

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA STANDARD FORM OF INFORMAL CONTRACT AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

FOR

*Gaston College
Beam Administration Building AHU Redesign
Project Gaston College- Dallas Campus
201 Hwy 321 South, 28034
Project ID# 01-20260065*

SCOPE OF WORK

Provide and install mechanical, electrical and plumbing equipment in the Beam Administration building to remove the steam powered heating system and provide a hot water heating system. The air handler will be replaced and air purifiers are to be installed on the air handler.

1. Provide and install (1) one condensing boilers.
2. Provide and install (1) primary pumps to circulate boiler water.
3. Provide and install a new air and dirt separator.
4. Provide and install (1) Ion generating air purifiers in one (1) air handlers.
5. Provide and install (1) air handler
6. Daily cleanup of all work areas, paths of entry and material delivery and removal.
7. Any damage to buildings, walkways, and foliage will be the responsibility of the contractor to repair or replace at their expense.
8. Any deficiencies found in the installation of materials used in the installation that would prevent receiving a green tag from inspectors will be the contractor's responsibility and expense to correct. Air tests will be performed to meet the OSHA standards.
9. The owner is to receive training on all new equipment for facilities maintenance, training to include a schedule walk-through for maintenance personnel.

MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference

August 27, 2026, at 10:30 AM
Gaston College- Dallas Campus
Beam Building
400 Rhodes Perimeter Dr.
Dallas, NC 28034

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bid for this work will be received by:

DaSahwn Biddy
Gaston College- Dallas Campus
201 Highway U.S. 321S Dallas, NC 28034
(704) 922-6513
biddy.dashwan@gaston.edu

up to **2:00 PM**, on Sept 10, 2026, and thereafter publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete plans and specification and contract documents can be obtained from

Hakeem Bailey, P.E.
AeroRaq Engineering Inc
8511 Davis Lake Parkway, Suite C6-205
Charlotte, NC 28269
hakeembailey@aeroraq.com
(704) 469-8463

Contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper license under the State laws governing their respective trades and that North Carolina General Statute 87 will be observed in receiving and awarding contracts. General Contractors must have general license classification or mechanical contractor's license.

No bid may be withdrawn after the opening of bids for a period of 30 days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive informalities. Bids shall be made only on the BID/ACCEPTANCE form provided herein with all blank spaces for bids properly filled in and all signatures properly executed.

Please note on the envelope – **Bid:**

Attn: DaShawn Biddy
BAB AHu Redesign Project (Bid Date)
(Contractor Name)
(License)

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

Important Note: **This is an absolute requirement.** Vendor shall bear the risk for late submission due to unintended or unanticipated delay—whether submitted electronically, delivered by hand, U.S. Postal Service, courier or other delivery service. It is the Vendor's sole responsibility to ensure its proposal has been received as described in this RFP by the specified time and date of opening. The time and date of receipt will be marked on each proposal when received. Any proposal received after the proposal deadline will be rejected.

VIA US Postal Service/FED EX/ UPS	Delivery Address (by any other method)
01-2026006 DeShawn Biddy 201 Highway U.S. 321 S Dallas, NC 28012	01-2026006 DeShawn Biddy 201 Highway U.S. 321 S Dallas, NC 28012 DeShawn Biddy

For proposals submitted via U.S. mail, please note that the U.S. Postal Service generally does not deliver mail to a specified street address but to the College's Mail Service Center. Vendors are cautioned that proposals sent via U.S. Mail, including Express Mail, may not be delivered by the Mail Service Center to the agency's purchasing office on the due date in time to meet the proposal deadline. All Vendors are urged to take the possibility of delay into account when submitting a proposal by U.S. Postal Service, courier, or other delivery service.

Attempts to submit a proposal via facsimile (FAX) machine, telephone or email in response to this RFP shall NOT be accepted.

a) Submit two (2) signed, original executed proposal responses to the address identified in the table above.

b) Submit your proposal in a sealed package. Clearly mark each package with: (1) Vendor name; (2) the RFP number; and (3) the due date. Address the package(s) for delivery as shown in the table above. If Vendor is submitting more than one (1) proposal, each proposal shall be submitted in separate sealed envelopes and marked accordingly. For delivery purposes, separate sealed envelopes from a single Vendor may be included in the same outer package. Proposals are subject to rejection unless submitted with the information above included on the outside of the sealed proposal package.

The Following Information must be included with the proposal:

1. All applicable licensures with North Carolina.
2. Material List
3. Proposed construction schedule
4. Warranty on above work.
5. List of Public projects completed in the last 3 years.
6. List of 3 references for completed jobs with updated contact information.
7. Proposals to be in the form of a proposed contract signed by the bidder with signature line and ready for Gaston College's approval.
8. Include a copy of a COI and W-9 form
9. Proposals should include a lump sum price (with material & labor breakdown) for the base bid work and separate pricing for each alternate listed.

Method of Award:

All qualified bids will be evaluated and award or awards will be based on the lowest responsive bid meeting written specifications for the project.

While the intent is to award a Contract to a single Vendor for all line items, The State reserves the right to make separate awards to different vendors for one or more line items, to not award one or more line items or to cancel in its entirety without awarding a Contract, if it is considered to be most advantageous to the State to do so.

Any Vendor with an E-Procurement Services account that is in arrears by 91 days or more at the time of the bid opening may, at the State's discretion be disqualified from further evaluation or consideration.

The State reserves the right to waive any minor informality or technicality in bids received.

BID/ACCEPTANCE FORM

for

Gaston College

Beam Administration Building AHU Redesign

Project Gaston College- Dallas Campus

201 Hwy 321 South, 28034

Project ID# 01-20260065

Project ID# - 01-2026006

The undersigned, as bidder, proposes and agrees if this bid is accepted to contract with the *State of North Carolina* through Gaston College for the furnishing of all materials, equipment, and labor necessary to complete the construction of the work described in these documents in full and complete accordance with plans, specifications, and contract documents, and to the full and entire satisfaction of the *State of North Carolina* and Gaston College for the sum of:

BASE BID: _____ **Dollars \$**

ALTERNATE 1: _____ **Dollars \$**

Respectively submitted this _____ day of _____ 20____

(Contractor's Name)

Federal ID#: _____

By: _____

Witness: _____

Title: _____

(Owner, partner, corp. Pres. Or Vice President)

(Proprietorship or Partnership)

Address: _____

Attest: (corporation)

Email Address: _____

(Corporate Seal)

By: _____ License #: _____

Title: _____

(Corporation, Secretary. /Ass't Secretary.)

ACCEPTED by the STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
through

Gaston College

Total amount of accepted by the owner, included base bid and bid alternates: _____

BY: _____ TITLE: _____

Date: _____

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL

It is understood and agreed that by submitting a bid that the Contractor has examined these contract documents, drawings and specifications and has visited the site of the Work and has satisfied himself relative to the Work to be performed.

2. DEFINITIONS

Owner: "Owner" shall mean, The State of North Carolina through Gaston College

Contractor: "Contractor" shall mean the entity that will provide the services for the Owner.

Designer: The **designer(s)** are those referred to within this contract, or their authorized representatives. The Designer(s), as referred to herein, shall mean architect and/or engineer responsible for preparing the project plans and specifications. They will be referred to hereinafter as if each were of the singular number, masculine gender.

Contract Documents: "Contract Documents" shall consist of the Notice to Bidders; General Conditions of the Contract; special conditions if applicable; Supplementary General Conditions; the drawing and specifications, including all bulletins, addenda or other modifications of the drawings and specifications incorporated into the documents prior to their execution; the bid; the contract; the performance bond if applicable; and insurance certificates. All of these items together form the contract.

INTENT AND EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

The drawings and specifications are complementary, one to the other. That which is shown on the drawings or called for in the specifications shall be as binding as if it were both called for and shown. The intent of the drawings and specifications is to establish the scope of all labor, materials, transportation, equipment, and any and all other things necessary to provide a complete job. In case of discrepancy or disagreement in the Contract Documents, the order of precedence shall be: Form of Contract, specifications, large-scale detail drawings, small-scale drawings.

In such cases where the nature of the work requires clarification by the Designer/ Owner, the Designer/ Owner shall furnish such clarification. Clarifications and drawings shall be consistent with the intent of the Contract Documents, and shall become a part thereof.

4. AS-BUILT MARKED-UP CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

Contractor shall provide one complete set of legible "as-built" marked-up construction drawings and specifications recording any and all changes made to the original design during the course of construction. In the event no changes occurred, submit construction drawings and specifications set with notation "No Changes." The Designer/Owner must receive "As-built" marked-up construction drawings and specifications before the final pay request can be processed.

5. SUBMITTAL DATA

The Contractor awarded the contract shall submit all specified submittals to the Owner/Designer. A minimum number of copies as specified by the owner, of all required submittal data pertaining to construction, performance and general dimensional criteria of the components listed in the technical specifications shall be submitted. No material or equipment shall be ordered or installed prior to written approval of the submittals by the Designer/Owner. Failure to provide submittal data for review on equipment listed in the technical specifications will result in removal of equipment by the Contractor at his expense if the equipment is not in compliance with the specifications.

