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MENLO PARK CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES (SMALL PROJECTS)

AGREEMENT NUMBER MPCSD-2026-3002

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 5th day of March, 2026, by and between **Advance Communications & Consulting, Inc.** ("Contractor") and **Menlo Park City School District** ("District") ("Contract").

1. The Contractor shall furnish to the District for a total price of One hundred forty-five thousand eight hundred eighty-five and 54/100 Dollars (\$145,885.54) ("Contract Price"), the following services ("Services" or "Work"):

Refer to Exhibit "A" ("Scope of Work")

Contractor's duties and services under this Contract shall not include preparing or assisting the District with any portion of the District's preparation of a request for proposals, request for qualifications, or any other solicitation regarding a subsequent or additional contract with the District. The District shall at all times retain responsibility for public contracting, including with respect to any subsequent phase of this Project. Contractor's participation in the planning, discussions, or drawing of project plans or specifications shall be limited to conceptual, preliminary, or initial plans or specifications. Contractor shall cooperate with the District to ensure that all bidders for a subsequent contract on any subsequent phase of this Project have access to the same information, including all conceptual, preliminary, or initial plans or specifications prepared by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

2. Payment for the Work shall be made in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.
3. Contractor shall perform the Work at District Office/TERC: 181 Encinal Ave., Atherton; Encinal ES: 195 Encinal Ave., Atherton; Laurel Lower Campus: 95 Edge Rd., Atherton; Laurel Upper Campus: 275 Elliott Dr., Menlo Park; Hillview MS: 1100 Elder Ave., Menlo Park; Oak Knoll ES: 1895 Oak Knoll Lane, Menlo Park ("Site"). The Project is the scope of Work performed at the Site.
4. Work shall be completed within One Hundred and Twenty (120) consecutive calendar days ("Contract Time") from the date specified in the District's Notice to Proceed, unless terminated earlier by the District for cause or for convenience.

It is understood and agreed that the Work shall be performed and completed as required in the Contract Documents (as defined herein) including, without limitation, the Drawings and Specifications and submission of all documents required to secure funding or by the Division of the State Architect ("DSA") for close-out of the Project, under the direction and supervision of, and subject to the approval of, the District or its authorized representative.

5. Contractor agrees that if the Work is not completed within the Contract Time and/or pursuant to the completion schedule, construction schedule, or project milestones developed pursuant to provisions of the Contract, it is understood, acknowledged, and agreed that the District will suffer damage which is not capable of being calculated. Pursuant to Government Code section 53069.85, Contractor shall pay to the District, as fixed and liquidated damages for these incalculable damages, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per day for each and every calendar day of delay beyond the Contract Time or beyond any completion schedule, construction schedule, or project milestones established pursuant to the Contract.

MPCSD Districtwide Fiber and Laurel Lower Cabling Replacement, RFP MPCSD-2026-3002

6. This Contract incorporates by this reference the Contract Documents attached hereto. Contractor, by executing this Contract, agrees to comply with all obligations set forth in the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents include only the following documents, as indicated:

☒ Legal Notice to Vendors Request for Proposals	☒ Disabled Veterans' Business Enterprise Participation Certification
☒ Request for Proposal	☒ Asbestos & Other Hazardous Materials Certification
☒ Proposal Form	☒ Lead-Product(s) Certification
☒ Bid Bond	☐ Roofing Project Certification
☒ Noncollusion Declaration	☒ Registered Subcontractor List
☐ Iran Contracting Act Certification	☒ Insurance Certificates and Endorsements
☐ Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleet Certification	☒ Performance Bond
☒ Designated Subcontractors List	☒ Payment Bond
☒ Notice to Proceed	☒ Technical Specifications
☒ Prevailing Wage Certification	☐ Plans
☒ Workers' Compensation Certification	☒ Special Conditions
☒ Criminal Background Investigation / Fingerprinting Certification	☒ Exhibit "A" ("Scope of Work")
☐ Drug-Free Workplace Certification	☒ Federal Debarment Certification
☐ Tobacco-Free Environment Certification	☒ Federal Byrd Anti-Lobbying Certification
☐ Drug & Alcohol-Free Schools Certification	☒ E-Rate Requirements
☒ Workplace Violence Prevention Plan Certification	☒ Appendices A & B

7. Contractor shall not commence the Work under this Contract until the Contractor has submitted and the District has approved the performance bond, payment (labor and material) bond, the certificate(s) and the endorsement(s) of insurance required under the Terms and Conditions and the District has issued a Notice to Proceed.
8. The construction manager on the Project is Cumming Group ("Construction Manager"). Contractor hereby acknowledges that the District and the Construction Manager have authority to approve and/or suspend Work if the Contractor's Work does not comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, and all applicable laws. No work shall be carried on except with the knowledge and under the inspection of said Project Inspector. The District and the Construction Manager shall have free access to any or all parts of work at any time. The Contractor shall be liable for any delay caused by its non-compliant Work or its failure to provide proper notification for inspection.
9. Inspection and acceptance of the Work shall be performed by designated members of the Technology Department of the District.

10. Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Contract shall be deemed to have been given, served, and received if given in writing and either personally delivered or deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt required, or sent by overnight delivery service, or facsimile or email, addressed as follows:

District

Menlo Park City School District
ATTN: Kristen Gracia, Superintendent
181 Encinal Ave, Atherton
Fax: (650) 328-1275
Email: _____

Contractor

Name: Advance Communications &
Consulting, Inc.
ATTN: _____
PO Box 21000, Bakerfield
Fax: (661) 664-0277
Email: _____

Any notice personally given or sent by facsimile or email shall be effective upon receipt. Any notice sent by overnight delivery service shall be effective the business day next following delivery to the overnight delivery service. Any notice given by mail shall be effective three (3) days after deposit in the United States mail.

