

COUNTY OF GREGG
STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT
FOR OWNER-CONTRACTOR PROJECTS

New Bridge Construction – Big Woods Road (CR 1442) at Witcher Creek
Gregg County CTIF_02_093

STATE OF TEXAS}
GREGG COUNTY}

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 23rd day of Aug., 2021, by and between Gregg County, Texas, thereunto duly authorized so to do, Party of the First Part, hereinafter termed OWNER, and **East Texas Bridge, Inc.** of the City of Longview, County of Gregg in the State of Texas, Party of the Second Part, hereinafter termed CONTRACTOR.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the payments and agreements hereinafter mentioned, to be made and performed by the Party of the First Part (OWNER) and under the conditions expressed in the bond bearing even date herewith, the said Party of the Second Part (CONTRACTOR), hereby agrees with the said Party of the First Part (OWNER) to commence and complete the construction of certain improvements shown in Exhibit A and all extra work in connection therewith, under the terms as stated in the General Conditions of the Agreement and at his (or their) own proper cost and expense to furnish all materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, superintendence, labor, insurance, and other accessories and services necessary to complete the said construction, in accordance with the Notice to Contractors, Gregg County Standard Terms, General and Special Conditions of Agreement, Plans, and other drawings and printed or written explanatory matter thereof, and the Specifications and addenda therefore, as prepared by the OWNER, each of which has been identified by the CONTRACTOR together with the CONTRACTOR'S written proposal, the General Conditions of the Agreement, the Performance and Payment Bonds hereto attached; all of which are made a part hereof and collectively evidence and constitute the entire contract.

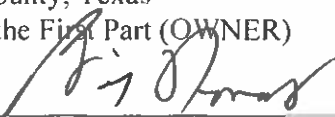
INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT AND EXHIBIT B: "Gregg County Standard Terms and Conditions" have traditionally been made part of every Gregg County Contract. To the extent that the "Gregg County Terms and Conditions" are found to be in direct conflict with any of the terms and conditions of this document, the terms of this document will control. Otherwise, the Parties agree that this contract should be interpreted so that that the provisions of both documents supplement and support each other, with the greatest protections interpreted in favor of the County.

The CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to commence work within ten (10) calendar days after the date written notice to do so shall have been given to him, and to be at Final Completion within **150 consecutive calendar days** after the issuance of the "Notice to Proceed," subject to such extensions of time as are provided by the General and Special Conditions.

The OWNER agrees to pay the CONTRACTOR in current funds **Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty dollars and 20 cents (\$321,980.20)** as shown in the proposal, which forms a part of this contract, such payments to be subject to the General and Special Conditions of the contract.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have executed this Agreement in the year and day first above written.

Gregg County, Texas
Party of the First Part (OWNER)

By: 
Bill Stoudt, County Judge
101 East Methvin, Ste 300
Longview, Texas 75601

ATTEST: 

East Texas Bridge, Inc
Party of the Second Part (CONTRACTOR)

By: 
RICHARD TOWNSEND, VICE PRESIDENT
P.O. BOX 6218
LONGVIEW, TX 75608

ATTEST: 
JASON SMALL, PROJECT COORDINATOR

GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION

1. Contract and Contract Documents

- (a) The project to be constructed pursuant to this contract will be financed with assistance from the Texas Department of Transportation and is subject to all applicable State laws and regulations.
- (b) The Plans, Specifications and Addenda, hereinafter enumerated in Paragraph 1 of the Supplemental General Conditions shall form part of this contract and the provisions thereof shall be as binding upon the parties hereto as if they were herein fully set forth.

2. Definitions

Whenever used in any of the contract Documents, the following meanings shall be given to the terms herein defined:

- (a) The term "Contract" means the Contract executed between Gregg County, hereinafter called the Owner and **East Texas Bridge, Inc.**, hereinafter called Contractor, of which these GENERAL CONDITIONS, form a part.
- (b) The term "Project Area" means the area within which are the specified Contract limits of the Improvements contemplated to be constructed in whole or in part under this contract.
- (c) The term "Contract Documents" means and shall include the following: Executed Contract, Addenda (if any), Invitation for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Signed Copy of Bid, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, and Drawings (as listed in the Schedule of Drawings).

3. Supervision By Contractor

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

4. Subcontracts

- (a) The Contractor shall not execute an agreement with any subcontractor or permit any subcontractor to perform any work included in this contract until he has verified the subcontractor as eligible to participate in state funded contracts.
- (b) No proposed subcontractor shall be disapproved by the County except for cause.
- (c) The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the County for the acts and omissions of his subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them.

- (d) The Contractor shall cause appropriate provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts relative to the work and required compliance by each subcontractor with the applicable provisions of the Contract.
- (e) Nothing contained in the Contract shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractor and the Owner.

5. Fitting and Coordination of Work

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

6. Payments to Contractor

(a) Partial Payments

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

(b) Final Payment

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

(c) Payments Subject to Submission of Certificates

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

(d) **Withholding Payments**

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

7. Changes in the Work

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

6) Any and all request for change orders must be agreed upon in writing and approved by the Gregg County Commissioners Court.

8. Claims for Extra Cost

- (a) If the Contractor claims that any instructions by Drawings or otherwise involve extra cost or extension of time, he shall, within ten days after the receipt of such instructions, and in any event before proceeding to execute the work, submit his protest thereto in writing to the Owner, stating clearly and in detail the basis of his objections. No such claim will be considered unless so made.
- (b) Claims for additional compensation for extra work, due to alleged errors in ground elevations, contour lines, or benchmarks, will not be recognized unless accompanied by certified survey data, made prior to the time the original ground was disturbed, clearly showing that errors exist which resulted, or would result, in handling more material, or performing more work, than would be reasonably estimated from the Drawings and maps issued.
- (c) Any discrepancies which may be discovered between actual conditions and those represented by the Drawings and maps shall be reported at once to the Owner and work shall not proceed except at the Contractor's risk, until written instructions have been received by him from the Owner.
- (d) If, on the basis of the available evidence, the Owner determines that an adjustment of the Contract Price and/or time is justifiable, a change order shall be executed, and must be agreed upon in writing and approved by the Gregg County Commissioners Court.

9. Termination, Delays, and Liquidated Damages

(a) Right of the Owner to Terminate Contract.

In the event that any of the provisions of this contract are violated by the Contractor, or by any of his subcontractors, the Owner may serve written notice upon the Contractor and the Surety of its intention to terminate the contract. The notices shall contain the reasons for such intention to terminate the contract, and unless such violation or delay shall cease and satisfactory arrangement of correction be made within ten days, the contract shall, upon the expiration of said ten (10) days, cease and terminate. In the event of any such termination, the Owner shall immediately serve notice thereof upon the Surety and the Contractor. The Surety shall have the right to take over and perform the contract. Provided, however, that if the Surety does not commence performance thereof within ten (10) days from the date of the mailing to such Surety of notice of termination, the Owner may take over the work and complete the project by bid/contract or by force account at the expense of the Contractor and his Surety shall be liable to the Owner for any excess cost incurred. In such event the Owner may take possession of and utilize in completing the work, such materials, appliances, and plant as may be on the site of the work and necessary, therefore.

Upon seven days written notice to Contractor, Owner may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of Owner, terminate the Contract. In such case, Contractor shall be paid for (without duplication of any items):

- 1) completed and acceptable Work executed in accordance with the Contract Documents prior to the effective date of termination, including fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such Work;
- 2) expenses sustained prior to the effective date of termination in performing services and furnishing labor, materials, or equipment as required by the Contract Documents in connection with uncompleted Work, plus fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such expenses;

- 3) all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) incurred in settlement of terminated contracts with Subcontractors, Suppliers, and others; and
- 4) reasonable expenses directly attributable to termination.

