

ATTACHMENT A-1
PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

I. Agency Specific Terms and Conditions

- A.** The **Program Office, Designated Payment Office** and **Designated Refund Office** shall be the STATE AGENCY identified on the face page. Document submission and inquiries should be directed to the Regional Grant Administrator for the Contractor's county of operations.
- B.** For purposes of notice, the **Contractor's designee** shall be the CONTRACTOR DOS INCORPORATED NAME at the CONTRACTOR PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS, as identified on the face page.
- C.** **Payment** shall be made to CONTRACTOR SFS PAYEE NAME at the CONTRACTOR PAYMENT ADDRESS identified on the Face Page.
- D.** **Special Conditions and Requirements** specific to the project, including the timeline for submission of required documents and reports, are contained in Attachment E (Special Conditions and Requirements).
- E.** **Changes to Budget and Program Work Plan.** Changes shall not be made in the work described in Attachment C (Work Plan) or the proposed expenditure of funds as shown in Attachment B (Budget), without the prior written approval of the State. Such approval will be granted if the changes are not substantive and do not alter the scope, intent or basic elements of the contract. Changes in the Work Plan or Budget that are substantive or alter the scope, intent or basic elements of the contract, if agreed to by the State, will be implemented by an amendment that may require approval and filing with the New York Attorney General Contract Approval Unit (AG) and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC or State Comptroller), per Section I(B) of this Master Contract.
- F.** **Procurement.** All goods and services required for this project must be procured in a manner so as to assure the prudent and economical use of grant moneys, to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances, and to guard against nepotism, favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption.
 - 1. If the Contractor is subject to General Municipal Law, documentation of the Contractor's compliance with the procurement and bidding requirements of General Municipal Law shall be included with the applicable request for reimbursement.
 - 2. If the total amount of the goods or services is less than the dollar threshold for competitive bidding, or if the Contractor is not subject to General Municipal Law, the Contractor must follow procurement procedures designed to achieve the purpose of this clause. Such procedures may include, but are not limited to, competitive bidding, the solicitation of three price quotes, written requests for proposals, etc. When submitting a request for reimbursement, the Contractor must include a copy of the organizational procurement policy applicable to the relevant expenditures **and/or documentation of the specific procurement process used for those expenditures.**
- G.** The Contractor and all users of this contract are strongly encouraged, to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with legal requirements, to use responsible and responsive New York State businesses as subcontractors, suppliers, and in other supporting roles. The Contractor will be required to identify and describe New York State businesses used and the value of subcontracts and supply contracts.

H. New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 140-145 (“MWBE Regulations”) Participation.

1. General Provisions

a. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 140-145 (“MWBE Regulations”) for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.

b. The contractor to the subject contract (the “Contractor” and the “Contract,” respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, to fully comply and cooperate with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women (“EEO”) and contracting opportunities for New York State certified minority and women-owned business enterprises (“MWBEs”). The Contractor’s demonstration of “good faith efforts” pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the “Human Rights Law”) or other applicable federal, state or local laws.

c. Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section 7 hereof or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

2. Contract Goals

a. For purposes of this procurement, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation hereby establishes New York State certified minority-owned business enterprises (“MBE”) participation and New York State certified women-owned business enterprises (“WBE”) participation (collectively, “MWBE Contract Goals”) based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs as defined in the bidders documentation provided at the time of solicitation. After contract approval, MWBE Contract Goals as defined on the approved utilization plan will be endorsed to determine compliance for the contract term.

b. For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the MWBE Contract Goals established in Section 2.a. hereof, the Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MBWEs found at the following internet address: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>.

Additionally, the Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Women Business Development ((518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.

c. Where MWBE Contract Goals have been established herein, pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.8, the Contractor must document “good faith efforts” to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR § 142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if it is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

3. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

a. The Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated thereunder by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development of the New York State Department of Economic Development (the "Division"). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements.

b. The Contractor shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:

1) Each contractor and subcontractor performing work on the Contract shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.

2) The Contractor shall submit an EEO policy statement to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation within seventy two (72) hours after the date of the notice by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to award the Contract to the Contractor.

3) If the Contractor or Subcontractor does not have an existing EEO policy statement, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation may provide the Contractor or Subcontractor a model statement.

4) The Contractor's EEO policy statement shall include the following language:

i. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.

ii. The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

iii. The Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.

iv. The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (i) through (iii) of this Subsection 4) and Paragraph "e" of this Section 3, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

c. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. The Contractor and

Subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

4. MWBE Utilization Plan

a. The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has submitted an MWBE Utilization Plan, by submitting evidence thereof through the New York State Contract System (“NYSCS”), which can be viewed at <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>, provided, however, that the Contractor may arrange to provide such evidence via a non-electronic method to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the contract.

b. The Contractor agrees to use such MWBE Utilization Plan for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in Section 2.a of this Attachment.

c. The Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of the Contractor non-responsiveness.

5. Waivers

a. For Waiver Requests, the Contractor should use the NYSCS, provided, however, that Bidder may arrange to provide such evidence via a non-electronic method to New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

b. If the Contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to comply with MWBE goals, the Contractor may submit a Request for Waiver documenting good faith efforts by the Contractor to meet such goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within twenty (20) days of receipt.

c. If the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan and updated Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports determines that the Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the MWBE Contract Goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

6. Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report. The Contractor is required to submit a Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report through the NYSCS, provided, however, that Bidder may arrange to provide such evidence via a non-electronic method to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation by the 10th day following each end of quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

7. Liquidated Damages – MWBE Participation

a. Where New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation determines that the Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and the Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if the Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, the Contractor shall be obligated to pay to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation liquidated damages.

b. Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:

1) All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and

2) All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.

c. In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation within sixty (60) days after they are assessed by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

I. Non-Discrimination:

1. If the project involves development or acquisition of public facilities, the Contractor shall not limit access or discriminate in the operation of the facilities on the basis of place of residence, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

2. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local Civil Rights and Human Rights laws with reference to equal employment opportunities and the provisions of service.

J. Termination. In addition to the options available to the State in the Master Contract, in the event the Contractor fails to comply with its terms and conditions regarding completion of the project, the State at its option may require the Contractor to bring the project to a point of educational/interpretive, historical, recreational or conservation usefulness as determined by the State.

K. Documents submitted to the State may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law.

L. Non-Sectarian Purposes. The Contractor agrees that funds made available as shown in Attachment B will only be used to achieve the intended public benefit and will not be used for any sectarian purposes.

M. International Boycott Prohibition. In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App.

Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2NYCRR 105.4).

- N. Prohibition on Purchase of Tropical Hardwoods.** The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of State Finance Law §165. (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the Contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime contractor for the project will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in §165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive.

