

CONTRACT FOR

CONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE SERVICES AWARDED PURSUANT TO THE "INFORMAL BIDDING" PROCEDURES OF THE PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE § 22000, ET SEQ. (THE UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT ("CUPCAA") OVER \$45,000 AND UP TO \$200,000

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this _____ day of January, 2019 ("Contract"), by and between **Therma LLC** ("Contractor") and **Morgan Hill Unified School District** ("District"). Contractor and District may be referred to herein individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

1. **Contract Price & Services.** After the District has issued a Notice to Proceed, the Contractor shall furnish to the District for a total price of **One Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$ 188,522.00)** ("Contract Price"), the following repairs, maintenance or construction services ("Services" or "Work"):

Scope of Work: Installation of two (owner furnished) Reznor heating/ventilation units, ductwork, air distribution, thermostat controls, gas piping, electrical and structural support for the new units, etc. as specified in the contract documents, specifications and drawings. The Contractor is responsible to cut the roof openings through the plywood at the existing framed openings. Owner shall deliver the units to the school site, it is the Contractor's responsibility for craning them onto the roof for installation.

2. **Payment.** Payment for the Work shall be made in accordance with the Terms and Conditions attached hereto.
3. **Site.** Contractor shall perform the Work at Live Oak High School ("Premises" or "Site"). The Project is the scope of Work performed at the Site.
4. **Contract Time & Liquidated Damages.** Work shall be completed within 5 weeks from the date specified in the District's Notice to Proceed. ("Contract Time") Contractor agrees that if the Work is not completed within the Contract Time and/or pursuant to the completion schedule, construction schedule, or project milestones developed pursuant to provisions of the Contract, it is understood, acknowledged, and agreed that the District will suffer damage which is not capable of being calculated. Pursuant to Government Code section 53069.85, Contractor shall pay to the District, as fixed and liquidated damages for these incalculable damages, the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,000)** per day for each and every calendar day of delay beyond the Contract Time or beyond any completion schedule, construction schedule, or Project milestones established pursuant to the Contract.
5. **Bonds & Insurance.**
 - a. **Payment Bond & Performance Bond:** Contractor shall not commence the Work until it has provided to the District, a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond and a Performance Bond, in the forms attached hereto, each in an amount equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price issued by a surety admitted to issue bonds in the State of California and otherwise acceptable to the District.

- b. **Insurance:** Contractor shall have and maintain in force during the term of this Contract, with the minimum indicated limits, the following insurance:

Commercial General Liability, with Products and Completed Operations Coverage	\$2,000,000 per occurrence; \$4,000,000 aggregate
Automobile Liability, Any Auto, Combined Single Limit	\$2,000,000 per occurrence; \$4,000,000 aggregate
Workers Compensation	Statutory limits pursuant to State law
Employers' Liability	\$1,000,000
Builder's Risk (Course of Construction)	Issued for the value and scope of work.

Contractor shall provide to the District certificate(s) of insurance and endorsements satisfactory to the District. The policy(ies) shall not be amended or modified and the coverage amounts shall not be reduced without thirty (30) days written notice to the District prior to cancellation. Except for worker's compensation insurance, the District, the Architect, and the Project Manager shall be named as an additional insured on all policies. Contractor's policy(ies) shall be primary; any insurance carried by the District shall only be secondary and supplemental. Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor, employee, or agent to commence Work on this Contract or any subcontract until the insurance required of Contractor, subcontractor, or agent has been obtained.

6. **Project Oversight.** Inspection and acceptance of the Work shall be performed by a Division of the State Architect Inspector of Record and/or the Project Engineer Manager")
7. **Terms & Conditions.** The Contractor agrees to comply with the Terms and Conditions.
8. **Contract Documents.** The Contract Documents include only the following documents, as indicated:

_____ Bid Form and Proposal	_____ Drug-Free Workplace Certification
_____ Bid Bond	_____ Lead-Product(s) Certification
_____ Notice to Proceed	_____ Roofing Contract Financial Interest Certification
_____ Terms and Conditions to Contract	_____ Insurance Certificates and Endorsements
_____ Noncollusion Declaration	_____ Performance Bond
_____ Prevailing Wage Certification	_____ Payment Bond
_____ Workers' Compensation Certification	_____ Exhibit A ("Scope of Work")
_____ Criminal Background Investigation Certification	_____ Plans
_____ Asbestos & Other Hazardous Materials Certification	_____ Work Specifications
_____ Tobacco-Free Certification	_____ [Other]

