

CONTRACT FOR WATER AND WASTE WATER IMPROVEMENTS, REMEDIATION
OF SEPTIC TANKS, CESSPOOLS, PIT-PRIVYS, AND OPEN PITS
FOR TCDP#713015 HOUSE-TO-LINE CONNECTION PROJECT FOR COLONIA PUEBLO
NUEVO

This agreement is between the Owner Purchaser,

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And the Contractor

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Is made as of the 29th day of October, 2014 for the following project:

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SCHEDULE

GENERAL: The County of Webb annual contract for water and waste water improvements to include the remediation of septic tanks, cesspools, pit-privies, and open pits for the Webb County Colonia House to Line Connection Program(s).

- 1 The contractor is responsible in familiarizing themselves with the area, all conditions, inspections all residential sites for construction of the water and waste water lines and must comply with all City of Laredo Plumbing Code requirements and National Plumbing Codes. The water and waste water lines must be installed from the dwelling to the water and waste water connection on the street. The water line must be a 1/4 inch, schedule (40) forty PVC line. The waste water line must be a four (4) inch schedule 40 PVC line with a clean out at the dwelling, one at the main line, one at the tap, one every 50-feet and one at every 45° or 90° turn, .

SUMMARY OF WORK:

The work of this contract comprises the installation of water and waste water yard service lines for the communities commonly referred to as Colonia Pueblo Nuevo. Yard service lines will be installed from the edge of property or the water meter for water lines and the main waste water collection line for sanitary sewer to connect with the designated buildings as shown on the drawings. The service laterals from the water main and sanitary sewer inside the street right-of-way to the property line have been installed by others. The work in the contract only covers work inside the lot.

This contract is for the amount of \$ 16,560.00 (Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty dollars and no Cents) shall commence on October 1, 2014 and terminate on February 1, 2015. The total linear footage of yard service lines to be installed in the communities is for an approximation of 14 homes.

Four (4) Inch Sanitary Service Yard Lines, Sch. 40 PVC line

Three quarter(!.) Inch Water Service Yard Lines Sch. 40 PVC line

Four inch "clean out" at both ends of waste water line. All four inch waste water lines and connections must be of schedule 40 PVC or better.

The CONTRACTOR shall find a single capped sanitary sewer lateral and a bank of meters (one per building to be served) at the edge of property/street right-of-way line.

All property owners impacted by the work done under this contract to include the installation of water and waste water laterals, the remediation of septic tanks, cesspools, pit privies, open pits and all work required to accomplish these tasks, shall be notified via letter from Webb County prior to commencement of construction activities.

All work done under this contract shall conform to all local ordinances and plumbing code requirements. CONTRACTOR shall arrange and pay all cost of permits not already obtained by the OWNER and inspection fees, and shall confine his operation to the limits set by law.

Portions of this project may be subject to review and acceptance by various agencies. The CONTRACTOR will be required to coordinate with these agencies for such items as issuance of permits or work orders, inspection during construction, and final acceptances. The agencies for this project that may require coordination include but are not limited to the following:

City of Laredo

Webb County (Economic Development, Planning, Engineering Departments)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) :

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

CONTRACTOR will not be allowed to enter private property without a signed "Right of Entry" Standard Form. "Right of Entry" forms will be provided by Webb County. The CONTRACTOR is responsible for procuring property owner's consent/signature for each eligible lot to be served. CONTRACTOR will not be allowed to commence work until all "Right of Entry" forms are signed and forwarded to the County(Economic Development Department).

Upon completion of the project Contractor must maintain and provide the County with final record drawing(s) engineering schematic(s) as constructed using funds under this contract. These maps shall be provided in digital format containing the source map data (original vector data) and graphic data in files on machine readable media, such as compact disc (CD), which are compatible with computer systems owned or readily available to the County. The digital copy provided shall not include a digital representation of the engineer's seal but the accompanying documentation from the engineer shall include a signed statement of when the map was authorized and that the digital map is a true representation of the original sealed document, and that a printed version with the seal has been provide to the County.

Temporary Signage must be erected by the contractor in a prominent location(s) at the construction project site(s) as directed by the County.

Project Sign Wording:

"This project is funded by the Office of Rural Affairs of the Texas Department of Agriculture, to strengthen and enhance the quality of life in smaller and rural communities with funds allocated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant Program"

**EXISTING
CONDITIONS**

Locate and protect all existing utilities impacted by this project. Those affected by this project may include:

Gas Company: Proviron, Duke Energy, Center Point
SBC
Communications
American Electric Power and Light (AEP TX Central Co)
Medina Electric
Valley Telephone
Service
Alenco Telephone
service

COORDINATIONS OF A NO FUNDING DWELLING

CONTRACTOR USE OF PREMISES

CONTRACTOR shall limit his use of the premises.

Assume full responsibility for the protection and safekeeping of products under this Contract, stored on the site.

Obtain and pay for the use of additional storage or work areas needed for operation.

**PRICIN
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Unit price includes materials, labor and equipment, i.e. in place of cost.

