

## AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, a municipality under the laws of the state of Colorado, herein called the "City," and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, herein called the "Government," represented by the Utilities Contracting Officer of the Veterans Administration, an agency of the Government created by Act of July 1930 (46 Stat. 1016), herein called "Contracting Officer," which term shall include his or her authorized representative or his or her duly appointed successor.

## RECITALS

A. The Government, owning and operating a Veterans Administration Medical Center located at Grand Junction, Colorado, herein called the "Premises," plans to modify its sewer system within the Premises and desires to continue to procure its sewer service from the City.

B. The City, maintaining and operating a sewer system capable of providing said service for the Premises is willing and able to adjust its existing system to provide said sewer service for the Premises.

C. The Government is willing to compensate the City for providing the required connections and service.

## COVENANTS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of an amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00) to be paid by the Government to the City, the recitals and other mutual obligations of the parties

herein expressed, THE CITY AND THE GOVERNMENT DO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City will furnish sewer service to the Government's new clinic addition (Project No. 575-025). The City has determined that the clinic sewer demand is equal to 10 equivalent residential units (EQU). The sewer plant investment fee (PIF) is Seven Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$750.00) per EQU. Therefore the PIF for this project is  $10 \times 750 = \$7,500.00$ .

2. The City shall have access to the Premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating any equipment provided by the City within the Premises. The City shall, at its expense, obtain all rights-of-way and easement not within the Premises which are necessary for the City to fulfill its obligations hereunder.

3. The Government shall have the right, at its risk and expense to connect its clinic addition sewer system to the City's sewer system and thereupon and thereafter receive sewer service. Work to be accomplished by the Government shall include all sewer system work needed to serve the clinic, including the connection to the City sewer.

4. The City shall maintain continuity of sewer service to the Premises during the construction period.

5. Upon execution of this agreement and receipt of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00), the City shall furnish the Government a statement certifying that the Government has authority to use the sewer sytem for all of the plumbing fixtures of the clinic

addition.

6. The City certifies that the sewer plant investment fee (PIF) of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00) does not discriminate against the Government.

7. The City shall, at its risk and expense use due diligence to adequately maintain its equipment and facilities as necessary to deliver said sewer service to the Premises at the points where the Government connects thereto.

8. Notwithstanding anything herein, all rights and liabilities of the parties with respect to the connection which is the subject of this agreement shall terminate ten (10) years from the date hereof unless sooner terminated by virtue of any provisions in this agreement or any subsequent mutual agreement, except that the right to connect to the City sewer shall not expire in ten (10) years.

9. This agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors, legal representatives, and assignees of the respective parties hereto.

10. This agreement shall incorporate within it by reference the clauses set forth in General Services Administration form 1685 dted July 1976, as amended May 1982, by form 1685-A, entitled "Supplemental Provisions (Utility Service Contract)," attached hereto. Where the word "Contractor" is used in the forms it shall refer to "City" in this agreement.

11. The City certifies that in developing a proposal in response

to the solicitation of this contract, he/she did not utilize the services of any current or former Veterans Administration employee acting in violation of Title V of the Ethics in Government Act, 18 U.S.C. 207, the clauses of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

12. The City shall make a separate agreement with the Grand Junction Veterans Administration Medical Center. Sewer use charges made when use of the tap begins shall not discriminate against the Government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement is executed by the CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, its undersigned official duly authorized, and by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1986.

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By:

Print Name: Mark K Achen

Title: city manager

By:

Robert S. Henderson July 22, 1986  
ROBERT S. HENDERSON  
Utilities Contracting Officer

I, Mrs. B. Lockhart certify that I am the city clerk of the CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO; that Mark K. Achen who signed this agreement on behalf of said municipality was then city manager and of said municipality; and that this agreement was duly signed for

and in behalf of said municipality by authority of its governing body  
and is within the scope of its powers.