9. **Notice.** Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given, served, and received if given in writing and either personally delivered or sent by overnight delivery service addressed as follows:

Morgan Hill Unified School District
15600 Concord Circle
Morgan Hill, California 95037
Attn: Anessa Espinosa

Contractor: _____

Attn: _____

Any notice personally given shall be effective upon receipt. Any notice sent by overnight delivery service shall be effective the business day next following delivery thereof to the overnight delivery service.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED on the date indicated below. By signing this Contract, Contractor certifies, under penalty of perjury, that all the information provided in the Contract Documents is true, complete, and correct:

Dated: _____, 20__

Dated: _____, 20__

Morgan Hill Unified School District

Therma LLC

By: _____

By: _____

Print Name: Kirsten Perez

Print Name: _____

Print Title: Asst. Superintendent Business Services

Print Title: _____

Information regarding Contractor:

Type of Business Entity:

- ☐ Individual
☐ Sole Proprietorship
☐ Partnership
☐ Limited Partnership
☐ Corporation
☐ Limited Liability

Company

☐ Other:

Employer Identification and/or Social Security Number
NOTE: United States Code, title 26, sections 6041 and 6109 require non-corporate recipients of \$600 or more to furnish their taxpayer identification number to the payer. The United States Code also provides that a penalty may be imposed for failure to furnish the taxpayer identification number. In order to comply with these rules, the District requires your federal tax identification number or Social Security number, whichever is applicable.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO CONTRACT

1. NOTICE TO PROCEED: District shall provide a Notice to Proceed to Contractor pursuant to the Contract at which time Contractor shall proceed with the Work.

2. SITE EXAMINATION: Contractor has examined the Site and certifies that it accepts all measurements, specifications and conditions affecting the Work to be performed at the Site. By submitting its quote, Contractor warrants that it has made all Site examination(s) that it deems necessary as to the condition of the Site, its accessibility for materials, workers and utilities, and Contractor's ability to protect existing surface and subsurface improvements. No claim for allowance of time or money will be allowed as to any other undiscovered condition on the Site.

3. EQUIPMENT AND LABOR: The Contractor shall furnish all tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, transportation, labor, and material necessary to furnish the Services, the Services to be performed at such times and places as directed by and subject to the approval of the authorized District representative indicated in the Work specifications attached hereto.

4. SUBCONTRACTORS: Contractor shall comply with the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act (Public Contract Code, section 4100 et. seq.) Contractor shall identify by name and location of the place of business of each subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service in or about the construction of the Project in an amount in excess of one-half of 1 percent of the Contractor's contract price or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) whichever is greater. Subcontractors, if any, engaged by the Contractor for any Service or Work under this Contract shall be subject to the approval of the District. Contractor agrees to bind every subcontractor by the terms of the Contract as far as such terms are applicable to subcontractor's work, including, without limitation, all indemnification, insurance, bond, and warranty requirements. If Contractor subcontracts any part of this Contract, Contractor shall be fully responsible to the District for acts and omissions of its subcontractor and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by itself. Nothing contained in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relations between any subcontractor and the District.

5. TERMINATION: If Contractor fails to perform the Services and Contractor's duties to the satisfaction of the District, or if Contractor fails to fulfill in a timely and professional manner Contractor's obligations under this Contract, or if Contractor violates any of the Terms or Provisions of this Contract, the District shall have the

right to terminate this Contract effective immediately upon the District giving written notice thereof to the Contractor. District shall also have the right in its sole discretion to terminate the Contract for its own convenience. Termination shall have no effect upon any of the rights and obligations of the parties arising out of any transaction occurring prior to the effective date of termination. Upon termination, Contractor shall provide the District with all documents produced maintained or collected by Contractor pursuant to this Contract, whether or not such documents are final or draft documents.

6. SAFETY AND SECURITY: Contractor is responsible for maintaining safety in the performance of this Contract. Contractor shall be responsible for complying with the District's the rules and regulations pertaining to safety, security, and driving on school grounds, particularly when children are present.