6. SUBSTITUTIONS

In accordance with the provisions of G.S. 133-3, material, product, or equipment substitutions proposed by the bidders to those specified herein can only be considered during the bidding phase until five (5) days prior to the receipt of bids or by the date specified in the pre bid conference, when submitted to the Designer with sufficient data to confirm material, product, or equipment equality. Proposed substitutions submitted after this time will be considered only as potential change order.

Submittals for proposed substitutions shall include the following information:

- a. Name, address, and telephone number of manufacturer and supplier as appropriate.
- b. Trade name, model or catalog designation.
- c. Product data including performance and test data, reference standards, and technical descriptions of material, product, or equipment. Include color samples and samples of available finishes as appropriate.
- d. Detailed comparison with specified products including performance capabilities, warranties, and test results.
- e. Other pertinent data including data requested by the Designer to confirm product equality.

If a proposed material, product, or equipment substitution is deemed equal by the Designer to those specified, all bidders of record will be notified by Addendum.

7. WORKING DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE JOB SITE

The contractor shall maintain, in readable condition at his job site one complete set of working drawings and specifications for his work including all shop drawings. Such drawings and specifications shall be available for use by the owner, designer or his authorized representative.

The contractor shall maintain at the job site, a day-to-day record of work-in-place that is at variance with the contract documents. Such variations shall be fully noted on project drawings by the contractor and submitted to the designer upon project completion and no later than 30 days after acceptance of the project.

8. MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, EMPLOYEES

- a. The contractor shall, unless otherwise specified, supply and pay for all labor, transportation, materials, tools, apparatus, lights, power, fuel, heat, sanitary facilities, water, scaffolding and incidentals necessary for the completion of his work, and shall install, maintain and remove all equipment of the construction, other utensils or things, and be responsible for the safe, proper and lawful construction, maintenance and use of same, and shall construct in the best and most workmanlike manner, a complete job and everything incidental thereto, as shown on the plans, stated in the specifications, or reasonably implied therefrom, all in accordance with the contract documents.
- b. All materials shall be new and of quality specified, except where reclaimed material is authorized herein and approved for use. Workmanship shall at all times be of a grade accepted as the best practice of the particular trade involved, and as stipulated in written standards of recognized organizations or institutes of the respective trades except as exceeded or qualified by the specifications.
- c. Upon notice, the contractor shall furnish evidence as to quality of materials.
- d. Products are generally specified by ASTM or other reference standard and/or by manufacturer's name and model number or trade name. When specified only by reference standard, the Contractor may select any product meeting this standard, by any manufacturer. When several products or

manufacturers are specified as being equally acceptable, the Contractor has the option of using any product and manufacturer combination listed. However, the contractor shall be aware that the cited examples are used only to denote the quality standard of product desired and that they do not restrict bidders to a specific brand, make, manufacturer or specific name; that they are used only to set forth and convey to bidders the general style, type, character and quality of product desired; and that equivalent products will be acceptable. Request for substitution of materials, items, or equipment shall be submitted to the designer for approval or disapproval; the designer prior to the opening of bids shall make such approval or disapproval. Alternate materials may be requested after the award if it can clearly be demonstrated that it is an added benefit to the owner and the designer and owner approves.

- e. The designer is the judge of equality for proposed substitution of products, materials or equipment.
- f. If at any time during the construction and completion of the work covered by these contract documents, the language, conduct, or attire of any workman of the various crafts be adjudged a nuisance to the owner or designer, or if any workman be considered detrimental to the work, the contractor shall order such parties removed immediately from grounds.
- g. The Contractor shall cooperate with the designer and the owner in coordinating construction activities.
- h. The Contractor shall maintain qualified personnel and effective supervision at the site at all times during the project, and exercise the appropriate quality control program to ensure compliance with the project drawings and specifications. The designer is responsible for determining compliance with the drawings and specifications.

9. CODES, PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

The Contractor shall obtain the required permits, if required, give all notices, and comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations bearing on the conduct of the work under this contract. If the Contractor observes that the drawings and specifications are at variance therewith, he shall promptly notify the Designer in writing. If the Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and without such notice to the Owner, he shall bear all cost arising there from.

All work under this contract shall conform to the current North Carolina Building Code and other state and national codes as are applicable.

Projects constructed by the State of North Carolina or by any agency or institution of the State are not subject to county or municipal building codes and may* not be subject to inspection by county or municipal authorities. Where appropriate, the Contractor shall, cooperate with the county or municipal authorities by obtaining building permits. The contractor at no cost may obtain permits to the owner.

All fire alarm work shall be in accordance with the latest State Construction Office (SCO) *Guidelines for Fire Alarm Installation* (NFPA72). Where the contract documents are in conflict with the SCO guidelines, the SCO guidelines shall govern. The Contractor shall be responsible for all the costs for the correction of the work where he installs it in conflict with the latest edition of the SCO *Guidelines for Fire Alarm Installation*..

*Inspection and certification of compliance by local authorities is necessary if an architect or engineer was not employed on the project, or if the plans and specifications were not approved and the construction inspected by the State Construction Office.

10. PROTECTION OF WORK, PROPERTY, THE PUBLIC AND SAFETY

- a. The contractors shall be jointly responsible for the entire site and the building or construction of the same and provide all the necessary protections, as required by the owner or designer, and by laws or

ordinances governing such conditions. They shall be responsible for any damage to the owner's property or of that of others on the job, by them, their personnel, or their subcontractors, and shall make good such damages. They shall be responsible for and pay for any damages caused to the owner. All contractors shall have access to the project at all times, except as indicated in the Supplemental General Conditions.

- b. The contractor shall provide cover and protect all portions of the structure when the work is not in progress, provide and set all temporary roofs, covers for doorways, sash and windows, and all other materials necessary to protect all the work on the building, whether set by him, or any of the subcontractors. Any work damaged through the lack of proper protection or from any other cause, shall be repaired or replaced without extra cost to the owner.
- c. No fires of any kind will be allowed inside or around the operations during the course of construction without special permission from the designer and owner.
- d. The contractor shall protect all trees and shrubs designated to remain in the vicinity of the operations by building substantial boxes around it. He shall barricade all walks, roads, etc., as directed by the designer to keep the public away from the construction. All trenches, excavations or other hazards in the vicinity of the work shall be well barricaded and properly lighted at night.
- e. The contractor shall provide all necessary safety measures for the protection of all persons on the job, including the requirements of the A.G.C. *Accident Prevention Manual in Construction*, as amended, and shall fully comply with all state laws or regulations and North Carolina State Building Code requirements to prevent accident or injury to persons on or about the location of the work. He shall clearly mark or post signs warning of hazards existing, and shall barricade excavations, elevator shafts, stairwells and similar hazards. He shall protect against damage or injury resulting from falling materials and he shall maintain all protective devices and signs throughout the progress of the work.
- f. The contractor shall adhere to the rules, regulations and interpretations of the North Carolina Department of Labor relating to Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry (Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1926, published in Volume 39, Number 122, Part II, June 24, 1974, *Federal Register*), and revisions thereto as adopted by General Statutes of North Carolina 95126 through 155.
- i. In the event of emergency affecting the safety of life, the protection of work, or the safety of adjoining properties, the contractor is hereby authorized to act at his own discretion, without further authorization from anyone, to prevent such threatened injury or damage. Any compensation claimed by the contractor on account of such action shall be determined as provided for under Article 13(b).
- j. Any and all costs associated with correcting damage caused to adjacent properties of the construction site or staging area shall be borne by the contractor. These costs shall include but not be limited to flooding, mud, sand, stone, debris, and discharging of waste products.

11. SUBCONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

The Contractor is and remains fully responsible for his own acts or omissions as well as those of any subcontractor or of any employee of either. The Contractor agrees that no contractual relationship exists between the subcontractor and the Owner in regard to the contract, and that the subcontractor acts on this work as an agent or employee of the Contractor.

12. CONTRACTOR-SUBCONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIPS

The Contractor agrees that the terms of these Contract Documents shall apply equally to each Subcontractor as to the Contractor, and the Contractor agrees to take such action as may be necessary to bind each Subcontractor to these terms. The Contractor further agrees to conform to the Code of Ethical Conduct as adopted by the

Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., with respect to Contractor-Subcontractor relationships. The Owner reserves the right to limit the amount of portions of work to be subcontracted as hereinafter specified.

13. CHANGES IN THE WORK AND CLAIMS FOR EXTRA COST

- a. The owner may have changes made in the work covered by the contract. These changes will not invalidate and will not relieve or release the contractor from any guarantee given by him pertinent to the contract provisions. These changes will not affect the validity of the guarantee bond and will not relieve the surety or sureties of said bond. All extra work shall be executed under conditions of the original contract.
- b. Except in an emergency endangering life or property, no change shall be made by the contractor except upon receipt of approved change order from the designer, countersigned by the owner authorizing such change. No claim for adjustments of the contract price shall be valid unless this procedure is followed. Should a claim for extra compensation by the contractor be denied by the designer or the owner, the contractor may pursue his claim in accordance with G.S. 143-135.3.