(SEAL)

*Neva B. Lockhart, CMC*  
Signature City Clerk

## 1. DEFINITIONS

As used throughout this contract, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

(a) The term "head of the agency" or "Secretary" as used herein means the Secretary, the Under Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or any other head or assistant head of the executive or military department or other Federal agency; and the term "his duly authorized representative" means any person or persons or board (other than the Contracting Officer) authorized to act for the head of the agency or the Secretary.

(b) The term "Contracting Officer" means the person executing this contract on behalf of the Government, and any other officer or civilian employee who is a properly designated Contracting Officer; and the term includes, except as otherwise provided in this contract, the authorized representative of a Contracting Officer acting within the limits of his authority.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the term "subcontracts" includes purchase orders under this contract.

## 2. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL

(a) This clause is applicable if the amount of this contract exceeds \$2,500 and was entered into by means of negotiation, including small business restricted advertising, but is not applicable if this contract was entered into by means of formal advertising.

(b) The Contractor agrees that the Comptroller General of the United States or any of his duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under this contract or such lesser time specified in either Appendix M of the Armed Services Procurement Regulation or the Federal Procurement Regulations Part 1-20, as appropriate, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor involving transactions related to this contract.

(c) The Contractor further agrees to include in all his subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the subcontractor agrees that the Comptroller General of the United States or any of his duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under the subcontract or such lesser time specified in either Appendix M of the Armed Services Procurement Regulation or the Federal Procurement Regulations Part 1-20, as appropriate, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of such subcontractor, involving transactions related to the subcontract. The term "subcontract" as used in this clause excludes (1) purchase orders not exceeding \$2,500 and (2) subcontracts or purchase orders for public utility services at rates established for uniform applicability to the general public.

(d) The periods of access and examination described in (b) and (c), above, for records which relate to (1) appeals under the "Disputes" clause of this contract, (2) litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this contract, or (3) costs and expenses of this contract as to which exception has been taken by the Comptroller General or any of his duly authorized representatives, shall continue until such appeals, litigation, claims, or exceptions have been disposed of.

## 3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

(The following clause is applicable unless this contract is exempt under the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR, ch. 60).)

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The 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, 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. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this Equal Opportunity clause.

(b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(c) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency Contracting Officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this Equal Opportunity clause, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(d) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the Equal Opportunity clause 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 the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) 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 No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: *Provided, however*, That in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

## 4. CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

(Applicable to (1) contracts, (2) subcontracts, and (3) agreements with applicants who are themselves performing federally assisted construction contracts, exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause.)

By the submission of this bid, the bidder, offeror, applicant, or subcontractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. He certifies further that he will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder, offeror, applicant, or subcontractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. He further agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause; that he will retain such certifications in his files; and that he will forward the following notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):

excerpt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

#### 5. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

No member of or delegate to Congress, or resident commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom; but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

#### 6. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty the Government shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

#### 7. CONVICT LABOR

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor agrees not to employ any person undergoing sentence of imprisonment except as provided by Public Law 89-176, September 10, 1965 (18 U.S.C. 4082(c)(2)) and Executive Order 11755, December 29, 1973.

#### 8. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT—OVERTIME COMPENSATION

This contract, to the extent that it is of a character specified in the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), is subject to the following provisions and to all other applicable provisions and exceptions of such Act and the regulations of the Secretary of Labor thereunder.

(a) *Overtime requirements.* No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers, mechanics, apprentices, trainees, watchmen, and guards shall require or permit any laborer, mechanic, apprentice, trainee, watchman, or guard in any workweek in which he is employed on such work to work in excess of eight hours in any calendar day or in excess of forty hours in such workweek on work subject to the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act unless such laborer, mechanic, apprentice, trainee, watchman, or guard receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times his basic rate of pay for all such hours worked in excess of eight hours in any calendar day or in excess of forty hours in such workweek, whichever is the greater number of overtime hours.