Contractor shall not be paid on account of loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination.

(b) Liquidated Damages for Delays.

If the work is not completed within the time stipulated in the applicable bid for Lump Sum or Unit Price Contract provided, the Contractor shall pay to the Owner as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages (it being impossible to determine the actual damages occasioned by the delay) the amount of Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$500.00) for each calendar day of delay, until the work is completed. The Contractor and his sureties shall be liable to the Owner for the amount thereof.

(c) Excusable Delays.

The right of the Contractor to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with liquidated damages for any delays in the completion of the work due to:

- 1) Any acts of the Government, including controls or restrictions upon or requisitioning of materials, equipment, tools, or labor by reason of war, national defense, or any other national emergency;
- 2) Any acts of the Owner;
- 3) Causes not reasonably foreseeable by the parties to this Contract at the time of the execution of the Contract which are beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including, but not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of another Contractor in the performance of some other contract with the Owner, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine, restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and weather of unusual severity such as hurricanes, tornadoes, cyclones and other extreme weather conditions.

Provided, however, that the Contractor promptly notifies the Owner within ten (10) days in writing of the cause of the delay. Upon receipt of such notification, the Owner shall ascertain the facts and the cause and extent of delay. If, upon the basis of the facts and the terms of this contract, the delay is properly excusable, the Owner shall extend the time for completing the work for a period of time commensurate with the period of excusable delay.

10. Assignment or Novation

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

11. Disputes

- (a) All disputes arising under this Contract or its interpretation except those disputes covered by FEDERAL LABOR STANDARDS PROVISIONS whether involving law or fact or both, or extra work, and all claims for alleged breach of contract shall, within ten (10) days of commencement of the dispute, be presented by the Contractor to the Owner for decision. Any claim not presented within the time limit specified in this paragraph shall be deemed to have been waived, except that if the claim is of a continuing character and notice of the claim is not given within ten (10) days of its commencement, the claim will be considered only for a period commencing ten (10) days prior to the receipt of the Owner.
- (b) The Contractor shall submit in detail his claim and his proof thereof.

If the Contractor does not agree with any decision of the Owner, he shall in no case allow the dispute to delay the work but shall notify the Owner promptly that he is proceeding with the work under protest.

12. Technical Specifications and Drawings

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

13. Shop Drawings

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

14. Requests for Supplementary Information

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to make timely requests of the Owner for any additional information not already in his possession which should be furnished by the Owner under the terms of this Contract, and which he will require in the planning and execution of the work. Such requests may be submitted from time to time as the need approaches, but each shall be filed in ample time to permit appropriate action to be taken by all parties involved

so as to avoid delay. Each request shall be in writing and list the various items and the latest date by which each will be required by the Contractor. The first list shall be submitted within two weeks after Contract award and shall be as complete as possible at that time. The Contractor shall, if requested, furnish promptly any assistance and information the Owner may require in responding to these requests of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be fully responsible for any delay in his work or to others arising from his failure to comply fully with the provision of this section.

15. Materials and Workmanship

- (a) Unless otherwise specifically provided for in the technical specifications, all workmanship, equipment, materials and articles incorporated in the work shall be new and the best grade of the respective kinds for the purpose. Where equipment, materials, articles or workmanship are referred to in the technical specifications as "equal to" any particular standard, the Owner shall decide the question of equality.
- (b) The Contractor shall furnish to the Owner for approval the manufacturer's detailed specifications for all machinery, mechanical and other special equipment, which he contemplates installing together with full information as to type, performance characteristics, and all other pertinent information as required, and shall likewise submit for approval full information concerning all other materials or articles which he proposes to incorporate.
- (c) Machinery, mechanical and other equipment, materials or articles installed or used without such prior approval shall be at the risk of subsequent rejection.
- (d) Materials specified by reference to the number or symbol of a specific standard, shall comply with requirements in the latest revision thereof and any amendment or supplement thereto in effect on the date of the Invitation for Bids, except as limited to type, class or grade, or modified in the technical specifications shall have full force and effect as though printed therein.
- (e) The Owner may require the Contractor to dismiss from the work such employee or employees as the Owner may deem incompetent, or careless, or insubordinate.

16. Samples, Certificates and Tests

- (a) The Contractor shall submit all material or equipment samples, certificates, affidavits, etc., as called for in the contract documents or required by the Owner, promptly after award of the contract and acceptance of the Contractor's bond. No such material or equipment shall be manufactured or delivered to the site, except at the Contractor's own risk, until the required samples or certificates have been approved in writing by the Owner. Any delay in the work caused by late or improper submission of samples or certificates for approval shall not be considered just cause for an extension of the contract time.
- (b) Each sample submitted by the Contractor shall carry a label giving the name of the Contractor, the project for which it is intended, and the name of the producer. The accompanying certificate or letter from the Contractor shall state that the sample complies with contract requirements, shall give the name and brand of the product, its place of origin, the name and address of the producer and all specifications or other detailed information which will assist the Owner in making a prompt decision regarding the acceptability of the sample. It shall also include the statement that all materials or equipment furnished for use in the project will comply with the samples and/or certified statements.
- (c) Approval of any materials shall be general only and shall not constitute a waiver of the Owner's right to demand full compliance with Contract requirements. After actual deliveries, the Owner will have such check tests made as he deems necessary in each instance and may reject materials and equipment and accessories

for cause, even though such materials and articles have been given general approval. If materials, equipment, or accessories which fail to meet check tests have been incorporated in the work, the Owner will have the right to cause their removal and replacement by proper materials or to demand and secure such reparation by the Contractor as is equitable.

- (d) Except as otherwise specifically stated in the Contract, the costs of sampling and testing will be divided as follows:
- 1) The Contractor shall furnish without extra cost, including packing and delivery charges, all samples required for testing purposes, except those samples taken on the project by the Owner;
 - 2) The Contractor shall assume all costs of re-testing materials which fail to meet contract requirements;
 - 3) The Contractor shall assume all costs of testing materials offered in substitution for those found deficient;
 - 4) The Owner will pay all other expenses.

17. Permits and Codes

- (a) The Contractor shall give all notices required by and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the Local Government. All construction work and/or utility installations shall comply with all applicable ordinances, and codes including all written waivers. Before installing any work, the Contractor shall examine the drawings and technical specifications for compliance with applicable ordinances and codes and shall immediately report any discrepancy to the Owner. Where the requirements of the drawings and technical specifications fail to comply with such applicable ordinances or codes, the Owner will adjust the Contract by Change Order to conform to such ordinances or codes (unless waivers in writing covering the difference have been granted by the governing body or department) and make appropriate adjustment in the Contract Price or stipulated unit prices.
- (b) Should the Contractor fail to observe the foregoing provisions and proceed with the construction and/or install any utility at variance with any applicable ordinance or code, including any written waivers (notwithstanding the fact that such installation is in compliance with the drawings and technical specifications), the Contractor shall remove such work without cost to the Owner.
- (c) The Contractor shall at his own expense, secure and pay for all permits required by the local regulatory body or any of its agencies.
- (d) The Contractor shall comply with applicable local laws and ordinances governing the disposal of surplus excavation, materials, debris and rubbish on or off the Project Area and commit no trespass on any public or private property in any operation due to or connected with the Improvements contained in this Contract.
- (e) The Contractor will be required to make arrangements for and pay for water, electrical power, or any other utilities required during construction.
- (f) During construction of this project, the Contractor shall use every means possible to control the amount of dust created by construction. Prior to the close of a day's work, the Contractor, if directed by the Owner, shall moisten the bank and surrounding area to prevent a dusty condition.