In the event of emergency endangering life or property, the contractor may be directed to proceed on a time and material basis whereupon the contractor shall proceed and keep accurately on such form as specified by the designer or owner, a correct account of costs together with all proper invoices, payrolls and supporting data. Upon completion of the work the change order will be prepared as outlined under either Method "c(1)" or Method "c(2)" or both.

- c. In determining the values of changes, either additive or deductive, contractors are restricted to the use of the following methods:
 1. Where the extra work involved is covered by unit prices quoted in the proposal, or subsequently agreed to by the Contractor, Designer, Owner and State Construction Office the value of the change shall be computed by application of unit prices based on quantities, estimated or actual as agreed of the items involved, except in such cases where a quantity exceeds the estimated quantity allowance in the contract by one hundred percent (100%) or more. In such cases, either party may elect to proceed under subparagraph c (2) herein. If neither party elects to proceed under c (2), then unit prices shall apply.
 2. The contracting parties shall negotiate and agree upon the equitable value of the change prior to issuance of the change order, and the change order shall stipulate the corresponding lump sum adjustment to the contract price.
- d. Under Paragraph "b" and Methods "c(2)" above, the allowances for overhead and profit combined shall be as follows: all contractors (the single contracting entity (prime), his subcontractors (1st tier subs), or their sub-subcontractors (2nd tier subs, 3rd tier subs, etc.) shall be allowed a maximum of 10% on work they each self-perform; the prime contractor shall be allowed a maximum of 5% on contracted work of his 1st tier sub; 1st tier, 2nd tier, 3rd tier, etc. contractors shall be allowed a maximum of 2.5% on the contracted work of their subs. ; Under Method "c(1)", no additional allowances shall be made for overhead and profit. In the case of deductible change orders, under Method "c(2)" and Paragraph (b) above, the contractor shall include no less than five percent (5%) profit, but no allowances for overhead.
- e. The term "net cost" as used herein shall mean the difference between all proper cost additions and deductions. The "cost" as used herein shall be limited to the following:
 1. The actual costs of materials and supplies incorporated or consumed as part of the work;
 2. The actual costs of labor expended on the project site; labor expended in coordination, change order negotiation, record document maintenance, shop drawing revision or other tasks necessary to the administration of the project are considered overhead whether they take place

in an office or on the project site.

3. The actual costs of labor burden, limited to the costs of social security (FICA) and Medicare/Medicaid taxes; unemployment insurance costs; health/dental/vision insurance premiums; paid employee leave for holidays, vacation, sick leave, and/or petty leave, not to exceed a total of 30 days per year; retirement contributions; worker's compensation insurance premiums; and the costs of general liability insurance when premiums are computed based on payroll amounts; the total of which shall not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the actual costs of labor;
4. The actual costs of rental for tools, excluding hand tools; equipment; machinery; and temporary facilities required for the work;
5. The actual costs of premiums for bonds, insurance, permit fees and sales or use taxes related to the work.

Overtime and extra pay for holidays and weekends may be a cost item only to the extent approved by the owner.

- f. Should concealed conditions be encountered in the performance of the work below grade, or should concealed or unknown conditions in an existing structure be at variance with the conditions indicated by the contract documents, the contract sum and time for completion may be equitably adjusted by change order upon claim by either party made within thirty (30) days after the condition has been identified. The cost of such change shall be arrived at by one of the foregoing methods. All change orders shall be supported by a unit cost breakdown showing method of arriving at net cost as defined above.
- g. Change orders shall be submitted by the contractor in writing to the owner/designer for review and approval. The contractor will provide such proposal and supporting data in suitable format. The designer shall verify correctness. Delay in the processing of the change order due to lack of proper submittal by the contractor of all required supporting data shall not constitute grounds for a time extension or basis of a claim. Within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the contractor's accepted proposal including all supporting documentation required by the designer, the designer shall prepare the change order and forward to the contractor for his signature or otherwise respond, in writing, to the contractor's proposal. Within seven (7) days after receipt of the change order executed by the contractor, the designer shall, certify the change order by his signature, and forward the change order and all supporting data to the owner for the owner's signature. The owner shall execute the change order, within seven (7) days of receipt.

At the time of signing a change order, the contractor shall be required to certify as follows:

"I certify that my bonding company will be notified forthwith that my contract has been changed by the amount of this change order, and that a copy of the approved change order will be mailed upon receipt by me to my surety."

- h. A change order, when issued, shall be full compensation, or credit, for the work included, omitted or substituted. It shall show on its face the adjustment in time for completion of the project as a result of the change in the work.
- i. If, during the progress of the work, the owner requests a change order and the contractor's terms are unacceptable, the owner, may require the contractor to perform such work on a time and material basis whereupon the contractor shall proceed and keep accurately on such form as specified by the Designer or owner, a correct account of cost together with all proper invoices, payrolls and supporting data. Upon completion of the work a change order will be prepared with allowances for overhead and profit per paragraph d. above and "net cost" and "cost" per paragraph e. above. Without prejudice, nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the owner from performing or to have performed that portion of the work requested in the change order.

14. ANNULMENT OF CONTRACT

If the contractor fails to begin the work under the contract within the time specified, or the progress of the work is not maintained on schedule, or the work is not completed within the time specified, or fails to perform the work with sufficient workmen and equipment or with sufficient materials to ensure the prompt completion of said work, or shall perform the work unsuitably or shall discontinue the prosecution of the work, or if the contractor shall become insolvent or be declared bankrupt or commit any act of bankruptcy or insolvency, or allow any final judgment to stand against him unsatisfied for a period of forty-eight (48) hours, or shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or for any other cause whatsoever shall not carry on the work in an acceptable manner, the owner may give notice in writing, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the contractor and his surety (if applicable) of such delay, neglect or default, specifying the same, and if the contractor within a period of seven (7) days after such notice shall not proceed in accordance therewith, then the owner shall, declare this contract in default, and, thereupon, the surety shall promptly take over the work and complete the performance of this contract in the manner and within the time frame specified. In the event the contractor, or the surety (if applicable) shall fail to take over the work to be done under this contract within seven (7) days after being so notified and notify the owner in writing, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, that he is taking the same over and stating that he will diligently pursue and complete the same, the owner shall have full power and authority, without violating the contract, to take the prosecution of the work out of the hands of said contractor, to appropriate or use any or all contract materials and equipment on the grounds as may be suitable and acceptable and may enter into an agreement, either by public letting or negotiation, for the completion of said contract according to the terms and provisions thereof or use such other methods as in his opinion shall be required for the completion of said contract in an acceptable manner. All costs and charges incurred by the owner, together with the costs of completing the work under contract, shall be deducted from any monies due or which may become due said contractor and surety (if applicable). In case the expense so incurred by the owner shall be less than the sum which would have been payable under the contract, if it had been completed by said contractor, then the said contractor and surety (if applicable) shall be entitled to receive the difference, but in case such expense shall exceed the sum which would have been payable under the contract, then the contractor and the surety (if applicable) shall be liable and shall pay to the owner the amount of said excess.

15. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

- a. Owner may at any time and for any reason terminate Contractor's services and work at Owner's convenience, after notification to the contractor in writing via certified mail. Upon receipt of such notice, Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work and placing of orders for materials, facilities and supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement.
- b. Upon such termination, Contractor shall be entitled to payment only as follows: (1) the actual cost of the work completed in conformity with this Agreement; plus, (2) such other costs actually incurred by Contractor as approved by Owner; (3) plus ten percent (10%) of the cost of the balance of the work to be completed for overhead and profit. There shall be deducted from such sums as provided in this subparagraph the amount of any payments made to Contractor prior to the date of the termination of this Agreement. Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim or claim of lien against Owner for any additional compensation or damages in the event of such termination and payment.

16. OWNER'S RIGHT TO DO WORK

If, during the progress of the work or during the period of guarantee, the contractor fails to prosecute the work properly or to perform any provision of the contract, the owner, after seven (7) days' written notice sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the contractor from the designer, may perform or have performed that portion of the work. The cost of the work may be deducted from any amounts due or to become due to the contractor, such

action and cost of same having been first approved by the designer. Should the cost of such action of the owner exceed the amount due or to become due the contractor, then the contractor or his surety, or both, shall be liable for and shall pay to the owner the amount of said excess.

17. REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT

Contractor shall refer to the Supplemental General Conditions for specific directions on payment schedule, procedures and the name and address where to send applications for payments for this project. It is imperative that invoices be sent only to the above address in order to assure proper and timely delivery and handling.

The Designer will process all Contractor pay requests as the project progresses. The Contractor shall receive payment within thirty (30) consecutive days after Designer's approval of each pay request. Payment will only be made for work performed as determined by the Designer.

Retainage:

- a. Retainage withheld will not exceed 5% at any time.
- b. The same terms apply to general contractor and subcontractors alike.
- c. Following 50% completion of the project no further retainage will be withheld if the contractor/subcontractor has performed their work satisfactorily.
- d. Exceptions:
 1. Owner/Contractor can reinstate retainage if the contractor/subcontractor does not continue to perform satisfactorily.
 2. Following 50% completion of the project, the owner is authorized to withhold additional retainage from a subsequent periodic payment if the amount of retainage withheld falls below 2.5%.