(b) *Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.* In the event of any violation of the provisions of paragraph (a), the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable to any affected employee for his unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer, mechanic, apprentice, trainee, watchman, or guard employed in violation of the provisions of paragraph (a) in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such employee was required or permitted to be employed on such work in excess of eight hours or in excess of his standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by paragraph (a).

(c) *Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.* The Contracting Officer may withhold from the Government Prime Contractor, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor, such sums as may administratively be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the provisions of paragraph (b).

(d) *Subcontracts.* The Contractor shall insert paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause in all subcontracts, and shall require their inclusion in all subcontracts of any tier.

(e) *Records.* The Contractor shall maintain payroll records con-

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Contracting Officer, who shall reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. The decision of the Contracting Officer shall be final and conclusive unless within 30 days from the date of receipt of such copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes to the Contracting Officer a written appeal addressed to the Secretary. The decision of the Secretary or his duly authorized representative for the determination of such appeals shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, or capricious, or arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith, or not supported by substantial evidence. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this clause, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its appeal. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract and in accordance with the Contracting Officer's decision.

(b) This "Disputes" clause does not preclude consideration of law questions in connection with decisions provided for in paragraph (a) above: *Provided*, That nothing in this contract shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative official, representative, or board on a question of law.

(c) The provisions of (a) above shall not apply to disputes which are subject to the jurisdiction of a Federal, State, or other appropriate regulatory body. The provisions of (a) above shall also be subject to the requirements of the law with respect to the rendering of utility services and the collection of regulated rates.

#### 10. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

To the extent of any inconsistency between the provisions of this contract and any schedule, rider, or exhibit incorporated in this contract by reference or otherwise, or any of the Contractor's rules and regulations, the provisions of this contract shall control.

#### 11. DISABLED VETERANS AND VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA

(This clause is applicable pursuant to 41 CFR 60-250 if this contract is for \$10,000 or more.)

(a) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because he or she is a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment, and otherwise treat qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era without discrimination based upon their disability or veterans status in all employment practices such as the following: employment upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

(b) The contractor agrees that all suitable employment openings of the contractor which exist at the time of the execution of this contract and those which occur during the performance of this contract, including those not generated by this contract and including those occurring at an establishment of the contractor other than the one wherein the contract is being performed but excluding those of independently operated corporate affiliates, shall be listed at an appropriate local office of the State employment service system wherein the opening occurs. The contractor further agrees to provide such reports to such local office regarding employment openings and hires as may be required.

State and local government agencies holding Federal contracts of \$10,000 or more shall also list all their suitable openings with the appropriate office of the State employment service, but are not required to provide those reports set forth in paragraphs (d) and (e).

(c) Listing of employment openings with the employment service system pursuant to this clause shall be made at least concurrently with the use of any other recruitment source or effort and shall involve the normal obligations which attach to the placing of a bonafide job order, including the acceptance of referrals of veterans and nonveterans. The listing of employment openings does not require the hiring of any particular job applicant or from any particular group of job applicants, and nothing herein is intended to relieve the contractor from any requirements in Executive orders or regulations regarding nondiscrimination in employment.

(d) The reports required by paragraph (b) of this clause shall include, but not be limited to, periodic reports which shall be filed at least quarterly with the appropriate local office or, where the contractor has more than one hiring location in a State, with the central office of that State employment service. Such reports shall indicate

training under 38 U.S.C. 1707. The contractor shall submit a report within 30 days after the end of each reporting period wherein any performance is made on this contract identifying data for each hiring location. The contractor shall maintain at each hiring location copies of the reports submitted until the expiration of one year after final payment under the contract, during which time these reports and related documentation shall be made available, upon request, for examination by any authorized representatives of the contracting officer or of the Secretary of Labor. Documentation would include personnel records respecting job openings, recruitment, and placement.

(e) Whenever the contractor becomes contractually bound to the listing provisions of this clause, it shall advise the employment service system in each State where it has establishments of the name and location of each hiring location in the State. As long as the contractor is contractually bound to these provisions and has so advised the State system, there is no need to advise the State system of subsequent contracts. The contractor may advise the State system when it is no longer bound by this contract clause.

