

OWNER-CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

[Where Engineer is a Third Party Hired by Owner and Engineer Has Construction Administration Duties]

Owner:
The City of Canton
218 Cleveland Avenue SW
Canton, OH 44702
Telephone: 330.489.3283

Contract: [Redacted]

Alternates: [Redacted]

Contractor:
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
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Project:
[Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]
Fax: [Redacted]

This document is an agreement between the Owner and the Contractor for the Work described in the Contract Documents related to the Contract identified above for the Project defined above and is effective as of the date the Agreement is signed by the Owner (the "Effective Date").

The Owner and the Contractor agree as set forth in the following sections:

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The Contract Documents consist of the following documents:

- A. Legal Notice;
- B. Instructions to Bidders;
- C. Bid Form;
- D. Owner-Contractor Agreement;
- E. General Conditions of the Contract for Construction (EJCDC C-700), as modified;
- F. Supplementary Conditions (when applicable);
- G. Drawings;
- H. Specifications;
- I. Addenda issued;
- J. Contractor's Personal Property Tax Affidavit (O.R.C. 5719.042);
- K. Statement of Claim Form; and
- L. Modifications issued after the execution of the contract, including:
 - i. A Change Order;
 - ii. A Work Change Directive; or,
 - iii. A written order for a minor change of the Work issued by the Owner or Engineer in accordance with the General Conditions.

M. [Redacted] When this line is checked by the Owner, e.g. with an "X" or other mark, the State of Ohio Department of Transportation, Construction and Material Specifications, effective as of January 1, 2018, will be a Contract Document, but only as modified by the document titled *ODOT Manual Supplement*, prepared by Owner.

1.1 Notwithstanding anything in the Contract Documents to the contrary, in the event of any inconsistency, the provisions of this Agreement shall control over any other Contract Document, proposal, document, or other attachment. In the event inconsistencies, conflicts, or ambiguities between or among the Contract Documents are discovered after execution of the Agreement, Contractor shall provide the better quality or greater quantity of Work or comply with the more stringent requirements.

Note: Non-Contract Documents. The following are the reports and tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the Site, if any, that the Engineer has used in preparing the Contract Documents. These are not Contract Documents. Geotechnical data is not a warranty of subsurface conditions and is not to be relied upon as a complete representation of all possible soil conditions. It is possible that there may be other reports, and/or tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the Site not prepared by or on behalf of Owner. The Owner makes no representation about such reports and/or tests, assuming they exist. Additional information, if needed by Contractor for geotechnical data or site survey, shall be obtained by the Contractor at no additional cost to Owner. The General Conditions, as modified, contain additional terms related to these reports and tests.

Contractor may rely upon the general accuracy of the "technical data" contained in such reports and drawings listed below, and except for such reliance on "technical data," Contractor shall not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer with respect to: (1) the completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor's purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto; or (2) other data, interpretations, opinions, and information contained in such reports or shown or indicated in such drawings; or (3) any Contractor interpretation of or conclusion drawn from any "technical data" or any such other data, interpretations, opinions, or information. For example, all interpolations and extrapolations of data performed by Contractor to estimate locations or quantities of subsurface strata are independent factual assumptions which Owner does not warrant. (Not applicable, if none are listed).

Note: Non-Contract Documents. The following are those reports and drawings related to any Hazardous Conditions at the Site, if any. These are not Contract Documents. The General Conditions, as modified, contain additional terms related to these reports and drawings. (None if none are listed).

2. ENGINEER RELATIONSHIP. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind between the Engineer and the Contractor or any Subcontractor or Material Supplier to the Project. The Engineer, however, shall be entitled to performance of the obligations of the Contractor intended for its benefit and to enforcement of such obligations, but nothing contained herein shall be deemed to give the Contractor or any third party any claim or right of action against the Engineer that does not otherwise exist without regard to this Contract. The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall not be deemed to be beneficiaries of any of the acts or services of the Engineer that are performed for the sole benefit of the Owner. The Contractor shall forward all communications to the Owner through the Engineer and hereby acknowledges and agrees that any instructions, reviews, advice, approvals, orders, or directives that are rendered to it by the Engineer are specifically authorized and directed by the Owner to the Contractor through the Engineer acting on behalf of the Owner.

Engineer will be performing construction administration duties as identified in the General Conditions, including, but not limited to: reviewing Applications for Payment, Change Proposals, Claims, and Shop Drawings; measuring Work quantities; and issuing Work Change Directives.

