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The Houston Housing Authority (HHA), has issued this Amendment No. 3 to IFB 22-50 Demolition of Clayton for the purposes of:

- 1. Incorporating:
 - 1.1 The attached Draft Contract as Exhibit I into the solicitation for informational purposes which is not required to be submitted with the sealed bid.
 - 1.2 The Prevailing Wage Rate for Abatement as Exhibit J for informational purposes.
- 2. Answering the following Questions submitted to HHA in writing by the specified due date:
 - **Question 1:** Is there a consultant on board for this project?
 - **Answer 1:** Terrain Solution Inc., has been onboarded to do the air monitoring and clearances during the abatement.
 - **Question 2:** Is there an asbestos survey report for this project?
 - **Answer 2:** The asbestos survey has been completed and awaits lab results. The report will be provided on-site.
 - **Question 3:** Is this a total demolition of this building?
 - **Answer 3:** Yes, the scope is as described in the solicitation.
 - **Question 4:** Is there demolition plans available?
 - **Answer 4:** There are no demolition plans for the project.
 - **Question 5:** Is there to be Hydro-mulching and/or sod required after demolition? If so, what are the specs for this?
 - **Answer 5:** Hydro-much/ sod is not required after demolition; the expectation is the dirt will be graded to minimize ponding/ dirt leaving the site.

Question 6: Is construction fencing required?

Answer 6: There is a current fence on the site. The plan is to leave the existing Clayton Perimeter Fence and the temporary security fence to enclose the site until all of the buildings are demolished. Only then will the temporary fence be removed and the Clayton Fence will be demolished. Note the demolition of the Clayton fence should be included as part of the demolition scope of work.

Question 7: Who is responsible for disconnects? Normally the owner handles electric and/or gas.

Answer 7: All utilities will be disconnected prior to demolition work starting.

Question 8: Will the building be emptied of all furniture, trash, stored items, etc... by others before we arrive?

Answer 8: All items, furniture, and equipment currently on site will be removed as part of the demolition scope of work.

Question 9: Is HHA planning on salvaging any items from the building, and if so, is the contractor required to remove these items, or will HHA before we arrive?

Answer 9: All items from the building will be part of the demolition scope.

Question 10: Do we bid this as asbestos demolition or as regular and adjust the proposal once the testing is done?

Answer 10: The project will be bid as an asbestos demolition.

Question 11: If asbestos demo is needed we will need to include Abatement Monitoring or should we include that in original bid?

Answer 11: Abatement monitoring will be provided by an Owner provided consultant.

Question 12: Can HHA provide a clear outline of the construction area to ensure we demo the proper amount of area beyond the building such as grass, concrete, etc.

Answer 12: Refer to Exhibit B – SOW

Question 13: Are there septic tanks or wells in the construction area or if unknown should we include an allowance amount for each?

Answer 13: No well or septic tanks are expected. If there are any, we will treat as a change order.

Question 14: Are bid bonds and performance bonds required?

Answer 14: See attachment H for requirements.

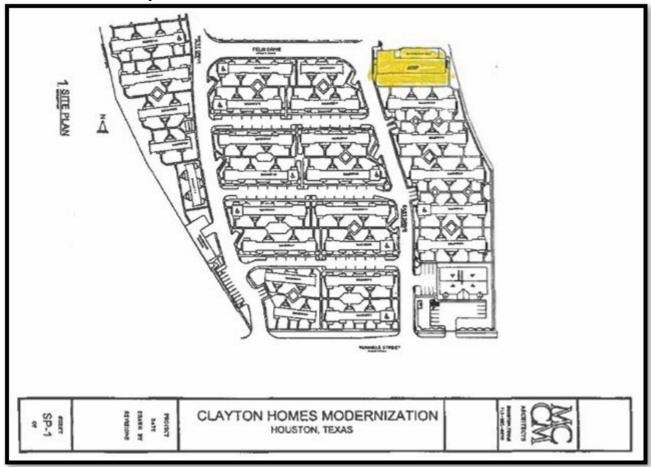
Question 15: Is there a copy of the sign in sheet/attendance log available from the 12/12/2022 prebid meeting? Or is this information not available for projects that are out to bid?

Answer 15: No.

Question 16: Will you be posting a "technical specification" with a detailed scope?

Answer 16: All technical specifications have been included in the specifications.