1. Price per liner foot to install a three quarter (3/4) inch water line as identified in this contract per liner foot **\$13.00 x(30 avg.) x 3 homes (approx.)** **\$1,170.00**

2. Price per liner foot to install a four (4) inch (schedule 40) wastewater line as identified in this contract: **\$ 25.00x (30avg.) x 3 homes (approx.)** per liner foot. Based on topography the trench depth can be between 3-12 feet in depth. **\$2,250.00**

3. Cost per cleanout (one at the dwelling, one at the tap, one every 50-feet and one at every 45" or 90" turn) Per clean out **\$100.00x (8avg.) x 3 homes (approx.)** **\$2,400.00**

4. Price to remove and remediate septic tank (1,000 gallon tank) **\$1,500.00** (Amount over 1,000 will be prorated) **\$1,500.00**

5. Cost per gallon of effluent removed & disposed (per gallon\$ **\$.30** x (900 gal. avg.) **x 3 homes (approx.)** **\$810.00**

6. Price to remove and remediate cesspool **\$750.00**

7. Price to remove and remediate pit privy **\$750.00**
8. Price per cubic yard to fill a remediated and open pit
\$16.00 per cubic yard (10 yd avg.) **x 3 (approx.) \$480.00**
9. Lowering of Sewer Tap **\$650.00**
(8-10 ft avge. Depth) (other depth will be prorated)
10. Installing new tap [prior approval required by City of Laredo]
 - Water: **\$1,500.00**
 - Sewer: **\$2,800.00**
11. Installation of "T" Connection for a Second Water Service Connection **\$350.00x 3 Homes(approx.)\$1,050.00**
12. Installation of "Y" Connection for a Second Sewer Service Connection **\$150.00x 3 Homes (approx.) \$450.00**

Other Requirements:

Master Plumbers License: all required to will be under the direction of a Master Plumber.

Indemnity/Hold Harmless Clause:

Hold Harmless Clause-the Contractor shall defend, indemnify and, save harmless Webb County and all its County officials, committee member, and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property, on account of any negligent act or fault of the contractor, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under any contract, which may result from award. The contractor indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless Webb County from liability, claim, or demand arise from event or casualty happenings or within the occupied premises themselves or happening upon or in any or the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to the facilities within which the occupied promises are located. The contractor shall pay any judgment with costs, which may be obtained against Webb County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to Webb County by counsel reasonably acceptable to Webb County. The contractor's indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods or services provided by the contractor.

Payment and Performance Bonds:

The contractor will be required to provide the county a hundred percent (100%) payment and performance bond for the total amount of the project cost. Bonds must be submitted and in-place before construction commences. The bonds must be from a surety company that duly authorized and licensed to operate in the State of Texas.

Insurance Requirements:

The contractor must provide the proper amount of insurance coverage from an insurance company

has A.M. Best rating and is licensed to do business by the State of Texas. The insurance must include coverage for the liability assumed by the successful bidder to include the following:

- I. Worker Compensation and Employer's Liability
 - a. Coverage/Limit
 - b. Worker Compensation: Statutory Rule 28, TAC II 0.110 c.
Employer's Liability:
 - Bodily injury by accident, each accident \$300,000.00
 - Bodily injury by disease, each employee \$300,000.00
 - Bodily injury by disease, policy limit \$300,000.00

The insurer will agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County its officials, employees, and volunteers for losses arising from activities under this contract. This also applies to alternate employer endorsement under the "borrowed servant doctrine. This applies for special employees or temporary employees contracted by the successful bidder to perform special or temporary duties during the performance and the completion of this contract.

- 1. Commercial General Liability
 - A. Coverage/limits
 - 1. Bodily injury and property damage, each occurrence \$100,000.00
 - 2. Personal and advertising injury, each occurrence \$] 00,000.00
 - 3. Sexual misconduct coverage, each occurrence \$100,000.00
 - 4. Products/Completed operations (aggregate) (coverage applies for an extended five year term) \$ 50,000.00
 - 5. General aggregate \$100,000.00
 - 6. Leased or rented premises \$200,000.00
 - 7. Medical expenses any one person \$ 20,000.00
- 2. Commercial Auto Liability
 - A. Coverage/limits
 - 1. Combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. \$300,000.00
 - 2. Covers owned, non-owned and hired vehicles
 - 3. County included as an insured
 - 4. Liability coverage applies to any auto
 - 5. Coverage to on a standard ISO version business auto policy
 - 6. Umbrella/excess Liability each occurrence and aggregate \$3,000,000.00

Policy shall provide coverage over the Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies.

3. Professional Liability:

Coverage /Limit

I. Per occurrence limit

\$300,000.00

2. Aggregate limit

\$300,000.00 per project

Aggregate limit to apply on a per project cost basis:

If coverage is written on a claims-made form, policy must provide for an extended reporting period of five (5) years after date of contract termination.

Property Insurance/Builders Risk:

Coverage/limit-Project Cost

The amount of coverage shall be for the full insurable value of the work that is the subject of the contract. Policy must be written in the name of Webb County, contractor, and

subcontractors as their interest may appear. The insurance policy must be written on all risk basis for physical loss or damage and shall include theft, vandalism, and malicious mischief. The deductible by occurrence not exceed \$1,000.00.

All deductibles are the responsibility of the contractor. Policy shall include endorsement permitting owner occupancy and the insurance shall not be cancelled or altered as a result of partial occupancy prior to completion. The insurance policy must include a clause waiving subrogation as to the contractor, subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, the County of Webb, and its employees, consultants, agents, and representatives. Policy to cover materials stored off site and on site and portions of materials in transit provided the carries liability has not been waived

I. **Contract and Contract Documents**

- (a) The project to be constructed pursuant to this contract will be financed with assistance from the TCDP #713015 house-to-line connection project and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.
- (b) The Plans, Specifications and Addenda, hereinafter enumerated in Paragraph I of the Supplemental General Conditions shall form part of this contract and the provisions thereof shall be as binding upon the parties hereto as if they were herein fully set forth.