11. Contractor shall guarantee all labor and material used in the performance of this Contract for a period of one (1) year from the date of the District's written approval of the Work.
12. This Contract incorporates by this reference the Terms and Conditions attached hereto. Contractor, by executing this Contract, agrees to comply with all the Terms and Conditions.
13. Each exhibit attached hereto is hereby incorporated herein by reference.
14. Each party has the full power and authority to enter into and perform this Contract, and the person signing this Contract on behalf of each party has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into this Contract.
15. This Contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, and all counterparts together shall be construed as one document. A facsimile or electronic signature shall be deemed to be the equivalent of the actual original signature. All counterparts so executed shall constitute one Contract binding all the Parties hereto.
16. By signing this Contract, Contractor certifies, under penalty of perjury, that all the information provided in the Contract Documents is true, complete, and correct.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

ACCEPTED AND AGREED on the date indicated below:

Dated: March 5, 20 20

Signature: _____

Print Name: Kristen Gracia

Print Title: Superintendent

Address: 181 Encinal Ave. Atherton

Telephone: 650-321-7140 ^{CA, 94027}

Facsimile: _____

E-Mail: kgracia@mpcsd.org

Dated: _____, 20__

Contractor: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____

License No.: _____

Registration No.: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Information regarding Contractor:

Type of Business Entity:

☐ Individual

☐ Sole Proprietorship

☐ Partnership

☐ Limited Partnership

☐ Corporation, State: _____

☐ Limited Liability Company

☐ Other: _____

Employer Identification and/or
Social Security Number

NOTE: Section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6041) and Section 1.6041-1 of Title 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations (26 C.F.R. 1.6041-1) requires the recipients of \$600.00 or more to furnish their taxpayer information to the payer. In order to comply with these requirements, the District requires the Contractor to furnish the information requested in this section.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO CONTRACT

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

2. STANDARD OF CARE: Contractor shall perform, diligently prosecute and complete the Work in a good and workmanlike manner within the Contract Time, and in strict conformity with all Contract Documents.

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

4. PERMITS, LICENSES AND REGISTRATION: Contractor and all of its employees, agents, and subcontractors shall secure and maintain in force, at Contractor's sole cost and expense, all licenses, registration and permits as are required by law, in connection with the furnishing of materials, supplies, or services herein listed.

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7. LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT: Contractor shall furnish all tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, transportation, labor, and material necessary to furnish the services herein described, the services to be performed at such times and places as directed by and subject to the approval of the authorized District representative indicated in the Work specifications attached hereto. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be new and previously unused, and of the manufacturer's latest model or the best of their respective kinds and grades as noted or specified, and workmanship shall be of good quality.

8. SUBSTITUTIONS: No substitutions of material from those specified in the Work Specifications shall be made without the prior written approval of the District. Contractor shall be responsible for any re-design costs occasioned by District's acceptance and/or approval of any substitute, as well as any costs that the District incurs for professional services, including DSA fees. District may deduct those costs from any amounts owing to Contractor for the review of the request for substitution, even if the request for substitution is not approved. Contractor shall, in the event that a substitute is less costly than that specified, credit the District with one-hundred percent (100%) of the net difference between the substitute and the originally specified material.

9. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor is an independent contractor or business entity that is: (i) free from the control and direction of the District in connection with the performance of the Services, (ii) performing Services that are outside the usual course of the District's business, and (iii) customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as that involved in the Services performed, District being interested only in the results obtained. Contractor understands and agrees that it and all of its employees shall not be considered officers, employees, agents, partner, or joint venture of the District, and are not entitled to benefits of any kind or nature normally provided employees of the District and/or to which District's employees are normally entitled, including, but not limited to, State Unemployment Compensation or Worker's Compensation. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for payment of all federal, state, and local taxes or contributions, including unemployment insurance, social security, and income taxes with respect to Consultant's employees.

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

11. WORKERS: Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees and the employees of its subcontractors and shall not employ or work any unfit person or anyone not skilled in work assigned to him or her. Any person in the employ of the Contractor or a subcontractor whom the District may deem incompetent or unfit shall be dismissed from the Site and shall not again be employed at Site without written consent from the District.

12. SUBCONTRACTORS: Subcontractors, if any, engaged by the Contractor for any Service or Work under this Contract shall be subject to the approval of the District. Contractor agrees to bind every subcontractor by the terms of the Contract as far as such terms are applicable to subcontractor's work, including, without limitation, all

registration, indemnification, insurance, bond, and warranty requirements. If Contractor shall subcontract any part of this Contract, Contractor shall be fully responsible to the District for acts and omissions of its subcontractor and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by itself. Nothing contained in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relations between any subcontractor and the District.

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

14.TRENCH SHORING: If this Contract is in excess of \$25,000 and is for the excavation of any trench deeper than five (5) feet, Contractor must submit and obtain District acceptance, in advance of excavation, of a detailed plan showing the design of shoring, bracing, sloping, or other provisions to be made for worker protection from the hazard of caving ground during the excavation of such trench or trenches. If the plan varies from the shoring system standards, the plan shall be prepared by a registered civil or structural engineer.