- O. MacBride Fair Employment Principles.** In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the Laws of 1992), the Contractor hereby stipulates that the Contractor either (a) has no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (as described in Section 165 of the New York State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.
- P. Procurement Lobbying.** To the extent this agreement is a "procurement contract" as defined by State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, by signing this agreement the Contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.
- Q. Certification of Registration to Collect Sales and Compensating Use Tax by Certain State Contractors, Affiliates and Subcontractors.** To the extent this agreement is a contract as defined by Tax Law Section 5-a, if the Contractor fails to make the certification required by Tax Law Section 5-a or if during the term of the contract, the Department of Taxation and Finance or the covered agency, as defined by Tax Law 5-a, discovers that the certification, made under penalty of perjury, is false, then such failure to file or false certification shall be a material breach of this contract and this contract may be terminated, by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement, if the covered agency determines that such action is in the best interest of the State.
- R. Iran Divestment Act.** By entering into this agreement, Contractor certifies in accordance with State Finance Law §165-a that it is not on the "Entities Determined to be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers pursuant to the New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012" ("Prohibited Entities List") posted at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/about/regs/docs/ListofEntities.pdf>.

Contractor further certifies that it will not utilize on this contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of this contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the contract assignment will be approved by the State.

During the term of this contract, should the State receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law §165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the State will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after

the determination of such violation, then the State shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

The State reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

II. Program Specific Terms and Conditions

- A.** Funding for this project is provided pursuant to the terms of the Environmental Protection Act, Title 9 of Article 54 of the Environmental Conservation Law, and governed by the Rules and Regulations set forth in 9 NYCRR Sections 439-443.
- B. Retroactive funding.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section III(A)(2) of this Master Contract, program regulations set forth in 9 NYCRR 440.5 (Project sponsor's match) permit retroactive reimbursement of certain expenses, when those expenses are included in the project Budget.
- C.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section III(C)(4) of this Master Contract, the State will **withhold ten percent (10%)** of the Contract Funding Amount identified on the face page of this Master Contract as security until all terms and conditions of this Master Contract have been satisfied by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the State.
- D. Project Sign.** At the commencement of the work described in the Work Plan, the Contractor shall erect a sign at the project site noting the State's assistance to the project. The project sign specifications and term length for this requirement are set forth in Attachment E (Special Conditions and Requirements).

E. Public Benefit Requirements.

- 1. In order to ensure a public benefit accrues from an acquisition, development or construction project that is being funded the Contractor shall:
 - a. Afford the public reasonable access to or use of the project as specified by the State;
 - b. Not impose a fee for use of or access to the project without the prior written approval of the State;
 - c. Own or hold by lease or maintain and operate the project as specified by the State;
 - d. Not allow operation of the project, or any portion thereof, by any other person, entity, or organization pursuant to any management agreement, license or other arrangement without first obtaining the written approval of the State;
 - e. Not alter, demolish, sell, lease or otherwise convey the project, in whole or in part, or permit a change in use of the project, without the prior written approval of the State; and

- f. Submit all plans in writing for restoration, rehabilitation, improvement, demolition or other physical change to the completed project for State approval before work commences.
2. Other public benefit requirements specific to this project, including the term length of any property restriction (e.g., preservation covenant or public access covenant) and the legal mechanism for enforcing the restriction as specified by the State are set forth in Attachment E (Special Conditions and Requirements).
 3. Parkland acquired or improved by a municipality shall not be sold, leased, exchanged or otherwise disposed of (collectively, "disposed of") or converted to other than public park purposes without the express authority of an act of the Legislature, which shall provide for the substitution of other land of equal fair market value and reasonably equivalent usefulness and location to that being disposed of or converted, and such other additional requirements as shall be required by the State.
 4. Land acquired for recreation or conservation purposes by a not-for-profit organization shall be subject to a conservation easement (see, Title 3 of Article 49 of the Environmental Conservation Law) to be held by the State. Parkland shall not be disposed of by the not-for-profit organization except to the State, a local government unit or another qualifying tax exempt not-for-profit organization that shall be required to use it for recreation or conservation purposes. Disposal to any other entity of parkland acquired for recreation or conservation purposes by a not-for-profit corporation shall require the express authority of an act of the Legislature.
- F.** It is the Contractor's responsibility, pursuant to Sections 57 and 220(8) of the Workers' Compensation Law, to maintain for State audit and review either proof that they have Workers' Compensation and Disability Benefits Insurance coverage for any employees, or proof of exemption from the New York State Workers' Compensation Board. The Contractor must also obtain from any contractor or subcontractor hired to provide a service pursuant to this Master Contract, similar proof or waivers from the contractor or subcontractor, and must maintain such documentation on file for audit.
- G. Archeology.** In the event of any unanticipated archeological discoveries, the Contractor shall stop all work and notify the State immediately. Work shall not resume until the State determines how any previously undiscovered archeological remains will be treated. Special attention shall be given to any discovery of burials, graves, or human remains.
- H. Preservation of Historic Properties.** It is the public policy and in the public interest of the State to preserve New York's historical, archeological, architectural and cultural heritage. All activities under this Master Contract shall be reviewed under either Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law to ensure that adverse effects or impacts on significant properties are avoided or mitigated. Any work that affects historic properties shall conform to The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties 1995, The Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeological Documentation or any other applicable Secretary of the Interior's Standards (collectively referenced as STANDARDS), which are available from the State.
- I. Planning Requirements.**
1. All planning documents, plans and specifications must be accepted by the State before the Contractor awards contracts for the project or the subject property. These must be prepared by a qualified professional accepted by the State.
 2. Any documents developed under this Master Contract shall include recognition of funding through the Environmental Protection Fund from the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

J. Construction Requirements. If the Project described in this Master Contract includes construction, the following shall apply:

1. Contract plans, specifications, and cost estimates shall be submitted to the State for review prior to the letting of any construction contract by the Contractor. The State shall verify that the plans, specifications and cost estimates are in conformance with the work described in Attachment B and shall so notify the Contractor in writing; the State shall further verify that appropriate documents have been prepared by a professional licensed to practice in the State of New York. All plans and specifications as reviewed shall become part of this Master Contract, and no change or revision may be made to such plans and specifications without the express written consent of the State.
2. The Contractor shall be responsible for assuring that the project is designed and constructed in conformance with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS Appendix A to 41 CFR part 101 19.6), the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG Appendix A to 28 CFR part 36) and the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building (I) (Code (parts 1219 1228 of Title 19 NYCRR). Where there are discrepancies among the sets of standards with regard to a particular design/construction requirement, the one providing for the greatest degree of accommodation for the disabled shall apply.
3. It is the Contractor's responsibility to assure that all work on the project complies with the State Environmental Quality Review Act, receives all required permits in advance, and complies with all applicable Federal, State and/or local laws including, but not limited to, zoning ordinances and building codes.