2. **Definitions**

Whenever used in any of the contract Documents, the following meanings shall be given to the terms here in defined: (a) The term "Contract" means the Contract executed between the County of Webb, hereinafter called the Locality and Chavarria's Plumbing Inc., hereinafter called Contractor, of which these GENERAL CONDITIONS, form a part.

- (b) The term "Project Area" means the area within which are the specified Contract limits of the Improvements contemplated to be constructed in whole or in part under this contract.
- (c) The term "Engineer" means Webb County or City of Laredo Engineer in charge, serving the Locality with architectural or engineering services, his successor, or any other person or persons, employed by the Locality for the purpose of directing or having in charge the work embraced in this Contract.
- (d) The term "Contract Documents" means and shall include the following: Executed Contract, Addenda (if any), Invitation for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Signed Copy of Bid, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, and Drawings (as listed in the Schedule of Drawings).

3. **Supervision By Contractor**

- (a) Except where the Contractor is an individual and gives his personal supervision to the work, the Contractor shall provide a competent superintendent, satisfactory to the Local Public Agency and the Engineer, on the work at all times during working hours with full authority to act for him. The Contractor shall also provide an adequate staff for the proper coordination and expediting of his work.
- (b) The Contractor shall lay out his own work and he shall be responsible for all work executed by him under the Contract. He shall verify all figures and elevations before proceeding with the work and will be held

responsible for any error resulting from his failure to do so.

4. **Subcontracts**

- (a) The Contractor shall not execute an agreement with any subcontractor or permit any subcontractor to perform any work included in this contract until he has verified the subcontractor as eligible to participate in federally funded contracts.
- (b) No proposed subcontractor shall be disapproved by the city/county except for cause.
- (c) The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the City of Laredo/County of Webb for the acts and omissions of his subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them.
- (d) The Contractor shall cause appropriate provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts relative to the work and required compliance by each subcontractor with the applicable provisions of the Contract.
- (e) Nothing contained in the Contract shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractor and the Locality.

5. **Fitting and Coordination of Work**

The Contractor shall be responsible for the proper fitting of all work and for the coordination of the operations of all trades, subcontractors, or material suppliers engaged upon this Contract.

6. **Payments to Contractor**

It is hereby requested by the Webb County Commissioner's Court that all vendors submit requests for payment within 45 days after the providing of goods and/or services to the County. This practice will allow your payment request to be processed efficiently and will expedite payment to you.

(a) **Partial Payments**

- 1) The Contractor shall prepare his requisition for partial payment as of the last day of the month and submit it, with the required number of copies, to the Engineer for his approval. The amount of the payment due the Contractor shall be determined by adding to the total value of work completed to date, the value of materials properly stored on the site and deducting (1) ten percent (10%) of the total amount to be retained until final payment and (2) the amount of all previous payments. The total value of work completed to date shall be based on the estimated quantities of work completed and on the unit prices contained in the agreement. The value of materials properly stored on the site shall be based upon the estimated quantities of such materials and the invoice prices. Copies of all invoices shall be available for inspection of the Engineer.
- 2) Monthly or partial payments made by the Locality to the Contractor are moneys advanced for the purpose of assisting the contractor to expedite the work of construction. The Contractor shall be responsible for the care and protection of all materials and work upon which payments have been made until final acceptance of such work and materials by the Locality. Such payments shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Locality to require the fulfillment of all terms of the Contract and the delivery of all improvements embraced in this Contract complete and satisfactory to the Locality in all details.

(b) **Final Payment**

- 1) After final inspection and acceptance by the County of Webb of all work under the Contract, the Contractor shall prepare his requisition for final payment which shall be based upon the careful inspection of each item of work at the applicable unit prices stipulated in the Agreement. The total amount of the final payment due the Contractor under this contract shall be the amount computed as described above less all previous payments.
- 2) The Locality before paying the final estimate, shall require the Contractor to furnish releases or receipts from all subcontractors having performed any work and all persons having supplied materials, equipment (installed on the Project) and services to the Contractor, if the Locality deems it necessary in order to protect its interest. The Locality may, if it deems such action advisable, make payment in part or in full to the Contractor without requiring the furnishing of such releases or receipts and any payments made shall in no way impair the obligations of any surety or sureties furnished under this Contract.
- 3) Any amount due the Locality under Liquidated Damages, shall be deducted from the final payment due the contractor.

(c) **Payments Subject to Submission of Certificates**

Each payment to the Contractor by the Locality shall be made subject to submission by the Contractor of all written certification required of him and his subcontractors.

(d) **Withholding Payments**

The locality may withhold from any payment due the Contractor whatever is deemed necessary to protect the locality, and if so elects, may also withhold any amounts due from the Contractor to any subcontractors or material dealers, for work performed or material furnished by them. The foregoing provisions shall be construed solely for the benefit of the Locality and will not require the Locality to determine or adjust any claims or disputes between the Contractor and his subcontractors or material dealers, or to withhold any moneys for their protection unless the Locality elects to do so. The failure or refusal of the Locality to withhold any moneys from the Contractor shall in no way impair the obligations of any surety or sureties under any bond or bonds furnished under this Contract.