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

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

20.FORCE MAJEURE: "Force Majeure" means any event or circumstance unknown at the time of contracting that is beyond the parties' control and makes performance of the contract impractical or impossible. The Party seeking to have its performance obligation(s) excused must demonstrate that there was such an insuperable interference occurring without the party's intervention as could not have been prevented by the exercise of prudence, diligence, and care, by providing prompt notice to the other Party, including full particulars of such event, of its inability to perform its obligations due to such event, following commencement of the claiming Party's inability to so perform its obligations. To the extent satisfying these conditions, Force Majeure events include the following: acts of God, war, civil unrest, epidemic, fire, smoke, volcanic eruption, earthquake, strike, unusually severe weather, flood, or shortage of transportation facilities, lock out, or commandeering of materials, product, plant, or facilities by the government. Force Majeure shall not be based on a Party's financial inability to perform under this Agreement unless there exists extreme and unreasonable difficulty, expense, injury, or loss involved. A Force Majeure event does not include an act of negligence or intentional wrongdoing by a Party. Any Party claiming a Force Majeure event shall use reasonable diligence to remove the condition that prevents performance and shall not be entitled to suspend performance of its obligations in any greater scope or for any longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure event. Each Party shall use its best efforts to mitigate the effects of such Force Majeure event, remedy its inability to perform, and resume full performance of its obligations hereunder. Costs imposed by the government on sales or importation of goods or materials including, without limitation, tariffs or taxes, are not Force Majeure.

21.CORRECTION OF ERRORS: Contractor shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from the District, any work necessary to correct errors or omissions that are caused by the Contractor's failure to comply with the approved plans and specifications and the standard of care required herein. Schedule delays resulting from unauthorized work shall be Contractor's responsibility.

22.NO RELIEF FROM OBLIGATIONS BASED ON REVIEW BY OTHER PERSONS: Contractor shall not be relieved of obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents by act or omission of the District, Architect, Construction Manager, Project Inspector, or DSA or other entities having jurisdiction including, but not limited to, administration of the Contract, review of submittals, or by tests, observation, inspection, or permit/interconnection approvals.

23.DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO PERFORM WORK: If the Contractor should neglect to prosecute the Work properly or fail to perform any provisions of this Contract, the District, after **FORTY-EIGHT (48)** hours' written notice to the Contractor, may make good such deficiencies, without prejudice to any other remedy it may have,

including but not limited to the District hiring its own forces or another contractor to replace the Contractor's nonconforming Work, in which case the District shall either issue a deductive Change Order, a Construction Change Directive, or invoice the Contractor for the cost of that work. Contractor shall pay any invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt of same or District may withhold those amounts from payment(s) otherwise due to Contractor.

24.ACCESS TO WORK: District representatives, Architect, and Project Inspector shall at all times have access to the Work wherever it is in preparation or in progress. Contractor shall provide safe and proper facilities for such access.

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

26.PAYMENT: On a monthly basis, Contractor shall submit an application for payment based upon the estimated value for materials delivered or services performed under the Contract as of the date of submission ("Application for Payment"). Within thirty (30) days after District's approval of the Application for Payment, Contractor shall be paid a sum equal to ninety-five percent (95%) of the value of the Work performed (as verified by Architect and Inspector and certified by Contractor) up to the last day of the previous month, less the aggregate of previous payments and amount to be withheld. The District may withhold or deduct from any payment an amount necessary to protect the District from loss because of: (1) liquidated damages which have accrued as of the date of the application for payment; (2) any sums expended by the District in performing any of Contractor's obligations under the Contract which Contractor has failed to perform or has performed inadequately; (3) defective Work not remedied; (4) stop payment notices as allowed by state law; (5) reasonable doubt that the Work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the Total Contract price or by the scheduled completion date; (6) unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work by Contractor; (7) unauthorized deviations from the Contract; (8) failure of the Contractor to maintain or submit on a timely basis proper and sufficient documentation as required by the Contract or by District during the prosecution of the Work; (9) erroneous or false estimates by the Contractor of the value of the Work performed; (10) any sums representing expenses, losses, or damages, as determined by the District, incurred by the District for which Contractor is liable under the Contract; and (11) any other sums which the District is entitled to recover from Contractor under the terms of the Contract or pursuant to state law, including section 1727 of the California Labor Code. The failure by the District to deduct any of these sums from a progress payment shall not constitute a waiver of the District's right to such sums. The District shall retain five percent (5%) from all amounts owing as retention. Retention shall be paid pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 7107, 7200 and 7201.

27.AUDIT. Contractor shall establish and maintain books, records, and systems of account, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, reflecting all business operations of Contractor transacted under this Contract. Contractor shall retain these books, records, and systems of account during the Term of this Contract and for five (5) years thereafter. Contractor shall permit District, its agent, other representatives, or an independent auditor to audit, examine, and make excerpts, copies, and transcripts from all books and records, and to make audit(s) of all billing statements, invoices, records, and other data related to the Work covered by this Contract. Audit(s) may be performed at any time, provided that District shall give reasonable prior notice to Contractor and shall conduct audit(s) during Contractor's normal business hours, unless Contractor otherwise consents.