2.1 The Engineer is:

<u>Original Contract Amount</u>	<u>Dollars Per Day</u>
\$1.00 to \$500,000.00	\$ 200.00
\$500,000.01 to \$2,000,000.00	\$ 250.00
\$2,000,000.01 to \$10,000,000.00	\$ 325.00
\$10,000,000.01 to \$50,000,000.00	\$ 500.00
\$50,000,000.01 and greater	\$ 625.00

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR ANY INTERIM MILESTONE SCOPE WILL BE \$1,000 PER DAY FOR EACH DAY OF UNEXCUSED DELAY BEYOND THE MILESTONE.

The Contractor acknowledges that such amounts of Liquidated Damages represent a reasonable estimate of the actual damages for loss of or interference with the intended use of the Project that the Owner would incur if the Contractor's Work is not Substantially Complete by its Date for Substantial Completion or Finally Complete by the required date for Final Completion.

4. **CONTRACT SUM (also called Contract Price).** The Contract Sum to be paid by the Owner to the Contractor, as provided herein, for the satisfactory performance and completion of the Work and all of the duties, obligations, and responsibilities of the Contractor under this Agreement and the other Contract Documents is \$ _____, subject to adjustment as set forth in the Contract Documents. The Contract Sum includes Allowances, Accepted Alternates, and all federal, state, county, municipal, and other taxes imposed by law, including but not limited to any sales, use, commercial activity, and personal property taxes payable by or levied against the Contractor on account of the Work or the materials incorporated into the Work. The Contractor will pay any such taxes. The Contract Sum includes the following:

4.1 Base Bid Amount: \$ _____ (Lump Sum Bid); and

4.2 Accepted Alternates, included in the Contract Sum:

<u>Alternate No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	_____	\$ _____
2	_____	\$ _____

4.3 Allowances included in the Contract Sum:

<u>Allowance Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Allowance #1:	\$ _____
Allowance #2:	\$ _____

4.4 If after Substantial Completion of its Work, the Contractor fails to submit its final payment application with all the documents required to be submitted with such application within ninety (90) days after written notice to do so from the Owner and without prejudice to any other rights and remedies the Owner may have available to it, the balance of the Contract Sum shall become the Owner's sole and exclusive property, and the Contractor shall have no further interest in or right to such balance.

5. **RETAINAGE.** Retainage applicable to the Contract by Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.12, .13, and .14 will be withheld as defined in the Modified General Conditions. The Contractor agrees that the financial institution selected by the Owner for deposit of retained funds is acceptable to the Contractor and will sign any documents requested related to said account.

6. GENERAL.

6.1 MODIFICATION. No modification or waiver of any of the terms of this Agreement or of any other Contract Documents will be effective against a party unless set forth in writing and signed by or on behalf of a party. In the case of the Owner, the person executing the modification or waiver must have express authority to execute the Modification on behalf of the Owner pursuant to a resolution that is duly adopted by the Owner. Under no circumstances will forbearance, including the failure or repeated failure to insist upon compliance with the terms of the Contract Documents, constitute the waiver or modification of any such terms. The parties acknowledge that no person has authority to modify this Agreement or the other Contract Documents or to waive any of its or their terms, except as expressly provided in this section.

6.2 ASSIGNMENT. The Contractor may not assign this Agreement without the written consent of the Owner, which the Owner may withhold in its sole discretion.

6.3 LAW AND JURISDICTION. All questions regarding the validity, intention, or meaning of this Agreement or any modifications of it relating to the rights and obligation of the parties will be construed and resolved under the laws of the State of Ohio. Any suit, which may be brought to enforce any provision of this Agreement or any remedy with respect hereto, shall be brought in the Common Pleas Court of the county in which the Project is located and each party hereby expressly consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of such court to the exclusion of any other court, including any U.S. District Court or any other federal court.

6.4 CONSTRUCTION. The parties acknowledge that each party has reviewed this Agreement and the other Contract Documents and entered into this Agreement as a free and voluntary act. Accordingly, the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party will not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement, the other Contract Documents, or any amendments or exhibits to it or them.

6.5 APPROVALS. Except as expressly provided herein, the approvals and determinations of the Owner and Engineer will be subject to the sole discretion of the respective party and be valid and binding on the Contractor, provided only that they be made in good faith, i.e., honestly. If the Contractor challenges any such approval or determination, the Contractor has the burden of proving that it was not made in good faith by clear and convincing evidence.

6.6 PARTIAL INVALIDITY. If any term or provision of this Agreement is found to be illegal, unenforceable, or in violation of any laws, statutes, ordinances, or regulations of any public authority having jurisdiction, then, notwithstanding such term or provision, this Agreement will remain in full force and effect and such term will be deemed stricken; provided this Agreement will be interpreted, when possible, so as to reflect the intentions of the parties as indicated by any such stricken term or provision.