7. CHANGE IN SCOPE OF WORK: Any change in the scope of the Work, method of performance, nature of materials or price thereof, or any other matter materially affecting the performance or nature of the Work shall not be paid for or accepted by District unless such change, addition, or deletion is approved in advance and in writing by a valid change order executed by the District. Contractor specifically understands, acknowledges, and agrees that the District shall have the right to request any alterations, deviations, reductions, or additions to the Project or Work, and the cost thereof shall be added to or deducted from the amount of the Contract Price by fair and reasonable valuations. Contractor also agrees to provide the District with all information requested to substantiate the cost of any change order and to inform the District whether the Work will be done by the Contractor or a subcontractor. In addition to any other information requested, Contractor shall submit, prior to approval of any change order, its request for a time extension (if any), as well as all information necessary to substantiate Contractor's belief that such change will delay the completion of the Work. If Contractor fails to submit its request for a time extension or the necessary supporting information, it shall be deemed to have waived its right to request such extension.

8. TRENCH SHORING: If this Contract is in excess of \$25,000 and is for the excavation of any trench deeper than five (5) feet, Contractor must submit and obtain District's approval and acceptance, in advance of excavation, of a detailed plan showing the design of shoring, bracing, sloping, or other provisions to be made

for worker protection from the hazard of caving ground during the excavation of such trench or trenches. If the plan varies from the shoring system standards, the plan shall be prepared by a registered civil or structural engineer.

9. EXCAVATIONS OVER FOUR FEET: If this Contract includes excavations over four (4) feet, Contractor shall promptly, and before the following conditions are disturbed, notify the District, in writing, of any: (1) Material that the Contractor believes may be material that is hazardous waste, as defined in Section 25117 of the Health and Safety Code, that is required to be removed to a Class I, Class II, or Class III disposal site in accordance with provisions of existing law; (2) Subsurface or latent physical conditions at the Site differing from those indicated; or (3) Unknown physical conditions at the Site of any unusual nature, different materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the Contract. The District shall promptly investigate the conditions, and if it finds that the conditions do materially so differ, or do involve hazardous waste, and cause a decrease or increase in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the Work shall issue a change order under the procedures described in the Contract. In the event that a dispute arises between the District and the Contractor regarding whether the conditions materially differ, or involve hazardous waste, or cause a decrease or increase in the Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the work, the Contractor shall not be excused from any scheduled completion date provided for by the Contract, but shall proceed with all Work. Contractor shall retain any and all rights provided either by Contract or by law which pertain to the resolution of disputes and protests between the contracting parties.

10. LEAD-BASED PAINT: Pursuant to the Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act (Education Code Section 32240 et seq.) and other applicable law, no lead-based paint, lead plumbing and solders, or other potential sources of lead contamination shall be utilized on this Project, and only trained and state-certified contractors, inspectors and workers shall undertake any action to abate existing risk factors for lead. Contractor must execute the Lead-Based Paint Certification, if applicable.

11. WORKERS: Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees and the employees of its subcontractors and shall not employ or work any unfit person or anyone not skilled in work assigned to him or her. Any person in the employ of the Contractor or a subcontractor whom the

District may deem incompetent or unfit shall be dismissed from the Site and shall not again be employed at Site without written consent from the District.

12. DRUG-FREE / TOBACCO FREE / SMOKE FREE POLICY: No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and/or smoking are allowed at any time in any buildings and/or grounds on District property. No students, staff, visitors, consultants or contractors are to use drugs on these sites.

13. FINGERPRINTING: Contractor shall comply at all times with the provisions of Education Code section 45125.2 regarding the submission of employee fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and the completion of criminal background investigations of its employees, its subcontractor(s), and its subcontractors' employees. Verification of compliance with this section shall be provided in writing to the District prior to each individual's commencement of employment or performing any portion of the Services and prior to permitting contact with any student.

14. CORRECTION OF ERRORS: Contractor shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from the District, any work necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by the Contractor's failure to comply with the standard of care required herein.

15. FAILURE TO PERFORM. If the District at any time believes that the Contractor is behind schedule, is failing to construct the Project pursuant to the Contract Documents or is otherwise failing to perform any provisions of this Contract, the District, after FORTY-EIGHT (48) hours written notice to the Contractor, may take any action necessary or beneficial to the District to complete the Project, takeover the Work of the Contract, terminate or suspend the Contract as indicated herein, or any combination or portion of those actions. The Contractor shall be liable to the District for any cost incurred by the District in those actions and the District has the right to deduct the cost thereof from any payment then or thereafter due the Contractor.