18. Care of Work

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

19. Accident Prevention

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

access to their homes or businesses by the use of the streets. Barricades, warning signs, and necessary lighting shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Owner at the expense of the Contractor.

20. Sanitary Facilities

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

21. Use of Premises

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

22. Removal of Debris, Cleaning, Etc.

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

23. Inspection

- (a) All materials and workmanship shall be subject to inspection, examination, or test by the Owner at any and all times during manufacture or construction and at any and all places where such manufacture or construction occurs. The Owner shall have the right to reject defective material and workmanship or require its correction. Unacceptable workmanship shall be satisfactorily corrected. Rejected material shall be promptly segregated and removed from the Project Area and replaced with material of specified quality without charge. If the Contractor fails to proceed at once with the correction of rejected workmanship or defective material, the Owner may by contract or otherwise have the defects remedied or rejected materials removed from the Project Area and charge the cost of the same against any Monies which may be due the Contractor, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Owner.
- (b) The Contractor shall furnish promptly all materials reasonably necessary for any tests which may be required. All tests by the Owner will be performed in such manner as not to delay the work unnecessarily and will be made in accordance with the provisions of the technical specifications.
- (c) The Contractor shall notify the Owner sufficiently in advance of back filling or concealing any facilities to permit proper inspection. If any facilities are concealed without approval or consent of the Owner, the Contractor shall uncover for inspection and recover such facilities at his own expense, when so requested by the Owner.

- (d) Should it be considered necessary or advisable by the Owner at any time before final acceptance of the entire work to make an examination of work already completed by uncovering the same, the Contractor shall on request promptly furnish all necessary facilities, labor, and material. If such work is found to be defective in any important or essential respect, due to fault of the Contractor or his subcontractors, the Contractor shall defray all the expenses of such examination and of satisfactory reconstruction. If, however, such work is found to meet the requirements of the Contract, the actual cost of labor and material necessarily involved in the examination and replacement, shall be allowed the Contractor and he shall, in addition, if completion of the work of the entire Contract has been delayed thereby, be granted a suitable extension of time on account of the additional work involved.
- (e) Inspection of materials and appurtenances to be incorporated in the improvements included in this Contract may be made at the place of production, manufacture or shipment, whenever the quantity justifies it, and such inspection and acceptance, unless otherwise stated in the technical specifications, shall be final, except as regards (1) latent defects, (2) departures from specific requirements of the Contract, (3) damage or loss in transit, or (4) fraud or such gross mistakes as amount to fraud. Subject to the requirements contained in the preceding sentence, the inspection of materials as a whole or in part will be made at the Project Site.
- (f) Neither inspection, testing, approval nor acceptance of the work in whole or in part, by the Owner or its agents shall relieve the Contractor or his sureties of full responsibility for materials furnished or work performed not in strict accordance with the Contract.

24. Review by Owner

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

25. Final Inspection

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

26. Deduction for Uncorrected Work

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

27. Insurance

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

- (a) Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by the State of Texas for all of his employees to be engaged in work at the site of the project under this contract and, in case of any such work sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of the employees to

be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor's Worker's Compensation Insurance.

- (b) Contractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Contractor's Public Liability Insurance, Contractor's Property Damage Insurance and Vehicle Liability Insurance in the following amounts: (\$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$2,000,000 annual aggregate).
- (c) Proof of Insurance: The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with certificates showing the type, amount, class of operations covered, effective dates and date of expiration of policies. Such certificates shall also contain substantially the following statement: "The insurance covered by this certificate will not be canceled or materially altered, except after ten (10) days written notice has been received by the Owner."

28. Warranty of Title

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

29. Warranty of Workmanship and Materials

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

30. Compliance with Air and Water Acts

- (a) In compliance with the Clean Air Act, as amended, 41 U.S.C. Sec. 7401 et. seq., and the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect thereto, the Contractor agrees that:
 - 1) Any facility to be utilized in the performance of this contract or any subcontract shall not be a facility listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.
 - 2) He will comply with all requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended.
 - 3) Materials utilized in the project shall be free of any hazardous materials, except as may be specifically provided for in the specifications.
- (b) If the Contractor encounters existing material on sites owned or controlled by the Owner or in material sources that are suspected by visual observation or smell to contain hazardous materials, the Contractor shall

immediately notify the Owner. The Owner will be responsible for testing for and removal or disposition of hazardous materials on sites owned or controlled by the Owner. The Owner may suspend the work, wholly or in part during the testing, removal or disposition of hazardous materials on sites owned or controlled by the Owner.

31. Equal Employment Opportunity

- (a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or the applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, gender, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, gender, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, promotion, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the owner.
- (b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (c) The Contractor will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this contract so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.
- (d) The Contractor shall take affirmative actions to ensure equal employment opportunity. The evaluation of the Contractor's compliance with these specifications shall be based upon its effort to achieve maximum results from its actions.
- (e) Contractors are encouraged to participate in voluntary associations which assist in fulfilling their affirmative action obligations.
- (f) The Contractor is required to provide equal employment opportunity and to take affirmative action for all minority groups, both male and female, and all women, both minority and non-minority.
- (g) The Contractor shall not use the affirmative action standards to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (h) The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract with any person or firm debarred from Government contracts.
- (i) Nothing herein provided shall be construed as a limitation upon the application of other laws which establish different standards of compliance or upon the application of requirements for the hiring of local or other area residents.

32. Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified individuals with disabilities without discrimination based upon their disability in all employment practices such as the following: employment,

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The Contractor will include this clause in every subcontract for work in connection with the project.

35. Non-Segregated Facilities

The Contractor certifies that he does not and will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not and will not permit his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments or permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. As used in this paragraph the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

36. Job Offices

(a) The Contractor and his subcontractors may maintain such office and storage facilities on the site as are necessary for the proper conduct of the work. These shall be located so as to cause no interference to any work to be performed on the site. The Owner shall be consulted with regard to locations.

(b) Upon completion of the improvements, or as directed by the Owner, the Contractors shall remove all such temporary structures and facilities from the site and leave the site of the work in the condition required by the Contract.

37. Partial Use of Site Improvements

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

(a) The use of such sections of the Improvements shall in no way impede the completion of the remainder of the work by the Contractor.

(b) The Contractor shall not be responsible for any damages or maintenance costs due directly to the use of such sections.

(c) The period of guarantee stipulated in the Section 29 hereof shall not begin to run until the date of the final acceptance of all work which the Contractor is required to construct under this Contract.

38. Contract Documents and Drawings

The Local Public Agency will furnish the Contractor without charge five (5) copies of the Contract Documents, including Technical Specifications and Drawings. Additional copies requested by the Contractor will be furnished at cost.

39. Contract Period

The work to be performed under this contract shall commence within the time stipulated by the Owner in the Notice to Proceed and shall be fully completed within **150 calendar days** thereafter.

40. Prevailing Wage Rates (Texas Government Code Chapter 2258)

Contractor must pay workers not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as indicated on the wage decision furnished by the Owner for all work performed on this project. A contractor or subcontractor who violates this section shall pay to the Owner \$60 for each worker employed for each calendar day or part of the day that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the contract.

GREGG COUNTY DAVIS-BACON WAGE DECISION

"General Decision Number: TX20210004 01/01/2021

Superseded General Decision Number: TX20200004

State: Texas

Construction Types: Heavy and Highway

Counties: Bowie, Gregg, Rusk, Smith and Upshur Counties in Texas.