K. Post-Completion Requirements. Following completion of the project, the Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining project records. Where the project involves acquisition of equipment or acquisition of or improvement of real property, the Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining and operating the equipment, property, and/or improvements; providing public access; maintaining public signage related to the project; and seeking any required State approvals. The State shall have the right and responsibility to audit records and inspect the project and property for compliance.

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Standard Clauses for All New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Contracts

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, grant, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter "the contract" or "this contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract. The word "Contractor" herein refers to any party to the contract, other than the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (hereinafter "Department").

A) AGENCY SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. Postponement, suspension, abandonment or termination by the Department: Within 15 days of receipt of notice, the Contractor shall deliver to the Department all data, reports, plans, or other documentation related to the performance of this contract, including but not limited to source codes and specifications, guarantees, warranties, as-built plans and shop drawings. In any of these events, the Department shall make settlement with the Contractor upon an equitable basis as determined by the Department which shall fix the value of the work which was performed by the Contractor prior to the postponement, suspension, abandonment or termination of this contract. This clause shall not apply to this contract if the contract contains other provisions applicable to postponement, suspension or termination of the contract.

II. Conflict of Interest

(a) Organizational Conflict of Interest - To the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, the Contractor warrants that there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest, as herein defined, or that the Contractor has disclosed all such relevant information to the Department.

(1) An organizational conflict of interest exists when the nature of the work to be performed under this contract may, without some restriction on future activities, impair or appear to impair the Contractor's objectivity in performing the work for the Department.

(2) The Contractor agrees that if an actual, or potential organizational conflict of interest is discovered at any time after award, whether before or during performance, the Contractor will immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the Department. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Department, to avoid, mitigate, or minimize the actual or potential conflict.

(3) To the extent that the work under this contract requires access to personal, proprietary or confidential business or financial data of persons or other companies, and as long as such data remains proprietary or confidential, the Contractor shall protect such data from unauthorized use and disclosure and agrees not to use it to compete with such companies.

(b) Personal Conflict of Interest - The following provisions with regard to management or professional level employee personnel performing under this contract shall apply until the earlier of the termination date of the affected employee(s) or the duration of the contract.

(1) A personal conflict of interest is defined as a relationship of an employee, subcontractor employee, or consultant with an entity that may impair or appear to impair the objectivity of the employee, subcontractor employee, or consultant in performing the contract work. The Contractor agrees to notify the Department immediately of any actual or potential personal conflict of interest with regard to any such person working on or having access to information regarding this contract, as soon as Contractor becomes aware of such conflict. The Department will notify the Contractor of the appropriate action to be taken.

(2) The Contractor agrees to advise all management or professional level employees involved in the work of this contract, that they must report any personal conflicts of interest to the Contractor. The Contractor must then advise the Department which will advise the Contractor of the appropriate action to be taken.

(3) Unless waived by the Department, the Contractor shall certify annually that, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, all actual, apparent or potential conflicts of interest, both personal and organizational, as defined herein, have been reported to the Department. Such certification must be signed by a senior executive of the Contractor and submitted in accordance with instructions provided by the Department. Along with the annual certification, the Contractor shall also submit an update of any changes in any conflict of interest plan submitted with its proposal for this contract. The initial certification shall cover the one-year period from the date of contract award, and all subsequent certifications shall cover successive annual periods thereafter. The certification is to be submitted no later than 45 days after the close of the previous certification period covered.

(4) In performing this contract, the Contractor recognizes that its employees may have access to data, either provided by the Department or first generated during contract performance, of a sensitive nature which should not be released without Department approval. If this situation occurs, the Contractor agrees to obtain confidentiality agreements from all affected employees working on requirements under this contract including subcontractors and consultants. Such agreements shall contain provisions which stipulate that each employee agrees not to disclose, either in whole or in part, to any entity external to the Department, Department of Health or the New York Department of Law, any information or data provided by the Department or first generated by the Contractor under this contract, any site-specific cost information, or any enforcement strategy without first obtaining the written permission of the Department. If a Contractor, through an employee or otherwise, is subpoenaed to testify or produce documents, which could result in such disclosure, the Contractor must provide immediate advance notification to the Department so that the Department can authorize such disclosure or have the opportunity to take action to prevent such disclosure. Such agreements shall be effective for the life of the contract and for a period of five (5) years after completion of the contract.

(c) **Remedies** - The Department may terminate this contract in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid an organizational or personal conflict of interest, or an unauthorized disclosure of information. If the Contractor fails to make required disclosures or misrepresents relevant information to the Department, the Department may terminate the contract, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by the terms of Clause I of this Attachment or other applicable provisions of this contract regarding termination.

(d) The Contractor will be ineligible to make a proposal or bid on a contract for which the Contractor has developed the statement of work or the solicitation package

(e) The Contractor agrees to insert in each subcontract or consultant agreement placed hereunder (except for subcontracts or consultant agreements for well drilling, fence erecting, plumbing, utility hookups, security guard services, or electrical services) provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph (e), unless otherwise authorized by the Department.

III. Dispute Resolution

The parties agree to the following steps, or as many as are necessary to resolve disputes between the Department and the Contractor.

(a) The Contractor specifically agrees to submit, in the first instance, any dispute relating to this contract to the designated individual, who shall render a written decision and furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor.

(1) The Contractor must request such decision in writing no more than fifteen days after it knew or should have known of the facts which are the basis of the dispute.

(2) The decision of the designated individual shall be the final DEC determination, unless the Contractor files a written appeal of that decision with the designated appeal individual ("DAI") within twenty days of receipt of that decision.

(b) Upon receipt of the written appeal, the DAI, will review the record and decision. Following divisional procedures in effect at that time, the DAI will take one of the following actions, with written notice to the Contractor.

(1) Remand the matter to the program staff for further negotiation or information if it is determined that the matter is not ripe for review; or

(2) Determine that there is no need for further action, and that the determination of the designated individual is confirmed; or

(3) Make a determination on the record as it exists.

- (c) The decision of the DAI shall be the final DEC decision unless the Contractor files a written appeal of that decision with the Chair of the Contract Review Committee ("CRC") within twenty days of receipt of that decision.