Final payment will be made within forty-five (45) consecutive days after acceptance of the work, receipt of marked-up "as-built" drawings and specifications and the submission both of notarized Contractor's affidavit and final pay request. All pay requests shall be submitted to the Designer/Owner for approval.

THE CONTRACTOR'S FINAL PAYMENT AFFIDAVIT SHALL STATE: "THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ALL COSTS OF MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, LABOR, SUBCONTRACTED WORK, AND ALL ELSE ENTERING INTO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS CONTRACT, INCLUDING PAYROLLS, HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL."

18. PAYMENTS WITHHELD

The designer with the approval of the Owner may withhold payment for the following reasons:

- a. Faulty work not corrected.
- b. The unpaid balance on the contract is insufficient to complete the work in the judgment of the designer.
- c. To provide for sufficient contract balance to cover liquidated damages that will be assessed.
- d. The secretary of the Department of Administration may authorize the withholding of payment for the following reasons:
 - i. Claims filed against the contractor or evidence that a claim will be filed.
 - ii. Evidence that subcontractors have not been paid.

When grounds for withholding payments have been removed, payment will be released. Delay of payment due the contractor without cause will make owner liable for payment of interest to the contractor as provided in G.S.

143-134.1. As provided in G.S. 143-134.1(e), the owner shall not be liable for interest on payments withheld by the owner for unsatisfactory job progress, defective construction not remedied, disputed work, or third-party claims filed against the owner or reasonable evidence that a third-party claim will be filed.

19. MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The work under this contract shall not commence until the contractor has obtained all required insurance and verifying certificates of insurance have been approved in writing by the owner. These certificates shall document that coverages afforded under the policies will not be cancelled, reduced in amount or coverages eliminated until at least thirty (30) days after mailing written notice, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the insured and the owner of such alteration or cancellation. If endorsements are needed to comply with the notification or other requirements of this article copies of the endorsements shall be submitted with the certificates.

a. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability

The contractor shall provide and maintain, until final acceptance, workmen's compensation insurance, as required by law, as well as employer's liability coverage with minimum limits of \$100,000.

b. Public Liability and Property Damage

The contractor shall provide and maintain, until final acceptance, comprehensive general liability insurance, including coverage for premises operations, independent contractors, completed operations, products and contractual exposures, as shall protect such contractors from claims arising out of any bodily injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damages which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by the contractor or by any subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them and the minimum limits of such insurance shall be as follows:

Bodily Injury:	\$500,000 per occurrence
Property Damage:	\$100,000 per occurrence / \$300,000 aggregate

In lieu of limits listed above, a \$500,000 combined single limit shall satisfy both conditions.

Such coverage for completed operations must be maintained for at least two (2) years following final acceptance of the work performed under the contract.

c. Property Insurance (Builder's Risk/Installation Floater)

The contractor shall purchase and maintain property insurance until final acceptance, upon the entire work at the site to the full insurable value thereof. This insurance shall include the interests of the owner, the contractor, the subcontractors and sub-subcontractors in the work and shall insure against the perils of fire, wind, rain, flood, extended coverage, and vandalism and malicious mischief. If the owner is damaged by failure of the contractor to purchase or maintain such insurance, then the contractor shall bear all reasonable costs properly attributable thereto; the contractor shall effect and maintain similar property insurance on portions of the work stored off the site when request for payment per articles so includes such portions.

d. Deductible

Any deductible, if applicable to loss covered by insurance provided, is to be borne by the contractor.

e. Other Insurance

The contractor shall obtain such additional insurance as may be required by the owner or by the General Statutes of North Carolina including motor vehicle insurance, in amounts not less than the statutory limits.

f. **Proof of Carriage**

The contractor shall furnish the owner with satisfactory proof of carriage of the insurance required before written approval is granted by the owner.

20. ASSIGNMENT

No assignment of the Contractor's obligations or the Contractor's right to receive payment hereunder shall be permitted. However, upon written request approved by the Owner and solely as a convenience to the Contractor, the Owner may: (1) forward the Contractor's payment check directly to any person or entity designated by the Contractor, and (2) include any person or entity designated by Contractor as a joint payee on the Contractor's payment check. In no event shall such approval and action obligate the Owner to anyone other than the Contractor, and the Contractor shall remain responsible for fulfillment of all contract obligations.

21. CLEANING UP AND RESTORATION OF SITE

The Contractor shall keep the sites and surrounding area reasonably free from rubbish at all times and shall remove debris from the site from time to time or when directed to do so by the Owner. Before final inspection and acceptance of the project, the Contractor shall thoroughly clean the sites, and completely prepare the project and site for use by the Owner.

At the end of construction, the contractor shall oversee and implement the restoration of the construction site to its original state. Restoration includes but not limited to walks, drives, lawns, trees and shrubs, corridors, stairs and other elements shall be repaired, cleaned or otherwise restored to their original state.

22. GUARANTEE

The contractor shall unconditionally guarantee materials and workmanship against patent defects arising from faulty materials, faulty workmanship or negligence for a period of twelve (12) months following the final acceptance of the work and shall replace such defective materials or workmanship without cost to the owner.

Where items of equipment or material carry a manufacturer's warranty for any period in excess of twelve (12) months, then the manufacturer's warranty shall apply for that particular piece of equipment or material. The contractor shall replace such defective equipment or materials, without cost to the owner, within the manufacturer's warranty period.

Additionally, the owner may bring an action for latent defects caused by the negligence of the contractor, which is hidden or not readily apparent to the owner at the time of beneficial occupancy or final acceptance, whichever occurred first, in accordance with applicable law.

Guarantees for roofing workmanship and materials shall be stipulated in the specifications sections governing such roof, equipment, materials, or supplies.

23. STANDARDS

All manufactured items and/or fabricated assemblies subject to operation under pressure, operation by connection to an electric source, or operation involving a connection to a manufactured, natural, or LP gas source shall be constructed and approved in a manner acceptable to the appropriate State inspector which customarily requires the label or re-examination listing or identification marking of appropriate safety standard organization, such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for pressure vessels; the Underwriters Laboratories and/or National Electrical Manufacturers Association for electrically operated assemblies; or the American Gas Association for gas

operated assemblies, where such approvals of listings have been established for the type of device offered and furnished. Further, all items furnished shall meet all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and State and federal requirements relating to clean air and water pollution.

All equipment and products must be independent third party tested and labeled (UL, FM, or CTS) before final connections to Owner services or utilities.

24. TAXES

- a. Federal excise taxes do not apply to materials entering into state work (Internal Revenue Code, Section 3442(3)).
- b. Federal transportation taxes do not apply to materials entering into state work (Internal Revenue Code, Section 3475(b) as amended).
- c. North Carolina sales tax and use tax, as required by law, do apply to materials entering into state work and such costs shall be included in the bid proposal and contract sum.
- d. Local option sales and use taxes, as required by law, do apply to materials entering into state work as applicable and such costs shall be included in the bid proposal and contract sum.
- e. **Accounting Procedures for Refund of County Sales & Use Tax**

Amount of county sales and use tax paid per contractor's statements:

Contractors performing contracts for state agencies shall give the state agency for whose project the property was purchased a signed statement containing the information listed in G.S. 105-164.14(e).

The Department of Revenue has agreed that in lieu of obtaining copies of sales receipts from contractors, an agency may obtain a certified statement as of April 1, 1991 from the contractor setting forth the date, the type of property and the cost of the property purchased from each vendor, the county in which the vendor made the sale and the amount of local sales and use taxes paid thereon. If the property was purchased out-of-state, the county in which the property was delivered should be listed. The contractor should also be notified that the certified statement may be subject to audit.

In the event the contractors make several purchases from the same vendor, such certified statement must indicate the invoice numbers, the inclusive dates of the invoices, the total amount of the invoices, the counties, and the county sales and use taxes paid thereon.

Name of taxing county: The position of a sale is the retailer's place of business located within a taxing county where the vendor becomes contractually obligated to make the sale. Therefore, it is important that the county tax be reported for the county of sale rather than the county of use.

When property is purchased from out-of-state vendors and the county tax is charged, the county should be identified where delivery is made when reporting the county tax.

Such statement must also include the cost of any tangible personal property withdrawn from the contractor's warehouse stock and the amount of county sales or use tax paid thereon by the contractor.

Similar certified statements by his subcontractors must be obtained by the general contractor and furnished to the claimant.

Contractors are not to include any tax paid on supplies, tools and equipment which they use to perform their contracts and should include only those building materials, supplies, fixtures and equipment which actually become a part of or annexed to the building or structure.

25. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE

The non-discrimination clause contained in Section 202 (Federal) Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, relative to equal employment opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and the implementing rules and regulations prescribed by the secretary of Labor, are incorporated herein.

The contractor(s) agree not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disabilities in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified individuals with such disabilities without discrimination based upon their physical or mental disability in all employment practices.

26. MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

GS 143-128.2 establishes a ten percent (10%) goal for participation by minority business in total value of work for each State building project.

