate this Agreement for convenience in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

If Owner fails to exercise any of the above options, Design-Builder shall have the right to (a) suspend performance of Work, or (b) may give written notice to Owner that it considers this Agreement completed. If Owner fails to exercise any of the options under Section 2.3.2.4 within thirty (30) days of receipt of Design-Builder's notice, then this Agreement shall be deemed completed.

Article 3

Contract Documents

3.1 The Contract Documents are comprised of the following:

3.1.1 All written modifications, amendments, minor changes, and Change Orders to this Agreement issued in accordance with the *General Conditions of Contract Agreement Between Owner and Design-Builder* attached hereto as **Exhibit C** ("General Conditions of Contract");

3.1.2 The Contract Price Amendment referenced in Section 2.3.2.3 herein or the Proposal accepted by Owner in accordance with Section 2.3 herein.

3.1.3 This Agreement, including all exhibits (List for example, performance standard requirements, performance incentive arrangements, markup exhibits, allowances, unit prices, or exhibit detailing offsite reimbursable personnel) but excluding, if applicable, the Contract Price Amendment and General Conditions of Contract;

3.1.4 The General Conditions of Contract;

3.1.5 Construction Documents prepared and approved in accordance with Section 2.4 of the General Conditions of Contract;

3.1.6 **Exhibit B**, Scope of Services; and

3.1.7 The following other documents, if any:

Exhibit D, Phase 1 Design & Preconstruction Fee Proposal

Exhibit E, Proposed Project Schedule dated

Article 4

Interpretation and Intent

4.1 Design-Builder and Owner, at the time of acceptance of the Proposal by Owner in accordance with Section 2.3 hereof, shall carefully review all the Contract Documents, including the various documents comprising the Basis of Design Documents for any conflicts or ambiguities. Design-Builder and Owner will discuss and resolve any identified conflicts or ambiguities prior to execution of the Agreement, or if applicable, prior to Owner's acceptance of the Proposal.

4.2 The Contract Documents are intended to permit the parties to complete the Work and all obligations required by the Contract Documents within the Contract Time(s) for the Contract Price. The Contract Documents are intended to be complementary and interpreted in harmony so as to avoid conflict, with words and phrases interpreted in a manner consistent with construction and design industry standards. In the event inconsistencies, conflicts, or ambiguities between or among the Contract Documents are

discovered after Owner's acceptance of the Proposal, Design-Builder and Owner shall attempt to resolve any ambiguity, conflict, or inconsistency informally, recognizing that the Contract Documents shall take precedence in the order in which they are listed in Section 3.1 hereof.

4.3 Terms, words, and phrases used in the Contract Documents, including this Agreement, shall have the meanings given them in the General Conditions of Contract.

4.4 If Owner's Project Criteria contain design specifications, then Design-Builder acknowledges that such design specifications are preliminary in nature and that the Design-Builder will need to review such specifications for accuracy, completeness, and compatibility in order to further refine and develop such specifications. Provided Design-Builder performs such review in a professional manner in accordance with generally accepted industry standards, Design-Builder is entitled to reasonably rely on the accuracy of the information represented in the design specifications and their compatibility with other information set forth in Owner's Project Criteria, including any design performance specifications.

4.5 The Contract Documents form the entire agreement between Owner and Design-Builder and by incorporation herein are as fully binding on the parties as if repeated herein. No oral representations or other agreements have been made by the parties except as specifically stated in the Contract Documents.

Article 5

Ownership of Work Product

5.1 Work Product. All drawings, specifications and other documents and electronic data, including such documents identified in the General Conditions of Contract, furnished by Design-Builder to Owner under this Agreement ("Work Product") are deemed to be instruments of service and Design-Builder shall retain the ownership and property interests therein, including but not limited to any intellectual property rights, copyrights, and/or patents, subject to the provisions for assignment and licensing set forth in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 below.

5.2 Ownership upon Project Completion and Payment in Full to Design-Builder. Upon Owner's payment in full for all Work performed under the Contract Documents, Design-Builder shall assign and transfer to Owner all ownership and property interests, including but not limited to any intellectual property rights, copyrights and/or patents, in the Work Product, which may be used by Owner on any other design or construction without additional compensation to the Design-Builder. Such assignment is conditioned on Owner's express understanding that its alteration of the Work Product without the involvement of Design-Builder is at Owner's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Design-Builder or anyone working by or through Design-Builder, including Design Consultants of any tier.

5.3 Owner's Limited License upon Termination. If this Agreement is terminated prior to completion of the Project (or is deemed completed pursuant to Section 2.3.2.4 above), Design-Builder shall, subject to Owner's payment in full of the amounts due Design-Builder under the Contract Documents, grant Owner a limited license to use the Work Product to complete the Project and subsequently occupy the Project; provided, however, such grant shall not be conditioned on payment if this Agreement is terminated due to Design-Builder's default pursuant to Section 11.2 the General Conditions of Contract. Such grant is in all cases conditioned on Owner's express understanding that use of the Work Product is at Owner's sole risk without liability or legal exposure to Design-Builder or anyone working by or through Design-Builder, including Design Consultants of any tier.