16. SUBSTITUTIONS: No substitutions of material from those specified in the Work Specifications shall be made without the prior written approval of the District.

17. CONTRACTOR SUPERVISION: Contractor shall provide competent supervision of personnel employed on the job Site, use of equipment, and quality of workmanship,

18. CLEAN UP: Debris shall be removed from the Premises. The Site shall be in order at all times when work is not actually being performed and shall be maintained in a reasonably clean condition.

19. ACCESS TO WORK: District representatives shall at all time have access to the Work wherever it is in

preparation or in progress. Contractor shall provide safe and proper facilities for such access.

20. PROTECTION OF WORK AND

PROPERTY: Contractor shall erect and properly maintain at all times, as required by conditions and progress of the Work, all necessary safeguards, signs, barriers, lights, and security persons for protection of workers and the public, and shall post danger signs warning against hazards created by the Work. In an emergency affecting life and safety of life or of Work or of adjoining property, Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from District, is permitted to act at his discretion to prevent such threatened loss or injury.

21. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT: Contractor shall not assign or transfer in any way any or all of its rights, burdens, duties, or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of the District.

22. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: Time is of the essence in the performance of and compliance with each of the provisions and conditions of this Contract.

23. OCCUPANCY: District reserves the right to occupy buildings at any time before formal Contract completion and such occupancy shall not constitute final acceptance or approval of any part of the Work covered by this Contract, nor shall such occupancy extend the date specified for completion of the Work.

24. FORCE MAJEURE CLAUSE: Contractor shall be excused from performance hereunder during the time and to the extent that it is prevented from obtaining delivery, or performing by act of God, fire, strike, loss, or shortage of transportation facilities, lock-out, commandeering of materials, product, plant, or facilities by the government, when satisfactory evidence thereof is presented to the District, provided that it is satisfactorily established that the non-performance is not due to the fault or neglect of Contractor.

25. INDEMNIFICATION / HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE: To the furthest extent permitted by California law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold free and harmless the District, its agents, representatives, officers, Contractors, employees, trustees, and volunteers ("the indemnified parties") from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury of any kind, in law or equity, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages, arising out of, pertaining to or relating to, in whole or in part, the negligence, recklessness, errors or omissions, or willful misconduct of Contractor, its officials, officers, employees, subcontractors, Contractors, or agents directly or indirectly arising out of, connected with, or resulting from the performance of

the Services or from any activity, work, or thing done, permitted, or suffered by the Contractor in conjunction with this Contract, unless the claims are caused wholly by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnified parties. The District shall have the right to accept or reject any legal representation that Contractor proposes to defend the indemnified parties.

26. PAYMENT: On a monthly basis, Contractor shall submit an application for payment based upon the estimated value for materials delivered or services performed under the Contract as of the date of submission ("Application for Payment"). Within thirty (30) days after District's approval of the Application for Payment, Contractor shall be paid a sum equal to ninety-five percent (95%) of the value of the Work performed (as verified by Architect and Inspector and certified by Contractor) up to the last day of the previous month, less the aggregate of previous payments and amount to be withheld. The District may deduct from any payment an amount necessary to protect the District from loss because of: (1) liquidated damages which have accrued as of the date of the application for payment; (2) any sums expended by the District in performing any of Contractor's obligations under the Contract which Contractor has failed to perform or has performed inadequately; (3) defective Work not remedied; (4) stop notices as allowed by state law; (5) reasonable doubt that the Work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the Total Contract price or by the scheduled completion date; (6) unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work by Contractor; (7) unauthorized deviations from the Contract; (8) failure of the Contractor to maintain or submit on a timely basis proper and sufficient documentation as required by the Contract or by District during the prosecution of the Work; (9) erroneous or false estimates by the Contractor of the value of the Work performed; (10) any sums representing expenses, losses, or damages, as determined by the District, incurred by the District for which Contractor is liable under the Contract; and (11) any other sums which the District is entitled to recover from Contractor under the terms of the Contract or pursuant to state law, including section 1727 of the California Labor Code. The failure by the District to deduct any of these sums from a progress payment shall not constitute a waiver of the District's right to such sums. The District shall retain five percent (5%) from all amounts owing as retention. Retention shall be paid pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 7107 and 7200.