For construction contracts with a value of less than \$300,000, the Owner has the responsibility to make a good faith effort to solicit minority bids and to attain the goal. The contractor shall include with his bid a completed Identification of HUB Certified/Minority Business Participation form. Contractor shall submit completed Appendix E MBE Documentation for Contract Payments form with final payment request.

For construction contracts with a value of \$300,000 or greater, the contractor shall comply with the document *Guidelines for Recruitment and Selection of Minority Businesses for Participation in State Construction Contracts* including Identification of Minority Business Participation, Affidavits A, B, C, and D, and Appendix E. These forms provided herein are hereby incorporated and made a part of this contract.

27. ACCESS TO PERSONS AND RECORDS

The State Auditor shall have access to persons and records as a result of all contracts or grants entered into by the Owner in accordance with General Statute 147-64.7. The Owner's internal auditors shall also have the right to access and copy the Contractor's records relating to the Contract and Project during the term of the Contract and within two years following the completion of the Project/close-out of the Contract to verify accounts, accuracy, information, calculations and/or data affecting and/or relating to Contractor's requests for payment, requests for change orders, change orders, claims for extra work, requests for time extensions and related claims for delay/extended general conditions costs, claims for lost productivity, claims for lost efficiency, claims for idle equipment or labor, claims for price/cost escalation, pass-through claims of subcontractors and/or suppliers, and/or any other type of claim for payment or damages from Owner and/or its project representatives.

28. GOVERNING LAWS

This contract is made under and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, State and local laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations including, but not limited to, the Omnibus Transportation Act of 1991 and its implementing regulations.

29. CONTRACTOR EVALUATION

The contractor's overall work performance on the project shall be fairly evaluated in accordance with the State Building Commission policy and procedures, for determining qualifications to bid on future State projects. In addition to final evaluation, an interim evaluation may be prepared during the progress of project. The owner may request the contractor's comments to evaluate the designer.

SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL CONDITIONS

TIME OF COMPLETION

All work, including chosen alternates, must be completed by December 4, 2026. A proposed written schedule should accompany contractor's bid.

If the Contractor is delayed at anytime in the progress of his work by any act or negligence of the Owner, his employees or his separate contractor, by changes ordered in the work; by abnormal weather conditions; by any causes beyond the Contractor's control or by other causes deemed justifiable by Owner, then the contract time may be reasonably extended in a written order from the Owner upon written request from the contractor within ten days following the cause for delay. Time extensions for weather delays, acts of God, labor disputes, fire, delays in transportation, unavoidable casualties or other delays which are beyond the control of the Owner do not entitle the Contractor to compensable damages for delays. Any contractor claim for compensable damages for delays is limited to delays caused solely by the owner or its agents.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

Work schedule shall be 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday. However, work is to be done at times that do not interfere with students completing courses. Weekends and evenings must be scheduled in advance.

PAYMENTS

INVOICES SHOULD BE EMAILED TO DESIGNER FOR APPROVAL AND PROCESSING:

AERORAQ ENGINEERING INC

hakeembailey@aeroraq.com

The owner will process all Contractor pay request when project is complete. The Contractor shall receive payment thirty days (30) after requests and Gaston College Project Supervisor has accepted of the pay request. Final Payment will not be paid until certification of inspection has been received and Payment will only be made for work performed as determined by the Owner. Invoices must be submitted in hard copy on the Contractors official letterhead stationery and mailed to the above address.

CONTRACTORS MUST BE ON NC E-PROCUREMENT AS REGISTERED CONTRACTORS WITH-IN ONE WEEK (7 days) OF CONTRACT AWARD.

UTILITIES

Any needed electrical, electrical extension cords or water hoses will be the responsibility of the Contractor. No other utilities will be provided by the owner. Any additional utilities required by the Contractor or subcontractors will be the Contractor's responsibility to provide. State of North Carolina Standard Form of Informal Contract and General Conditions 23

The Contractor will not be allowed to use Gaston dumpsters. If the Contractor requires a dumpster, this will be at the Contractors expense. The location will be discussed during the Pre-bid meeting.

The owner will discuss parking for the Contractor during the Pre-Bid meeting

SECURITY

Contractors will need to provide the Project Coordinator with tag numbers, sub-contractors and employees working on the project.

Gaston College will not be responsible for the security, loss or theft of any of the Contractor's tools, equipment, supplies, materials, storage pod or its content.

WEAPONS PROHIBITED ON PROPERTY

It is unlawful for any person to possess, or carry, whether openly or concealed any gun, rifle, pistol, dynamite cartridge, bomb, grenade, mine, powerful explosive, bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slingshot, leaded cane, switchblade knife, blackjack, metallic knuckles or any other weapon of like kind, in any College building or vehicle or otherwise on College property.

USE OF SITE

Work will have to be coordinated with the Gaston College Capital Project/Construction Coordinator around scheduled classes and events.

Contractor to Provide Traffic Control Flaggers with Safety Vests and Safety Cones at any time a road is blocked for deliveries, loading, unloading & cranes.

No communication is allowed between Contractors/subcontractors and students

All areas of construction must be barricaded off with safety cones and caution tape and have signage designating construction area.

There may be situations when work will not be permitted because of testing in a certain program (Testing is required by the State). As the owner this will be at a minimum. This can be discussed in construction meetings. There may be situations when work is not permitted due to events, classes and testing. This can be discussed in construction meetings.

All road, parking lot or partial parking lot closures for material/equipment delivery and removal etc. must be scheduled with the Capital Project/Construction Coordinator in advance. The Contractor must provide flaggers at any time roads or lanes are closed.

Daily cleaning of the portion of the areas used by the Contractor and his subs is required at the end of each day.

Appropriate clothing and protective/safety gear, as appropriate, must be worn at all times.

No vehicles will be allowed to cross or drive over sidewalks or concrete pads and patios without prior approval

Any damage to walkways, pads patios and foliage will be the responsibility of the Contractor to repair or replace. The Contractor shall keep the sites and surrounding area reasonably free from rubbish at all times and shall remove debris from the site from time to time or when directed to do so by the Owner. Before final inspection and acceptance of the project, the Contractor shall thoroughly clean the sites, and completely prepare the project and site for use by the Owner.

At the end of construction, the contractor shall oversee and implement the restoration of the construction site to its original state. Restoration includes but not limited to walks, drives, lawns, trees and shrubs, corridors, stairs and other elements shall be repaired, cleaned or otherwise restored to their original state.

TOBACCO USE POLICY

Gaston College is committed to providing a healthy, safe, comfortable, and productive environment for its students, employees, and visitors.

Smoking and the use of any tobacco products is prohibited on College property and at College events. College property includes any College buildings, facilities, vehicles, and outside grounds owned and/or leased by the College. College events include any lectures, conferences, meetings, and social/cultural events held by the College.

Smoking is defined as the use or possession of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other lighted tobacco product, or the use of an electronic inhaler that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, electronic circuit, or similar device to heat a liquid nicotine solution or other product (e.g., vapor cartridge), such as an electronic cigarette, cigar, or pipe.

Other tobacco products include those that may be chewed, consumed, or used in any other form including, but not limited to, chewing tobacco, loose leaf, pellets, plugs, twist, pastes, dipping, pouches, dissolvable, and nasal/dry snuff.

FIRE ALARM WORK

All interruptions in the fire notification system or fire suppression system is to be scheduled with the Gaston College Capital Project/Construction Coordinator. This includes the time which the fire system may need to be taken offline for welding/ soldering etc.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

Contractor shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in North Carolina. The bonds shall be in the full contract amount. Bonds shall be executed in the form bound with these specifications (Forms 307 & 308). An authorized agent of the bonding company who is licensed to do business in North Carolina shall countersign all bonds.

ARPA FUNDS

Contractor to fill out and sign ARPA Addendum and necessary Affidavits as required for county rules of ARPA funded projects.

CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS ADDENDUM

This **CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS ADDENDUM** (this “Addendum”) is entered into by and between _____, a _____ (“Contractor”), and Gaston County, a body politic and political subdivision of the State of North Carolina (“Unit”), and forms an integral part of the Contract (as defined in Section I hereof).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Unit has received, either as a Recipient or Subrecipient (as each such term is defined in Section I hereof) a payment from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (“State Fiscal Recovery Fund”) or Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“Local Fiscal Recovery Fund” and, together with the State Fiscal Recovery Fund, the “Fiscal Recovery Funds”) established pursuant to Sections 602 and 603, respectively, of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (“ARPA”); and

WHEREAS, Unit intends to pay, in part or in whole, for the cost of the Contract (as defined in Section I hereof) using monies received from the Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, in using such funds, Unit must comply with the terms of ARPA, regulations issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) governing the expenditure of monies distributed from the Fiscal Recovery Funds (including, without limitation, the Interim Final Rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26,786 (May 17, 2021) and Final Rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4,338 (Jan. 27, 2022))), the Award Terms and Conditions applicable to the Fiscal Recovery Funds, and such other guidance as Treasury has issued or may issue governing the expenditure of monies distributed from the Fiscal Recovery Funds (collectively, the “Regulatory Requirements”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regulatory Requirements, Unit must comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, other than such provisions as Treasury has determined or may determine are inapplicable to the Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.327, Unit must include within the Contract applicable provisions described in Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, each of which is contained in this Addendum; and

WHEREAS, Unit shall not enter into the Contract or make any distributions of funds to Contractor using monies from the Fiscal Recovery Funds absent Contractor’s agreement and adherence to each term and condition contained herein.