Article 6

Contract Time

6.1 Date of Commencement. The Phase 1 Services shall commence within five (5) days of Design-Builder's receipt of Owner's Notice to Proceed unless the parties mutually agree otherwise in writing. The

Work shall commence within five (5) days of Design-Builder's receipt of Owner's Notice to Proceed for Phase 2 Services ("Date of Commencement") if the Proposal is accepted and the Contract Price Amendment is amended to this Agreement unless the parties mutually agree otherwise in writing.

6.2 Substantial Completion and Final Completion.

6.2.1 Substantial Completion of the entire Work shall be achieved no later than "To be determined during Phase 1, subject to proposal acceptance and contract amendment." (TBD) calendar days after the Date of Commencement ("Scheduled Substantial Completion Date").

6.2.2 Interim milestones and/or Substantial Completion of identified portions of the Work shall be achieved as follows: *(Insert any interim milestones ("Scheduled Interim Milestone Dates") for portions of the Work with different scheduled dates for Substantial Completion.)*

See Exhibit E for Phase 1 interim milestone dates and preliminary scheduled construction completion dates

6.2.3 Final Completion of the Work or identified portions of the Work shall be achieved as expeditiously as reasonably practicable. Final Completion is the date when all Work is complete pursuant to the definition of Final Completion set forth in Section 1.2.7 of the General Conditions of Contract.

6.2.4 All of the dates set forth in this Article 6 ("Contract Time(s)") shall be subject to adjustment in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract.

6.3 Time is of the Essence. Owner and Design-Builder mutually agree that time is of the essence with respect to the dates and times set forth in the Contract Documents.

6.4 Liquidated Damages. Design-Builder understands that if Substantial Completion is not attained by the Scheduled Substantial Completion Date, Owner will suffer damages which are difficult to determine and accurately specify. Design-Builder agrees that if Substantial Completion is not attained by "To be determined during Phase 1, subject to proposal acceptance and contract amendment." (TBD) days after the Scheduled Substantial Completion Date (the "LD Date"), Design-Builder shall pay Owner _____ Dollars (\$_____) as liquidated damages for each day that Substantial Completion extends beyond the LD Date. *(If a GMP is not established upon execution of this Agreement, the parties should consider setting liquidated damages after GMP negotiations.)*

6.5 Any liquidated damages assessed pursuant to this Agreement shall be in lieu of all liability for any and all extra costs, losses, expenses, claims, penalties, and any other damages, whether special or consequential, and of whatsoever nature, incurred by Owner which are occasioned by any delay in achieving Substantial Completion, Interim Milestone Dates (if any) or Final Completion.

Article 7

Contract Price

7.1 Contract Price.

7.1.1 Owner shall pay Design-Builder in accordance with Article 6 of the General Conditions of Contract the sum of \$_____ for the Phase 1 Services, as further described in Exhibit D and subject to adjustments made in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Phase 1 Services compensation is deemed to include all sales, use, consumer and other taxes mandated by applicable Legal Requirements.

7.1.2 For Phase 2 Services, Owner shall pay Design-Builder in accordance with Article 7 of the General Conditions of Contract a contract price ("Contract Price") equal to the Lump Sum amount set forth in Section 7.2 hereof or in the Contract Price Amendment, or equal to the Design-Builder's Fee (as defined in Section 7.4 hereof) plus the Cost of the Work (as defined in Section 7.5 hereof), subject to any GMP established in Section 7.6 hereof or as set forth in the Contract Price Amendment and any adjustments made in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract.

7.1.3 For the specific Work set forth below, Owner agrees to pay Design-Builder, as part of the Contract Price, on the following basis: *(This is an optional section intended to provide the parties with flexibility to identify and price limited services.)*

7.2 Lump Sum. Owner shall pay Design-Builder in accordance with Article 6 of the General Conditions of Contract the sum of (Potential Option To Be Determined) _____ Dollars (\$ _____) for the Work for Phase 2 Services, subject to adjustments made in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contract Price is deemed to include all sales, use, consumer and other taxes mandated by applicable Legal Requirements.

7.3 Markups for Changes. If the Contract Price established by Section 7.2 above requires an adjustment due to changes in the Work, and the cost of such changes is determined under Sections 9.4.1.3 or 9.4.1.4 of the General Conditions of Contract, the following markups shall be allowed on such changes:

7.3.1 For additive Change Orders, including additive Change Orders arising from both additive and deductive items, it is agreed that Design-Builder shall receive a Fee of _____ percent (_____%) of the additional costs incurred for that Change Order, plus any other markups set forth at Exhibit _____ hereto.

7.3.2 For deductive Change Orders, including deductive Change Orders arising from both additive and deductive items, the deductive amounts shall include:

No additional reduction to account for Design-Builder's Fee or any other markup.

or

An amount equal to the sum of: (a) _____ percent (_____%) applied to the direct costs of the net reduction (which amount will account for a reduction associated with Design-Builder's Fee); plus (b) any other markups set forth at Exhibit _____ hereto applied to the direct costs of the net reduction.