27. PERMITS AND LICENSES: Contractor and all of its employees, agents, and subcontractors shall secure and maintain in force, at Contractor's sole cost and expense, all licenses and permits as are required by law,

in connection with the furnishing of materials, supplies, or Services herein listed.

28. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS:

While engaged in carrying out the Services of this Contract, the Contractor is an independent contractor, and not an officer, employee, agent, partner, or joint venture of the District. Contractor shall be solely responsible for its own Worker's Compensation insurance, taxes, and other similar charges or obligations. Contractor shall be liable for its own actions, including its negligence or gross negligence, and shall be liable for the acts, omissions, or errors of its agents or employees.

29. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION: It is the policy of the District that in connection with all work performed under contracts there be no discrimination against any employee engaged in the work because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, or religious creed, and therefore the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal and California laws including, but not limited to the California Fair Employment Practice Act beginning with Government Code Section 12900 and Labor Code Section 1735. In addition, the Contractor agrees to require like compliance by all its subcontractor(s).

30. DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS

ENTERPRISES: Section 17076.11 of the Education Code requires school districts using funds allocated pursuant to the State of California School Facility Program for the construction or modernization of a school building (SFP Funds) to have a participation of at least three percent (3%), per year, of the overall dollar amount expended each year by the school district, for disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBE). If this Contract uses School Facilities Program Funds, Contractor must submit, with its executed Contract, appropriate documentation to the District identifying the steps Contractor has taken to solicit DVBE participation in conjunction with this Contract.

31. WARRANTY/QUALITY: Unless a longer warranty is called for elsewhere in the Contract, Contractor, manufacturer, or their assigned agents shall guarantee the workmanship, product or Services performed against defective workmanship, defects or failures of materials for a minimum period of one (1) year from District's written approval of the Work. All workmanship and merchandise must be warranted to be in compliance with applicable California energy, conservation, environmental, and educational standards.

32. CONFIDENTIALITY: Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all information, documents, programs, procedures, and all other items that Contractor encounters while performing the Contractor's Services to the extent allowed by law. This

requirement shall be ongoing and shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract and specifically includes all student, parent, and disciplinary information.

33. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinance, rules and regulations bearing on conduct of the Work as indicated or specified. If Contractor observes that any of the Work required by this Contract is at variance with any such laws, ordinance, rules or regulations, Contractor shall notify the District, in writing, and, at the sole option of the District, any necessary changes to the scope of the Work shall be made and this Contract shall be appropriately amended in writing, or this Contract shall be terminated effective upon Contractor's receipt of a written termination notice from the District. If Contractor performs any work that is in violation of any laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, without first notifying the District of the violation, Contractor shall bear all costs arising therefrom.

34. DISPUTES/CLAIMS: Public Contract Code § 9204. Claims between the District and the Contractor shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures established in Public Contract Code § 9204.

- Claim. The term "Claim" means a written demand by the Contractor sent by registered mail or certified mail with return receipt requested for:

- (1) An extension of the Contract Time, including relief from damages or penalties assessed by the District for delay;
- (2) Payment of money or damages arising from work done by, or on behalf of, the Contractor pursuant to the Contract and payment that is not otherwise expressly provided for in the Contract Documents or to which the Contractor is not otherwise entitled; or
- (3) Payment of an amount that is disputed by the District.

- Submission of Claim. A Claim arises upon the District's rejection of a request by the Contractor for a Change Order. The Contractor shall submit the Claim by registered mail or certified mail with return receipt requested to the District's Director of construction and Modernization, with a copy to the Project Manager/Construction Manager. The Contractor shall submit its Claim in writing, together with all Supporting Documentation no later than the earlier of either: (1) thirty (30) days after the date the Claim arises; or (2) sixty (60) days after the date of Completion. It is the intent of the District to evaluate and resolve Claims with the Contractor as close to the events giving rise to such Claims as possible and to

avoid stale or late Claims, including late notice and documenting of Claims, and to timely mitigate the issue, event, condition, circumstance and/or cause of the Claim and any adverse impacts or damages related thereto. Should the Contractor fail to submit a Claim by the deadline set forth in this Article, Contractor waives and releases such Claim, including all rights and remedies in connection therewith.