6.7 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS. The Contractor, at its expense, will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the Work, including but not limited to Chapter 4115 of the Ohio Revised Code and Sections 153.59 and 153.60 of the Ohio Revised Code, which prohibit discrimination in the hiring and treatment of employees, with respect to which the Contractor agrees to comply and to require its subcontractors to comply.

6.7.1 NON-DISCRIMINATION. Contractor agrees:

- .1 That in the hiring of employees for the performance of Work under this Agreement or in any subcontract, neither the Contractor, subcontractor, or any person acting on behalf of either of them, shall by reason of race, creed, sex, disability as defined in Section 4112.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, or color discriminate against any citizen of the state in the employment of labor or workers who are qualified and available to perform the Work to which the employment relates.
- .2 That neither the Contractor, subcontractor, nor any person acting on behalf of either of them shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of Work under this Agreement on account of race, creed, sex, disability as defined in Section 4112.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, or color.

- .3 That there shall be deducted from the amount payable to the Contractor by the Owner under this Agreement a forfeiture of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 153.60 for each person who is discriminated against or intimidated in violation of this Agreement.
- .4 That this Agreement may be canceled or terminated by the Owner and all money to become due hereunder may be forfeited for a second or subsequent violation of the terms of this section of this Agreement.

6.7.2 PREVAILING WAGE RATES. The Contractor and its subcontractors, regardless of tier, shall strictly comply with their obligation, if any, to pay their employees working on the Project site at the applicable prevailing wage rates for the type of work, including any changes thereto, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4115.

6.7.3 ETHICS. By signing and entering into this agreement with the Owner, the Contractor represents that it is familiar with all applicable ethics law requirements, including without limitation Sections 102.04 and 3517.13 of the Ohio Revised Code, and certifies that it is in compliance with such requirements. The Contractor understands that failure to comply with the ethics laws is, in itself, grounds for termination of this contract and may result in the loss of other contracts with the Owner.

6.8 JOB MEETINGS. The Contractor or one of its representatives with authority to bind the Contractor will attend all job meetings. The Owner anticipates that job meetings will be scheduled on a weekly basis during construction or as needed. The Contractor will ensure that its Subcontractors also hold regular job meetings at which safety issues and job matters are discussed as these relate to the Work being performed. Job meetings include, but are not limited to, pre-construction meetings, weekly job meetings, weekly safety tool box meetings, and monthly safety meetings.

6.9 PROPERTY TAX AFFIDAVIT. The Contractor's affidavit given under Section 5719.024, Ohio Revised Code, is incorporated herein.

6.10 WARRANTIES. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Contract Documents, including the Project Manual and Specifications, no warranties by Contractor shall be limited to any time shorter than the statute of limitations for written contracts in Ohio.

6.11 CONTRACTOR ATTESTATIONS.

- .1 Contractor attests that it has not scaled these contract documents to determine quantities for bids, as Contractor has field verified and taken its own dimensions to determine the quantities for its bid.
- .2 Contractor agrees that all the scales noted on the drawings are correct; so as to give it an "intent" of what is to be bid. Contractor has not relied on any other dimensions than what are noted in text and dimension lines.
- .3 Contractor has thoroughly read the Contract Documents and has asked any and all questions it has on the intent of the scope of work, or supposed errors and omissions contained in these drawings, during the bid process and prior to signing this Agreement.
- .4 Contractor will not be asserting a claim for additional time or money associated with the three issues listed above.
- .5 Contractor believes it has accurately interpreted the Contract Documents and has asked for clarification and received satisfactory response for all items not thoroughly addressed or appeared to be conflicting in the Contract Documents and has found all stipulations and requirements contained in this Agreement are as stated in the bid specifications and are enforceable according to Ohio Law, including but not limited to the Owner's right of offset, and the Owner's right to assess liquidated damages for work not completed according to the milestones listed on the project schedule contained in the Contract Documents.

6.12 ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement and the other Contract Documents constitute the entire agreement among the parties with respect to their subject matter and will supersede all prior and contemporaneous, oral or written, agreements, negotiations, communications, representations, and understandings with respect to such subject matter, and no person is justified in relying on such agreements, negotiations, communications, representations, or understandings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their properly authorized representatives and agree that this Agreement is effective as of the date first set forth above.

Owner:
The City of Canton

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Contractor:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATE

(Section 5705.41, R.C.)

The undersigned, fiscal officer of the Owner, certifies that the moneys required to pay that part of the Contract Sum coming due during the current fiscal year, under the Agreement to which this Certificate is attached have been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and are in the appropriate account of the Owner, or in the process of collection to the credit of the appropriate account or fund, free from any previous encumbrances. Moneys due in excess of the Contract Sum shall require an additional and separate Fiscal Officer's Certificate.

DATED: _____

Fiscal Officer