NOW THEREFORE, Contractor and Unit do mutually agree as follows:

AGREEMENTS

I. Definitions

A. Unless otherwise defined in this Addendum, capitalized terms used in this Addendum shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in this Section I.

1. “ARPA” shall mean the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, as amended.

2. “Administering Agency” shall have the meaning specified in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3.

3. "Applicant" shall have the meaning specified in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3, which is provided here for ease of reference: ("An applicant for Federal assistance involving a construction contract, or other participant in a program involving a construction contract as determined by regulation of an administering agency. The term also includes such persons after they become recipients of such Federal assistance.").
4. "Construction Work" shall have the meaning specified in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3, which is provided here for ease of reference: ("[T]he construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of buildings, highways, or other changes or improvements to real property, including facilities providing utility services. The term also includes the supervision, inspection, and other onsite functions incidental to the actual construction.").
5. "Contract" shall mean the legal instrument by which Unit, as a Recipient or Subrecipient, shall purchase from Contractor property or services needed to carry out a project or program under a federal award, and of which this Addendum shall constitute an integral part.
6. "Contractor" shall mean the entity named as "Contractor" in this Addendum that has received a Contract from Unit.
7. "Federally Assisted Construction Contract" shall have the meaning specified in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3, which is provided here for ease of reference: ("[A]ny agreement or modification thereof between any applicant and a person for construction work which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Government or borrowed on the credit of the Government pursuant to any federal program involving a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or any application or modification thereof approved by the government of the United States of America for a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee under which the applicant itself participates in the construction work.").
8. "Government" shall have the meaning specified in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3, which is provided here for ease of reference: ("[T]he government of the United States of America.").
9. "Laborer" or "Mechanic" shall have the meaning specified in 29 C.F.R. § 5.2(m), which is provided here for ease of reference: ("The term *laborer* or *mechanic* includes at least those workers whose duties are manual or physical in nature (including those workers who use tools or who are performing the work of a trade), as distinguished from mental or managerial. The term *laborer* or *mechanic* includes apprentices, trainees, helpers, and, in the case of contracts subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, watchmen or guards. The term does not apply to workers whose duties are primarily administrative, executive, or clerical, rather than manual. Persons employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity as defined in part 541 of [Title 40 of the United States Code] are not deemed to be laborers or mechanics. Working foremen who devote more than 20 percent of their time during a workweek to mechanic or laborer duties, and who do not meet the criteria of [Title 40 of the United States Code], are laborers and mechanics for the time so spent.").
10. "Recipient" shall mean an entity that receives a federal award directly from a federal awarding agency. The term does not include subrecipients or individuals that are beneficiaries of an award.

11. "Subcontract" shall mean any agreement entered into by a Subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for the performance of this Contract or a Subcontract. It includes, but is not limited to, purchase orders and changes and modifications to purchase orders.
12. "Subcontractor" shall mean an entity that receives a Subcontract.
13. "Subrecipient" shall mean an entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a federal award; but it does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such award. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other federal awards directly from a federal awarding agency.
14. "Tier" shall have the meaning indicated in 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and illustrated in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Appendix II.
15. "Unit" shall have the meaning indicated in the preamble to this Addendum.

II. Equal Employment Opportunity

- A. If this contract is a Federally Assisted Construction Contract exceeding \$10,000, during the performance of this Contract, Contractor agrees as follows:
 1. Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 2. Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
 3. Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with Contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

4. Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
5. Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
6. Contractor will furnish to the Administering Agency and the Secretary of Labor all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Administering Agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
7. In the event of Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or Federally Assisted Construction Contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965. Such other sanctions may be imposed, and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
8. Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph A.1. of this Section II and the provisions of paragraphs A.1. through A.7. in every Subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor or vendor. Contractor will take such action with respect to any Subcontract or purchase order as the Administering Agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance.

Provided, however, that in the event Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a Subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Administering Agency, Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Unit further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work. Provided, that if Unit so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality, or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the Contract.

9. Unit agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the Administering Agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of Contractor and any Subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor; that it will furnish the Administering Agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance; and that it will otherwise assist the Administering Agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

10. Unit further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and Federally Assisted Construction Contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and that it will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon Contractor and any Subcontractors by the Administering Agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, Unit agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the Administering Agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend, in whole or in part, this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

B. If this Contract is not a Federally Assisted Construction Contract exceeding \$10,000, the provisions of Section I.A. of this Addendum shall not apply.

III. Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act

- A. Contractor and any Subcontractors performing work under the Contract shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874. Unit shall report all suspected or reported violations to Treasury.
- B. For infrastructure projects over \$10 million funded solely with SLFRF/ARPA funds, Contractor shall provide a project employment and local impact report detailing: (1) the number of employees of Contractors and Subcontractors working on the project; (2) the number of employees on the project hired directly and hired through a third party; (3) the wages and benefits of workers on the project by classification; and (4) whether those wages are rates less than those prevailing, as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor in accordance with the “Davis-Bacon Act.” Contractor must maintain sufficient records to substantiate this information upon request.
- C. For infrastructure projects over \$10 million funded partially with SLFRF/ARPA funds may or may not require compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act depending upon the source of the other federal funds. Constructor should consult with the Unit as to applicability.

IV. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

- A. *Overtime Requirements.* No Contractor or Subcontractor contracting for any part of the Contract work which may require or involve the employment of Laborers or Mechanics shall require or permit any such Laborer or Mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such Laborer or Mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- B. *Violation; Liability for Unpaid Wages; Liquidated Damages.* In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in Section IV.A. (*Overtime Requirements*), above, Contractor and any Subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and Subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for

the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory) for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual Laborer or Mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in Section IV.A. (Overtime Requirements), above, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in Section IV.A. (Overtime Requirements), above.

- C. *Withholding for Unpaid Wages and Liquidated Damages.* Unit shall, upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold, or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by Contractor or Subcontractor under any such contract or any other federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of Contractor or Subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in Section IV.B. (Violation; Liability for Unpaid Wages; Liquidated Damages) of this section.
- D. *Subcontracts.* Contractor or Subcontractor shall insert in any Subcontract the clauses set forth in Sections IV.A. through IV.D. and also a clause requiring Subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower-Tier Subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any first-Tier Subcontractor or lower-Tier Subcontractor with the clauses set forth in Sections IV.A. through IV.D.
- E. *Payroll and Records.* Contractor or Subcontractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll records during the course of the work and shall preserve them for a period of three years from the completion of the Contract for all Laborers and Mechanics, including guards and watchmen, working on the Contract. Such records shall contain the name and address of each such employee, Social Security number, correct classifications, hourly rates of wages paid, daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid. Records to be maintained under this provision shall be made available by Contractor or Subcontractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Labor, and Contractor or Subcontractor will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job.
- F. *Exceptions.* None of the requirements of Section IV of this Addendum shall apply if this Contract is a Contract (1) for transportation by land, air, or water; (2) for the transmission of intelligence; (3) for the purchase of supplies, materials, or articles ordinarily available in the open market; or (4) in an amount that is equal to or less than \$100,000.

V. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

- A. The Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for "Government purposes," any subject data or copyright described below. "Government purposes" means use only for the direct purposes

of the Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Government may not extend its federal license to any other party.

1. Any subject data developed under the Contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained, and
 2. Any rights of copyright purchased by Contractor using federal assistance funded in whole or in part by the Department of the Treasury.
- B. Unless Treasury determines otherwise, a Contractor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required as part of this Contract agrees to permit Treasury to make available to the public either (1) Treasury's license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of the Contract or (2) a copy of the subject data first produced under the Contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work which is the subject of this Contract is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the Contract shall become subject data as defined herein and shall be delivered as the Government may direct.
- C. Unless prohibited by North Carolina law, upon request by the Government, Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under the Contract. Contractor shall be required to indemnify the Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agent of the Contractor.
- D. Nothing contained in this clause shall imply a license to the Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Government under any patent.
- E. Data developed by Contractor and financed entirely without using federal assistance provided by the Government that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying Contract is exempt from the requirements herein, provided that Contractor identifies those data in writing at the time of delivery of the Contract work. Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each Subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with federal assistance.
- F. For the purposes of this Section V, "subject data" means "recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, . . . that is delivered or specified to be delivered as required by the Contract." Examples of "subject data" include, but are not limited to, "computer software, standards, specifications, engineering drawings and associated lists, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, but do not include financial reports, cost analyses or other similar information used for performance or administration of the Contract."

VI. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act

- A. *Clean Air Act*. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, and regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 *et seq.* Contractor agrees to

report each violation to Unit and understands and agrees that Unit will, in turn, report each violation as required to Treasury and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office. Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each Subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed, in whole or in part, with federal assistance provided by Treasury.