Question 17: Is there potential for more on this lot?



Answer 17: No, the scope of work is identified in the solicitation.

Question 18: Is there a spec already for the remediation/demolition for this we can view? Also, is there a consultant for it? Who is it?

Answer 18: This was included as an addendum, see answer #1.

Question 19: I don't see any amendments for this solicitation

Answer 19: There are currently two amendments on the website for this solicitation.

Question 20: Is there a scope of work or drawings for this project?

Answer 20: All documentation is provided on the website – <u>www.housingforhouston.com</u>, on the solicitations page.

Question 21: Exhibit B: 15-16: Numerous statements of wells existing onsite are mentioned. Are the locations known and the types? Is there previous documentation of the these wells and the status. Does this Scope Sections 15-16 even apply to this site. It seems generic in the scope statements?

Answer 21: No well or septic tanks are expected. If there are any, we will treat as a change order.

Question 22: There is no mention of a SWPPP? Will it be required?

Answer 22: Yes, it will be required as part of the base bid.

Question 23: Will this quantity come out of the allowances (40 brick, 300 lf) or is it additional footage?

Answer 23: This will be a turnkey project.

Question 24: Are there L.D.'s for this project. It is stated but left blank in HUD docs.

Answer 24: No there are no liquidated damages for this project.

Question 25: Exhibit B: 14.7 Denotes foundations and footings to be removed. The question is how deep (industry standard is 3') and also is there drilled piers to be encountered. If piers exist can a unit price be included to cover costs of excavation & backfilling?

Answer 25: Provide industry standards. If foundations/ footings differ, we can address it as a change order.

Question 26: Exhibit B: 22 Denotes grass sodding as applicable on bare spots? Please detail this scope and will Hydro Mulching/Seeding be required plus the maintenance of the site upon completion.

Answer 26: Hydro mulching will not be required as part of the scope.

Question 27: Will HHA pay the TDSHS Notification Fee?

Answer 27: All fees included in the TDSHS Notification will be part of the

Question 28: In the Prevailing Wage Scale, Attachment J, there is no designation for Asbestos Abatement Worker? Need one please.

Answer 28: A supplemental prevailing wage scale – TX20220253 has been provided.

All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

12-29-2022	
Date	

Austin Crotts
Austin Y. Crotts, MA
Procurement Manager,
Houston Housing Authority

CONTRACT NO. 22-50

FOR

TURN-KEY CONSTRUCTION SOLUTION TO PERFORM THE REMEDIATION AND DEMOLITION OF CLAYTON HOMES

BETWEEN
AND
THE HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
This contract (the "Contract") is entered into by and between the HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (the "HHA"), having its principal place of business at 2640 Fountain View Houston, Texas 77057, and (the "Contractor"), having its principal place of business at Hereinafter, all references to the "Parties" shall mean the HHA and the Contractor.
WITNESSETH:
WHEREAS, the HHA is a public body corporate entity, duly organized and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Texas and currently engaged in business defined in the Local Government Code of the State of Texas, including the provision of decent, safe, and sanitary housing to the residents of its facilities, low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled
WHEREAS, the HHA, or its affiliates or subsidiaries, owns certain multifamily housing developments, including that certain multifamily housing development commonly known as Clayton Homes located at 1919 Runnels Street, Houston, TX 77002 (the "Property");
WHEREAS the HHA requires a contract for turn-key construction solution to perform the site remediation and demolition at the Property;
WHEREAS the HHA, on or about December 5, 2022, issued Invitation for Bid ("IFB") 22-50 including all exhibits, addenda, or amendments thereto, soliciting responses from qualified vendors to contract for turn-key construction solution to perform the site remediation and demolition at the Property;

¹ The Contract may also be referred to interchangeably as the "Agreement."

² In addition to being referred to as the "HHA," the Houston Housing Authority may alternatively be referred to as the "Authority," the "Agency," the "PHA," the "Housing Authority," the "Local Authority," the "LHA," or the "HA."