HEAVY & HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Under Executive Order (EO) 13658, an hourly minimum wage of \$10.95 for calendar year 2021 applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.95 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in calendar year 2021. If this contract is covered by the EO and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must pay workers in that classification at least the wage rate determined through the conformance process set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(ii) (or the EO minimum wage rate, if it is higher than the conformed wage rate). The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Please note that this EO applies to the above-mentioned types of contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but it does not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60). Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Modification Number	Publication Date
0	01/01/2021

* SUTX2011-004 08/02/2011

	Rates	Fringes
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER (Paving and Structures).....	\$ 13.16	
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 19.87	
FORM BUILDER/FORM SETTER		
Paving & Curb.....	\$ 13.93	
Structures.....	\$ 13.38	

LABORER

Asphalt Raker.....	\$ 12.02
Flagger.....	\$ 8.50
Laborer, Common.....	\$ 10.08
Laborer, Utility.....	\$ 12.70
Pipelayer.....	\$ 14.64
Work Zone Barricade	
Servicer.....	\$ 11.46

POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:

Asphalt Distributor.....	\$ 13.88
Asphalt Paving Machine.....	\$ 12.35
Broom or Sweeper.....	\$ 10.08
Crane, Lattice Boom 80	
tons or less.....	\$ 13.85
Crawler Tractor.....	\$ 13.62
Excavator 50,000 pounds or	
less.....	\$ 13.67
Excavator Operator over	
50,000 pounds.....	\$ 13.52
Foundation Drill, Truck	
Mounted.....	\$ 22.05
Front End Loader , over 3	
cy.....	\$ 12.33
Front End Loader, 3 cy or	
less.....	\$ 13.40
Loader/Backhoe.....	\$ 12.97
Mechanic.....	\$ 17.47
Milling Machine.....	\$ 12.22
Motor Grader, Fine Grade....	\$ 16.88
Motor Grader, Rough.....	\$ 15.83
Pavement Marking Machine....	\$ 13.10
Roller, Asphalt.....	\$ 11.96
Roller, Other.....	\$ 10.44
Scraper.....	\$ 10.85
Spreader Box.....	\$ 13.12

Servicer.....\$ 14.11

Steel Worker (Reinforcing).....\$ 17.53

TRUCK DRIVER

Lowboy-Float.....	\$ 13.41
Off-Road Hauler.....	\$ 10.08
Single Axle.....	\$ 10.75
Single or Tandem Axle Dump..	\$ 11.95
Tandem Axle Tractor w/Semi	
Trailer.....	\$ 12.50

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing
operation to which welding is incidental.

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Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave
for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the
Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any
solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this
contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide
employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours
they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year.
Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their
own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including
preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is

like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of "identifiers" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than "SU" or "UAVG" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the "SU" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- * an existing published wage determination
- * a survey underlying a wage determination
- * a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- * a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour Regional Office for the area in which the survey was conducted because those Regional Offices have responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
Wage and Hour Division
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

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END OF GENERAL DECISION

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Exhibit A

Construction documents prepared by Johnson and Pace Incorporated and dated 6-21-2021 for:

New Bridge Construction – Big Woods Road (CR 1442) at Witcher Creek
Gregg County CTIF_02_093

Including the following Sheet Index:

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Exhibit B

Gregg County Standard Terms and Conditions

Gregg County Special Conditions



STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Gregg County, Texas

Awarded vendor certifies and agrees to the following:

1. Non-performance or non-compliance of the Standard Terms & Conditions, or non-performance or non-compliance with the Specifications shall be basis for termination by Gregg County of the bid or final executed contract. Termination in whole, or in part, by the County may be made solely at the County's option and without prejudice to any other remedy to which Gregg County may be entitled by law or in equity, or elsewhere under this Bid or the agreement, by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the vendor with the understanding that all work being performed under this agreement shall cease upon the date specified in such notice. Gregg County shall not pay for work, equipment, services or supplies, which are unsatisfactory. The Respondent may be given reasonable opportunity prior to termination to correct any deficiency. This however shall in no way be construed as negating the basis for termination for non-performance or non-compliance.
2. Respondent shall make all inquiries necessary to be thoroughly informed as to the specifications and all other requirements proposed in the Bid. Any apparent omission or silence of detail in the description concerning any point in the specifications shall be interpreted on the basis of best commercial practices, and best commercial practices shall prevail.
3. Invoices shall be sent to the Gregg County Purchasing Department, 101 East Methvin, St. 205, Longview, TX, 75601. Invoices must detail the materials/equipment/services delivered and **must reference the Gregg County Purchase Order Number**. Payments are processed after the Purchasing Department has verified that the material or equipment and/or services have been delivered in good condition and that no unauthorized substitutions have been made according to specifications. Neither a signed receipt nor payments shall be construed as an acceptance of any defective work, improper materials, or release of any claim for damage.
4. Only the Commissioners Court of Gregg County, Texas acting as a body may enter into any type of agreement or contract on behalf of Gregg County. Department heads, other elected or appointed officials, are not authorized to enter into any type of agreement or contract on behalf of Gregg County, or to agree to any type of supplemental agreements or contracts for goods or services. Contracts are subject to review by the County's attorney prior to signature by the authorized County official.

5. The Respondent shall be considered an independent Contractor and not an agent, servant, employee or representative of the County in the performance of the work. No term or provision, hereof, or act of the Respondent shall be construed as changing that status.
6. The Respondent shall defend, indemnify, and shall save whole and harmless the County and all its officers, agents, employees from and against all suits, actions, or claims of the character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages (including but not restricted to death) received or sustained by any person(s) or property on account of, arising out of, or in connection with the performance of the work, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any negligent act or omission of the Respondent on the execution or performance of the Contract.
7. The Respondent agrees, during the performance of the work, to comply with all applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Longview, Gregg County, or State of Texas as they may apply, as these laws may now read or as they may hereafter be changed or amended.
8. The awarded vendor shall obtain from the appropriate City, Gregg County, or State of Texas the necessary permit(s) required by the ordinances of the City, County, or State, for performance of the work.
9. The awarded contractor shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey the agreement in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the County.
10. The parties herein agree that the agreement shall be enforceable in Gregg County, Texas, and if legal action is necessary to enforce it, exclusive venue shall lie in Gregg County, Texas.
11. The agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the Laws of the State of Texas and all applicable Federal Laws.
12. Funding Clause - Payments required to be made by Gregg County under the terms of the agreement shall be contingent upon and subject to the initial and continuing appropriation of funding for the agreement by and through the Commissioners Court of Gregg County, Texas. In the event appropriations for funding of the agreement are not approved by and through the Commissioners Court, the contract shall terminate. Gregg County shall, submit written notice to Respondent thirty (30) days prior to such termination. Upon notice of termination, as provided in this paragraph, the Respondent may submit a final invoice to the County and coordinate with the Purchasing Agent to remove all property belonging to said Respondent as soon as possible. Payment for final invoice will be subject to verification and approval by the purchasing agent. Thereupon, Gregg County will be released from its obligation to make further payments.
13. Gregg County is exempt from federal excise and sales taxes, ad valorem taxes and personal property taxes; therefore, tax must not be included in proposals tendered. Proposals offered must be complete and all inclusive. Gregg County will not pay additional taxes, surcharges or other fees not included in bid prices.

14. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in the agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and the agreement shall be considered as if such had never been contained herein.
15. The agreement embodies the complete agreement of the parties hereto, superseding all oral or written previous and contemporary agreements between the parties and relating to matters herein, and except as otherwise provided herein cannot be modified without written agreement of the parties. A contract will be executed after determination of the award.
16. Awarded Respondent must provide a certificate of insurance conforming to the above listed requirements or a statement of Respondent's insurance carrier certifying that the required coverage shall be obtained by Respondent within ten (10) days of formal award of the Contract. In the case where a certification letter from an insurance carrier is attached to the bid in lieu of an insurance certificate, any formal award of a contract shall be contingent upon required coverage being put into force **prior** to any performance required by subject agreement.
17. Gregg County reserves the right to terminate an agreement/contract at any time, without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to awarded contractor. Upon termination, Gregg County shall pay Respondent for those costs directly attributable to work done or supplies obtained in preparation for completion or compliance with the Contract, except no payment shall be made for costs recoverable by Respondent in the normal course of doing business or which can be mitigated through the sale of supplies or materials obtained for use under this Contract. It is further agreed by Respondent that Gregg County shall not be liable for loss or reduction in any anticipated profit.
18. Gregg County is wholly committed to developing, establishing, maintaining, and enhancing minority business involvement in the total procurement process. The County, its contractors, their suppliers and sub-contractors, vendors of goods, equipment, services, and professional services, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, handicap, or sex in the award and/or performance of contracts. However, competition and quality of work remain the ultimate standards in contractor, sub-contractor, vendor service, professional service, and supplier utilization. All vendors, suppliers, professionals and contractors doing business or anticipating doing business with Gregg County shall support, encourage and implement steps toward our common goal of establishing equal opportunity for all citizens of Gregg County.
19. The awarded contractor agrees that Gregg County assumes no responsibility for any costs associated with any administrative or judicial proceedings resulting from the solicitation process.
20. The awarding Respondent shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in estimating and performing the work for at least two (2) years. County shall have access to all records, documents and information collected and/or maintained by others in the course of the administration of this agreement.

21. Contractor understands and agrees that in returning a response to this proposal/bid that it is neither an "offer" nor an "acceptance" until such time a formal contract is authorized/awarded by the Gregg County Commissioners Court; if any.
22. Gratuities– Gregg County may, by written notice to the Seller, cancel this contract without liability to Seller if it is determined by Gregg County that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the Seller, or any agent or representative of the Seller, to any officer or employee of Gregg County with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to the performing of such a contract. In the event this contract is canceled by Gregg County pursuant to this provision, Gregg County shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by Seller in providing such gratuities.
23. Termination - The performance of work under this order may be terminated in whole or in part by the Buyer in accordance with this provision. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by the delivery to the Seller of a "Notice of Termination" specifying the extent to which performance of work under the order is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of rights of Buyer.
24. Force Majeure - If, by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement then such party shall give notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. The term Force Majeure as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemies, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquake, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgment of the party having the difficulty.

25. Assignment Delegation - No right or interest in this contract shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by Seller without the written permission of the Buyer. Any attempted assignment or delegation by Seller shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this paragraph.
26. Waivers - No claim or right arising out of a breach of this contract can be discharged in whole or in part by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless the waiver or renunciation is supported by consideration and is in writing signed by the aggrieved party.
27. Modification - Contract can be modified or rescinded only by a written and signed agreement by both of the parties duly authorized agents.
28. Applicable Law - This agreement shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code. Wherever the term "Uniform Commercial Code" is used, it shall be construed as meaning the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in the State of Texas as effective and in force on the date of this agreement.
29. Advertising - Seller shall not advertise or publish, without Buyer's prior consent, the fact that Buyer has entered into this contract, except to the extent necessary to comply with proper requests for information from an authorized representative of the federal, state, or local government.
30. Right to Assurance - Whenever one party to this contract in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, he may demand that the other party give written assurance of his intent to perform. In the event a demand is made and no assurance is given within five (5) days, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the contract.
31. Venue - Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall be in Longview, Gregg County, Texas.
32. No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be executed by the vendor as a result of any discussions with any public service official, employee and/or consultant. Only those transactions provided in written form may be considered binding.
33. The contents of each vendor's bid, including specifications shall remain valid for a minimum of 60 calendar days from the Bid due date.
34. Subcontracting: The Vendor must function as the single point of responsibility for the Agency. No vendor shall submit a proposal comprised of separate software packages from multiple subcontractors.

35. Conflict of Interest: No public official shall have interest in this contract except in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171. State Law (CHAPTER 176 of the Local Government Code) requires the filing of a CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE by certain individuals and businesses.
36. Design, Strength, Quality of materials and workmanship must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing and engineering practice.
37. All Hardware of any other item offered in this bid must be new and unused, unless otherwise specified, in first-class condition and of current manufacture.
38. Descriptions: Whenever an article or material is defined or used in the BID specifications by describing a proprietary product or by using the name of a manufacturer, model number, or make, the term "or equal" if not inserted, shall be implied. Any reference to specified article or material shall be understood as descriptive, NOT restrictive, and is used to indicate type and quality level desired for comparison purposes unless otherwise noted. Bids must be submitted on units of quantity specified, extended, and totaled. In the event of discrepancies in extension, the unit prices shall govern.
39. Addendum: Any interpretations, corrections or changes to this Bid and Specifications will be made by addendum, unless otherwise stated. Issuing authority of addendum shall be the Commissioners' Court of Gregg County, Texas. Addendum will be mailed, emailed, or faxed to all that are known to have received a copy of the Bid. Vendors shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda and include receipt and response to addenda with submission.
40. Patents/Copyrights: The successful vendor agrees to protect Gregg County from claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights.
41. Contract Administrator: The Contract Administrator will serve as sole liaison between the Gregg County Commissioners Court and affected Gregg County Departments and the successful vendor. Unless directly outlined in this specification the vendor shall consider no one but the Contract Administrator authorized to communicate, by any means, information or suggestions regarding or resembling this bid throughout the proposal process. The Contract Administrator has been designated the responsibility to ensure compliance with contract requirements, such as but not limited to, acceptance, inspection and delivery. The County will not pay for work, equipment or supplies, which it deems unsatisfactory. Vendors will be given a reasonable opportunity to correct deficiencies before termination. This however, shall in no way be construed as negating the basis for termination for non-performance.
42. Packing slips or other suitable shipping documents shall accompany each special order shipment and shall include:

- (a) Name and address of successful vendor;
 - (b) Name and address of receiving department and/or location;
 - (c) Gregg County Purchase Order number; and,
 - (d) Descriptive information of the materials shipped or services rendered, including item numbers, serial numbers, quantities, number of containers and package numbers, address/location of services rendered, as applicable.
43. Unless otherwise indicated, items will be new, unused, and in first class condition in containers suitable for damage-free shipment and storage.
44. Invoices must show all information as stated above, and will be issued for each purchase order.
45. Equipment/Good/Services supplied under this contract shall be subject to the County's approval. Item(s) found defective or not meeting specifications shall be picked up and replaced by the successful vendor within one (1) week after notification at no expense to the County. If item(s) is not picked up within one (1) week after notification, the item(s) will become a donation to the County for disposition.
46. Warranty: Successful vendor shall warrant that all equipment/goods/services shall conform to the proposed specifications and/or all warranties stated in the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and title.
47. Remedies: The successful vendor and Gregg County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.
48. Silence of Specification: The apparent silence of specifications as to any detail or to the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.
49. The Contractor shall procure and maintain at its sole cost and expense for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property that may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, volunteers, employees or subcontractors. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the County, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officials, employees or volunteers shall be considered in excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to it. Further, the Contractor shall include all subcontractors as additional insured under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverage for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. **All Certificates of Insurance and endorsements shall be furnished to the County's Purchasing Agent and approved by the County before work commences.**

50. ***Standard Insurance Policies Required:***

- a. Commercial General Liability Policy
- b. Automobile Liability Policy
- c. Worker's Compensation Policy

General Requirements applicable to all policies:

- a. Only insurance carriers licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Texas will be accepted.
- b. Deductibles shall be listed on the Certificate of Insurance and are acceptable only on a per occurrence basis for property damage only.
- c. "Claims Made" policies will not be accepted.
- d. Each insurance policy shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to Gregg County.
- e. All insurance policies shall be furnished to Gregg County upon request.