(f) This clause does not apply to the listing of employment openings which occur and are filled outside the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

(g) The provisions of paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this clause do not apply to openings which the contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization or to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement. This exclusion does not apply to a particular opening once an employer decides to consider applicants outside of his own organization or employer-union arrangement for that opening.

(h) As used in this clause: (1) "All suitable employment openings" includes, but is not limited to, openings which occur in the following job categories: production and non-production; plant and office; laborers and mechanics; supervisory and nonsupervisory; technical; and executive, administrative, and professional openings as are compensated on a salary basis of less than \$25,000 per year. This term includes full-time employment, temporary employment of more than three days' duration, and part-time employment. It does not include openings which the contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization or to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement nor openings in an educational institution which are restricted to students of that institution. Under the most compelling circumstances an employment opening may not be suitable for listing, including such situations where the needs of the Government cannot reasonably be otherwise supplied, where listing would be contrary to national security, or where the requirement of listing would otherwise not be for the best interest of the Government.

(2) "Appropriate office of the State employment service system" means the local office of the Federal/State national system of public employment offices with assigned responsibility for serving the area where the employment opening is to be filled, including the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

(3) "Openings which the contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization" means employment openings for which no consideration will be given to persons outside the contractor's organization (including any affiliates, subsidiaries, and the parent companies) and includes any openings which the contractor proposes to fill from regularly established "recall" lists.

(4) "Openings which the contractor proposes to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement" means employment openings which the contractor proposes to fill from union halls, which is part of the customary and traditional hiring relationship which exists between the contractor and representatives of his employees.

(i) The contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

(j) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

(k) The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notice shall state the contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.

(l) The contractor will notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the contractor is bound by terms of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era.

respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

## 12. PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON CONTRACTORS' CLAIMS

(a) If an appeal is filed by the contractor from a final decision of the contracting officer under the disputes clause of this contract, denying a claim arising under the contract, simple interest on the amount of the claim finally determined owed by the Government shall be payable to the contractor. Such interest shall be at the rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to Public Law 92-41, 85 Stat. 97, from the date the contractor furnishes to the contracting officer his written appeal under the disputes clause of this contract, to the date of (1) a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction, or (2) mailing to the contractor of a supplemental agreement for execution either confirming completed negotiations between the parties or carrying out a decision of a board of contract appeals.

(b) Notwithstanding (a), above, (1) interest shall be applied only from the date payment was due, if such date is later than the filing of appeal, and (2) interest shall not be paid for any period of time that the contracting officer determines the contractor has unduly delayed in pursuing his remedies before a board of contract appeals or a court of competent jurisdiction.

## 13. UTILIZATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

(a) It is the policy of the Government that minority business enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of Government contracts.

(b) The Contractor agrees to use his best efforts to carry out this policy in the award of his subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this contract. As used in this contract, the term "minority business enterprise" means a business, at least 50 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in case of publicly owned businesses, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members. For the purposes of this definition, minority group members are Negroes, Spanish-speaking American persons, American-Orientals, American-Indians, American Eskimos, and American Aleuts. Contractors may rely on written representations by subcontractors regarding their status as minority business enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation.

## 14. UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS

(a) It is the policy of the Government as declared by the Congress that a fair proportion of the purchases and contracts for supplies and services for the Government be placed with small business concerns.

(b) The Contractor agrees to accomplish the maximum amount of subcontracting to small business concerns that the Contractor finds to be consistent with the efficient performance of this contract.

## 15. UTILIZATION OF LABOR SURPLUS AREA CONCERNS

(The following clause is applicable if this contract exceeds \$5,000.)