The designated individual to hear disputes is:

Tracy Prawdzik
Division Direction Bureau Chief
NYS DEC, Division of Lands and Forests
625 Broadway, 5th Floor
Albany, NY 12233-4250
(518) 402-9405

The designated appeal individual to review decisions is:

Francis E. Sheehan
Assistant Director
NYS DEC, Division of Lands and Forests
625 Broadway, 5th Floor
Albany, NY 12233-4250
(518) 402-9405

The Chair of the Contract Review Committee is:

Department of Environmental Conservation
Nancy W. Lussier, Chair
Contract Review Committee
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-5010
Telephone: (518) 402-9228

- (d) Upon receipt of the written appeal, the Chair of the CRC, in consultation with the members of the CRC and the Office of General Counsel, will take one of the following actions, or a combination thereof, with written notice to the Contractor.
- (1) Remand the matter to program staff for additional fact finding, negotiation, or other appropriate action; or
 - (2) Adopt the decision of the DAI; or
 - (3) Consider the matter for review by the CRC in accordance with its procedures.
- (e) Following a decision to proceed pursuant to (d) 3, above, the Chair of the CRC shall convene a proceeding in accordance with the CRC's established contract dispute resolution guidelines. The proceeding will provide the Contractor with an opportunity to be heard.
- (f) Following a decision pursuant to (d) 2 or (d) 3, the CRC shall make a written recommendation to the Deputy Commissioner for Administration who shall render the final DEC determination.
- (g) At any time during the dispute resolution process, and upon mutual agreement of the parties, the Office of Hearings and Mediation Services (OHMS) may be requested to provide mediation services or other appropriate means to assist in resolving the dispute. Any findings or recommendations made by the OHMS will not be binding on either party.
- (h) Final DEC determinations shall be subject to review only pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
- (i) Pending final determination of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in accordance with the decision of the designated individual. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative officer upon a question of law.

- (j)(1) Notwithstanding the foregoing, at the option of the Contractor, the following shall be subject to review by the CRC: Disputes arising under Article 15-A of the Executive Law (Minority and Women Owned Business participation), the Department's determination with respect to the adequacy of the Contractor's Utilization Plan, or the Contractor's showing of good faith efforts to comply therewith. A request for a review before the CRC should be made, in writing, within twenty days of receipt of the Department's determination.
- (2) The CRC will promptly convene a review in accordance with Article 15-A of the Executive Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

IV. Tax Exemption

Pursuant to Tax Law Section 1116, the State is exempt from sales and use taxes. A standard state voucher is sufficient evidence thereof. For federal excise taxes, New York's registration Number 14740026K covers tax-free transactions under the Internal Revenue Code.

V. Litigation Support

In the event the Department becomes involved in litigation related to the subject matter of this contract, the Contractor agrees to provide background support and other litigation support, including but not limited to depositions, appearances, and testimony. Any compensation paid to the Contractor under this paragraph will be negotiated and based on the rates established in the contract, or as may otherwise be provided in the contract. No compensation for such support will be paid if the litigation is the result of the Contractor's misconduct, negligence or omissions.

VI. Inventions or Discoveries

Any invention or discovery first made in performance of this Contract shall be the property of the Department, unless otherwise provided in the contract. The Contractor agrees to provide the Department with any and all materials related to this property. At the Department's option, the Contractor may be granted a non-exclusive license.

VII. Intellectual Property and Copyright Materials

The Department has title to and the right to determine the disposition of any copyrights, or copyrightable materials, first produced or created in the performance of this work. The Department may grant to the Contractor an irrevocable, royalty-free, non-exclusive right to reproduce, translate, and use all such copyrighted material for its own purposes.

VIII. Patent and Copyright Protection

If any patented or copyrighted material is involved in or results from the performance of this Contract, this Article shall apply.

- (a) The Contractor shall, at its expense, defend any suit instituted against the Department and indemnify the Department against any award of damages and costs made against the Department by a final judgment of a court of last resort based on the claim that any of the products, services or consumable supplies furnished by the Contractor under this Contract infringes any patent, copyright or other proprietary right; provided the Department gives the Contractor:

- (1) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, and
- (2) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action at the Contractor's sole expense, and
- (3) all available information, assistance and authority necessary to the action, at the Contractor's sole expense.

The Contractor shall control the defense of any such suit, including appeals, and all negotiations to effect settlement, but shall keep the Department fully informed concerning the progress of the litigation.

- (b) If the use of any item(s) or parts thereof is held to infringe a patent or copyright and its use is enjoined, or Contractor believes it will be enjoined, the Contractor shall have the right, at its election and expense to take action in the following order of precedence:

- (1) procure for the Department the right to continue using the same item or parts thereof;
- (2) modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing and of at least the same quality and performance;
- (3) replace the item(s) or parts thereof with noninfringing items of at least the same quality and performance;

- (4) if none of the above remedies are available, discontinue its use and eliminate any future charges or royalties pertaining thereto. The Contractor will buy back the infringing product(s) at the State's book value, or in the event of a lease, the parties shall terminate the lease. If discontinuation or elimination results in the Contractor not being able to perform the Contract, the Contract shall be terminated.
- (c) In the event that an action at law or in equity is commenced against the Department arising out of a claim that the Department's use of any item or material pursuant to or resulting from this Contract infringes any patent, copyright or proprietary right, and such action is forwarded by the Department to the Contractor for defense and indemnification pursuant to this Article, the Department shall copy all pleadings and documents forwarded to the Contractor together with the forwarding correspondence and a copy of this Contract to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York. If upon receipt of such request for defense, or at any time thereafter, the Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action, in whole or in part, are not covered by the indemnification set forth in this Article, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Department and the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York in writing and shall specify to what extent the Contractor believes it is and is not obligated to defend and indemnify under the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Department and State of New York and secure a continuance to permit the State of New York to appear and defend its interests in cooperation with Contractor as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses which the Department and State shall have.
- (d) The Contractor shall, however, have no liability to the Department under this Article if any infringement is based upon or arises out of:
 - (1) compliance with designs, plans, or specifications furnished by or on behalf of the Department as to the items;
 - (2) alterations of the items by the Department;
 - (3) failure of the Department to use updated items provided by the Contractor for avoiding infringement;
 - (4) use of items in combination with apparatus or devices not delivered by the Contractor;
 - (5) use of items in a manner for which the same were neither designed nor contemplated; or
 - (6) a patent or copyright in which the Department or any affiliate or subsidiary of the Department has any direct or indirect interest by license or otherwise.
- (e) The foregoing states the Contractor's entire liability for, or resulting from, patent or copyright infringement or claim thereof.

IX. Freedom of Information Requests

In response to a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request received by the Department, the Contractor agrees to provide to the Department records generated by the Contractor as a result of this contract's scope of work that are responsive to the FOIL request. The contractor may request that the Department except from disclosure records on the basis that they contain trade secrets or confidential commercial information in accordance with FOIL (Public Officers Law Section 87 and 6 NYCRR Part 616).