▪ Contents of Claim. A Claim must include all Supporting Documentation and a statement identifying it as a Claim signed by an authorized agent or officer of the Contractor under penalty of perjury and including the following language immediately above or before the Contractor's signature: "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided and statements made in this Claim are true and correct, substantiated and of merit." The Contractor recognizes and acknowledges that this requirement is not a mere formality but is intended to ensure that the Contractor only submits Claims that it believes are true and correct, substantiated and have merit. Should Contractor fail to submit the foregoing written statement signed under penalty of perjury, Contractor waives and releases its Claim, including all rights and remedies in connection thereto.

▪ Subcontractor Claims. Pursuant to Public Contract Code § 9204(d)(5), a Subcontractor may request in writing, either on its own behalf or on behalf of a lower tier Subcontractor, that the Contractor submit to the District a claim for work which was performed by the Subcontractor or by a lower tier Subcontractor on behalf of the Subcontractor. The Subcontractor requesting that the claim be submitted to the District shall furnish reasonable documentation to support the claim. Regardless of whether or not the Contractor decides to submit the Subcontractor's claim to the District, Contractor shall provide a copy of the Subcontractor's written request, including all supporting documentation, to the Project Manager/Construction Manager within ten (10) days of Contractor's receipt of the request. In the event the Contractor agrees to submit a Subcontractor's claim to the District, the Contractor shall submit such claim as a request for a Change Order, unless such claim was previously submitted to the District as a request for a Change Order. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the Subcontractor's written request, the Contractor shall notify the Subcontractor in writing as to whether the Contractor submitted the claim to the District and, if the Contractor did not

submit the claim, the Contractor shall provide the Subcontractor with a written statement of the reasons for not having done so and shall concurrently provide a copy of such written statement to the Project Manager/Construction Manager. In the event the Contractor includes supporting documentation with such written statement, the Contractor shall concurrently provide a copy of such supporting documentation to the Project Manager/Construction Manager. If the Contractor submits a Claim on behalf of a Subcontractor, the Claim shall include a statement in writing and signed by an authorized agent or officer of the Contractor under penalty of perjury that includes the following language immediately above or before the Contractor's signature: "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that [insert name of Contractor] has thoroughly evaluated the claim of [insert name of Subcontractor] and determined that the information provided and statements made in the claim are true and correct, substantiated and of merit."

▪ District Review of Claim. Upon receipt of a Claim, the District shall review the Claim and, within a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days, shall provide Contractor a written statement identifying what portion of the Claim is disputed and what portion is undisputed. Upon receipt of a Claim, the District and the Contractor may, by mutual written agreement, extend the forty-five (45) day time period. The District shall process and make payment of any undisputed portion of a Claim within sixty (60) days after the District issues its written statement. Failure by the District to provide a written statement in response to a Claim from the Contractor within the forty-five (45) day time period, or within an agreed upon extended time period, shall result in the Claim being deemed rejected in its entirety. A Claim that is rejected by reason of the District's failure to respond, or failure to timely respond, to the Claim shall not constitute an adverse finding regarding the merits of the Claim or the claimant's responsibility or qualifications.

▪ Meet and Confer Meeting. If the Contractor disputes the District's written response, or if the District fails to respond within the time frame prescribed above, the Contractor, within fifteen (15) days of the District's written response or, if the District fails to respond, within fifteen (15) days after the District's response was due, may demand, in a writing sent to the District's Superintendent by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt

requested, with a copy to the District's Director of Construction and Modernization, and Project Manager/Construction Manager, an informal conference to meet and confer for settlement of the issues in dispute. The District shall schedule a meet and confer conference within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the Contractor's written demand.

▪ **Mediation.** Within ten (10) business days following the conclusion of the meet and confer conference, if the Claim or any portion of the Claim remains in dispute, the District shall provide the Contractor a written statement identifying the portion of the Claim that remains in dispute and the portion that is undisputed. Any payment due on an undisputed portion of the Claim shall be processed and made within sixty (60) days after the District issues its written statement. Any disputed portion of the Claim, as identified by the Contractor in writing, shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation. The expenses and fees of the mediator and the administrative fees shall be divided among the parties equally. Each party shall pay its own legal fees, witness fees, and other expenses. The District and the Contractor shall mutually agree to a mediator within ten (10) business days after the disputed portion of the Claim has been identified in writing. If the parties cannot agree upon a mediator, each party shall select a mediator and those mediators shall select a qualified neutral third party to mediate with regard to the disputed portion of the Claim. Each party shall bear the fees and costs charged by its respective mediator in connection with the selection of the neutral mediator. The foregoing notwithstanding, pursuant to Public Contract Code § 9204(f), the parties may mutually agree in writing to waive mediation.