7.4 Design-Builder's Fee. To Be Determined Phase 1 and Implemented in GMP Amendment

7.4.1 Design-Builder's Fee shall be:

_____ Dollars (\$ _____), as adjusted in accordance with Section 7.4.2 below.

or

_____ percent (_____%) of the Cost of the Work, as adjusted in accordance with Section 7.4.2 below.

7.4.2 Design-Builder's Fee will be adjusted as follows for any changes in the Work:

7.4.2.1 For additive Change Orders, including additive Change Orders arising from both additive and deductive items, it is agreed that Design-Builder shall receive a Fee of _____ percent (_____%) of the

additional Costs of the Work incurred for that Change Order, plus any other markups set forth at Exhibit _____ hereto.

7.4.2.2 For deductive Change Orders, including deductive Change Orders arising from both additive and deductive items, there shall be no additional reduction to account for Design-Builder's Fee or any other markup.

7.5 Cost of the Work.

7.5.1 The term Cost of the Work shall mean costs reasonably incurred by Design-Builder in the proper performance of the Work. The Cost of the Work shall include only the following:

7.5.1.1 Wages of direct employees of Design-Builder performing the Work at the Site or, with Owner's agreement, at locations off the Site, provided, however, that the costs for those employees of Design-Builder performing design services shall be calculated on the basis of prevailing market rates for design professionals performing such services or, if applicable, those rates set forth in an exhibit to this Agreement.

7.5.1.2 Wages or salaries of Design-Builder's supervisory and administrative personnel engaged in the performance of the Work and who are located at the Site or working off-Site to assist in the production or transportation of material and equipment necessary for the Work (which, for the purpose of avoiding doubt, excludes Design-Builder's personnel stationed at Design-Builder's principal or branch offices unless specified in Section 7.5.1.3 below).

7.5.1.3 Wages or salaries of Design-Builder's personnel stationed at Design-Builder's principal or branch offices, but only to the extent said personnel are identified in Exhibit _____ **"To be determined during Phase 1, subject to proposal acceptance and contract amendment."** and performing the function set forth in said Exhibit. The reimbursable costs of personnel stationed at Design-Builder's principal or branch offices shall include a _____ percent (_____%) markup to compensate Design-Builder for the Project-related overhead associated with such personnel.

7.5.1.4 Costs incurred by Design-Builder for employee benefits, premiums, taxes, insurance, contributions and assessments required by law, collective bargaining agreements, or which are customarily paid by Design-Builder, to the extent such costs: (i) are based on wages and salaries paid to employees of Design-Builder covered under Sections 7.5.1.1 through 7.5.1.3 hereof; and (ii) do not exceed fifty-one percent (51%) of the actual costs of such wages and salaries.

7.5.1.5 Payments properly made by Design-Builder to Subcontractors and Design Consultants for performance of portions of the Work, including any insurance and bond premiums incurred by Subcontractors and Design Consultants (but, in respect of Design Consultants, only to the extent the Design-Builder's Fee is not a fixed amount intended to cover all design services).

7.5.1.6 Costs incurred by Design-Builder in repairing or correcting defective, damaged or nonconforming Work (including any warranty or corrective Work performed after Substantial Completion), provided that such Work was beyond the reasonable control of Design-Builder. If the costs associated with such Work are recoverable from insurance, Subcontractors or Design Consultants, Design-Builder shall exercise best efforts to obtain recovery from the appropriate source and provide a credit to Owner if recovery is obtained.

7.5.1.7 Costs, including transportation, inspection, testing, storage, and handling of materials, equipment, and supplies incorporated or reasonably used in completing the Work.

7.5.1.8 Costs (less salvage value) of materials, supplies, temporary facilities, machinery, equipment and hand tools not customarily owned by the workers that are not fully consumed in the performance of the Work and which remain the property of Design-Builder, including the costs of transporting, inspecting, testing, handling, installing, maintaining, dismantling, and removing such items.

7.5.1.9 Costs of removal of debris and waste from the Site.

7.5.1.10 The reasonable costs and expenses incurred in establishing, operating and demobilizing the Site office, including the cost of facsimile transmissions, long-distance telephone calls, postage and express delivery charges, telephone service, photocopying, and reasonable petty cash expenses.

7.5.1.11 Rental charges and the costs of transportation, installation, minor repairs and replacements, dismantling and removal of temporary facilities, machinery, equipment and hand tools not customarily owned by the workers, which are provided by Design-Builder at the Site, whether rented from Design-Builder or others, and incurred in the performance of the Work.

7.5.1.12 Premiums for insurance and bonds required by this Agreement or the performance of the Work.

7.5.1.13 All fuel and utility costs incurred in the performance of the Work.

7.5.1.14 Sales, use, or similar taxes, tariffs, or duties incurred in the performance of the Work.

7.5.1.15 Costs for permits, royalties, licenses, tests and inspections incurred by Design-Builder as a requirement of the Contract Documents.

7.5.1.16 Deposits which are lost, except to the extent caused by Design-Builder's negligence.

7.5.1.17 Costs incurred in preventing damage, injury, or loss in case of an emergency affecting the safety of persons and property.

7.5.1.18 Other costs reasonably and properly incurred in the performance of the Work to the extent approved in writing by Owner.

7.5.2 Non-Reimbursable Costs. The following shall be excluded from the Cost of the Work:

7.5.2.1 Compensation for Design-Builder's personnel stationed at Design-Builder's principal or branch offices, except as provided for in Sections 7.5.1.1, 7.5.1.2, and 7.5.1.3 hereof.