(a) It is the policy of the Government to award contracts to labor surplus area concerns that (1) have been certified by the Secretary of Labor (hereafter referred to as certified-eligible concerns with first or second preferences) regarding the employment of a proportionate number of disadvantaged individuals and have agreed to perform substantially (i) in or near sections of concentrated unemployment or underemployment or in persistent or substantial labor surplus areas or (ii) in other areas of the United States, respectively, or (2) are noncertified concerns which have agreed to perform substantially in persistent or substantial labor surplus areas, where this can be done consistent with the efficient performance of the contract and at prices no higher than are obtainable elsewhere. The Contractor agrees to use his best efforts to place his subcontracts in accordance with this policy.

(b) In complying with paragraph (a) of this clause and with paragraph (b) of the clause of this contract entitled "Utilization of Small Business Concerns" the Contractor in placing his subcontracts shall observe the following order of preference: (1) Certified-eligible concerns with a first preference which are also small business concerns; (2) other certified-eligible concerns with a first preference; (3) certified-eligible concerns with a second preference which are also small business concerns; (4) other certified-eligible concerns with a second preference; (5) persistent or substantial labor surplus area concerns which are also small business concerns; (6) other persist-



ent or substantial labor surplus area concerns; and (7) small business concerns which are not labor surplus area concerns.

#### 16. EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

(a) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified handicapped individuals without discrimination based upon their physical or mental handicap in all employment practices such as the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

(b) The contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

(c) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

(d) The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified handicapped employees and applicants for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.

(e) The contractor will notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the contractor is bound by the terms of section 503 of the Act and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally handicapped individuals.

(f) The contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$2,500 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 503 of the Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

#### 17. CLEAN AIR AND WATER

(Applicable only if the contract exceeds \$100,000, or the contracting officer has determined that orders under an indefinite quantity contract in any one year will exceed \$100,000, or a facility to be used has been the subject of a conviction under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S. 1857c-8(c)(1)) or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319(c)) and is listed by the EPA, or the contract is not otherwise exempt.)

(a) The Contractor agrees as follows:

(1) To comply with all the requirements of section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857, et seq., as amended by Public Law 91-604) and section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., as amended by Public Law 92-500), respectively, relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports, and information, as well as other requirements specified in section 114 and section 308 of the Air Act and the Water Act, respectively, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder before the award of this contract.

(2) That no portion of the work required by this prime contract will be performed in a facility listed on the Environmental Protection Agency List of Violating Facilities on the date when this contract was awarded unless and until the EPA eliminates the name of such facility or facilities from such listing.

(3) To use his best efforts to comply with clean air standards and clean water standards at the facility in which the contract is being performed.

(4) To insert the substance of the provisions of this clause into any nonexempt subcontract, including this paragraph (a)(4).

(b) The terms used in this clause have the following meanings:

(1) The term "Air Act" means the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857 et seq., as amended by Public Law 91-604).

(2) The term "Water Act" means Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., as amended by Public Law 92-500).

(3) The term "clean air standards" means any enforceable rules, regulations, guidelines, standards, limitations, orders, controls, prohibitions, or other requirements which are contained in, issued under, or otherwise adopted pursuant to the Air Act or Executive Order 11738, an applicable implementation plan as described in section 110(d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857c-5(d)), an approved implementation procedure or plan under section 111(c) or section 111(d), respectively, of the Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857c-6(c) or (d)), or an approved implementation procedure under section 112(d) of the Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857c-7(d)).

(4) The term "clean water standards" means any enforceable limitation; control, condition, prohibition, standard, or other requirement which is promulgated pursuant to the Water Act or contained in a permit issued to a discharger by the Environmental Protection Agency or by a State under an approved program, as authorized by section 402 of the Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342), or by local government to ensure compliance with pretreatment regulations as required by section 307 of the Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1317).