▪ Pending resolution of the dispute, Contractor agrees it will neither rescind the Contract nor stop the progress of the Work, but will allow determination by the court of the State of California, in the county in which the District's administration office is located, having competent jurisdiction of the dispute.

▪ Nothing in this Article shall prevent the Parties from resolving any disputes or claims pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20104, et seq., if applicable.

▪ Nothing in this Contract, waives, modifies or tolls the Contractor's obligation to present a timely claim under Government Code § 910, et seq. Therefore, in addition to complying with the contractual Claims procedures, the Contractor is required to present claims to the District pursuant to Government Code §

910, et seq.

35. LABOR CODE REQUIREMENTS: Provided that the Contract Price is more than \$1,000, and the Work is a "public works" under the Labor Code, the parties agree as follows:

▪ The Work is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

▪ District hereby provides notice of the requirements described in Labor Code § 1771.1(a) that a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code § 1725.5.

▪ Contractor acknowledges that all or a portion of the Services under this Contract are a public work, and that it and its subcontractors have complied with Labor Code § 1725.5, including, without limitation, the registration requirements thereof.

▪ Contractor shall post all required job site notices and shall comply with all applicable requirements prescribed thereby, including but not limited to Labor Code § 1771.4.

▪ Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Labor Code, Division 3, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5, including, without limitation, the payment of the general prevailing per diem wage rates for public work projects of more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

▪ Copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file with the District.

▪ Contractor and each subcontractor shall comply with Chapter 1 of Division 2, Part 7 of the Labor Code, beginning with § 1720, and including §§ 1735, 1777.5 and 1777.6, forbidding discrimination, and §§ 1776, 1777.5 and 1777.6 concerning the employment of apprentices by Contractor or subcontractors. Willful failure to comply may result in penalties, including loss of the right to bid on or receive public works contracts. Contractor shall comply with Labor Code § 1777.5 pertaining to prevailing wage compensation to apprentices for preemployment activities.

36. PAYROLL RECORDS: Contractor and its subcontractor(s) shall keep accurate certified payroll records of employees and make them available to the District immediately upon request.

37. AUDIT: Contractor shall establish and maintain books, records, and systems of account, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, reflecting

all business operations of Contractor transacted under this Contract. Contractor shall retain these books, records, and systems of account during the Term of this Contract. Contractor shall permit the District, its agent, other representatives, or an independent auditor to audit, examine, and make excerpts, copies, and transcripts from all books and records, and to make audit(s) of all billing statements, invoices, records, and other data related to the Services covered by this Contract. Audit(s) may be performed at any time, provided that the District shall give reasonable prior notice to Contractor and shall conduct audit(s) during Contractor's normal business hours, unless Contractor otherwise consents.

38. ANTI-TRUST CLAIM: Contractor and its subcontractor(s) agree to assign to the District all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action they may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 16700) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the Contract or a subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the District tenders final payment to the Contractor, without further acknowledgment by the Parties.

39. GOVERNING LAW: This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California with venue of any action in the county in which the District's administration office is located.

40. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW

DEEMED INSERTED: Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this Contract shall be deemed to be inserted herein and this Contract shall be read and enforced as though it were included therein.

41. BINDING CONTRACT: This Contract shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and upon their successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their successors and assigns.

42. DISTRICT WAIVER: District's waiver of any term, condition, covenant or waiver of a breach of any term, condition or covenant shall not constitute the waiver of any other term, condition or covenant or the waiver of a breach of any other term, condition or covenant.

43. INVALID TERM: If any provision of this Contract is declared or determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the legality, validity or enforceability of the remaining parts, terms and provisions shall not be affected thereby, and said illegal, unenforceable or invalid part, term or provision will be deemed not to be a part of this Contract.

44. ENTIRE CONTRACT: This Contract sets forth the entire Contract between the Parties hereto and fully supersedes any and all prior agreements, understanding, written or oral, between the Parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter thereof. This Contract may be modified only by a writing evidencing the Parties' mutual consent.