	REAS the HHA reviewed the responses it received to IFB 22-50 and determined that the ubmitted by the Contractor was the and; and,
the mutua	THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises of the Parties herein, and pursuant to l covenants and terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, the HHA and the agree to be legally bound as follows:
	1. The Contract Documents.
1.1	In addition to the foregoing document, this Contract shall include: (a) Form, as promulgated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and commonly known as " "("Form"); (b) IFB 22-50, including all exhibits, addenda, or amendments thereto ("IFB 22-50); (c) Contractor's Response to IFB 22-50, including all exhibits, addenda, or amendments thereto. Form is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein. The parties agree to be bound by the terms of Form and the contract documents as outlined herein.
1.2	Form, IFB 22-50, and Contractor's Response to IFB 22-50 are attached hereto as, respectively, Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3 and are incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.
1.3	In the event of a conflict between or among the contract documents, the following order of priority shall apply: (a) Form; (b) the foregoing document; (c) IFB 22-50 and (d) Contactor's Response to IFB 22-50. The Section 3 Form and the M/WBE Form shall receive the lowest priority in the event of a conflict between or among the contract documents.
1.4	A Contract document's silence on a provision, issue, or term and condition found in another Contract document shall not be considered a conflict between or among the Contract documents. 2. Contractor's Services.
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2.1	The work/services ³ to be performed by the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall include, but not necessarily be limited as outlined in Exhibit "" (Scope of Work) included in IFB 22-50 and incorporated by reference heretofore.
2.2	The contractor shall be required to provide all the necessary personnel, supervision, transportation, equipment, insurance, tools, supplies, materials, and any other item(s) or resource(s) needed to perform at the, including but not limited to:
2.3	Absent the HHA's written consent or written instruction, the Work under this Contract shall be performed by Contractor.

³ Hereinafter referred to interchangeably as "Work" or "Services".

- 2.4 The HHA may designate a Project Manager during the period of performance.
- 2.5 Contractor agrees to conduct all activities and perform all Work under this Agreement in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures and issuances in effect or promulgated during the term of this Agreement.

3. Consideration and Payment.

- In consideration of the work to be performed by the Contractor in accordance with the requirements and Scope of Work previously referenced herein as Exhibit ____ and pursuant to the Contract, the HHA shall pay the Contractor an amount not to exceed _____ (\$_____), during the Contract term, including any extensions.
- 3.2 The amount to be paid to Contractor shall consist of the Fee Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit ____. Should Contractor receive payment by wire or electronic means, Contractor must provide HHA written confirmation and instructions signed by Contractor's duly authorized official before any type of electronic or wire payment will be made by HHA. Any changes to wire or electronic payment information must be submitted to HHA in writing and signed by Contractor's duly authorized official.
- 3.3 Contractor shall receive payment after invoices have been submitted and work has been approved by HHA's Project Manager. Payment terms are net 30 days. Should Contractor receive payment by wire or electronic means, Contractor must provide HHA written confirmation and instructions signed by Contractor's duly authorized official before any type of electronic or wire payment will be made by HHA. Any changes to wire or electronic payment information must be submitted to HHA in writing and signed by Contractor's duly authorized official.
- 3.4 The Contractor will ensure that its work and services are provided in a cost-efficient manner.
- 3.5 All applicable federal (including Davis-Bacon wage rates), state, county and municipal taxes are included in the consideration herein. The Contractor warrants that it will comply with all federal and state laws including, but not limited to, the Prompt Pay Act in the payment of the Contractor's workers. Certified payrolls are required to be submitted by the Contractor on a weekly basis using the web-based submittal tool ("Prism Compliance Management") provided by the HHA.
- By the twentieth day of a given month, the Contractor, with respect to the work and services provided under this Contract in the preceding month, shall provide the HHA with an invoice that includes: (a) an itemized list of the work and services performed, (b) who performed the work and services, (c) the Properties and amount at which the work and services was billed; (d) the amount of time spent on the work and services,

measured in one-tenth of an hour increments, (3) costs incurred for reimbursable expenses, if any such expenses are reimbursable under this Contract. Invoices comporting with this section that are approved by the HHA shall be due and payable by the HHA no later than thirty days after receipt. Invoices may be sent by the Contractor to the HHA via the United States Postal Service or via email. If sent via email, an invoice shall be considered to be received by the HHA on the day the email was sent by the Contractor.