7.5.2.2 Overhead and general expenses, except as provided for in Section 7.5.1 hereof, or which may be recoverable for changes to the Work.

7.5.2.3 The cost of Design-Builder's capital used in the performance of the Work.

7.5.2.4 Costs incurred by Design-Builder in repairing or correcting defective, damaged or nonconforming Work (including any warranty or corrective Work performed after Substantial Completion) that are not included within Section 7.5.1.7 above, including, without limitation, costs incurred by the mistakes, inadvertence, or negligence of Design-Builder or those working by or through Design-Builder.

7.5.2.5 If the parties have agreed on a GMP, costs that would cause the GMP, as adjusted in accordance with the Contract Documents, to be exceeded.

7.6 The Guaranteed Maximum Price.

- 7.6.1 Design-Builder guarantees that it shall not exceed the GMP of **“To be determined during Phase 1, subject to proposal acceptance and contract amendment.”** Dollars (\$**TBD**). Documents used as a basis for the GMP shall be identified in the Contract Price Amendment to this Agreement. Design-Builder does not guarantee any specific line item provided as part of the GMP and has the sole discretion to apply payment due to overruns in one line item to savings due to underruns in any other line item. Design-Builder agrees, however, that it will be responsible for paying all costs of completing the Work which exceed the GMP, as adjusted in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- 7.6.2 The GMP includes a Contingency in the amount of **“To be determined during Phase 1, subject to proposal acceptance and contract amendment.”** Dollars (\$**TBD**) which is available for Design-Builder's exclusive use for unanticipated costs it has incurred that are not the basis for a Change Order under the Contract Documents. By way of example, and not as a limitation, such costs may include: (a) trade buy-out differentials; (b) overtime or acceleration; (c) escalation of materials; (d) correction of defective, damaged or nonconforming Work, design errors or omissions, however caused; (e) Subcontractor defaults; or (f) those events under Section 8.2.2 of the General Conditions of Contract that result in an extension of the Contract Time but do not result in an increase in the Contract Price. The Contingency is not available to Owner for any reason, including changes in scope or any other item which would enable Design-Builder to increase the GMP under the Contract Documents. Design-Builder shall provide Owner notice of all anticipated charges against the Contingency, and shall provide Owner as part of the status report required by Section 2.1.2 of the General Conditions of Contract an accounting of the Contingency, including all reasonably foreseen uses or potential uses of the Contingency in the upcoming three (3) months. Design-Builder agrees that with respect to any expenditure from the Contingency relating to a Subcontractor default or an event for which insurance or bond may provide reimbursement, Design-Builder will in good faith exercise reasonable steps to obtain performance from the Subcontractor and/or recovery from any surety or insurance company. Design-Builder agrees that if Design-Builder is subsequently reimbursed for said costs, then said recovery will be credited back to the Contingency.

7.7 Allowance Items and Allowance Values.

- 7.7.1 Any and all Allowance Items, as well as their corresponding Allowance Values, are set forth in the Contract Price Amendment or the Proposal. For the purpose of avoiding doubt, there are no guarantees that this Agreement will include any Allowance Items.
- 7.7.2 Design-Builder and Owner have worked together to review the Allowance Items and Allowance Values based on design information then available to determine that the Allowance Values constitute reasonable estimates for the Allowance Items. Design-Builder and Owner will continue working closely together during the preparation of the design to develop Construction Documents consistent with the Allowance Values. Nothing herein is intended in any way to constitute a guarantee by Design-Builder that the Allowance Item in question can be performed for the Allowance Value.
- 7.7.3 No work shall be performed on any Allowance Item without Design-Builder first obtaining in writing advanced authorization to proceed from Owner. Owner agrees that if Design-Builder is not provided written authorization to proceed by the date set forth in the Project schedule, due to no fault of Design-Builder, Design-Builder may be entitled to an adjustment of the Contract Time(s) and Contract Price.
- 7.7.4 The Allowance Value includes the direct cost of labor, materials, equipment, transportation, taxes, and insurance associated with the applicable Allowance Item. All other costs, including design fees, Design-Builder's overall project management and general conditions costs, overhead

and Fee, are deemed to be included in the original Contract Price, and are not subject to adjustment notwithstanding the actual amount of the Allowance Item.

7.7.5 Whenever the actual costs for an Allowance Item is more than or less than the stated Allowance Value, the Contract Price shall be adjusted accordingly by Change Order, subject to Section 7.7.4. The amount of the Change Order shall reflect the difference between actual costs incurred by Design-Builder for the particular Allowance Item and the Allowance Value.

Article 8

Procedure for Payment

8.1 Payment for Phase 1 Services. Design-Builder and Owner agree upon the following method for partial and final payment to Design-Builder for the services hereunder:

8.2 Contract Price Progress Payments.

8.2.1 Design-Builder shall submit to Owner on the Thirtieth (30th) day of each month, beginning with the first month after the Date of Commencement, Design-Builder's Application for Payment in accordance with Article 6 of the General Conditions of Contract.

8.2.2 Owner shall make payment within ten (10) days after Owner's receipt of each properly submitted and accurate Application for Payment in accordance with Article 6 of the General Conditions of Contract, but in each case less the total of payments previously made, and less amounts properly withheld under Section 6.3 of the General Conditions of Contract.