(5) The term "compliance" means compliance with clean air or water standards. Compliance shall also mean compliance with a schedule or plan ordered or approved by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Environmental Protection Agency or an air or water pollution control agency in accordance with the requirements of the Air Act or Water Act and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

(6) The term "facility" means any building, plant, installation, structure, mine, vessel or other floating craft, location, or site of operations, owned, leased, or supervised by a contractor or subcontractor, to be utilized in the performance of a contract or subcontract. Where a location or site of operations contains or includes more than one building, plant, installation, or structure, the entire location or site shall be deemed to be a facility except where the Director, Office of Federal Activities, Environmental Protection Agency, determines that independent facilities are collocated in one geographical area.

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Paragraph 2. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL

(i) Subparagraph (a) is amended by deleting the figure "\$2,500" following the word "exceeds" and substituting therefor the figure, "\$10,000".

(ii) Subparagraph (c), second sentence, is amended by deleting the figure "\$2,500" following the word "exceeding" and substituting therefor the figure, "\$10,000".

Paragraph 9 - DISPUTES - and Paragraph 12 - PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON CONTRACTOR'S CLAIMS - are hereby deleted and the following clause is substituted therefor:

DISPUTES

(Effective June 1, 1980, for contracts exceeding \$10,000)

(a) This Contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-563).

(b) Except as provided in the Act, all disputes arising under or relating to this Contract shall be resolved in accordance with this clause.

(c) (i) As used herein, "claim" means a written demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking, as a legal right, the payment of money, adjustment or interpretation of contract terms, or other relief, arising under or relating to this Contract.

(ii) A voucher, invoice, or request for payment that is not in dispute when submitted is not a claim for the purposes of the Act. However, where such submission is subsequently not acted upon in a reasonable time, or disputed either as to liability or amount, it may be converted to a claim pursuant to the Act.

(iii) A claim by the Contractor shall be made in writing and submitted to the Contracting Officer for decision. A claim by the Government against the Contractor shall be subject to a decision by the Contracting Officer.

(d) For Contractor claims of more than \$50,000, the Contractor shall submit with the claim a certification that the claim is made in good faith; the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief; and the amount requested accurately reflects the Contract adjustment for which the Contractor believes the Government is liable. The certification shall be executed by the Contractor if an individual. When the Contractor is not an individual, the certification shall be executed by a senior company official in charge at the Contractor's plant or location involved, or by an officer of general partner of the Contractor having overall responsibility for the conduct of the Contractor's affairs.

(e) For Contractor claims of \$50,000 or less, the Contracting Officer must render a decision within 60 days. For Contractor claims in excess of \$50,000, the Contracting Officer must decide the claim within 60 days or notify the Contractor of the date when the decision will be made.

(f) The Contracting Officer's decision shall be final unless the Contractor appeals or files a suit as provided in the Act.

(g) The authority of the Contracting Officer under the Act does not extend to claims or disputes which by statute or regulation other agencies are expressly authorized to decide.

(h) Interest on the amount found due on a Contractor claim shall be paid from the date the claim is received by the Contracting Officer until the date of payment.

(i) Except as the parties may otherwise agree, pending final resolution of a claim by the Contractor arising under the Contract, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in accordance with the Contracting Officer's decision.

Paragraph 13 - UTILIZATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES - and Paragraph 14 - UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS - are hereby deleted and the following clause, implementing Section 211 of P. L. 95-507, is substituted therefor.

UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS AND SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS

(a) It is the policy of the United States that small business concerns and small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts let by any Federal agency.

(b) The Contractor hereby agrees to carry out this policy in the awarding of subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this Contract. The Contractor further

agrees to cooperate in any studies or surveys that may be conducted by the Small Business Administration or the contracting agency which may be necessary to determine the extent of the Contractor's compliance with this clause.

(c) (1) As used in this Contract, the term "small business concern" shall mean a small business as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and relevant regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

(c) (2) The term "small business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals" shall mean a small business concern:

(i) which is at least 51 per centum owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 per centum of the stock of which is owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and

(ii) whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more such individuals.