- B. *Federal Water Pollution Control Act.* Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, and regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 *et seq.* Contractor agrees to report each violation to Unit and understands and agrees that Unit will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to Treasury and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office. Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each Subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed, in whole or in part, with federal assistance provided by Treasury.

VII. Debarment and Suspension

- A. Due to its receipt of Fiscal Recovery Funds, Unit is a participant in a nonprocurement transaction (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.970) that is a covered transaction pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 180.210 and 31 C.F.R. § 19.210. Therefore, this Contract is a lower-Tier covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 31 C.F.R. Part 19 if (1) the amount of this Contract is greater than or equal to \$25,000 (2 C.F.R. § 180.220(b)(1); 31 C.F.R. § 19.220(b)(1)); (2) the Contract requires the consent of an official of the Department of the Treasury (2 C.F.R. § 180.220(b)(2); 31 C.F.R. § 19.220(b)(2)); or (3) this Contract is for federally required audit services (2 C.F.R. § 180.220(b)(3); 31 C.F.R. § 19.220(b)(3)).
- B. If this Contract is a covered transaction as set forth in Section VII.A., above, Contractor hereby certifies as of the date hereof that Contractor, Contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), and the affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) of both Contractor and Contractor's principals are not excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935) and are not disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935). If any of the foregoing persons are excluded or disqualified and the Secretary of the Treasury has not granted an exception pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 19.120(a), (1) this Contract shall be void, (2) Unit shall not make any payments of federal financial assistance to Contractor, and (3) Unit shall have no obligations to Contractor under this Contract.
- C. Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 31 C.F.R. Part 19 and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower-Tier covered transaction into which it enters. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Unit, and all liability arising from an erroneous representation shall be borne solely by Contractor.
- D. If it is later determined that Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 31 C.F.R. Part 19, in addition to remedies available to Unit, the Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

VIII. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment

- A. Contractor certifies to Unit, and Contractor shall cause each Tier below it to certify to the Tier directly above such Tier, that it has not used and will not use federally appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of

Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Contractor shall, and shall cause each Tier below it, to disclose any lobbying with non-federally appropriated funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures (to be set forth on Standard Form-LLL, contained in 31 C.F.R. Part 21, Appendix B) shall be forwarded from Tier to Tier up to the Unit, which will, in turn, forward the certification(s) to Treasury. Contractor shall cause the language of this Section VIII.A. to be included in all Subcontracts. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which Unit has relied when entering into this Contract, and all liability arising from an erroneous representation shall be borne solely by Contractor.

- B. Contractors that bid or apply for a contract exceeding \$100,000 (including this Contract, if applicable) also must file with Unit the certification in Attachment 1 to this Addendum, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- C. Contractor also shall cause any Subcontractor with a Subcontract (at any Tier) exceeding \$100,000 to file with the Tier above it the certification in Attachment 1 to this Addendum, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

IX. Procurement of Recovered Materials

- A. Section IX.B. shall apply if (1) this Contract involves the purchase of an item designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) in 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that exceeds \$10,000 or (2) the total value of such designated items acquired during Unit’s preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000.
- B. In the performance of the Contract, Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items, unless the product cannot (1) be acquired competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the Contract performance schedule, (2) meet Contract performance requirements, or (3) be acquired at a reasonable price. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available on EPA’s website. Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

X. Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services

- A. *Definitions.* Unless otherwise defined in this Contract, capitalized terms used in this Section X shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in this Section X.A.
 - 1. “Backhaul” means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).
 - 2. “Covered Foreign Country” means the People’s Republic of China.
 - 3. “Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services” means (a) telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities); (b) for the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security

purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities); (c) telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or (d) telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a Covered Foreign Country.

4. “Critical Technology” means (1) defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations; (2) items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations and controlled (a) pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology, or (b) for reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening; (3) specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities); (4) nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material); (5) select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations; part 121 of title 9 of such Code; or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or (6) emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. § 4817).
5. “Interconnection Arrangements” means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another’s network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g., connection of a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.
6. “Roaming” means cellular communications services (e.g., voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.
7. “Substantial or Essential Component” means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.
8. “Telecommunications Equipment or Services” means telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services, such as, but not limited to, mobile phones, land lines, internet, video surveillance, and cloud services.

B. Prohibitions.

1. Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from obtaining or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan,

or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.

2. Unless an exception in Section X.C. applies, Contractor and any Subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds (including, without limitation, Fiscal Recovery Funds) received from a federal government to:
 - a. Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system or as Critical Technology of any system;
 - b. Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system or as Critical Technology of any system;
 - c. Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system or as Critical Technology as part of any system; or
 - d. Provide, as part of its performance of this Contract, any Subcontract; any other contractual instrument; or any equipment, system, or service that uses Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system or as Critical Technology as part of any system.

C. Exceptions.

1. This clause does not prohibit Contractor or Subcontractors from providing:
 - a. A service that connects to the facilities of a third party, such as Backhaul, Roaming, or Interconnection Agreements, or
 - b. Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
2. By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:
 - a. Covered telecommunications equipment that:
 - i. Is not used as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system and
 - ii. Is not used as Critical Technology of any system.
 - b. Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services.

D. Reporting Requirement

1. In the event Contractor identifies, during contract performance, covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services used as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system or as Critical Technology as part of any system, or if Contractor is notified of such by a Subcontractor at any Tier or by any other source, Contractor shall report the information in paragraph D.2(d)(2) of this Section X to Unit, unless procedures for reporting the information are established elsewhere in this Contract.
2. Contractor shall report the following information to Unit pursuant to paragraph D.1 of this Section X:
 - a. Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: contract number; order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
 - b. Within ten business days of submitting the information in paragraph D.2.a. of this Section: any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, Contractor shall describe (i) the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services and (ii) any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services.

- E. *Subcontractor*. Contractor shall cause to be inserted into all Subcontracts and other contractual instruments relating to the performance of this Contract the substance of this Section X, including this paragraph E.

XI. Domestic Preferences for Procurements

- A. For purposes of this Section XI, the terms below are defined as follows:

1. “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coating, occurred in the United States.
2. “Manufactured Products” means items and construction materials composed, in whole or in part, of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

- B. As applicable, and to the extent consistent with law, Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products or materials Produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to, iron, aluminum, steel,

cement, and other Manufactured Products. Contractor shall cause any Subcontractors to include the requirements of this Section XI in any Subcontracts.

XII. Solicitation of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises

- A. If Contractor intends to let any Subcontracts, Contractor shall (1) place qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on its solicitation lists; (2) assure that small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources; (3) divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises; (4) establish delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises; (5) use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of the Small Business Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce, and the North Carolina Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses.
- B. For the purposes of Section XII.A., an entity shall qualify (1) as a "minority business" or "women's business enterprise" if it is currently certified as a North Carolina "historically underutilized business" under Chapter 143, Section 128.4(a) of the N.C. General Statutes (hereinafter G.S.), and (2) as a "small business" if it is independently owned and operated and is qualified under the Small Business Administration criteria and size standards at 13 C.F.R. Part 21.

XIII. Access to Records

- A. Contractor agrees to provide Unit, the Department of the Treasury, the Treasury Office of Inspector General, the Government Accountability Office, and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any authorized representatives of these entities, access to any records (electronic and otherwise) of Contractor which are directly pertinent to this Contract to conduct audits or any other investigations. Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce such records by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- B. Contractor agrees to retain all records covered by this Section XIII through December 31, 2031,¹ or such longer period as is necessary for the resolution of any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other inquiry involving the Contract.

XIV. Conflicts of Interest; Gifts and Favors

- A. Contractor understands that (1) Unit will use Fiscal Recovery Funds to pay for the cost of this Contract and (2) the expenditure of Fiscal Recovery Funds is governed by the Conflict of Interest Policy of the Unit, the Regulatory Requirements (including, without limitation, 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(1)), and North Carolina law (including, without limitation, G.S. 14-234(a)(1) and -234.3(a)).
- B. Contractor certifies to Unit that as of the date hereof, to the best of its knowledge after reasonable inquiry, no employee, officer, or agent of Unit involved in the selection, award, or administration

¹ December 31, 2031 is calculated as five (5) years after the current requirement to expend ARPA funds by December 31, 2026. Should this date be extended, dates relevant to any extension found in this Addendum shall be automatically extended.

of this Contract (each a “Covered Individual”); no member of a Covered Individual’s immediate family; no partner of a Covered Individual; and no organization (including Contractor) which employs or is about to employ a Covered Individual has a financial or other interest in, or has received a tangible personal benefit from, Contractor. Should Contractor obtain knowledge of any such interest or any tangible personal benefit described in the preceding sentence after the date hereof, Contractor shall promptly disclose the same to Unit in writing.

- C. Contractor certifies to Unit that it has not provided, nor offered to provide, any gratuities, favors, or anything of value to an officer, employee, or agent of Unit. Should Contractor obtain knowledge of the provision, or offer of any provision, of any gratuity, favor, or anything of value to an officer, employee, or agent described in the preceding sentence after the date hereof, Contractor shall promptly disclose the same to Unit in writing.