28.CHANGE IN SCOPE OF WORK:

28.1. Changes in Scope of Work. Any change in the scope of the Work, method of performance, nature of materials or price thereof, or any other matter materially affecting the performance or nature of the Work shall not be paid for or accepted unless such change, addition, or deletion is approved in advance and in writing by a valid change order executed by the District. Contractor specifically understands, acknowledges, and agrees that the District shall have the right to request any alterations, deviations, reductions, or additions to the Project or Work, and the cost thereof shall be added to or deducted from the amount of the Contract Price by fair and reasonable valuations. Contractor shall include maximums of ten percent (10%) mark-up for all tiers of subcontractors, five percent (5%) for overhead and profit, and two and one-half percent (2.5%) for bonds and insurance. Contractor also agrees to provide the District with all information requested to substantiate the cost of the change order and to inform the District whether the Work will be done by the Contractor or a subcontractor. In addition to any other information requested, Contractor shall submit, prior to approval of the change order, its request for a time extension (if any), as well as all information necessary to substantiate its belief that such change will delay the completion of the Work. If Contractor fails to submit its request for a time extension or the necessary supporting information, it shall be deemed to have waived its right to request such extension.

28.2. Allowances. If there is an Allowance, then Contractor shall not bill for or be due any portion of an Allowance unless Owner has identified specific work, Contractor has submitted a price for that work or Owner has proposed a price for that work, Owner has accepted the cost for that work, and Owner has executed an Allowance Expenditure Directive incorporating that work. Allowance Expenditure Directives shall be based on Contractor's costs, without overhead and profit, for products, delivery, installation, labor, insurance, payroll, taxes, bonding and equipment rental will be included in Allowance Expenditure Directive authorizing expenditure of funds from the Allowance. No overhead and profit shall be added to the Allowance Expenditure Directive.

29. INDEMNIFICATION:

29.1. To the furthest extent permitted by California law, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the District and its Governing Board, agents, representatives, employees, consultants, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") from any and all demands, damages, injuries, losses, expenses, liabilities, claims, suits, and actions (the "Claims") of any kind, nature, and description, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and costs, directly or indirectly arising from, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from the performance of this Contract unless the claims are caused by the active negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Parties and/or defects in design furnished by the Architect, as found by a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction, in which case the Contractor's indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be reduced by the proportion of the Indemnitees' and/or Architect's liability.

29.2. Contractor shall also, to the furthest extent permitted by California law, defend the Indemnified Parties at Contractor's own expense, including attorneys' fees and costs, from any and all claims directly or indirectly arising from, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from the performance of this Contract unless the claims are caused by the active negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Parties and/or defects in design furnished by the Architect, as found by a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction, in which case, without impacting Contractor's obligation to provide an immediate and ongoing defense of the Indemnified Parties, the Contractor's defense obligation shall be retroactively reduced by the proportion of the Indemnitees' and/or Architect's liability. The District shall have the right to accept or reject any legal representation that Contractor proposes to defend the District.

29.3. Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 9201, the District shall provide timely notification to Contractor of the receipt of any third-party claim relating to this Contract. The District shall be entitled to recover its reasonable costs incurred in providing said notification.

29.4. If the Indemnitees provide their own defense due to failure to timely respond to tender of defense, rejection of tender of defense, or conflict of interest of proposed counsel, Contractor shall reimburse Indemnitees for any expenditures, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

29.5. The District may retain so much of the moneys due the Contractor as shall be considered necessary, until disposition of any such suit, claims or actions for damages or until the District has received written agreement from the Contractor that it will unconditionally defend the Indemnified Parties, and pay any damages due by reason of settlement or judgment.

29.6. The Contractor's defense and indemnification obligations hereunder shall survive the completion of Work, including the warranty/guarantee period, and/or the termination of the Contract.

30. PAYMENT BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND: Contractor shall not commence the Work until it has provided to the District, in a form acceptable to the District, a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond and a Performance Bond, each in an amount equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price issued by a surety admitted to issue bonds in the State of California and otherwise acceptable to the District.

31. CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE:

31.1. The Contractor shall procure and maintain at all times it performs any portion of the Services the following insurance with minimum limits not less than the amount indicated below. If Contractor normally carries insurance in an amount greater than the minimum amounts required by District, that greater amount shall become the minimum required amount of insurance for purposes of the Contract. Therefore, Contractor hereby acknowledges

and agrees that all insurance carried by it shall be deemed liability coverage for all actions it performs in connection with the Contract.

Type of Coverage	Minimum Requirement
Commercial General Liability Insurance , including Bodily Injury, Personal Injury, Property Damage, Advertising Injury, and Medical Payments Each Occurrence General Aggregate	 \$ 1,000,000 \$ 2,000,000
Automobile Liability Insurance - Any Auto Combined Single Limit	 \$ 1,000,000
Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability	\$ 1,000,000

31.1.1. Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance. Commercial General Liability Insurance and Any Auto Automobile Liability Insurance that shall protect the Contractor, the District, and the State from all claims of bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, death, advertising injury, and medical payments arising performing any portion of the Services. (Form CG 0001 and CA 0001, or forms substantially similar, if approved by the District.)

31.1.2. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance. Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employers' Liability Insurance for all of its employees performing any portion of the Services. In accordance with provisions of section 3700 of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall be required to secure workers' compensation coverage for its employees. If any class of employee or employees engaged in performing any portion of the Services under this Contract are not protected under the Workers' Compensation Statute, adequate insurance coverage for the protection of any employee(s) not otherwise protected must be obtained before any of those employee(s) commence performing any portion of the Services.

31.2. Proof of Insurance. The Contractor shall not commence performing any portion of the Services until all required insurance has been obtained and certificates indicating the required coverage have been delivered in duplicate to the District and approved by the District. Certificates and insurance policies shall include the following:

31.2.1. Language stating in particular those insured, extent of insurance, location and operation to which insurance applies, expiration date, to whom cancellation notice will be sent, and length of notice period.