8.2.3 If Design-Builder's Fee under Section 7.4 hereof is a fixed amount, the amount of Design-Builder's Fee to be included in Design-Builder's monthly Application for Payment and paid by Owner shall be proportional to the percentage of the Work completed, less payments previously made on account of Design-Builder's Fee.

8.3 Retainage on Progress Payments.

8.3.1 Owner will retain Zero percent (0.0%) of each Application for Payment during Phase I and will retain five percent (5.0%) of each Application for Payment during Phase 2.

8.3.2 Within thirty (30) days after Substantial Completion of the entire Work or, if applicable, any portion of the Work, pursuant to Section 6.6 of the General Conditions of Contract, 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: (a) one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the reasonable value of all remaining or incomplete items of Work as noted in the Certificate of Substantial Completion; and (b) all other amounts Owner is entitled to withhold pursuant to Section 6.3 of the General Conditions of Contract.

8.4 Final Payment. Design-Builder shall submit its Final Application for Payment to Owner in accordance with Section 6.7 of the General Conditions of Contract. Owner shall make payment on Design-Builder's properly submitted and accurate Final Application for Payment (less any amount the parties may have agreed to set aside for warranty work) within ten (10) days after Owner's receipt of the Final Application for Payment, provided that Design-Builder has satisfied the requirements for final payment set forth in Section 6.7.2 of the General Conditions of Contract.

8.5 Record Keeping and Finance Controls. Design-Builder acknowledges that this Agreement is to be administered on an "open book" arrangement relative to Costs of the Work. Design-Builder shall keep full and detailed accounts and exercise such controls as may be necessary for proper financial management, using accounting and control systems in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and as may be provided in the Contract Documents. During the performance of the Work and

for a period of three (3) years after Final Payment, Owner and Owner's accountants shall be afforded access to, and the right to audit from time to time, upon reasonable notice, Design-Builder's records, books, correspondence, receipts, subcontracts, purchase orders, vouchers, memoranda, and other data relating to the Work, all of which Design-Builder shall preserve for a period of three (3) years after Final Payment. Such inspection shall take place at Design-Builder's offices during normal business hours unless another location and time is agreed to by the parties. Any multipliers or markups agreed to by the Owner and Design-Builder as part of this Agreement are only subject to audit to confirm that such multiplier or markup has been charged in accordance with this Agreement, but the composition of such multiplier or markup is not subject to audit. Any lump sum agreed to by the Owner and Design-Builder as part of this Agreement is not subject to audit.

Article 9

Termination for Convenience

9.1 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:

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

9.1.2 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

9.1.3 The fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on the sum of items 9.1.1 and 9.1.2 above.

9.2 If Owner terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.1 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 5.3 hereof.

Article 10

Representatives of the Parties

10.1 Owner's Representatives.

10.1.1 Owner designates the individual listed below as its Senior Representative ("Owner Senior Representative"), which individual has the authority and responsibility for avoiding and resolving disputes under Section 10.2.3 of the General Conditions of Contract: *(Identify individual's name, title, address, and telephone numbers.)*

**Brandon Zuidema, Town Manager
100 Town Hall Drive
Morrisville, NC 27560
919.463.6154**

10.1.2 Owner designates the individual listed below as its Owner's Representative, which individual has the authority and responsibility set forth in Section 3.3 of the General Conditions of Contract: *(Identify individual's name, title, address, and telephone numbers.)*

**Mark Spanioli, Town Engineer
100 Town Hall Drive
Morrisville, NC 27560
919.463.6193**

10.2 Design-Builder's Representatives.

10.2.1 Design-Builder designates the individual listed below as its Senior Representative ("Design-Builder's Senior Representative"), which individual has the authority and responsibility for avoiding and resolving disputes under Section 10.2.3 of the General Conditions of Contract: *(Identify individual's name, title, address, and telephone numbers.)*

10.2.2 Design-Builder designates the individual listed below as its Design-Builder's Representative, which individual has the authority and responsibility set forth in Section 2.1.1 of the General Conditions of Contract: *(Identify individual's name, title, address, and telephone numbers.)*

Article 11

Bonds and Insurance

11.1 Insurance. Design-Builder and Owner shall procure the insurance coverages set forth in the Insurance Exhibit attached hereto and in accordance with Article 5 of the General Conditions of Contract.

11.2 Bonds and Other Performance Security. Design-Builder shall provide the following performance bond and labor and material payment bond or other performance security:

"Design-Builder shall provide the following performance bond and labor and material payment bond or other performance security for the Phase 2 Services: (i) Performance Bond, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price; and (ii) Labor and Material Payment Bond, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price. All bonds furnished by Design-Builder shall be in a form that complies with Article 3 of Chapter 44A of the North Carolina General Statutes."

Article 12

Other Provisions

12.1 Other provisions, if any, are as follows:

12.2 Listing of Exhibits and documents incorporated herein:

[Signature Page Follows]

In executing this Agreement, Owner and Design-Builder each individually represents that it has the necessary financial resources to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, and each has the necessary corporate approvals to execute this Agreement, and perform the services described herein.