Commercial General Liability

- a. General Liability insurance shall be written by carrier with an A:VIII or better rating in accordance with the current Best Key Rating guide.
- b. Minimum Combined Single Limit of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage with Gregg County named as an additional insured.
- c. No coverage shall be deleted from the standard policy without notification of individual exclusions being attached for review and acceptance.

Automobile Liability

- a. General Liability Insurance shall be written by a carrier with an A:VIII or better rating in accordance with the current Best Key Rating Guide.
- b. Minimum Combined Single Limit of \$600,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

51. ***Workers Compensation Insurance*** - Pursuant to the requirements set forth in Title 28, Section 110.110 of the Texas compensation insurance policy; either directly through their employer's policy (the Contractor's or subcontractor's policy) or through an executed coverage agreement on an approved TWCC form. Accordingly, if a subcontractor does not have his or her own policy and a coverage agreement is used, Contractors and subcontractors must use that portion of the form whereby the hiring contractor agrees to provide coverage to the employees of the subcontractor. The portion of the form that would otherwise allow them not to provide coverage for the employees of an independent contractor may not be used.

The worker's compensation insurance shall include the following terms:

- a. Employer's Liability limits of \$500,000.00 for each accident is required.

- b. "Texas Waiver of Our Right to Recover from Others Endorsement" shall be included in this policy. (Waiver of Subrogation)

Pursuant to the explicit terms of Title 28, Section 110.110 (c) (7) of the Texas Administrative Code, the Proposal specifications, this Agreement, and all subcontracts on this Project must include the following terms and conditions in the following language, without any additional words or changes, except those required to accommodate the specific document in which they are contained or to impose stricter standards of documentation:

Definitions:

Certificate of coverage ("certificate") - A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the Texas Worker's Compensation Commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81), TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory worker's compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

Duration of the project - includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the Contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.

Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractors" in section 406.096 (of the Texas Labor Code)) - includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the Contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent Contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage respondents, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

- The Contractor shall provide coverage, based on the proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, that meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011 (44) for all employees of the Contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
- The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.
- If the coverage period shown on the Contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.
- The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:

- (1) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file providing services on the project, and certificates of coverage showing coverage for all person; and
- (2) no later than seven calendar days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
- (3) The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.

The Contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within 10 calendar days after the Contractor knew or should have known, or any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:

- (1) provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreement, that meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011 (44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
- (2) provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
- (3) provide the Contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
- (4) obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:
 - (a) a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
 - (b) a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;
- (5) retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter;
- (6) notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within 10 calendar days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and

- (7) Contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required; with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

By signing a contract with Gregg County, or providing, or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier, or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the Contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE shall be prepared and executed by the insurance company or its authorized agent, and shall contain the following provisions and warranties:

- a. The company is licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Texas.
- b. The insurance policies provided by the insurance company are underwritten on forms that have been provided by the Texas State Board of Insurance or ISO.
- c. All endorsements and insurance coverage according to requirements and instructions contained herein.
- d. The form of the notice of cancellation, termination, or change in coverage provisions to Gregg County.
- e. Original endorsements affecting coverage required by the section shall be furnished with the certificates of insurance.

BONDING REQUIREMENTS

If applicable, a Bid Bond shall be required. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 262.032 (a) of the Texas Local Government Code, if the contract contemplated by this request is a bid for the construction of public works, or will be under a contract exceeding \$100,000.00, Gregg County may require the vendor to execute a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total contract price. Said bond shall be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

If applicable, a Performance Bond shall be required. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 262.032 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code, within thirty (30) days of the date of the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a bid by Gregg County Commissioners Court and prior to commencement of the actual work, the successful vendor shall furnish a performance bond to Gregg County for the full amount of the contract if the contract exceeds \$50,000.00. Said bond shall be for the purpose of insuring the faithful performance of the work in accordance with the plans, specifications and contract documents associated with the contract.

If applicable, a Payment Bond shall be required. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2253.021, Texas Government Code, if the amount of the contract awarded to the successful vendor exceeds \$25,000.00, the successful vendor shall execute a payment bond in the amount of the contract. Said bond is solely for the protection and use of payment bond beneficiaries who have a direct contractual relationship with the prime contractor or a subcontractor to supply public work labor or material. This bond must be issued to the County within ten (10) days of the award of the contract and before vendor begins the work.

If applicable, a Performance Bond shall be required. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2253.021, Texas Government Code, if the amount of the contract awarded to the successful vendor exceeds \$100,000.00, the successful vendor shall execute a performance bond in the amount of the contract. Said performance bond is solely for the protection of Gregg County and is conditioned on the faithful performance of the work in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents. This bond must be issued to the County within ten (10) days of the award of the contract and before the vendor begins the work.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Any contracts will require vendors to enter sensitive security areas. These include, but are not limited to, Gregg County Courthouse, Gregg County Sheriff's Department and/or Gregg County Jails.

The following will apply to awarded vendor personnel.

- The successful bidder shall provide information, including, but not limited to, name, date of birth, and driver's license number for each individual who will be performing work on Gregg County property.
- Vendor personnel who perform work on Gregg County property must submit to and pass a Sheriff's Department Criminal Background Check. That status must be maintained by all vendor personnel entering County buildings for the duration of the contract.
- Criminal Background checks conducted by your firm may or may not be acceptable to certain departments depending on their particular requirements. The County reserves the right to conduct additional Criminal Background Checks as it deems necessary.
- Award of a contract could be affected by your firms' refusal to agree to these terms. Award could also be affected if your firm is unable to supply personnel who can pass a Criminal Background Check.

The Criminal Background Check applies to the individual and not the company.

Special Conditions

WORK. The CONTRACTOR shall provide and pay for all materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, superintendence, labor, services, insurance, and all water, light, power, fuel, transportation and other facilities necessary for the execution and completion of the work covered by the contract Documents. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be new and both workmanship and materials shall be of a good quality. The CONTRACTOR shall if required, furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials.

RIGHT OF ENTRY. The OWNER reserves the right to enter the property or location on which the work herein is contracted for by such agent or agents as he may elect, for the purpose of inspecting the work, or for the purpose of constructing or installing such collateral work as said OWNER may desire.

EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION PLANT. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the care, preservation, conservation, and protection of all materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, apparatus, accessories, facilities, all means of construction, and any and all parts of the work, whether the CONTRACTOR has been paid, partially paid, or not paid for such work, until the entire work is completed and accepted.

CHARACTER OF WORKMEN. The CONTRACTOR agrees to employ only orderly and competent men, skillful in the performance of the type of work required under this contract, to do the work; and agrees that whenever the OWNER shall inform him in writing that any man or men on the work are, in his opinion, incompetent, unfaithful or disorderly, such man or men shall be discharged from the work and shall not again be employed on the work without the OWNER'S written consent.