The Contractor shall presume that socially and economically disadvantaged individuals include Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and other minorities, or any other individual found to be disadvantaged by the Small Business Administration pursuant to Section 8 (a) of the Small Business Act.

(d) Contractors acting in good faith may rely on written representations by their subcontractors regarding their status as a small business concern or a small business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

#### Paragraph 15 - UTILIZATION OF LABOR SURPLUS AREA CONCERNS

The contents of paragraph 15 are deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:

(The following clause is applicable if this contract exceeds \$10,000.)

(a) It is the policy of the Government to award contracts to labor surplus area concerns that agree to perform substantially in labor surplus areas, where this can be done consistent with the efficient performance of the contract and at prices no higher than are obtainable elsewhere. The Contractor agrees to use his best efforts to place his subcontracts in accordance with this policy.

(b) In complying with paragraph (a) of this clause and with paragraph (b) of the clause of this contract entitled: "Utilization of Small Business Concerns and Small Business Concerns Owned and Controlled by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals," the Contractor in placing his subcontracts shall

observe the following order of preference: (1) Small business concerns that are labor surplus area concerns, (2) Other small business concerns, and (3) Other labor surplus area concerns.

- (c) (1) The term "labor surplus area" means a geographical area identified by the Department of Labor as an area of concentrated unemployment or underemployment or an area of labor surplus.
- (2) The term "labor surplus area concern" means a concern that together with its first-tier subcontractors will perform substantially in labor surplus area.
- (3) The term "perform substantially in labor surplus areas" means that the costs incurred on account of manufacturing, production, or appropriate services in labor surplus areas exceed 50 percent of the contract price.

#### Paragraph 16 - EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

Subparagraph (f), is amended by deleting the figure "\$2,500" following the words "order of" and substituting therefor the figure, "\$10,000."

#### Paragraph 18 - ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT (31 U.S.C. 665)

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as binding the Government to expend, in any one fiscal year, any sum in excess of the appropriation made by Congress for that fiscal year in furtherance of the subject matter of the Contract or to involve the Government in any contract or other obligation for the future expenditure of money in excess of such appropriation.

#### Paragraph 19 - GRATUITIES (10 U.S.C. 2207)

(This clause is applicable to the extent that utility services are used wholly or in part by installations of the Department of Defense.)

(a) The Government may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Contract if it is found, after notice and hearing, by the Head of the agency or his duly authorized representative, that gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise) were offered or given by the Contractor, or any agent or representative of the Contractor, to any officer or employee of the Government with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to performing, of such contract; provided that the existence of the facts upon which the Head of the agency or his duly authorized representative make such findings shall be in issue and may be reviewed in any competent court.

(b) In the event this Contract is terminated as provided in paragraph (a) hereof, the Government shall be entitled: (i) to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of a breach of this Contract by the Contractor, and (ii) as a penalty in addition to any other damages to which it may be entitled by law, to exemplary damages in an amount (as determined by the Head of the agency or his duly authorized representative) which shall be not less than three nor more than ten times the cost incurred by the Contractor in providing any such gratuities to any such officer or employee.

(c) The rights and remedies of the Government provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### Paragraph 20 - UTILIZATION OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS CONCERNS

(Effective June 1, 1980, for contracts Over \$10,000 by Presidential Executive Order No. 12138)

(a) It is the policy of the United States Government that women-owned businesses shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts awarded by any Federal agency.

(b) The Contractor agrees to use his best efforts to carry out this policy in the award of subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this Contract. As used in this Contract, a "woman-owned business" concern means a business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who also control and operate it. "Control" in this context means exercising the power to make policy decisions. "Operate" in this context means being actively involved in the day-to-day management. "Women" means all women business owners.

#### Paragraph 21 - WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS CONCERNS SUBCONTRACTING PROGRAM

(Effective June 1, 1980, for contracts Over \$500,000 by Presidential Executive Order No. 12138)

(a) The Contractor agrees to establish and conduct a program which will enable women-owned business concerns to be considered fairly as subcontractors and suppliers under this Contract. In this connection, the Contractor shall:

(1) Designate a liaison officer who will administer the Contractor's "Women-Owned Business Concerns Program."