31.2.2. A clause stating: "This policy shall not be canceled until notice has been mailed to the District, stating date of cancellation. Date of cancellation shall not be less than thirty (30) days after date of mailing notice."

31.2.3. An endorsement stating that the District and its Governing Board, agents, representatives, employees, consultants, and volunteers are named additional insured under all policies except Workers' Compensation Insurance, and Employers' Liability Insurance.

31.2.4. All policies except the Workers' Compensation Insurance, and Employers' Liability Insurance Policies shall be written on an occurrence form.

31.2.5. An endorsement stating that Contractor's insurance policies shall be primary to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by District.

31.2.6. An endorsement stating that there shall be a waiver of any subrogation.

31.2.7. Contractor's insurance limit shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or suit is brought.

31.3. Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the District.

32.WARRANTY/QUALITY: Unless a longer warranty is called for elsewhere in the Contract Documents, the Contractor, manufacturer, or their assigned agents shall guarantee the workmanship, product or service performed against defective workmanship, defects or failures of materials for a minimum period of one (1) year from filing the Notice of Completion with the county in which the Site is located. All workmanship and merchandise must be warranted to be in compliance with applicable California energy, conservation, environmental, and educational standards.

33.CONFIDENTIALITY: The Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of any student, parent, personnel, and/or disciplinary information that Contractor encounters while performing the Work. This requirement shall be ongoing and shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.

34.LIMITATION OF DISTRICT LIABILITY: District's financial obligations under this Contract shall be limited to the payment of the compensation provided in this Contract. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, in no event shall District be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on contract or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits or revenue, or lost bonding capacity, arising out of or in connection with this Contract for the services performed in connection with this Contract.

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

36.LABOR CODE REQUIREMENTS: Contractor represents that Contractor and all Subcontractors shall not be presently debarred, suspended, proposed for disbarment, declared ineligible or excluded. Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the California Labor Code, Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1 – 5, including, without limitation, the payment of the general prevailing per diem wage rates for public work projects of more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file with the District or available online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/>. In addition, the Contractor and each subcontractor shall comply with Section 1735 forbidding discrimination and Sections 1777.5 and 1777.6 concerning the employment of apprentices by Contractor or subcontractors.

36.1. Registration: Contractor and its subcontractor(s) shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 and in accordance with Labor Code section 1771.1.

36.2. Registered Subcontractor List: Within 30 days of the award of contract or prior to commencing the Work under this Contract, whichever occurs first, Contractor shall provide District all information required by Labor Code section 1773.3, as amended by Stats. 2017, Ch. 28, Sec. 21, for Company and all tiers of Subcontractors to enable District to provide notice to the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) of the Contract (PWC-100 form). Contractor shall submit and maintain an updated Registered Subcontractor List including all Subcontractors of any tier furnishing labor, material, or equipment to the Project.

36.3. Certified Payroll Records: Contractor and its subcontractor(s) shall upload certified payroll records ("CPR") electronically using California Department of Industrial Relations' (DIR) eCPR System by uploading the CPRs by electronic XML file or entering each record manually using the DIR's iform (or current form) online directly to the DIR on no less than every 30 days while Work is being performed and within 30 days after the final day of Work performed on the Project, and within ten (10) days of any request by the District or Labor Commissioner at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Certified-Payroll-Reporting.html> or current application and URL, showing the name, address, social security number, work classification, straight time, and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker, or other employee employed by the Contractor and/or each subcontractor in connection with the Work.

36.4. Labor Compliance: Contractor shall perform the Work of the Project while complying with all the applicable regulations, including section 16000, et seq., of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations and is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

37.ANTI-DISCRIMINATION: Contractor herein agrees to comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act as set forth in part 2.8 of division 3 of the California Government Code, commencing at section 12900; the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as set forth in Public Law 88-352, and all amendments thereto; Executive Order 11246; and all administrative rules and regulations found to be applicable to Contractor and all of its subcontractors. In addition, the Contractor agrees to require like compliance by all its subcontractor(s).

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

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

40.CONTRACTOR CLAIMS: In the event of any demand by Contractor for (A) a time extension, including, without limitation, for relief from damages or penalties for delay assessed by the District under the Contract, (B) payment by the District of money or damages arising from work done by, or on behalf of, the Contractor pursuant to the Contract and payment of which is not otherwise expressly provided for or to which Contractor is not otherwise entitled to, or (C) an amount of payment disputed by the District, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute by those procedures set forth in Public Contract Code section 9204 and/or Article 1.5 (commencing with section 20104) of Chapter 1, Part, 3, Division 2, of the Public Contract Code, if applicable, the provisions of which are each attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. If a claim, or any portion thereof, remains in dispute upon satisfaction of all applicable dispute resolution requirements, the Contractor shall comply with all claims presentation requirements as provided in Chapter 1 (commencing with section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of Government Code as a condition precedent to the Contractor's right to bring a civil action against the District. For purposes of those provisions, the running of the time within which a claim must be presented to the District shall be tolled from the time the Contractor submits its written claim until the time the claim is denied, including any time utilized by any applicable meet and confer process. Pending resolution of the dispute, Contractor and its subcontractors shall continue to perform the Work under the Contract and shall not cause a delay of the Work, including the disputed work, during any dispute, claim, negotiation, mediation, or arbitration proceeding, except by written agreement of the District.

41.ATTORNEY FEES/COSTS: Should litigation be necessary to enforce any terms or provisions of this Contract, then each party shall bear its own litigation and collection expenses, witness fees, court costs and attorney's fees.