OWNER:

TOWN OF MORRISVILLE

(Name of Owner)

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Title)

Date: _____

DESIGN-BUILDER:

(Name of Design-Builder)

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Title)

Date: _____

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Town Finance Officer

Exhibit C

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT BETWEEN OWNER AND DESIGN-BUILDER

THESE GENERAL CONDITIONS ARE BASED ON DESIGN-BUILD INSTITUTE OF AMERICA DOCUMENT NO. 535 BUT HAVE BEEN MODIFIED FROM THE ORIGINAL FORM. DBIA CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ARE PROTECTED BY THE COPYRIGHT LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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 a modified version of DBIA Document No. 544, *Progressive Design-Build Agreement* (2019 Edition).

1.2.2 *Basis of Design Documents* means the documents used to establish the GMP or Lump Sum, as the case may be, that are specifically listed in the Contract Price Amendment.

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

1.2.4 *Contract Price Amendment* means that amendment referenced in Section 2.3.2.3 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 the Design-Builder, the Design Consultant, and key Subcontractors identified by the Design-Builder.

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

1.2.8 *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.

1.2.9 *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.

1.2.10 *General Conditions of Contract* refer to this modified version of DBIA Document No. 535, *Standard Form of General Conditions of Contract Between Owner and Design-Builder* (2024 Edition).

1.2.11 *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.

1.2.12 *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.

1.2.13 *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.

1.2.14 *Proposal* means the proposal accepted by Owner in accordance with Section 2.3 of the Agreement.

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

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

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

1.2.18 *Substantial Completion* or *Substantially Complete* means the date on which the Work, or an agreed upon portion of the Work, 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.

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

Article 2

Design-Builder's Services and Responsibilities

2.1 General Services.

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

2.1.2 Weekly meetings shall be held at which Design-Builder shall provide Owner with a status report detailing the progress of the Work, including (i) whether the Work is proceeding according to schedule, (ii) whether discrepancies, conflicts, or ambiguities exist in the Contract Documents that require resolution, (iii) whether health and safety issues exist in connection with the Work; (iv) status of the contingency account to the extent provided for in the Agreement; 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).

2.1.3 Unless a schedule for the execution of the Work has been attached to the Agreement as an exhibit at the time the Agreement is executed, Design-Builder shall prepare and submit, at least three (3) days prior to the meeting contemplated by Section 2.1.4 hereof, a schedule for the execution of the Work for Owner's review and response. The schedule shall indicate the dates for the start and completion of the various stages of Work, including the dates when Owner information and approvals are required to enable Design-Builder to achieve the Contract Time(s). The schedule shall be revised as required by conditions and progress of the Work, but such revisions shall not relieve Design-Builder of its obligations to complete the Work within the Contract Time(s), as such dates may be adjusted in accordance with the Contract Documents. Owner's review of, and response to, the schedule shall not be construed as relieving Design-Builder of its complete and exclusive control over the means, methods, sequences and techniques for executing the Work.

2.1.4 Within seven (7) days after execution of the Agreement, the initial weekly meeting contemplated by Section 2.1.2 hereof will be held, at which meeting the parties shall discuss issues affecting the administration of the Work and to implement the necessary procedures, including those relating to submittals and payment, to facilitate the ability of the parties to perform their obligations under the Contract Documents.

2.2 Design Professional Services.

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

2.3 Standard of Care for Design Professional Services.

2.3.1 Design-Builder warrants to Owner that all design professional services performed to execute the Work will be provided in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents and will, at a minimum, conform to the standard of care required of members of the design profession practicing under similar conditions at the same time and locality of the Project. Owner's review or approval of any plans, specifications, or other instruments of professional service shall not constitute a waiver by Owner of any of Design-Builder's warranties or obligations under this paragraph.

2.4 Design Development Services.

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

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

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

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

2.5 Legal Requirements.

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

2.5.2 The Contract Price and/or Contract Time(s) shall be adjusted to compensate Design-Builder for the effects of any changes in the Legal Requirements enacted after the date of the Agreement affecting the performance of the Work, or if a Guaranteed Maximum Price is established after the date of the Agreement, 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 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.

2.7 Design-Builder's Construction Phase Services.

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

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

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

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

2.7.5 Design-Builder shall coordinate the activities of all Subcontractors. If Owner performs other work on the Project or at the Site with separate contractors under Owner's control, Design-Builder agrees to reasonably cooperate and coordinate its activities with those of such separate contractors so that the Project can be completed in an orderly and coordinated manner without unreasonable disruption.

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

2.8 Design-Builder's Responsibility for Project Safety.

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

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

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

2.9 Design-Builder's Warranty.

2.9.1 Design-Builder warrants to Owner that the construction, including all materials and equipment furnished as part of the construction, shall be new unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents, of good quality, in conformance with the Contract Documents and free of defects in materials and workmanship. Design-Builder's warranty obligation excludes defects caused by abuse, alterations, or failure to maintain the Work in a commercially reasonable manner by persons other than the Design-Builder or anyone for whose acts Design-Builder may be liable. Nothing in this warranty is intended to limit any manufacturer's warranty which provides Owner with greater warranty rights than set forth in this Section 2.9 or the Contract Documents. Design-Builder will provide Owner with all manufacturers' warranties upon Substantial Completion.