7. **Changes in the Work**

- (a) The Locality may make changes in the scope of work required to be performed by the Contractor under the Contract without relieving or releasing the Contractor from any of his obligations under the Contract or any guarantee given by him pursuant to the Contract provisions, and without affecting the validity of the guaranty bonds, and without relieving or releasing the surety or sureties of said bonds. All such work shall be executed under the terms of the original Contract unless it is expressly provided otherwise. Additionally, all such change orders approved by Locality and the project engineer must be submitted to the TDA staff prior to execution of same with the construction contractor.
- (b) Except for the purpose of affording protection against any emergency endangering health, life, limb or property, the Contractor shall make no change in the materials used or in the specified manner of constructing and/or installing the improvements or supply additional labor, services or materials beyond that actually required for the execution of the Contract, unless in pursuance of a written order from the Locality authorizing the Contractor to proceed with the change. No claim for an adjustment of the Contract Price will be valid unless so ordered.
- (c) If applicable unit prices are contained in the Agreement, the Locality may order the Contractor to proceed with desired unit prices specified in the Contract; provided that in case of a unit price contract the net value of all changes does not increase the original total amount of the agreement by more than twenty-five percent (25%) or decrease the original the total amount by eighteen percent (18%).
- (d) Each change order shall include in its final form:
 - 1) A detailed description of the change in the work.
 - 2) The Contractor's proposal (if any) or a confirmed copy thereof.
 - 3) A definite statement as to the resulting change in the contract price and/or time.
 - 4) The statement that all work involved in the change shall be performed in accordance with contract requirements except as modified by the change order.
 - 5) The procedures as outlined in this Section for a unit price contract also apply in any lump sum contract.

8. **Claims for Extra Cost**

- (a) If the Contractor claims that any instructions by Drawings or otherwise involve extra cost or extension of time, he shall, within ten days after the receipt of such instructions, and in any event before proceeding to execute the work, submit his protest thereto in writing to the Locality, stating clearly and in detail the basis of his objections. No such claim will be considered unless so made.
- (b) Claims for additional compensation for extra work; due to alleged errors in ground elevations, contour lines, or bench marks, will not be recognized unless accompanied by certified survey data, made prior to the time the original ground was disturbed, clearly showing that errors exist which resulted, or would result, in handling more material, or performing more work, than would be reasonably estimated from the Drawings and maps issued.

- (c) Any discrepancies which may be discovered between actual conditions and those represented by the Drawings and maps shall be reported at once to the Locality and work shall not proceed except at the Contractor's risk, until written instructions have been received by him from the Locality.
- (d) If, on the basis of the available evidence, the Locality determines that an adjustment of the Contract Price and/ Or time is justifiable, a change order shall be executed.

9. Termination, Delays, and Liquidated Damages

(a) Right of the Locality to Terminate Contract.

(b) In the event that any of the provisions of this contract are violated by the Contractor, or by any of his subcontractors, the Locality may serve written notice upon the Contractor and the Surety of its intention to terminate the contract. The notices shall contain the reasons for such intention to terminate the contract, and unless such violation or delay shall cease and satisfactory arrangement of correction be made within ten days, the contract shall, upon the expiration of said ten (10) days, cease and terminate. In the event of any such termination, the Locality shall immediately serve notice thereof upon the Surety and the Contractor. The

Surety shall have the right to take over and perform the contract. Provided, however, that if the Surety does not commence performance thereof within ten (10) days from the date of the mailing to such Surety of notice of termination, the Locality may take over the work and complete the project by bid/contract or by force account at the expense of the Contractor and his Surety shall be liable to the Locality for any excess cost incurred. In such event the Locality may take possession of and utilize in completing the work, such materials, appliances, and plant as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefore.

(c) **Liquidated Damages for Delays.**

(d) If the work is not completed within the time stipulated in the applicable bid for Lump Sum or Unit Price Contract provided, the Contractor shall pay to the Locality as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages (it being impossible to determine the actual damages occasioned by the delay) the amount of \$100.00 for each calendar day of delay, until the work is completed. The Contractor and his sureties shall be liable to the Locality for the amount thereof.

(e) **Excusable**

Delays.

- 1) The right of the Contractor to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with liquidated damages for any delays in the completion of the work due to:
- 2) Any acts of the Government, including controls or restrictions upon or requisitioning of materials, equipment, tools, or labor by reason of war, national defense, or any other national emergency;
- 3) **Any acts of the Locality;**
- 4) Causes not reasonably foreseeable by the parties to this Contract at the time of execution of the Contract which are beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including, but not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of another Contractor in the performance of some other contract with the Locality, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine, restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and weather of unusual severity such as hurricanes, tornadoes, cyclones and other extreme weather conditions.
- 5) Provided, however, that the Contractor promptly notifies the Locality within ten (10) days in writing of the cause of the delay. Upon receipt of such notification, the Locality shall ascertain the facts and the cause and extent of delay. If, upon the basis of the facts and the terms of this contract, the delay is properly excusable, the Locality shall extend the time for completing the work for a period of time commensurate with the period of excusable delay.

10. Assignment or Novation

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer, whether by an assignment or novation, any of its rights, duties, benefits, obligations, liabilities, or responsibilities under this Contract without the written consent of the Locality; provided, however, that assignments to banks or other financial institutions may be made without the consent of the Locality. No assignment or novation of this Contract shall be valid unless the assignment or novation expressly provides that the assignment of any of the Contractor's rights or benefits under the Contract is subject to a prior lien for labor performed, services rendered, and materials, tools, and equipment supplied for the performance of the work under this Contract in favor of all persons, firms, or corporations rendering such labor or services or supplying such materials, tools, or equipment.