X. Article 15-Requirements

PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN WITH RESPECT TO STATE CONTRACTS: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

(a) General Provisions

- (1) The Department is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 ("MWBE Regulations") for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.

- (2) The Contractor to the subject contract (the “Contractor” and the “Contract,” respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to the New York State Department (the “Department”), to fully comply and cooperate with the Department in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women (“EEO”) and contracting opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises (“MWBEs”). Contractor’s demonstration of “good faith efforts” pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the “Human Rights Law”) or other applicable federal, state or local laws.
- (3) Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section VII of this Article or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

(b) Contract Goals

- (1) For purposes of this procurement, the Department hereby establishes an overall goal of **30%** for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (“MWBE”) participation, (based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs).
- (2) For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract Goals established in Section II-A hereof, Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MWBEs found at the following internet address; <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>

Additionally, the Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development ((518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.

- (3) Where MWBE goals have been established herein, pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, Contractor must document “good faith efforts” to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to the Department for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

(c) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

- (1) Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development of the State of Economic Development (the “Division”). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements. Contractor shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:
 - (i) Contractor and Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
 - (ii) The Contractor shall submit an EEO policy statement to the Department within seventy two (72) hours after the date of the notice by Department to award the Contract to the Contractor.
 - (iii) If Contractor or Subcontractor does not have an existing EEO policy statement, the Department may provide the Contractor or Subcontractor a model statement. This statement can be found at the link provided in Section 8.
 - (iv) The Contractor’s EEO policy statement shall include the following language:
 - a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.

- b. The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.
- c. The Contractor shall request each employer Department, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employer Department, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.
- d. The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection 4 and Paragraph "E" of this Section III, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.
- e. **EEO Contract Goals** for the purposes of this procurement, the Department hereby establishes a goal of 10% Minority Labor Force Participation, 10% Female Labor Force Participation.

(2) Staffing Plan Form

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Contractor shall submit a staffing plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. Contractors shall complete the Staffing plan as part of the MWBE Utilization Plan and submit at the time of award of the contract.

(3) Workforce Employment Utilization Report Form ("Workforce Report")

- (i) Once a contract has been awarded and during the term of Contract, Contractor is responsible for updating and providing notice to the Department of any changes to the previously submitted Staffing Plan. This information is to be submitted on a quarterly basis during the term of the Contract to report the actual workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Workforce Report must be submitted to report this information.
 - (ii) Separate forms shall be completed by Contractor and any subcontractor performing work on the Contract.
 - (iii) In limited instances, Contractor may not be able to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce. When a separation can be made, Contractor shall submit the Workforce Report and indicate that the information provided related to the actual workforce utilized on the Contract. When the workforce to be utilized on the contract cannot be separated out from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce, Contractor shall submit the Workforce Report and indicate that the information provided is Contractor's total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically under the Contract.
- (4) Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

(d) MWBE Utilization Plan

- (1) The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has submitted an MWBE Utilization Plan either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the contract.
- (2) Contractor agrees to use such MWBE Utilization Plan for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in Section X-B-1 of this Attachment.

- (3) Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, Department shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsiveness.

(e) Waivers

- (1) For Waiver Requests Contractor should use Waiver Request Form.
- (2) If the Contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to comply with MWBE goals, the Contractor may submit a Request for Waiver form documenting good faith efforts by the Contractor to meet such goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete, the Department shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within twenty (20) days of receipt.
- (3) If the Department, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan and updated Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports determines that Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the Contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the Department may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

(f) Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report

Contractor is required to submit a Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report Form to the Department by the 10th day following each end of quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

(g) Liquidated Damages - MWBE Participation

- (1) Where Department determines that Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, Contractor shall be obligated to pay to the Department liquidated damages.
- (2) Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
 - (i) All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
 - (ii) All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- (3) In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the Department, Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to the Department within sixty (60) days after they are assessed by the Department unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of the Department.

(h) Forms

Forms referenced in this Article can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/48854.html>

XI. Iran Divestment Act Requirements

By entering into this Agreement, Contractor certifies in accordance with State Finance Law §165-a that it is not on the “Entities Determined to be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers pursuant to the New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012” (“Prohibited Entities List”) posted at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/about/regs/docs/ListofEntities.pdf>

Contractor further certifies that it will not utilize on this Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this Contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of this Contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the contract assignment will be approved by the State.

During the term of the Contract, should the state agency receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law §165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the state agency will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then the state agency shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

The state agency reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

XII. Americans With Disabilities Act

In the event the monies defined herein are to be used for the development of facilities, outdoor recreation areas, transportation or written or spoken communication with the public, the Contractor shall comply with all requirements for providing access for individuals with disabilities as established by Article 4A of the New York State Public Buildings Law, Americans with Disabilities Act, and relevant sections of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Standards for certain Recreation Facilities are found in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design while others are found in the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Recreation Areas, <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards>

XIII. Public Access to Facilities

If applicable to the project, the Contractor agrees to allow public access to any facilities developed with monies defined herein on the same basis to all residents of New York State for a period not less than five (5) years after the date of final payment under this Contract or five (5) years after the date that the final payment was due. Failure to comply with the provisions of this clause shall be considered an abandonment of the Project.

XIV. Project Insurance Considerations

Refer to project insurance requirements as set forth in A-1 (B) Program Specific Terms and Conditions.

XV. Amendment/Extensions

The Contract may be amended and/or extended by mutual written consent of all parties. Amendment forms will be incorporated into this Contract and will not take effect until approved by all applicable State agencies and final approval by the Office of the State Comptroller, if applicable. Contract amendments may be conditioned upon funds being re-appropriated in the State Budget each state fiscal year to the Department.

XVI. Environmental Protection Fund Acknowledgement

If applicable, in recognition of a portion of the Department funds utilized for any work completed under this Contract, the Contractor agrees to acknowledge in any communication to the public, that such funding was provided from the Environmental Protection Fund as administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

XVII. Vendor Responsibility

- A. The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner or his or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.
- B. The Department recommends that vendors file a required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the VendRep System Instructions available at http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor_index.htm or go directly to the VendRep System online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>.
- C. Vendors must provide their New York State Identification Number when enrolling. To request assignment of a Vendor ID or for VendRep System assistance, contact the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us. Vendors opting to complete and submit a paper questionnaire can obtain the appropriate questionnaire from the VendRep website www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep or may contact the Department of the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk for a copy of the paper form.
- D. Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate Department officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner or his or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner or his or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner or his or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

XVIII. Permits

- A. If applicable, the Contractor agrees to obtain all required permits, including but not limited to, local, state and federal permits prior to the commencement of any project related work. The Contractor agrees that all work performed in relation to the project by the Contractor or its agents, representatives, or contractors will comply with all relevant federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and standards, zoning and building codes, ordinances, operating certificates for facilities, or licenses for an activity.
- B. With respect to the project, the contractor certifies that is has complied, and shall continue to comply with all requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Contractor agrees to provide all environmental documents as may be required by the Department. The Contractor has notified, and shall continue to notify, the Department of all actions proposed for complying with the environmental review requirements imposed by SEQRA.