2.10 Correction of Defective Work.

2.10.1 In addition to Design-Builder's obligations under Section 2.9 above, Design-Builder agrees to correct any Work that is found to not be in conformance with the Contract Documents, including that part of the Work subject to Section 2.9 hereof, within a period of one year from the date of Final Completion of the Work, or within such longer period to the extent required by any specific warranty included in the contract Documents.

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

2.10.3 The one-year period referenced in Section 2.10.1 above applies only to Design-Builder's obligation to correct nonconforming Work set forth in Section 2.10.1 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.

Article 3

Owner's Services and Responsibilities

3.1 Duty to Cooperate

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

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

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

3.2 Furnishing of Information and Necessary Agreements.

3.2.1 Owner will use reasonable efforts to, in a timely manner, respond to Design-Builder's requests for information and other inputs from Owner (of any nature to the extent related to the Work) to permit Design-Builder to fulfill its obligations under the Contract Documents. In connection therewith, Design Builder acknowledges that: (a) such information and inputs, including, without limitation, any appraisals, feasibility studies, soil tests and reports, compaction tests, environmental tests and reports, engineering studies, inspection reports, or other diligence materials, are furnished without representations or warranties of any kind, including any assurances as to accuracy, completeness, or fitness thereof for any particular purpose; and (b) Design Builder should not rely on such information and inputs in connection with its performance hereunder without taking such steps to verify, validate, or otherwise confirm the reliability of such information and inputs as may be necessary to satisfy the standard of care provided herein.

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 Owner's Representative.

3.3.1 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.

3.4 Government Approvals and Permits.

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

3.5 Owner's Separate Contractors.

3.5.1 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 to not interfere with, Design-Builder in order to enable Design-Builder to timely complete the Work consistent with the Contract Documents.

Article 4

Hazardous Conditions and Differing Site Conditions

4.1 Hazardous Conditions.

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

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

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

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

4.2 Differing Site Conditions.

4.2.1 Concealed or latent physical conditions or subsurface conditions at the Site that (i) materially differ from the conditions indicated in the Contract Documents or (ii) are of an unusual nature, differing materially from the conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the Work are collectively referred to herein as "Differing Site Conditions." If Design-Builder encounters a Differing Site Condition, Design-Builder will be entitled to an 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.

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

Article 5

Insurance and Bonds

5.1 Design-Builder's Insurance Requirements.

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

be furnished by the Design-Builder with reasonable promptness according to the Design-Builder's information and belief.

5.2 Property Insurance.

5.2.1 Any loss covered under Design-Builder's property insurance (including builder's risk) shall be adjusted with Owner and Design-Builder and maybe 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.

5.2.2 Owner (to the extent permitted and as limited by North Carolian law) 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 shall, where appropriate, require similar waivers of subrogation from 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.

5.3 Bonds and Other Performance Security.

5.3.1 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.

5.3.2 All bonds furnished by Design-Builder shall be in a form satisfactory to Owner. The surety shall appear on the list contained in the U.S. Treasury Department Circular 570 and shall be a company qualified and registered to conduct business in the state in which the Project is located.

Article 6

Payment

6.1 Schedules of Values.

6.1.1 Unless required by the Owner upon execution of this Agreement, within ten (10) days of execution of the Agreement, Design-Builder shall submit for Owner's review and approval a schedule of values for all of the Work. The Schedule of Values will (i) subdivide the Work into its respective parts, (ii) include values for all items comprising the Work and (iii) serve as the basis for monthly progress payments made to Design-Builder throughout the Work.

6.1.2 The Owner will timely review and approve the schedule of values so as not to delay the submission of the Design-Builder's first application for payment. The Owner and Design-Builder shall timely resolve any differences so as not to delay the Design-Builder's submission of its first application for payment.

6.2 Monthly Progress Payments.

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

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

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

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

6.3 Withholding of Payments.

6.3.1 On or before the date established in the Agreement, Owner shall pay Design-Builder all amounts properly due. If Owner determines that Design-Builder is not entitled to all or part of an Application for Payment as a result of Design-Builder's failure to meet its obligation hereunder, it will notify Design-Builder 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.

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 7.2 hereof.

6.6 Substantial Completion

6.6.1 Design-Builder shall notify Owner when it believes the Work, or to the extent permitted in the Contract Documents, a portion of the Work, is Substantially Complete. Within five (5) days of Owner's receipt of Design-Builder's notice, Owner and Design-Builder will jointly inspect such Work to verify that it is Substantially Complete in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. If such Work is Substantially Complete, Owner shall prepare and issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion that will set forth (i) the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or portion thereof, (ii) the remaining items of Work that have to be completed before final payments, (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 acknowledgement that warranties commence to run on the date of Final 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 one hundred fifty percent (150%) of 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, then appropriate government authorities having jurisdiction over the Project, and (iii) Owner and Design-Builder agree that Owner's use or occupancy will not interfere with Design-Builder's completion of the remaining Work.

6.7 Final Payment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6.7.3 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, (iii) the terms of any special warranties required by the Contract Documents, and (iv) Design-Builder's indemnification obligations under 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 an amount equal to one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the reasonable value of completion of such deficient work until such work is completed.

Article 7

Indemnification

7.1 Patent and Copyright Infringement.

7.1.1 Design-Builder shall defend any action or proceeding brought against Owner based on any claim that the Work, or any part thereof, or the operation or use of the Work or any part thereof, 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.