11. **Disputes**

- (a) All disputes arising under this Contract or its interpretation except those disputes covered by FEDERAL LABOR STANDARDS PROVISIONS whether involving law or fact or both, or extra work, and all claims for alleged breach of contract shall, within ten (10) days of commencement of the dispute, be presented by the Contractor to the Locality for decision. Any claim not presented within the time limit specified in this paragraph shall be deemed to have been waived, except that if the claim is of a continuing character and notice of the claim is not given within ten (10) days of its commencement, the claim will be considered only for a period commencing ten (10) days prior to the receipt of the Locality.
- (b) The Contractor shall submit in detail his claim and his proof thereof.
- (c) If the Contractor does not agree with any decision of the Locality, he shall in no case allow the dispute to delay the work but shall notify the Locality promptly that he is proceeding with the work under protest.

12. **Technical Specifications and Drawings**

Anything mentioned in the Technical Specifications and not shown on the Drawings or vice versa, shall be of like effect as if shown on or mentioned in both. In case of difference between Drawings and Technical Specifications, the Technical Specification; shall govern. In case of any discrepancy in Drawings, or Technical Specifications, the matter shall be immediately submitted to the Locality, without whose decision, said discrepancy shall not be adjusted by the Contractor, save only at his own risk and expense.

13. **Shop Drawings**

- (a) All required shop drawings, machinery details, layout drawings, etc. shall be submitted to the Engineer in 2 copies for approval sufficiently in advance of requirements to afford ample time for checking, including time for correcting, resubmitting and rechecking if necessary. The Contractor may proceed, only at his own risk, with manufacture or installation of any equipment or work covered by said shop drawings, etc. until they are approved and no claim, by the Contractor, for extension of the contract time shall be granted by reason of his failure in this respect.
- (b) Any drawings submitted without the Contractor's stamp of approval will not be considered and will be returned to him for proper resubmission. If any drawings show variations from the requirements of the Contract because of standard shop practice or other reason, the Contractor shall make specific mention of such variation in his letter of transmittal in order that, if acceptable, suitable action may be taken for proper adjustment of contract price and/or time, otherwise the Contractor will not be relieved of the responsibility for executing the work in accordance with the Contract even though the drawings have been approved.
- (c) If a shop drawing is in accordance with the contract or involves only a minor adjustment in the interest of the Locality not involving a change in contract price or time; the engineer may approve the drawing. The approval shall not relieve the Contractor from his responsibility for adherence to the contract or for any error in the drawing.

14. **Requests for Supplementary Information**

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to make timely requests of the Locality for any additional information not already in his possession which should be furnished by the Locality under the terms of this Contract, and which he will require in the planning and execution of the work. Such requests may be submitted from time to time as the need approaches, but each shall be filed in ample time to permit appropriate action to be taken by all parties involved so as to avoid delay. Each request shall be in writing, and list the various items and the latest date by which each will be required by the Contractor. The first list shall be submitted within two weeks after Contract award and shall be as complete as possible at that time. The Contractor shall, if requested, furnish promptly any assistance and information the Engineer may require in responding to these requests of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be fully responsible for any delay in his work or to others arising from his failure to comply fully with the provision of this section

15. **Materials and Workmanship**

- (a) Unless otherwise specifically provided for in the technical specifications, all workmanship, equipment, materials and articles incorporated in the work shall be new and the best grade of the respective kinds for the purpose. Where equipment, materials, articles or workmanship are referred to in the technical specifications as "equal to" any particular standard, the Engineer shall decide the question of equality.
- (b) The Contractor shall furnish to the Locality for approval the manufacturer's detailed specifications for all machinery, mechanical and other special equipment, which he contemplates installing together with full information as to type, performance characteristics, and all other pertinent information as required, and shall likewise submit for approval full information concerning all other materials or articles which he proposes to incorporate.
- (c) Machinery, mechanical and other equipment, materials or articles installed or used without such prior approval shall

be at the risk of subsequent rejection.

- (d) Materials specified by reference to the number or symbol of a specific standard, shall comply with requirements in the latest revision thereof and any amendment or supplement thereto in effect on the date of the Invitation for Bids, except as limited to type, class or grade, or modified in the technical specifications shall have full force and effect as though printed therein.
- (e) The Locality may require the Contractor to dismiss from the work such employee or employees as the Locality or the Engineer may deem incompetent, or careless, or insubordinate.

16. Samples, Certificates and Tests

- (a) The Contractor shall submit all material or equipment samples, certificates, affidavits, etc., as called for in the contract documents or required by the Engineer, promptly after award of the contract and acceptance of the Contractor's bond. No such material or equipment shall be manufactured or delivered to the site, except at the Contractor's own risk, until the required samples or certificates have been approved in writing by the Engineer. Any delay in the work caused by late or improper submission of samples or certificates for approval shall not be considered just cause for an extension of the contract time.
- (b) Each sample submitted by the Contractor shall carry a label giving the name of the Contractor, the project for which it is intended, and the name of the producer. The accompanying certificate or better from the Contractor shall state that the sample complies with contract requirements, shall give the name and brand of the product, its place of origin, the name and address of the producer and all specifications or other detailed information which will assist the Engineer in making a prompt decision regarding the acceptability of the sample. It shall also include the statement that all materials or equipment furnished for use in the project will comply with the samples and/or certified statements.
- (c) Approval of any materials shall be general only and shall not constitute a waiver of the Locality's right to demand full compliance with Contract requirements. After actual deliveries, the Engineer will have such check tests made as he deems necessary in each instance and may reject materials and equipment and accessories for cause, even though such materials and articles have been given general approval. If materials, equipment or accessories which fail to meet check tests have been incorporated in the work, the Engineer will have the right to cause their removal and replacement by proper materials or to demand and secure such reparation by the Contractor as is equitable.
- (d) Except as otherwise specifically stated in the Contract, the costs of sampling and testing will be divided as follows:
 - 1) The Contractor shall furnish without extra cost, including packing and delivery charges, all samples required for testing purposes, except those samples taken on the project by the Engineer;
 - 2) The Contractor shall assume all costs of re-testing materials which fail to meet contract requirements; The
 - 3) Contractor shall assume all costs of testing materials offered in substitution for those found deficient; The
 - 4) Locality will pay all other expenses.