PROTECTION AGAINST ACCIDENT TO EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC. The CONTRACTOR shall at all times exercise reasonable precautions for the safety of employees and others on or near the work and shall comply with all applicable provisions of Federal, State, and Municipal safety laws and building and construction codes. All machinery and equipment and other physical hazards shall be guarded in accordance with the "Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction" of the Associated General Contractors of America except where incompatible with Federal, State, or Municipal laws or regulations. The CONTRACTOR shall provide such machinery guards, safe walkways, ladders, bridges, gangplanks, and other safety devices if necessary. The safety precautions actually taken and their adequacy shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR, acting at his discretion as an independent contractor.

PROTECTION OF ADJOINING PROPERTY. The said CONTRACTOR shall take proper means to protect the adjacent or adjoining property or properties in any way encountered, which might be injured or seriously affected by any process of construction to undertaken under this Agreement, from any damage or injury by reason of said process of construction; and he shall be liable for any and all claims for such damage on account of his failure to fully protect all adjoining property. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless the OWNER against any claim or claims for damages due to any injury to any adjacent or adjoining

property, arising or growing out of the performance of the contract; but any such indemnity shall not apply to any claim of any kind arising out of the existence or character of the work.

PROTECTION AGAINST CLAIMS OF SUB-CONTRACTORS, LABORERS, MATERIALMEN AND FURNISHERS OF MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. The CONTRACTOR agrees that he will indemnify and save the OWNER harmless from all claims growing out of the lawful demands of sub-contractors, laborers, workmen, mechanics, material men and furnishers of machinery and parts thereof, equipment, power tools, and all supplies, including commissary, incurred in the furtherance of the performance of this contract. When so desired by the OWNER, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of the nature hereinabove designated have been paid, discharged or waived. If the CONTRACTOR fails so to do, then the OWNER may at the option of the CONTRACTOR either pay directly any unpaid bills, of which the OWNER has written notice, or withhold from the CONTRACTOR'S unpaid compensation a sum of money deemed reasonably sufficient to liquidate any and all such lawful claims until satisfactory evidence is furnished that all liabilities have been fully discharged, whereupon payments to the CONTRACTOR shall be resumed in full, in accordance with the terms of this contract, but in no event shall the provisions of this sentence be construed to impose any obligation upon the OWNER by either the CONTRACTOR or his Surety.

FINAL COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE. Within ten (10) days after the CONTRACTOR has given the OWNER written notice that the work has been completed, or substantially completed, the OWNER shall inspect the work and within said time, prepare and send a list of deficiencies. If there are not deficiencies found then OWNER will process final payment.

FINAL PAYMENT. The OWNER, who shall pay to the CONTRACTOR on or before the 30th day, and before the 35th day, after the date of Project Completion, the balance due the CONTRACTOR under the terms of this Agreement, provided he has fully performed his contractual obligations under the terms of this contract.

PAYMENTS WITHHELD. The OWNER may, on account of subsequently discovered evidence, withhold payment to such extent as may be necessary to protect himself from loss on account of:

- (a) Defective work not remedied.
- (b) Claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of claims.
- (c) Failure of the CONTRACTOR to make payments properly to subcontractors or for material or labor.
- (d) Damage to another contractor.
- (e) Reasonable doubt that the work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the contract amount.
- (f) Reasonable indication that the work will not be completed within the contract time.

CHANGE ORDERS: Without invalidating this Agreement, the OWNER may, at any time or from time to time, order deletions or revisions to the work; such changes will be authorized by Change Order to be prepared by the OWNER after formal approval of the Gregg County Commissioners Court. The Change Order shall set forth the basis for any change in contract

price, as hereinafter set forth for Extra Work, and any change in contract time which may result from the change..

EXAMINATION OF SITE OF PROJECT. Prospective bidders shall make a careful examination of the site of the project, soil and water conditions to be encountered, improvements to be protected, disposal sites for surplus materials not designated to be salvaged materials, and methods of providing ingress and egress to private properties and of handling traffic during construction of the entire project.

TRADE NAMES AND MATERIALS.

Where materials or equipment are specified by a trade or brand name, it is not the intention of the Owner to discriminate against an equal product of another manufacturer, but rather to set a definite standard of quality of performance, and to establish an equal basis for the evaluation of bids. Where the words "equivalent", "proper" or "equal to" are used, they shall be understood to mean the equivalent of, or equal to some other thing, in the opinion or judgment of the Owner. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be the best of their respective kinds and shall be in all cases fully equal to approved samples. Notwithstanding that the words "or equal to" or other such expressions may be used in the specifications in connection with a material, manufactured article or process, the materials, article or process specifically designated shall be used, unless a substitute shall be approved in writing by the Owner, and the Owner shall have the right to require the use of such specifically designated material, article or process.

BARRICADES, LIGHTS, AND WATCHMEN. Where the work is carried on in or adjacent to any street, alley or public place, the Contractor shall at his own cost and expense furnish and erect such barricades, fences, lights, and danger signals, shall provide such watchmen, and shall provide such other precautionary measures for the protection of persons or property and of the work as are necessary. Barricades shall be painted in a color that will be visible at night. From sunset to sunrise the Contractor shall furnish and maintain at least one light at each barricade and sufficient number of barricades shall be erected to keep vehicles from being driven on or into any work under construction. The Contractor shall furnish watchmen in sufficient numbers to protect the work. The Contractor will be held responsible for all damage to the work due to failure of barricades, signs, lights, and watchmen to protect it, and whenever evidence is found of such damage, the Owner may order the damaged portion immediately removed and replaced by the Contractor at his cost and expense. The Contractor's responsibility for the maintenance of barricades, signs, and lights, and for providing watchmen shall not cease until the project shall have been accepted by the Owner.

RESTORATION OF SITE & CLEANUP. Upon completion of the project (or major portions thereof) the Contractor shall restore the site to its original condition or better. Driveways and streets shall be compacted and resurfaced as originally found. All private property disrupted during construction including fences, patios, retaining walls, sidewalks, wooden decks, etc. shall be mended or repaired to their original condition. At the conclusion of the work, all tools, temporary structures and materials belonging to the Contractor shall be promptly removed, and all dirt, rubbish and other foreign substances shall be disposed of. The Contractor shall thoroughly clean all equipment and materials installed by him and shall deliver over such materials and equipment in an undamaged, clean condition.

SAFETY.

- In accordance with generally accepted construction practices, the Contractor alone will be solely and completely responsible for conditions of the job site, including safety of all persons and property during performance of the work. This requirement will apply continuously and not be limited to normal working hours.
- The duty of the Owner to conduct construction review of the Contractor's performance is not intended to include review of the adequacy of the Contractor's safety measures, in, or on, or near the construction site.

EXISTING UTILITIES AND SERVICE LINES. The Contractor shall be responsible for the protection of all existing utilities or service lines crossed or exposed by his construction operations. Where existing utilities or service lines are cut, broken or damaged, the Contractor shall replace or repair the utilities or service lines with the same type of original material and construction, or better, at his own cost and expense.

PROTECTION OF PROPERTY. The Contractor shall, at no additional expense to the Owner, protect by false work, braces, shoring or other property along his line of work or affected directly by his work, against damage and shall repair the damages or repay the injured Owners if such damage occurs. The Contractor shall exercise care to protect from injury all water pipes, sanitary sewer pipes, gas mains, telephone cables, electric cables, service pipes, and other utilities or fixtures which may be encountered during the progress of the work. All utilities and other service facilities or fixtures if damaged, shall be repaired by the Contractor without additional compensation. Protection is Contractor's responsibility and he must satisfy himself as to the existence and location of all utilities and structures.