XIX. Approvals

The Contractor agrees that the project will be performed in accordance with the condition of any applicable administrative, judicial or governmental orders or approvals.

XX. Site Access

If applicable, the Contractor represents it has or will obtain title to or sufficient interest in the project site, including rights-of-way and necessary easements, before the start of the project to ensure undisturbed use and possession for purposes of construction and completion of the project, as well as operation of the project throughout its useful life.

XXI. Cost Overruns

If applicable, any cost overruns will not be paid by the Department and the Department is not committed to seeking additional appropriations or re-appropriation of funds and will not be responsible for the maintenance and operation of any facility which may be developed or equipment which may be purchased with the funds herein identified.

XXII. Construction Plans

It is the Contractor's responsibility (if applicable to the Project) to have all construction contract plans, specifications and cost estimates certified by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of New York. All certified plans and specifications shall become part of this Contract and shall be kept on the project site at all times.

XXIII. Payment and Reporting

- A. The Contractor agrees to fully fund the Project and then seek reimbursement from the Department for eligible project costs. The Department will not process final payment for this Contract, until the Department determines that the project was completed satisfactorily and upon receipt of all required final close-out payment documentation in accordance with the direction and requirements described in Attachment D.
- B. The Contractor will be entitled to receive reimbursement payments for work, projects, and/or services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C and Attachment D of this Contract. Claims for reimbursement must be accompanied by such receipts and documents verifying expenditures as may be required by the Department and by the Comptroller. Satisfactory documentation shall include, but is not limited to, signed copies of payment vouchers or invoices, canceled checks/or the latest cumulative work-in-place estimate for each construction Contract, and any further documentation as may be required by the Department and/or the Comptroller. The Department reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine if the reimbursement request and accompanying documentation submitted by the Contractor is in satisfactory form and substance. A final payment determination will be based upon the Department's review of the Contractor's final voucher submission and reporting as described in Attachment D.

XXIV. On-Site Inspections

The State, Department or authorized representatives will conduct a review of the Project funded from this Contract, which may include on-site inspections, at a time that is satisfactory to the Department.

XXV. Prohibition on Purchase of Tropical Hardwoods

The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State of any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State. In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any

subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in § 165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

B) PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. Notices:

The Department's authorized representative for the implementation of this Contract and for approval, direction and receipt of all Project reports called for in this Contract. Whenever it is provided in this Contract that notice must be given or other communications sent to the Department, the notices or communications must be in writing and delivered or sent to the Department's authorized representative at:

Address: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, 5th Floor
Albany, NY 12233-4250
518-402-9405

A copy of all legal notices shall be sent to:

General Counsel
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway - 14th Floor
Albany, New York 12233-1500

The Contractor's authorized representative for the implementation of this Contract is the person authorized in the Resolution of Support for the contract submitted by the Contractor. Notices or communications regarding this Contract should be in writing and delivered or sent to the Contractor's authorized representative at the address identified on the Face Page, with copies sent to the Contractor's contract administrator as identified in the contract application.

Notices delivered or sent shall be deemed for all purposes as notice to all persons who are Parties to this Contract as Department or Contractor.

II. Project Insurance Considerations

The Contractor agrees to procure and maintain at its own expense and without expense to the Department until final acceptance by the Department of the services covered by this Contract, insurance of the kinds and amounts as determined by the Department and based upon the project work plan. The insurance policies should be provided by insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of New York. Any delay or time lost as a result of the Contractor not having insurance required by the Contract shall not give rise to a delay claim or any other claim against the Department.

Upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall furnish to the Department a certificate or certificates, satisfactory to the Department, showing that it has complied with this Article. The insurance documentation shall provide that:

- Liability and protective liability insurance policies shall provide primary and non-contributory coverage to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for any claims arising from the Contractor's Work under this contract, or as a result of Contractor's activities.
- The State of New York, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, its officers, agents and employees, Division of Lands and Forests, 625 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-4250, shall be listed as Certificate Holder on all liability insurance certificate(s), as additional insureds on endorsements(s) and on additional supporting documentation.
- The policies shall include a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor of the Department as an additional insured. The endorsement shall be on ISO Form Number CG 24 04 or a similar form with same modification to the policy.
- Policies shall not be changed or canceled until thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the Department; as evidenced by an endorsement or declarations page.

- Insurance documentation shall disclose any deductible, self-insured retention, aggregate limit or any exclusion to the policy that materially changes the coverage required by the Contract.
- Endorsements in writing must be added to and made part of the insurance contract for the purpose of changing the original terms to reflect the revisions and additions as described. A copy of these endorsements must be provided to the Department.
- Applicable insurance policy number(s) reference on the ACORD form must be referenced in the supporting documentation requested by the Department and supplied by the insurance company (e.g. endorsement page, declarations page, etc.).
- This Contract shall be void and of no effect unless the Contractor procures the required insurance policies and maintains them until acceptance or completion of the work, by the Department, whichever event is later.

The kinds and amounts of insurance required are as follows:

- A. Workers' Compensation coverage must be provided for work to be performed in New York State. The Contractor shall provide and maintain full New York State coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the New York State Workers' Compensation Law.

Evidence of Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability coverage must be provided on one of the following forms specified by the Chairman of the New York State Workers' Compensation Board:

<u>FORM #</u>	<u>FORM TITLE</u>
C-105.2	Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance
U-26.3	State Insurance Fund Version of the C-105.2 form
SI-12/ GSI-105.2	Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance
CE-200	Certificate of Attestation of Exemption – (no employees)

- B. Disability Benefits coverage must be provided for work to be performed in New York State. The Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of the contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the New York State Disability Benefits Law. Any waiver of this requirement must be approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation and will only be granted in unique or unusual circumstances.

Evidence of Disability Benefits coverage must be provided on one of the following forms specified by the Chairman of the New York State Workers' Compensation Board:

<u>FORM #</u>	<u>FORM TITLE</u>
DB-120.1	Certificate of Disability Benefit Insurance
DB-155	Certificate of Disability Benefit Self-Insurance
CE-200	Certificate of Attestation of Exemption – (no employees)

An ACORD form is **NOT** an acceptable proof of Workers' Compensation coverage. **ALL OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED FORMS, EXCEPT CE-200, SI-12 & DB-155 MUST NAME** The State of New York and The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Lands and Forests, 625 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-4250, as the Entity Requesting Proof of Coverage.