(2) Provide adequate and timely consideration of the potentialities of known women-owned business concerns in all "make-or buy" decisions.

(3) Develop a list of qualified bidders that are women-owned businesses and assure that known women-owned business concerns have an equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts, particularly by making information on forthcoming opportunities available, by arranging solicitations, time for the preparation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules so as to facilitate the participation of women-owned business concerns.

(4) Maintain records showing (i) procedures which have been adopted to comply with the policies set forth in this clause, including the establishment of a source list of women-owned business concerns; (ii) awards to women-owned businesses on the source list by minority and non-minority women-owned business concerns; and (iii) specific efforts to identify and award contracts to women-owned business concerns.

(5) Include the "Utilization of Women-Owned Business Concerns" clause in subcontracts which offer substantial subcontracting opportunities

(6) Cooperate in any studies and surveys of the Contractor's women-owned business concerns procedures and practices that the Contracting Officer may from time-to-time conduct.

(7) Submit periodic reports of subcontracting to women-owned business concerns with respect to the records referred to in the subparagraph (4) above, in such form and manner and at such time (not more often than quarterly) as the Contracting Officer may prescribe.

(b) The Contractor further agrees to insert, in any subcontract hereunder which may exceed \$500,000 or \$1,000,000 in the case of contracts for the construction of any public facility and which offers substantial subcontracting possibilities, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph (b), and to notify the Contracting Officer of the names of such subcontractors.

(c) The Contractor further agrees to require written certification by its subcontractors that they are bona fide women-owned and controlled business concerns in accordance with the definition of a women-owned business concern as set forth in paragraph (b) of the Utilization of Women-Owned Business Concerns clause (Paragraph 20 above) at the time of submission of bids or proposals.

Paragraph 22 - SUBCONTRACTING PLAN FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS AND  
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY  
AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS

(Applicable to contracts exceeding \$500,000 pursuant to Section 211 of Public Law 95-507)

Attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference is a subcontracting plan dated \_\_\_\_\_, negotiated between the Contractor and the Government which is applicable to contracts exceeding \$500,000. The subcontracting plan is available for inspection at the respective offices of the Contractor and the Government at the addresses shown in this Contract.

CERTIFICATION FOR THE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT

The offeror certifies that in developing a proposal in response to the solicitation of this contract, he/she did not utilize the services of any former Veterans Administration employee acting in violation of Title V of the Ethics in Government Act, 18 U.S.C. 207. That law provides that:

(a) A former Veterans Administration employee who, as such an employee, personally and substantially participated in a particular procurement process is prohibited from appearing before the agency on behalf of an offeror responding to a solicitation resulting from that process and from making any contact with the agency on behalf of the offeror with intent of influencing action related to the solicitation;

(b) A former Veterans Administration employee who, during the last year as such an employee, was officially responsible for a particular procurement process, is prohibited, for two years after leaving the Veterans Administration, from appearing before the agency on behalf of an offeror responding to a solicitation resulting from that process and from making any contact with the agency on behalf of the offeror with the intent of influencing action related to the solicitation;

(c) Any former top-level Veterans Administration employee (i.e., executive level employee; employee paid at the rate of GS-17 or above if designated pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 737.25(b); and SES employee if designated pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 737.25(b)) who, as such an employee, personally and substantially participated in a particular procurement process, is prohibited, for a period of two years, from representing, aiding, consulting, or assisting an offeror by presence before the Government at any formal or informal appearance related to that procurement process.



(d) For a period of one year, any former top-level employee of the Veterans Administration (as described in the preceding paragraph) is prohibited from appearing before the Veterans Administration on behalf of any offeror responding to a contract solicitation and is prohibited from making any oral or written communications with the Veterans Administration on behalf of such an offeror, with the intent of influencing action related to the contract.