42.TERMINATION:

42.1.If Contractor fails to perform the Services and Contractor's duties to the satisfaction of the District, or if Contractor fails to fulfill in a timely and professional manner Contractor's obligations under this Contract, or if Contractor violates any of the terms or provisions of this Contract, District shall have the right to terminate this Contract and/or Contractor's right to perform the Work of the Contract for cause effective immediately upon the District giving written notice thereof to Contractor. Contractor and its performance bond surety, if any, shall be liable for all damages caused to the District by reason of Contractor's failure to perform and complete the Contract. In the event termination for cause is determined to have not been for cause, the termination shall be deemed to have been a termination for convenience effective as of the same date as the purported termination for cause.

42.2.District shall also have the right in its sole discretion to terminate the Contract and/or Contractor's right to perform the Work of the Contract for its own convenience upon District giving three (3) days' written notice thereof to the Contractor. In case of a termination for convenience, Contractor shall be paid for the actual cost for labor, materials, and services performed including, without limitation, Contractor's and its subcontractor(s)' mobilization and/or demobilization costs, that is unpaid and can be documented through timesheets, invoices, receipts, or otherwise. If Contractor objects to the termination for convenience,

including disagreement on the actual cost, the District retains the right to all the options available to the District under a termination for cause.

42.3. Termination shall have no effect upon any of the rights and obligations of the parties arising out of any transaction occurring prior to the effective date of termination.

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

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

45. CALCULATION OF TIME: For the purposes of this Contract, "days" refers to calendar days unless otherwise specified.

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

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

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

49. CAPTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS: Paragraph headings in this Contract are used solely for convenience, and shall be wholly disregarded in the construction of this Contract. No provision of this Contract shall be interpreted for or against a party because that party or its legal representative drafted such provision, and this Contract shall be construed as if jointly prepared by the parties.

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

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

52. ENTIRE CONTRACT: This Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the parties hereto and fully supersedes any and all prior agreements, understandings, written or oral, between the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter thereof.

53. NO ORAL MODIFICATIONS: No oral agreement or conversation with any officer, agent, or employee of District, either before or after execution of Contract, shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations contained in any of the documents comprising the Contract.

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Public Contract Code section 9204

(a) The Legislature finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the state and its citizens to ensure that all construction business performed on a public works project in the state that is complete and not in dispute is paid in full and in a timely manner.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, including, but not limited to, Article 7.1 (commencing with Section 10240) of Chapter 1 of Part 2, Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 19100) of Part 2, and Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 20104) of Chapter 1 of Part 3, this section shall apply to any claim by a contractor in connection with a public works project.

(c) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Claim" means a separate demand by a contractor sent by registered mail or certified mail with return receipt requested, for one or more of the following:

(A) A time extension, including, without limitation, for relief from damages or penalties for delay assessed by a public entity under a contract for a public works project.

(B) Payment by the public entity of money or damages arising from work done by, or on behalf of, the contractor pursuant to the contract for a public works project and payment for which is not otherwise expressly provided or to which the claimant is not otherwise entitled.

(C) Payment of an amount that is disputed by the public entity.

(2) "Contractor" means any type of contractor within the meaning of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code who has entered into a direct contract with a public entity for a public works project.

(3) (A) "Public entity" means, without limitation, except as provided in subparagraph (B), a state agency, department, office, division, bureau, board, or commission, the California State University, the University of California, a city, including a charter city, county, including a charter county, city and county, including a charter city and county, district, special district, public authority, political subdivision, public corporation, or nonprofit transit corporation wholly owned by a public agency and formed to carry out the purposes of the public agency.

(B) "Public entity" shall not include the following:

(i) The Department of Water Resources as to any project under the jurisdiction of that department.

(ii) The Department of Transportation as to any project under the jurisdiction of that department.

(iii) The Department of Parks and Recreation as to any project under the jurisdiction of that department.

(iv) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation with respect to any project under its jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 7000) of Title 7 of Part 3 of the Penal Code.

(v) The Military Department as to any project under the jurisdiction of that department.

(vi) The Department of General Services as to all other projects.

(vii) The High-Speed Rail Authority.

(4) "Public works project" means the erection, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement of any public structure, building, road, or other public improvement of any kind.

(5) "Subcontractor" means any type of contractor within the meaning of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code who either is in direct contract with a contractor or is a lower tier subcontractor.

(d) (1) (A) Upon receipt of a claim pursuant to this section, the public entity to which the claim applies shall conduct a reasonable review of the claim and, within a period not to exceed 45 days, shall provide the claimant a written statement identifying what portion of the claim is disputed and what portion is undisputed. Upon receipt of a claim, a public entity and a contractor may, by mutual agreement, extend the time period provided in this subdivision.

(B) The claimant shall furnish reasonable documentation to support the claim.

(C) If the public entity needs approval from its governing body to provide the claimant a written statement identifying the disputed portion and the undisputed portion of the claim, and the governing body does not meet within the 45 days or within the mutually agreed to extension of time following receipt of a claim sent by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, the public entity shall have up to three days following the next duly publicly noticed meeting of the governing body after the 45-day period, or extension, expires to provide the claimant a written statement identifying the disputed portion and the undisputed portion.

(D) Any payment due on an undisputed portion of the claim shall be processed and made within 60 days after the public entity issues its written statement. If the public entity fails to issue a written statement, paragraph (3) shall apply.