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 of violation of any patent or copyright.

7.2 Payment Claim Indemnification.

7.2.1 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.

7.3 Design-Builder's General Indemnification.

7.3.1 Design-Builder, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Owner, its officers, directors, and employees from and against claims, losses, damages, liabilities, including attorneys' fees and expenses, for bodily injury, sickness or death, and property damage or destruction (other than to the Work itself) to the extent resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of Design-Builder, Design Consultants, Subcontractors, anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.

7.3.2 If an employee of Design-Builder, Design Consultants, Subcontractors, anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable has a claim against Owner, its officer, directors, employees, or agents, Design-Builder's indemnity obligation set forth in Section 7.3.1 above shall not be limited by any limitation on the amount of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for Design-Builder, Design Consultants, Subcontractors, or other entity under any employee benefit acts, including workers' compensation or disability acts.

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 6 of the Agreement.

8.2 Delays to the Work.

8.2.1 If Design-Builder is delayed in the performance of the Work due to acts, omissions, conditions, events, or circumstances beyond its control and due to no fault of its own or those for whom Design-Builder is responsible, the Contract 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; 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

9.5 Emergencies.

9.5.1 In any emergency affecting the safety of persons and/or property, Design-Builder shall act, at its discretion, to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. Any change in the Contract Price and/or Contract 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. Such notice shall include sufficient information to advise the other party of the circumstances giving rise to the claim for relief, the specific contractual adjustment or relief requested and the basis of such request.

10.2 Dispute Avoidance and Resolution.

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

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

10.2.3 If a dispute or disagreement cannot be resolved through Design-Builder's Representative and Owner's Representative, Design-Builder's Senior Representative and Owner's Senior Representative, upon the request of either party, shall meet as soon as conveniently possible, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after such a request is made, to attempt to resolve such dispute or disagreement. Five (5) days prior to any meetings between the Senior Representatives, the parties will exchange relevant information that will assist the parties in resolving their dispute or disagreement. The parties may use the Civil Collaborative law process, authorized by Article 53, Chapter 1 of N.C. Gen. Statutes.

10.3 Litigation; Forum.

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, may be resolved by litigation. Any action or proceeding based on such claims, disputes or controversies must be brought in the federal or state courts located in Wake County, North Carolina, and each party hereby consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of, and venue in, such courts with regard thereto.

10.4 Duty to Continue Performance.

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

Article 11

Stop Work and Termination for Cause

11.1 Owner's Right to Stop Work.

11.1.1 Owner may, without cause for its inconvenience, 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 its cost or time to perform the Work has been adversely impacted by any suspension of stoppage of the Work by Owner.

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

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

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

11.2.3 Upon declaring the Agreement terminated pursuant to Section 11.2.2 above, Owner may enter upon the premises and take possession, for the purpose of completing the Work, of all materials, equipment, scaffolds, tools, appliances and other items thereon, which have been purchased or provided for the performance of the Work, all of which Design-Builder hereby transfers, assigns and sets over to Owner for such purpose, and to employ any person or persons to complete the Work and provide all of the required labor, services, materials, equipment and other items. In the event of such termination, Design-Builder shall not be entitled to receive any further payments under the Contract Documents until the Work shall be finally completed in accordance with the Contract Documents. At such time, if the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the cost and expense incurred by Owner in completing the Work, such excess shall be paid by Owner to Design-Builder. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if the Agreement establishes a Guaranteed Maximum Price, 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 expenses, including attorneys' fees and expenses, incurred by Owner in connection with the procurement and defense of claims arising from Design-Builder's default, subject to the waiver of consequential damages set forth in Section 10.5 hereof.

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

11.3 Design-Builder's Right to Stop Work.

11.3.1 Design-Builder may, in addition to any other rights afforded under the Contract Documents or at law, stop the Work for Owner's failure to pay amounts properly due under Design-Builder's Application for Payment.

11.3.2 Prior to stopping work pursuant to Section 11.3.1 above, Design-Builder must provide Owner with written notice that Design-Builder will stop the Work unless Owner's failure to pay amounts properly due is cured within seven (7) days from Owner's receipt of Design-Builder's notice. If Owner does not cure the problem within such seven (7) day period, Design-Builder may stop the Work until payment in full of amounts properly due.

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 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 even occur:

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

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

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

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

Article 12

Electronic Data

12.1 Electronic Data.

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

12.2 Transmission of Electronic Data.

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

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

include ownership of the software or computer program with which it is associated, transmitted, generated or interpreted.

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

12.3 Electronic Data Protocol.

12.3.1 The parties acknowledge that Electronic Data may be altered or corrupted, intentionally or otherwise, due to occurrences beyond their reasonable control or knowledge, including but not limited to compatibility issues with user software, manipulation by the recipient, errors in transcription or transmission, machine error, environmental factors, and 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 Assignment.

13.1.1 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.

13.2 Successorship.

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

13.3 Governing Law.

13.3.1 The Agreement and all Contract Documents shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles.

13.4 Severability.

13.4.1 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.

13.5 No Waiver.

13.5.1 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.

13.6 Headings.

13.6.1 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.

13.7 Notice.

13.7.1 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, or (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.

13.8 Amendments.

13.8.1 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.

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