XV. Assurances of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

- A. Contractor and any Subcontractor, or the successor, transferee, or assignee of Contractor or any Subcontractor, shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury’s Title VI regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract. Title VI also provides protection to persons with “Limited English Proficiency” in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by Treasury’s Title VI regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

XVI. Other Non-Discrimination Statutes

- A. Contractor acknowledges that Unit is bound by and agrees, to the extent applicable to Contractor, to abide by the provisions contained in the federal statutes enumerated below and any other federal statutes and regulations that may be applicable to the expenditure of Fiscal Recovery Funds:
 - 1. The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability;
 - 2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance;
 - 3. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 *et seq.*), and Treasury’s implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 23, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; and
 - 4. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto.

XVII. Conflicts and Interpretation

- A. To the extent that any portion of this Addendum conflicts with any term or condition of this Contract expressed outside of this Addendum, the terms of this Addendum shall govern.

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CONTRACTOR:

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

UNIT:

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

PROJECT _____

The undersigned states that the following is a full and complete list of the proposed subcontractors on this Project and the class of work to be performed by each, and that such list will not be added to nor altered without written consent of the Owner.

<u>Subcontractor and Address</u>	<u>Class and Portion of Work to be Performed (Enter type and %)</u>
1. _____ _____	_____ _____
2. _____ _____	_____ _____
3. _____ _____	_____ _____
4. _____ _____	_____ _____
5. _____ _____	_____ _____
6. _____ _____	_____ _____
7. _____ _____	_____ _____
8. _____ _____	_____ _____
_____	_____

Dated

Bidder

By: _____

Identification of HUB Certified/ Minority Business Participation

I, _____
(Name of Bidder)

do hereby certify that on this project, we will use the following HUB Certified/ minority business as construction subcontractors, vendors, suppliers or providers of professional services.

Firm Name, Address and Phone #

Work Type

*Minority
Category

**HUB
Certified
(Y/N)

[illegible]

*Minority categories: Black, African American (**B**), Hispanic (**H**), Asian American (**A**) American Indian (**I**), Female (**F**) Socially and Economically Disadvantaged (**D**)

**** HUB Certification with the state HUB Office required to be counted toward state participation goals.**

The total value of minority business contracting will be (\$)_____.

State of North Carolina AFFIDAVIT A – Listing of Good Faith Efforts

County of _____

(Name of Bidder)

Affidavit of _____

I have made a good faith effort to comply under the following areas checked:

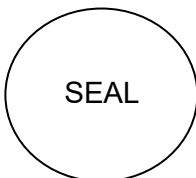
Bidders must earn at least 50 points from the good faith efforts listed for their bid to be considered responsive. (1 NC Administrative Code 30 I.0101)

- ☐ **1 – (10 pts)** Contacted minority businesses that reasonably could have been expected to submit a quote and that were known to the contractor, or available on State or local government maintained lists, at least 10 days before the bid date and notified them of the nature and scope of the work to be performed.
- ☐ **2 --(10 pts)** Made the construction plans, specifications and requirements available for review by prospective minority businesses, or providing these documents to them at least 10 days before the bids are due.
- ☐ **3 – (15 pts)** Broken down or combined elements of work into economically feasible units to facilitate minority participation.
- ☐ **4 – (10 pts)** Worked with minority trade, community, or contractor organizations identified by the Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses and included in the bid documents that provide assistance in recruitment of minority businesses.
- ☐ **5 – (10 pts)** Attended prebid meetings scheduled by the public owner.
- ☐ **6 – (20 pts)** Provided assistance in getting required bonding or insurance or provided alternatives to bonding or insurance for subcontractors.
- ☐ **7 – (15 pts)** Negotiated in good faith with interested minority businesses and did not reject them as unqualified without sound reasons based on their capabilities. Any rejection of a minority business based on lack of qualification should have the reasons documented in writing.
- ☐ **8 – (25 pts)** Provided assistance to an otherwise qualified minority business in need of equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letters of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required. Assisted minority businesses in obtaining the same unit pricing with the bidder's suppliers in order to help minority businesses in establishing credit.
- ☐ **9 – (20 pts)** Negotiated joint venture and partnership arrangements with minority businesses in order to increase opportunities for minority business participation on a public construction or repair project when possible.
- ☐ **10 - (20 pts)** Provided quick pay agreements and policies to enable minority contractors and suppliers to meet cash-flow demands.

The undersigned, if apparent low bidder, will enter into a formal agreement with the firms listed in the Identification of Minority Business Participation schedule conditional upon scope of contract to be executed with the Owner. Substitution of contractors must be in accordance with GS143-128.2(d) Failure to abide by this statutory provision will constitute a breach of the contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of the minority business commitment and is authorized to bind the bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: _____ Name of Authorized Officer: _____
 Signature: _____
 Title: _____



State of _____, County of _____
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____
 Notary Public _____
 My commission expires _____

State of North Carolina --AFFIDAVIT B-- Intent to Perform Contract with Own Workforce.

County of _____

Affidavit of _____
(Name of Bidder)

I hereby certify that it is our intent to perform 100% of the work required for the _____
_____ contract.
(Name of Project)

In making this certification, the Bidder states that the Bidder does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform all elements of the work on this project with his/her own current work forces; and

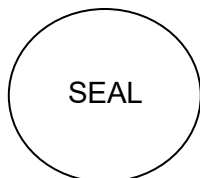
The Bidder agrees to provide any additional information or documentation requested by the owner in support of the above statement. The Bidder agrees to make a Good Faith Effort to utilize minority suppliers where possible.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read this certification and is authorized to bind the Bidder to the commitments herein contained.

Date: _____ Name of Authorized Officer: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____



State of _____, County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____

Notary Public _____

My commission expires _____

State of North Carolina - AFFIDAVIT C - Portion of the Work to be Performed by HUB Certified/Minority Businesses

County of _____

(Note this form is to be submitted only by the apparent lowest responsible, responsive bidder.)

If the portion of the work to be executed by HUB certified/minority businesses as defined in GS143-128.2(g) and 128.4(a),(b),(e) is equal to or greater than 10% of the bidders total contract price, then the bidder must complete this affidavit.

This affidavit shall be provided by the apparent lowest responsible, responsive bidder within **72 hours** after notification of being low bidder.

Affidavit of _____ I do hereby certify that on the
(Name of Bidder)

(Project Name)
Project ID# _____ Amount of Bid \$ _____

I will expend a minimum of _____% of the total dollar amount of the contract with minority business enterprises. Minority businesses will be employed as construction subcontractors, vendors, suppliers or providers of professional services. Such work will be subcontracted to the following firms listed below.

Attach additional sheets if required

Name and Phone Number	*Minority Category	**HUB Certified Y/N	Work Description	Dollar Value

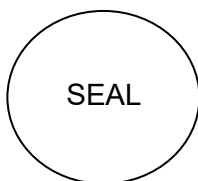
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**** HUB Certification with the state HUB Office required to be counted toward state participation goals.**

Pursuant to GS143-128.2(d), the undersigned will enter into a formal agreement with Minority Firms for work listed in this schedule conditional upon execution of a contract with the Owner. Failure to fulfill this commitment may constitute a breach of the contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of this commitment and is authorized to bind the bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: _____ Name of Authorized Officer: _____



Signature: _____

Title: _____

State of _____, County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____

Notary Public _____

My commission expires _____

State of North Carolina AFFIDAVIT D – Good Faith Efforts

County of _____

(Note this form is to be submitted only by the apparent lowest responsible, responsive bidder.)

If the goal of 10% participation by HUB Certified/ minority business **is not** achieved, the Bidder shall provide the following documentation to the Owner of his good faith efforts:

Affidavit of _____ I do hereby certify that on the _____
(Name of Bidder)

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Examples of documentation that may be required to demonstrate the Bidder's good faith efforts to meet the goals set forth in these provisions include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Copies of solicitations for quotes to at least three (3) minority business firms from the source list provided by the State for each subcontract to be let under this contract (if 3 or more firms are shown on the source list). Each solicitation shall contain a specific description of the work to be subcontracted, location where bid documents can be reviewed, representative of the Prime Bidder to contact, and location, date and time when quotes must be received.
- Copies of quotes or responses received from each firm responding to the solicitation.
- A telephone log of follow-up calls to each firm sent a solicitation.
- For subcontracts where a minority business firm is not considered the lowest responsible sub-bidder, copies of quotes received from all firms submitting quotes for that particular subcontract.
- Documentation of any contacts or correspondence to minority business, community, or contractor organizations in an attempt to meet the goal.
- Copy of pre-bid roster
- Letter documenting efforts to provide assistance in obtaining required bonding or insurance for minority business.
- Letter detailing reasons for rejection of minority business due to lack of qualification.
- Letter documenting proposed assistance offered to minority business in need of equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letter of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required.

Failure to provide the documentation as listed in these provisions may result in rejection of the bid and award to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

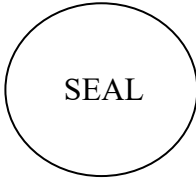
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