Additional information can be obtained at the Worker's Compensation website:
<http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/Employers/Employers.jsp>

Upon review of the scope of work outlined in the Grant Application by the Department, the following types of liability insurance may be required:

- C. Commercial General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence, and \$5,000,000 General aggregate. Such insurance shall cover liability arising from premises operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, broad form property damage, personal and advertising injury, cross liability assumed in a contract (including tort liability of another assumed in a contract). Limits may be provided through a combination of primary and umbrella/excess liability policies. The CGL aggregate shall be endorsed to apply on a per project basis for construction contracts.
- D. Business Automobile Liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any registered motor vehicle including owned, leased, hired and non-owned vehicles. If the Contractor does not own, rent or lease any registered vehicles and will not be using any vehicles on State Land proof of Business Automobile Liability Insurance shall not be required for this Contract. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and liability that owners and operators of any registered vehicles entering State Land to conduct work under this contract carry the same Business Automobile Liability Insurance of the kinds and amounts listed above. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation reserves the right to request proof of the same.
- E. Environmental Liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 providing primary coverage for bodily injury and property damage, including loss of use of damaged property or of property that has not been physically injured. Such policy shall provide coverage for actual, alleged or threatened emission, discharge, dispersal, seepage, release or escape of pollutants, including any loss, cost or expense incurred as a result of any cleanup of pollutants or in the investigation, settlement or defense of any claim, suit, or proceedings against the Department of Environmental Conservation arising from the Contractor's Work.
- F. Professional Liability Insurance includes coverage for its negligent act, error or omission in rendering or failing to render professional services required by this contract arising out of specifications, installation, modification, abatement, replacement or approval of products, materials or processes containing pollutants, and the failure to advise of or detect the existence or the proportions of pollutants. The Contractor, any subcontractor or supplier retained by the Contractor to work on the contract shall procure and maintain during and for a period of three (3) years after completion of this contract, Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000. The professional liability insurance may be issued on a claims-made policy form, in which case the Contractor shall purchase at its sole expense, extended Discovery Clause coverage of up to three (3) years after work is completed if coverage is cancelled or not renewed.
- G. Marine Protection & Indemnity: Anytime the activity involves work on navigable water or the work is connected to water related activities, the Contractor shall procure Marine Protection & Indemnity and Hull and Machinery coverage, if available. Hull and Machinery coverage shall be provided for the total value of the watercraft or equipment. The Contractor shall obtain Protective and Indemnity Liability insurance for all marine operations under the contract, with a minimum \$2,000,000 limit.

Should the Contractor engage a subcontractor, the Contractor shall impose the insurance requirements of this document on the subcontractor. Contractor shall determine the required insurance types and limits, commensurate with the work of the Subcontractor. The Contractor will maintain the certificate or certificates and endorsements for all subcontractors hired as part of the Contractor's records.

III. Disposal of Waste

Any waste generated from activities related to the project shall be handled, transported and disposed of in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations.

MINORITY/WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES SUMMARY

The following procedures shall be followed to satisfy the requirements of the Omnibus Procurement Act with regard to the procurement of subcontractors and suppliers.

I. A directory of minority and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

Empire State Development
Division Minority and Women's Business Development
Albany, NY 12245
Phone: (518) 292-5250
<https://ny.newnycontracts.com> (MWBE Directory search)

II. Definition. For the purposes of these clauses, the following definition shall apply:

- (a) "Certified business" shall mean either a business certified as a minority or women-owned business enterprise pursuant to section 314 of the Executive Law.
- (b) "Director" shall mean the Director of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development established by section 311 of the Executive Law.
- (c) "Minority group member" shall mean a United States citizen or permanent resident alien who is and can demonstrate membership in one of the following groups:
 - (1) Black persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups;
 - (2) Hispanic persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Central or South American of either Indian or Hispanic origin, regardless of race;
 - (3) Native American or Alaskan native persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America;
 - (4) Asian and Pacific Islander persons having origins in any of the Far East countries, South East Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.
- (d) "Minority-owned business enterprises" shall mean a business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation that is:
 - (1) at least fifty-one percent owned by one or more minority group members;
 - (2) an enterprise in which such minority ownership is real, substantial and continuing;
 - (3) an enterprise in which such minority ownership has and exercises the authority to control independently the day-to-day business decisions of the enterprise; and
 - (4) an enterprise authorized to do business in this state and independently owned and operated.
- (e) "Subcontract" shall mean an agreement providing for total expenditures in excess of \$25,000 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon between a contractor and any individual or business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or not-for-profit corporation, in which a portion of a contractor's obligation under a state contract is undertaken or assumed.
- (f) "Women-owned business enterprise" shall mean a business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation that is:
 - (1) at least fifty-one percent owned by one or more United States citizens or permanent resident aliens who are women;

- (2) an enterprise in which the ownership interest of such women is real, substantial and continuing;
- (3) an enterprise in which such women ownership has and exercises the authority to control independently the day-to-day business decisions of the enterprise ; and
- (4) an enterprise authorized to do business in this state and independently owned and operated.

III. Good Faith Efforts. In order to show good faith efforts comply with the M/WBE participation goals of this contract, the contractor shall submit such documentation as will enable the STATE to make a determination in accordance with the following criteria:

- (a) Did the contractor submit a completed, acceptable utilization plan and EEO program aimed at meeting the goals for the participation of minorities and women in the contract?
- (b) Did the contractor place advertisements in appropriate general circulation, trade and minority or woman-owned publications in a timely fashion?
- (c) Did the contractor make written solicitations to women and minority-owned business enterprises listed in the directory of certified businesses in a timely fashion and include plans, specifications and contract terms. Did the businesses solicited respond in a timely fashion?
- (d) Could the contractor have reasonably structured the work to be performed under subcontracts so as to increase the likelihood of participation by certified businesses?
- (e) Did the contractor attend any prebid or preaward meetings scheduled by the STATE with M/WBE's which the STATE determined were capable of performing work or supplying materials on the contract?
- (f) Were the subcontract terms and conditions offered to M/WBE's comparable to those offered in the ordinary course of the contractor's business to other subcontractors on the contract?