17. Permits and Codes

- (a) The Contractor shall give all notices required by and comply with all applicable Laws, ordinances, and codes of the Local Government. All construction work and/or utility installations shall comply with all applicable ordinances, and codes including all written waivers. Before installing any work, the Contractor shall examine the drawings and technical specifications for compliance with applicable ordinances and codes and shall immediately report any discrepancy to the Locality. Where the requirements of the drawings and technical specifications fail to comply with such applicable ordinances or codes, the Locality will adjust the Contract by Change Order to conform to such ordinances or codes (unless waivers in writing covering the difference have been granted by the governing body or department) and make appropriate adjustment in the Contract Price or stipulated unit prices.

- (b) Should the Contractor fail to observe the foregoing provisions and proceed with the construction and/or install any utility at variance with any applicable ordinance or code, including any written waivers (notwithstanding the fact that such installation is in compliance with the drawings and technical specifications), the Contractor shall remove such work without cost to the Locality.
- (c) The Contractor shall at his own expense, secure and pay for all permits for street pavement, sidewalks, shed, removal of abandoned water taps, sealing of house connection drains, pavement cuts, buildings, electrical, plumbing, water, gas and sewer permits required by the local regulatory body or any of its agencies.
- (d) The Contractor shall comply with applicable local laws and ordinances governing the disposal of surplus excavation, materials, debris and rubbish on or off the Project Area and commit no trespass on any public or private property in any operation due to or connected with the improvements contained in this Contract.
- (e) The Contractor will be required to make arrangements for and pay the water, electrical power, or any other utilities required during construction.
- (f) During construction of this project, the Contractor shall use every means possible to control the amount of dust created by construction. Prior to the close of a day's work, the Contractor, if directed by the Locality, shall moisten the bank and surrounding area to prevent a dusty condition.

18. **Care of Work**

- (a) The Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to person or property that occur as a result of his fault or negligence in connection with the prosecution of the work and shall be responsible for the proper care and protection of all materials delivered and work performed until completion and final acceptance.
- (b) The Contractor shall provide sufficient competent watchmen, both day and night, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, from the time the work is commenced until final completion and acceptance.
- (c) In an emergency affecting the safety of life, limb or property, including adjoining property, the Contractor, without special instructions or authorization from the Locality is authorized to act at his discretion to prevent such threatened loss or injury, and he shall so act. He shall likewise act if instructed to do so by the Locality. (d) The Contractor shall avoid damage as a result of his operations to existing sidewalks, streets, curbs, pavements, utilities (except those which are to be replaced or removed), adjoining property, etc., and he shall at his own expense completely repair any damage thereto caused by his operations.
- (e) The Contractor shall shore up, brace, underpin, secure, and protect as maybe necessary, all foundations and other parts of existing structures adjacent to, adjoining, and in the vicinity of the site, which may be in anyway affected by the excavations or other operations connected with the construction of the improvements included in this Contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for the giving of any and all required notices to any adjoining or adjacent property owner or other party before the commencement of any work. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Locality from any damages on account of settlements or the loss of lateral support of adjoining property and from all loss or expense and all damages for which the Locality may become liable in consequence of such injury or damage to adjoining and adjacent structures and their premises.

19. **Accident Prevention**

- (a) No laborer or mechanic employed in the performance of this Contract shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his health or safety as determined under construction safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.
- (b) The Contractor shall exercise proper precaution at all times for the protection of persons and property and shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property, either on or off the site, which occur as a result of his prosecution of the work.
- (c) The Contractor shall maintain an accurate record of all cases of death, occupational disease, or injury requiring medical attention or causing loss of time from work, arising out of and in the course of employment on work under the Contract. The Contractor shall promptly furnish the Locality with reports concerning these matters.
- (d) The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Locality from any claims for damages resulting from property damage, personal injury and/or death suffered or alleged to have been suffered by any person as a result of any work conducted under *this* contract.
- (e) The Contractor shall provide trench safety for all excavations more than five feet deep prior to excavation. All OSHA Standards for trench safety must be adhered to by the Contractor.
- (f) The contractor shall at all times conduct his Work in such a manner as to insure the least possible inconvenience to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. At the close of the work each day, all streets where possible in the opinion of the Locality, shall be opened to the public in order that persons living in the area may have access to their homes or businesses by the use of the streets. Barricades, warning signs, and necessary lighting shall be

provided to the satisfaction of the Locality at the expense of the Contractor.