(2) (A) If the claimant disputes the public entity's written response, or if the public entity fails to respond to a claim issued pursuant to this section within the time prescribed, the claimant may demand in writing an informal conference to meet and confer for settlement of the issues in dispute. Upon receipt of a demand in writing sent by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, the public entity shall schedule a meet and confer conference within 30 days for settlement of the dispute.

(B) Within 10 business days following the conclusion of the meet and confer conference, if the claim or any portion of the claim remains in dispute, the public entity shall provide the claimant a written statement identifying the portion of the claim that remains in dispute and the portion that is undisputed. Any payment due on an undisputed portion of the claim shall be processed and made within 60 days after the public entity issues its written statement. Any disputed portion of the claim, as identified by the contractor in writing, shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation, with the public entity and the claimant sharing the associated costs equally. The public entity and claimant shall mutually agree to a mediator within 10 business days after the disputed portion of the claim has been identified in writing. If the parties cannot agree upon a mediator, each party shall select a mediator and those mediators shall select a qualified neutral third party to mediate with regard to the disputed portion of the claim. Each party shall bear the fees and costs charged by its respective mediator in connection with the selection of the neutral mediator. If mediation is unsuccessful, the parts of the claim remaining in dispute shall be subject to applicable procedures outside this section.

(C) For purposes of this section, mediation includes any nonbinding process, including, but not limited to, neutral evaluation or a dispute review board, in which an independent third party or board assists the parties in dispute resolution through negotiation or by issuance of an evaluation. Any mediation utilized shall conform to the timeframes in this section.

(D) Unless otherwise agreed to by the public entity and the contractor in writing, the mediation conducted pursuant to this section shall excuse any further obligation under Section 20104.4 to mediate after litigation has been commenced.

(E) This section does not preclude a public entity from requiring arbitration of disputes under private arbitration or the Public Works Contract Arbitration Program, if mediation under this section does not resolve the parties' dispute.

(3) Failure by the public entity to respond to a claim from a contractor within the time periods described in this subdivision or to otherwise meet the time requirements of this section shall result in the claim being deemed rejected in its entirety. A claim that is denied by reason of the public entity's failure to have responded to a claim, or its failure to otherwise meet the time requirements of this section, shall not constitute an adverse finding with regard to the merits of the claim or the responsibility or qualifications of the claimant.

(4) Amounts not paid in a timely manner as required by this section shall bear interest at 7 percent per annum.

(5) If a subcontractor or a lower tier subcontractor lacks legal standing to assert a claim against a public entity because privity of contract does not exist, the contractor may present to the public entity a claim on behalf of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor. A subcontractor may request in writing, either on their own behalf or on behalf of a lower tier subcontractor, that the contractor present a claim for work which was performed by the subcontractor or by a lower tier subcontractor on behalf of the subcontractor. The subcontractor requesting that the claim be presented to the public entity shall furnish reasonable documentation to support the claim. Within 45 days of receipt of this written request, the contractor shall notify the subcontractor in writing as to whether the contractor presented the claim to the public entity and, if the original contractor did not present the claim, provide the subcontractor with a statement of the reasons for not having done so.

(e) The text of this section or a summary of it shall be set forth in the plans or specifications for any public works project that may give rise to a claim under this section.

(f) A waiver of the rights granted by this section is void and contrary to public policy, provided, however, that (1) upon receipt of a claim, the parties may mutually agree to waive, in writing, mediation and proceed directly to the commencement of a civil action or binding arbitration, as applicable; and (2) a public entity may prescribe reasonable change order, claim, and dispute resolution procedures and requirements in addition to the provisions of this section, so long as the contractual provisions do not conflict with or otherwise impair the timeframes and procedures set forth in this section.

(g) This section applies to contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2017.

(h) Nothing in this section shall impose liability upon a public entity that makes loans or grants available through a competitive application process, for the failure of an awardee to meet its contractual obligations.

(i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2027, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2027, deletes or extends that date.

Public Contract Code sections 20104 – 20104.6

§ 20104.

(a) (1) This article applies to all public works claims of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000) or less which arise between a contractor and a local agency.

(2) This article shall not apply to any claims resulting from a contract between a contractor and a public agency when the public agency has elected to resolve any disputes pursuant to Article 7.1 (commencing with Section 10240) of Chapter 1 of Part 2.

(b) (1) “Public work” means “public works contract” as defined in Section 1101 but does not include any work or improvement contracted for by the state or the Regents of the University of California.

(2) “Claim” means a separate demand by the contractor for (A) a time extension, (B) payment of money or damages arising from work done by, or on behalf of, the contractor pursuant to the contract for a public work and payment of which is not otherwise expressly provided for or the claimant is not otherwise entitled to, or (C) an amount the payment of which is disputed by the local agency.

(c) The provisions of this article or a summary thereof shall be set forth in the plans or specifications for any work which may give rise to a claim under this article.

(d) This article applies only to contracts entered into on or after January 1, 1991.

§ 20104.2.

For any claim subject to this article, the following requirements apply:

(a) The claim shall be in writing and include the documents necessary to substantiate the claim. Claims must be filed on or before the date of final payment. Nothing in this subdivision is intended to extend the time limit or supersede notice requirements otherwise provided by contract for the filing of claims.

(b) (1) For claims of less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the local agency shall respond in writing to any written claim within 45 days of receipt of the claim, or may request, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the claim, any additional documentation supporting the claim or relating to defenses to the claim the local agency may have against the claimant.

(2) If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided pursuant to this subdivision, upon mutual agreement of the local agency and the claimant.

(3) The local agency’s written response to the claim, as further documented, shall be submitted to the claimant within 15 days after receipt of the further documentation or within a period of time no greater than that taken by the claimant in producing the additional information, whichever is greater.