CONTRACTS IN DEFAULT. The Owner may declare a contract in default for any one or more of the following reasons:

- Failure to complete the work within the contract period or any extension thereof.
- Failure or refusal to comply with an order of the Owner within a reasonable time.
- Failure or refusal to remove rejected materials.
- Failure or refusal to perform anew any defective or unacceptable work.
- Bankruptcy or insolvency, or the making of an assignment for the benefit of creditors.
- Failure to provide a qualified superintendent, competent workmen or subcontractors to carry on the work in an acceptable manner or failure to prosecute the work according to the agreed schedule of completion.
- Disregard or violation of any other important provisions of the Contract Documents as determined by the Engineer.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

Certificate Number:
2021-790663

Date Filed:
08/16/2021

Date Acknowledged:
8-16-2021

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.
East Texas Bridge, Inc.
Longview, TX United States

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.
Gregg County, Texas

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.
Gregg County CTIF_02_093
New Bridge Construction - Big Woods Road (CR 1442) at Witcher Creek

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary
	Small, Jason	Longview, TX United States	X	
	Townsend, Richard	Longview, TX United States	X	
	Woods, Jannette	Longview, TX United States	X	
	Woods, Alan	Longview, TX United States	X	

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

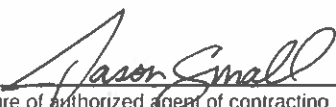
6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is JASON SMALL, and my date of birth is 9/24/1974

My address is 1101 N. PAGE ROAD LONGVIEW TX 75605 USA
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in GREGG County, State of TEXAS, on the 16th day of AUGUST, 2021
(month) (year)



Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)



IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO OBTAIN INFORMATION OR MAKE A COMPLAINT:

You may contact Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty & Surety Company, Travelers Indemnity Company, Standard Fire Insurance Company and/or Farmington Casualty Company for information or to make a complaint at:

Travelers Bond
Attn: Claims
1500 Market Street
West Tower, Suite 2900
Philadelphia, PA 19102

(267)675-3057
(267)675-3102 Fax

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain the information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

Texas Department of Insurance
P O Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104

(800)252-3439

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR BOND. This notice is for information only and does not become a part or a condition of the attached document and is given to comply with Section 2253-021, Government Code, and Section 53.202, Property Code, effective September 1, 2001

PERFORMANCE BOND #107438267

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that

East Texas Bridge, Inc.
(Name of Contractor or Company)

PO Box 6218 Longview TX 75606
(Address)

a Corporation hereinafter called Principal, and

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
(Name of Surety Company)

One Tower Square Hartford, CT 06183
(Address)

hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto

Gregg County
(Name of Recipient)

101 E. Methvin TX 75601
(Recipient's Address)

hereinafter called OWNER, in the penal sum of \$ Three Hundred Twenty One Thousand ^{** \$321,980.20}
Nine Hundred Eighty and 20/100s Dollars (\$ **) in lawful
money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, successors, and
assigns, jointly and severally, firmly in these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that whereas, the Principal entered into a certain contract with the
OWNER dated the 23rd day of August, a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part hereof for the
construction of:

New Bridge Construction - Big Woods Road (CR 1442) at Witcher Creek

NOW THEREFORE, if the Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform its duties in all the undertakings, covenants,
terms, conditions, and agreements of said contract during the original term thereof, and any extensions thereof which may
be granted by the OWNER, with or without notice to the Surety and during the one year guaranty period, and if he shall
satisfy all claims and demands incurred under such contract, and shall fully indemnify and save harmless the OWNER from
all costs and damages which it may suffer by reason of failure to do so, and shall reimburse and repay the OWNER all
outlay and expense which the OWNER may incur in making good any default, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise
to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the said Surety, for value received hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of
time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to WORK to be performed there under or the SPECIFICATIONS
accompanying the same shall in any way affect its obligation on this BOND, and it does hereby waive notice of any such
change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the WORK or to the SPECIFICATIONS.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that no final settlement between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR shall abridge the right of any beneficiary hereunder, whose claim may be unsatisfied.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed in 2 counterparts, each one of which shall be deemed an original, this the 23rd day of August 2001.

ATTEST:

East Texas Bridge, Inc.
(Principal)

Jason Small
(Principal Secretary)

By Alan Woods (s)
ALAN WOODS, PRESIDENT

(SEAL)

JASON SMALL, PROJECT COORDINATOR
(Witness as to Principal)

PO Box 6218 Longview TX 75606
(Address)

P.O. BOX 6218 LONGVIEW, TX 75608
(Address)

ATTEST:

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
(Surety)

Muni Rabah
(Witness as to Surety) Muni Rabah, Bond Account Manager

By Mistie Beck
(Attorney in Fact) Mistie Beck

2255 Ridge Rd. Ste. 333 Rockwall, TX 75087
(Address)

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(Address)

NOTE: Date of BOND must not be prior to date of Contract. If CONTRACTOR is Partnership, all partners should execute BOND.

PAYMENT BOND #107438267

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that

East Texas Bridge, Inc.

(Name of Contractor or Company)

PO Box 6218 Longview, TX 75606

(Address)

a Corporation, hereinafter called Principal,
(Corporation / Partnership)

and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
(Name of Surety Company)

One Tower Square Hartford, CT 06183

(Address)

hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto

Gregg County

(Name of Recipient)

101 E. Methvin TX 75601

(Recipient's Address)

hereinafter called OWNER, in the penal sum of \$ Three Hundred Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and 20/100s

Dollars, \$ 321,980.20 in lawful money of the United States, for this payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that whereas, the Principal entered into a certain contract with the OWNER, dated the 23rd day of August, a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part hereof for the construction of:

New Bridge Construction - Big Woods Road (CR 1442) at Witcher Creek

(Project Name)

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall promptly make payment to all persons, firms, SUB-CONTRACTORS, and corporations furnishing materials for or performing labor in the prosecution of the WORK provided for in such contract, and any authorized extension or modification thereof, including all amounts due for materials, lubricants, oil, gasoline, coal and coke, repairs on machinery, equipment and tools, consumed or used in connection with the construction of such WORK, and all insurance premiums on said WORK, and for all labor, performed in such WORK whether by SUB-CONTRACTOR or otherwise, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the said Surety, for value received hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to WORK to be performed there under or the SPECIFICATIONS accompanying the same shall in any way affect its obligation on this BOND, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the WORK or to the SPECIFICATIONS.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that no final settlement between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR shall abridge the right of any beneficiary hereunder, whose claim may be unsatisfied.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed in 2 counter-parts, each on of (Number) which shall be deemed an original, this the 23 day of August 2021

ATTEST:

East Texas Bridge, Inc.
(Principal)

Jason Small
(Principal Secretary)

By [Signature] (s)

(SEAL)

JASON SMALL, PROJECT COORDINATOR
(Witness as to Principal)

PO Box 6218
(Address)

P.O. BOX 6218 LONGVIEW, TX 75608
(Address)

Longview, TX 75606



ATTEST:

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
(Surety)

[Signature]
(Witness as to Surety) Muni Rabah, Bond Account Manager

By [Signature]
(Attorney in Fact) Mistie Beck

2255 Ridge Rd. Ste. 333 Rockwall, TX 75087
(Address)

2255 Ridge Rd. Ste. 333 Rockwall, TX 75087
(Address)



NOTE: Date of BOND must not be prior to date of Contract. If CONTRACTOR is Partnership, all partners should execute BOND.



Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Johnny Moss** of **ROCKWALL, Texas**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **21st** day of **April**, 2021.



State of Connecticut

City of Hartford ss.

By: 
 Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

On this the **21st** day of **April**, 2021, before me personally appeared **Robert L. Raney**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June**, 2026




 Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, any Assistant Treasurer, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2021




 Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.
Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.