20. **Sanitary Facilities**

The Contractor shall furnish, install and maintain ample sanitary facilities for the workmen. As the needs arise, a sufficient number of enclosed temporary toilets shall be conveniently placed as required. Drinking water shall be provided from an approved source, so piped or transported as to keep it safe and fresh and served from single service containers or satisfactory types of sanitary drinking stands or fountains. All such facilities and services shall be furnished in strict accordance with existing and governing health regulations.

21. **Use of Premises**

- (a) The Contractor shall confine *his* equipment, storage of materials, and construction operations to the contract limits as shown on the drawings and as prescribed by ordinances or permits, or as may be desired by the Locality, and shall not unreasonably encumber the site or public rights of way with his materials and construction equipment.
- (b) The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable instructions of the Locality and all existing state and local regulations regarding signs, advertising, traffic, fires, explosives, danger signals, and barricades.

Removal of Debris, Cleaning, Etc.

The Contractor shall, periodically or as directed during the progress of the work, remove and legally dispose of all surplus excavated material and debris, and keep the Project Area and public rights of way reasonably clear. Upon completion of the work, he shall remove all temporary construction facilities, debris and unused materials provided for work, and put the whole site of the work and public rights of way in a neat and clean condition.

23. **Inspection**

- (a) All materials and workmanship shall be subject to inspection, examination, or test by the Locality and Engineer at any and all times during manufacture or construction and at any and all places where such manufacture or construction occurs. The Locality shall have the right to reject defective material and workmanship or require its correction. Unacceptable workmanship shall be satisfactorily corrected. Rejected material shall be promptly segregated and removed from the Project Area and replaced with material of specified quality without charge. If the Contractor fails to proceed at once with the correction of rejected workmanship or defective material, the Locality may by contract or otherwise have the defects remedied or rejected materials removed from the Project Area and charge the cost of the same against any Monies which may be due the Contractor, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Locality.
- (b) The Contractor shall furnish promptly all materials reasonably necessary for any tests which maybe required. All tests by the Locality will be performed in such manner as not to delay the work unnecessarily and will be made in accordance with the provisions of the technical specifications.
- (c) The Contractor shall notify the Locality sufficiently in advance of back filling or concealing any facilities to permit proper inspection. If any facilities are concealed without approval or consent of the Locality, the Contractor shall uncover for inspection and recover such facilities at his own expense, when so requested by the Locality.
- (d) Should it be considered necessary or advisable by the Locality at any time before final acceptance of the entire work to make an examination of work already completed by uncovering the same, the Contractor shall on request promptly furnish all necessary facilities, labor, and material. If such work is found to be defective in any important or essential respect, due to fault of the Contractor or his subcontractors, the Contractor shall defray all the expenses of such examination and of satisfactory reconstruction. If, however, such work is found to meet the requirements of the Contract, the actual cost of labor and material necessarily involved in the examination and replacement, shall be allowed the Contractor and he shall, in addition, if completion of the work of the entire Contract has been delayed thereby, be granted a suitable extension of time on account of the additional work involved.
- (e) Inspection of materials and appurtenances to be incorporated in the improvements included in this Contract may be made at the place of production, manufacture or shipment, whenever the quantity justifies it, and such inspection and acceptance, unless otherwise stated in the technical specifications, shall be final, except as regards (1) latent defects, (2) departures from specific requirements of the Contract, (3) damage or loss in transit, or (4) fraud or such gross mistakes as amount to fraud. Subject to the requirements contained in the preceding sentence, the inspection of materials as a whole or in part will be made at the Project Site.
- (f) Neither inspection, testing, approval nor acceptance of the work in whole or in part, by the Locality or its agents shall relieve the Contractor or his sureties of full responsibility for materials furnished or work performed not in strict accordance with the Contract.

24. **Review by Owner**

The Owner and its authorized representatives and agents shall have access to and be permitted to observe and review all work, materials, equipment, payrolls, personnel records, employment conditions, material invoices, and other relevant data and records pertaining to this Contract, provided, however that all instructions and approval with respect to the work will be given to the Contractor only by the Locality through its authorized representatives or agents.

25. **Final Inspection**

When the Improvements included in this Contract are substantially completed, the Contractor shall notify the Locality in writing that the work will be ready for final inspection on a definite date which shall be stated in the notice. The Locality will make the arrangements necessary to have final inspection commenced on the date stated in the notice, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

26. **Deduction for Uncorrected Work**

If the Locality deems it not expedient to require the Contractor to correct work not done in accordance with the Contract Documents, an equitable deduction from the Contract Price will be made by agreement between the Contractor and the Locality and subject to settlement, in case of dispute, as herein provided.

27. **Insurance**

The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until he has obtained all the insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been approved by the Locality.

- (a) Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of the contract Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by the State of Texas for all of his employees to be engaged in work at the site of the project under this contract and, in case of any such work sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of the employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor's Worker's Compensation Insurance.
- (b) Contractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Contractor's Public Liability Insurance, Contractor's Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance in the following amounts: (\$300,000.00)
- (c) Proof of insurance: The Contractor shall furnish the Locality with certificates showing the type, among class of operations covered, effective dates and date of expiration of policies. Such certificates shall also contain substantially the following statement: "The insurance covered by this certificate will not be canceled or materially altered, except after ten (10) days written notice has been received by the Locality."