(c) (1) For claims of over fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and less than or equal to three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000), the local agency shall respond in writing to all written claims within 60 days of receipt of the claim, or may request, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the claim, any additional documentation supporting the claim or relating to defenses to the claim the local agency may have against the claimant.

(2) If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided pursuant to this subdivision, upon mutual agreement of the local agency and the claimant.

(3) The local agency’s written response to the claim, as further documented, shall be submitted to the claimant within 30 days after receipt of the further documentation, or within a period of time no greater than that taken by the claimant in producing the additional information or requested documentation, whichever is greater.

(d) If the claimant disputes the local agency’s written response, or the local agency fails to respond within the time prescribed, the claimant may so notify the local agency, in writing, either within 15 days of receipt of the local agency’s response or within 15 days of the local agency’s failure to respond within the time prescribed, respectively, and demand an informal conference to meet and confer for settlement of the issues in dispute. Upon a demand, the local agency shall schedule a meet and confer conference within 30 days for settlement of the dispute.

(e) Following the meet and confer conference, if the claim or any portion remains in dispute, the claimant may file a claim as provided in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code. For purposes of those provisions, the running of the period of time within which a claim must be filed shall be tolled from the time the claimant submits his or her written claim pursuant to subdivision (a) until the time that claim is denied as a result of the meet and confer process, including any period of time utilized by the meet and confer process.

(f) This article does not apply to tort claims and nothing in this article is intended nor shall be construed to change the time periods for filing tort claims or actions specified by Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

§ 20104.4.

The following procedures are established for all civil actions filed to resolve claims subject to this article:

(a) Within 60 days, but no earlier than 30 days, following the filing or responsive pleadings, the court shall submit the matter to nonbinding mediation unless waived by mutual stipulation of both parties. The mediation process shall provide for the selection within 15 days by both parties of a disinterested third person as mediator, shall be commenced within 30 days of the submittal, and shall be concluded within 15 days from the commencement of the mediation unless a time requirement is extended upon a good cause showing to the court or by stipulation of both parties. If the parties fail to select a mediator within the 15-day period, any party may petition the court to appoint the mediator.

(b) (1) If the matter remains in dispute, the case shall be submitted to judicial arbitration pursuant to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 1141.10) of Title 3 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, notwithstanding Section 1141.11 of that code. The Civil Discovery Act (Title 4 (commencing with Section 2016.010) of Part 4 of the Code of Civil Procedure) shall apply to any proceeding brought under this subdivision consistent with the rules pertaining to judicial arbitration.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon stipulation of the parties, arbitrators appointed for purposes of this article shall be experienced in construction law, and, upon stipulation of the parties, mediators and arbitrators shall be paid necessary and reasonable hourly rates of pay not to exceed their customary rate, and such fees and expenses shall be paid equally by the parties, except in the case of arbitration where the arbitrator, for good cause, determines a different division. In no event shall these fees or expenses be paid by state or county funds.

(3) In addition to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 1141.10) of Title 3 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, any party who after receiving an arbitration award requests a trial de novo but does not obtain a more favorable judgment shall, in addition to payment of costs and fees under that chapter, pay the attorney's fees of the other party arising out of the trial de novo.

(c) The court may, upon request by any party, order any witnesses to participate in the mediation or arbitration process.

§ 20104.6.

(a) No local agency shall fail to pay money as to any portion of a claim which is undisputed except as otherwise provided in the contract.

(b) In any suit filed under Section 20104.4, the local agency shall pay interest at the legal rate on any arbitration award or judgment. The interest shall begin to accrue on the date the suit is filed in a court of law.

EXHIBIT “A”

SCOPE OF WORK

Summary of the Scope of Work (please see the “Technical Specifications” below for a more comprehensive and detailed scope of work): The project involves upgrading network infrastructure across multiple MPCSD campuses.

- At Laurel Lower Campus (Buildings D, E, and F), all cabling predating Category 6 will be replaced with Category 6 cabling, and data closet racks will be reorganized as needed to meet District standards. Additionally, up to three ceiling drops will be installed in each classroom and workspace to support future technology needs, including PA systems and access point expansion.
- At Laurel Upper Campus, Oak Knoll Elementary, Encinal Elementary, and Hillview Middle School, the District will replace existing multimode fiber connections between MDFs and IDF s with at least a 12-strand of single-mode fiber (OS2) terminated with LC connectors. In addition, the District requests pricing for the appropriate 10Gb single-mode SFP modules—two (2) per fiber run—that are fully compatible with Cisco 2960X, Cisco 9300L, and Cisco 9200 series switches (SFP-10G-LRM or equivalent), as well as the necessary fiber patch cables to complete connectivity to the new fiber runs.
- In the MPCSD District Office, the Contractor shall replace all cabling predating the Category 6 standard with Category 6 cabling and perform data closet rack reorganization as necessary, encompassing approximately ninety-six (96) data drops. Additionally, at the District Office and the (Teacher Education Resource Center) TERC facility, the Contractor shall replace multimode fiber between IDF s and the Encinal MDF with at least a twelve-strand (12) single-mode OS2 fiber terminated with LC connectors. In addition, the District requests pricing for the appropriate 10Gb single-mode SFP modules—two (2) per fiber run—that are fully compatible with Cisco 2960X, Cisco 9300L, and Cisco 9200 series switches (SFP-10G-LRM or equivalent), as well as the necessary fiber patch cables to complete connectivity to the new fiber runs.