IV. Utilization Plans

- (a) If goals have been established by the STATE for the participation of certified M/WBE's on this agreement, at the direction of the STATE, but in no case later than execution of the agreement the contractor shall submit to the STATE a utilization plan on forms to be provided by the STATE. The utilization plan shall list all subcontractors and suppliers the contractor intends to use on the contract and indicate which are certified M/WBE's.
- (b) The STATE will review the utilization plan and will issue to the contractor a written notice of acceptance or deficiency within twenty days of receipt. A notice of deficiency shall include;
 - (1) the name of any M/WBE which is not acceptable for the purpose of complying with M/WBE participation goals;
 - (2) elements of the contract scope of work which the STATE has determined can be reasonably structured by the contractor to increase the likelihood of participation of M/WBES; and
 - (3) other information which the STATE determines to be relevant to the utilization plan.
- (c) The contractor shall respond to the notice of deficiency within seven days of receipt by submitting to the STATE a written statement which remedies the deficiencies in the original plan. If the written remedy which the contractor submits is not timely or is found by the STATE to be inadequate, the STATE shall so notify the contractor within five days and direct the contractor to submit a request for a partial or total waiver of M/WBE participation goals on forms to be provided by the STATE. The request for waiver must be submitted within five days of the contractors receipt of a notice that the statement of remedy was untimely or inadequate.

- (d) A contractor who has made good faith efforts to obtain commitments from M/WBE subcontractors and suppliers prior to submitting its utilization plan may request a waiver at the same time it submits its utilization plan. If a request for waiver is submitted with the utilization plan, and is not accepted by the STATE at that time, the provisions of clauses (b) and (c), regarding the notice of deficiency and written remedy will apply. In this case, the contractor may submit a second request for waiver as directed by the STATE.
- (e) If the contractor does not submit a request for waiver, or if the STATE determines that the utilization plan does not indicate that the M/WBE participation goals will be met and that the good faith efforts of the contractor have been inadequate to justify the granting of the request for waiver, the STATE shall terminate the contract, or if the contract has not been executed, the STATE shall withdraw from contract negotiations. Notice of termination or withdrawal, along with a denial of a request for waiver, where applicable, shall be delivered to the contractor no later than twenty days after the STATE receives the request for waiver.
- (f) The contractor shall attempt to utilize, in good faith, any MBE or WBE identified within its utilization plan, at least to the extent indicated in the plan.

V. Administrative Hearing on Disqualification of Contractor.

- (a) If the STATE disqualifies the contractor on the ground that the contractor has failed to remedy deficiencies in its utilization plan or document good faith efforts to remedy such deficiencies, the contractor shall be entitled to an administrative hearing, on the record, before a hearing officer appointed by the STATE, to review the determination of disqualification of the contractor.
- (b) The hearing officer's determination shall be a final administrative determination of the STATE and shall be reviewable by a proceeding brought pursuant to the Civil Practice Law and Rules, provided such proceeding is commenced within thirty days of notice given by certified mail, return receipt requested, rendering such final administrative determination in accordance with the provisions of section 313 of the Executive Law.
- (c) Such review shall be commenced in the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, and shall be heard and determined in preference to all other civil business pending therein, except election matters, irrespective of position on the calendar. Appeals taken to the Court of Appeals of the State of New York shall be subject to the same preference.

VI. Reports.

The contractor shall submit, and shall require subcontractors to submit, reports showing the participation of all business enterprises on this contract, including minority and women-owned business enterprises on forms and at intervals to be established by the STATE. Reports not submitted at such times as shall be required by the STATE shall be cause for the STATE to delay implementing scheduled payments to the contractor.

VII. Contractor's Failure or Inability to Meet M/WBE Participation Goals.

- (a) If the contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to comply with a contract's M/WBE participation goals, the contractor may submit a request for a partial or total waiver on forms provided by the STATE. If the documentation required with the request for a waiver is complete, the STATE shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within twenty days of receipt.
- (b) If the STATE, upon review of the contractor's utilization plan and compliance reports, determines that the contractor is failing or refusing to comply with M/WBE participation goals, and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the STATE may issue a notice of deficiency to the contractor. The contractor must respond to the notice within seven days of receipt. This response may include a request for partial or total waiver of M/WBE participation goals.

VIII. Contractor and Agency Complaints, Arbitration.

- (a) If the contractor submits a request for a waiver of M/WBE participation goals and the STATE denies the request or fails to respond within twenty days of receiving it, the contractor may file a complaint with the Director according to the provisions of section 316 of Article 15-A of the Executive Law. The complaint must be filed within twenty days of the STATE's receipt of the request for waiver, if the STATE has not responded in that time, or within twenty days of a notification that the request has been denied by the STATE.
- (b) If the contractor fails to respond to a notice of deficiency, the STATE may file a complaint with the Director pursuant to section 316 of Article 15-A of the Executive Law.
- (c) A complaint shall set forth the facts and circumstances giving rise to the complaint together with a demand for relief.
- (d) The party filing a complaint, whether the contractor or the STATE, shall deliver a copy to the other party. Both the complaint and the copy shall be delivered by either personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (e) Upon receipt of a complaint, the Director shall provide the party against whom the complaint has been filed with an opportunity to respond to the complaint. If within thirty days of receipt of the complaint, the Director is unable to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of the STATE and the contractor, the complaint shall be referred to the American Arbitration Association for resolution pursuant to section 316 of Article 15-A of the Executive Law and the applicable requirements of Article 75 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
- (f) Upon conclusion of the arbitration proceedings, the arbitrator will submit to the Director his or her award regarding the alleged violation of the contract or the refusal of the STATE to grant a waiver request by the contractor. The award of the arbitrator with respect to an alleged violation of the contract or the refusal of the state agency to grant a waiver shall be final and may be vacated or modified only as provided by Article 75 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
- (g) Upon conclusion of the arbitration proceedings and the rendition of an award, the arbitrator will also recommend to the Director a remedy, including, if appropriate, the imposition of sanctions, fines or penalties. The Director will either;
 - (1) adopt the recommendation of the arbitrator;
 - (2) determine that no sanctions, fines or penalties should be imposed; or
 - (3) modify the recommendation of the arbitrator, provided that such modification shall not expand upon any sanction recommended or imposed by any new sanction, or increase the amount of any recommended fine or penalty.
- (h) The Director, within ten days of receipt of the arbitrator's award and recommendations, will file a determination of such matter and shall cause a copy of such determination to be served upon the parties by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested. The determination of the Director as to the imposition of any fines, sanctions, or penalties shall be reviewable pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
- (i) The determination of the STATE or the contractor to proceed with a complaint shall not preclude the STATE, in its discretion, from pursuing any-other remedies which it may have pursuant to law and the contract.

IX. Subcontracts. The contractor will include the provisions of sub-paragraphs (V) and (VIII) above in every subcontract, as defined in sub-paragraph (II), in such a manner that such provisions will be binding upon the subcontractor as to work in connection with this contract.