28. **Warranty of Title**

No material, supplies, or equipment to be installed or furnished under this Contract shall be purchased subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sale, lease-purchase or other agreement by which an interest is retained by the seller or supplier. The Contractor shall warrant good title to all materials, supplies, and equipment installed or incorporated in the work and upon completion of all work, shall deliver the same together with all improvements and appurtenances constructed or placed by him to the Locality free from any claims, liens, or charges. Neither the Contractor nor any person, firm, or corporation furnishing any material or labor for any work covered by this Contract shall have any right to a lien upon any improvement or appurtenance. Nothing contained in this paragraph, however, shall defeat or impair the right of persons furnishing materials or labor to recover under any law permitting such persons to look to funds due the Contractor in the hands of the Locality. The provisions of this paragraph shall be inserted in all subcontracts and material contracts and notice of its provisions shall be given to all persons furnishing materials for the work when no formal contract is entered into for such materials.

29. **Warranty of Workmanship and Materials**

Neither the final certificate of payment nor any provision in the Contract nor partial or entire use of the improvements included in this Contract by the Locality or the public shall constitute an acceptance of work not done in accordance with the Contract or relieve the Contractor of liability in respect to any express warranties or responsibility for faulty materials or workmanship. The Contractor shall promptly remedy any defects in the work and pay for any damage to other work resulting there from which shall appear within a period of 12 months from the date of final acceptance of the work.

30. **Compliance with Air and Water Acts**

- (a) In compliance with the Clean Air Act, as amended, 41 U.S.C. Sec. 7401 et. seq., and the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect thereto, the Contractor agrees that:
 - 1) Any facility to be utilized in the performance of this contract or any subcontract shall not be a facility listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.

- 2) He will comply with all requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended.
- 3) Materials utilized in the project shall be free of any hazardous materials, except as may be specifically provided for in the specifications.
- (b) If the Contractor encounters existing material on sites owned or controlled by the Locality or in material sources that are suspected by visual observation or smell to contain hazardous materials, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Engineer and the Locality. The Locality will be responsible for testing for and removal or disposition of hazardous materials on sites owned or controlled by the Locality. The Locality may suspend the work, wholly or in part during the testing, removal or disposition of hazardous materials on sites owned or controlled by the Locality.

31. **Equal Employment Opportunity**

- (a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or the 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, promotion, 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 owner.
- (b) The Contractor will, in all solicitation; 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 cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this contract so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.
- (d) The Contractor shall take affirmative actions to ensure equal employment opportunity. The evaluation of the Contractor's compliance with these specifications shall be based upon its effort to achieve maximum results from its actions.
- (e) Contractors are encouraged to participate in voluntary association; which assist in fulfilling their affirmative action obligations.
- (f) The Contractor is required to provide equal employment opportunity and to take affirmative action for all minority groups, both male and female, and all women, both minority and non-minority.
- (g) The Contractor shall not use the affirmative action standards to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (h) The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract with any person or firm debarred from Government contracts.
- (i) Nothing herein provided shall be construed as a limitation upon the application of other laws which establish different standards of compliance or upon the application of requirements for the hiring of local or other area residents.

32. **Affirmative Action for Handicapped Workers**

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, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

33. **Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974**

No person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.

34. **The Provision of Local Training, Employment, and Business Opportunities**

- (a) To the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment be given lower income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of the project.
- (b) The Contractor will include this clause in every subcontract for work in connection with the project.

35. **Non Segregated Facilities**

The Contractor certifies that he does not and will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not and will not permit his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, or permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. As used in this paragraph the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and washrooms, 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, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

36. **Job Offices**

- (a) The Contractor and his subcontractors may maintain such office and storage facilities on the site as are necessary for the proper conduct of the work. These shall be located so as to cause no interference to any work to be performed on the site. The Locality shall be consulted with regard to locations.
- (b) Upon completion of the improvements, or as directed by the Locality, the Contractors shall remove all such temporary structures and facilities from the site, and leave the site of the work in the condition required by the Contract.

37. **Partial Use of Site Improvements**

The Locality may give notice to the Contractor and place in use those sections of the improvements which have been completed, inspected and can be accepted as complying with the technical specifications and if in its opinion, each such section is reasonably safe, fit, and convenient for the use and accommodation for which it was intended, provided:

- (a) The use of such sections of the Improvements shall in no way impede the completion of the remainder of the work by the Contractor.
- (b) The Contractor shall not be responsible for any damages or maintenance costs due directly to the use of such sections.
- (c) The period of guarantee stipulated in the Section 132 hereof shall not begin to run until the date of the final acceptance of all work which the Contractor is required to construct under this Contract.

38. **Contract Documents and Drawings**

The Local Public Agency will furnish the Contractor without charge 1 copies of the Contract Documents, including Technical Specifications and Drawings. Additional copies requested by the Contractor will be furnished at cost.

39. **Contract Period**

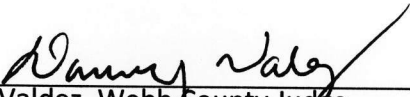
The work to be performed under this contract shall commence within the time stipulated by the Locality in the Notice to Proceed, and shall be fully completed within 120 calendar days thereafter.

40. **Liquidated Damages**

Since the actual damages for any delay in completion of the work under this contract are impossible to determine, the Contractor and his Sureties shall be liable for and shall pay to the Locality the sum of \$100.00 Dollars ONE HUNDRED as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages for each calendar day of delay from the above stipulated time for completion.

This Agreement entered into as the date first written above.

OWNER.PURCHASER: WEBB COUNTY



Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge




Ricardo Aguilar – A Plus Plumbing



Margie Ramirez Ibarra, County clerk





Marc Montemayor
Webb County Attorney*

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