- 3.7 If the HHA does not approve of an invoice, or a part thereof, the HHA will, within seven business days after receipt of the invoice, provide the Contractor with written notice of adjustments that the HHA believes are warranted. If, within seven business days of receiving such notice from the HHA the Contractor does not present the HHA with additional detail or documentation to adequately support the disputed invoice (or portion thereof), then any adjustments made by the HHA to the invoice in question shall become binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor will waive any and all of its rights to dispute the adjusted invoice. If the Contractor responds timely within the seven-business day timeframe allotted herein, and provides sufficient detail to adequately support the disputed invoice, (or disputed portion thereof), then the HHA shall consider the Contractor's timely response and will not unreasonably withhold payment of the disputed amount, provided that the additional detail or documentation submitted by the Contractor sufficiently and adequately supports the disputed invoice (or disputed portion thereof).
- The HHA shall pay only the Contractor under this Contract. The HHA shall have no liability, directly or indirectly, for payment to the Contractor's employees, workers, agents, contractors, or subcontractors, if any. The Contractor agrees to indemnity, hold harmless, and defend the HHA and its employees, agents, affiliates, subsidiaries, representatives, and board members from any and all such claims.
- 3.9 The Contractor is solely responsible for the payment of wages and any applicable benefits to workers for work performed under this contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for withholding federal and state income taxes, paying Federal Social Security taxes, maintaining unemployment insurance and maintaining workers' compensation insurance, in an amount and under such terms as required by the applicable laws of the State of Texas. THE HHA'S PAYMENT IS TO THE CONTRACTOR. HHA SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR PAYMENT TO THE CONTRACTOR'S WORKERS OR TO SUBCONTRACTORS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE HHA, ITS EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, AND AFFILIATES HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL SUCH CLAIMS.
- 3.10 The HHA is not responsible to the Contractor or the Contractor's workers for payment of any overtime compensation or any additional payments pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act; the Texas Pay Day Act; the Equal Pay Act; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C 2000e, *et al.*, as amended; or any provisions of the Texas Labor Code Ann., as amended. The HHA will not be responsible for overtime wages.

3.11	In cases where the market for a particular supply or service is especially volatile, and the HHA needs a contract for a term greater than just an initial quantity, this contract price may be adjusted upward or downward during the performance period based upon the occurrence of the following specified contingencies: changes in market conditions; the Consumer Price Index; other commodity price indices that are not controlled by the contractor, or other the price adjustment will be made by HHA by reasonable written notice to Contractor. HHA will identify the price index to be used, the frequency of adjustment, and any overall ceiling price. Economic price adjustments may be initiated when (a) there is serious doub concerning the stability of market or labor conditions that will exist during an extended period of contract performance; and (b) contingencies that would otherwise be included in the contract price can be identified and covered separately in the contract. Price adjustments based on established prices should normally be restricted to industry-wide contingencies. Price adjustments based on labor and material costs should be limited to contingencies beyond the contractor's control.
	4. Term/Period of Performance, Effective Date, and Termination.
4.1	This Contract shall have an initial term of () years from the effective date At its sole discretion, the HHA may elect to extend the period of performance for up to an additional () years, in () year increments.
4.2	All work performed by the Contractor under the Contract shall be performed between the hours of a.m. and p.m., Monday through Friday. HHA reserves the right to change hours as necessary.
4.3	This Contract shall be signed by the HHA and the Contractor. The Contractor shall sign the Contract first, and after signing, shall deliver the original signed contract, along with any and all required payment bonds, performance bonds, and required proof or insurance, to the HHA for signature by the HHA. This Contract shall not become effective until it is executed by the HHA. The Contract's effective date shall be the date of execution by the HHA.
4.4	Execution of the Contract by the Contractor is a representation that the Contractor has visited the work site, become generally familiar with local conditions under which the Contractor is to perform its work, and correlated personal observations with the requirements set forth in the Contract.
4.5	Passage of the Agreement expiration date shall not extinguish or prejudice HHA's right to enforce this Agreement with respect to default or defect in performance that has no been cured.
4.6	Irrespective of any default hereunder, HHA may at any time cancel the contract in whole or in part upon thirty (30) days written notice to Contractor Should this occur

the Contractor shall be entitled to equitable compensation for all work completed and accepted by HHA's Project Manager prior to such termination or cancellation.

5. Confidentiality.

5.1 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that all information which the Contractor shall receive from the HHA or its agents or affiliates in connection with this Contract shall be confidential and the Contractor shall not disclose such information to any party without the HHA's prior written consent or unless required to do so by law.

6. Contractor's Representations and Warranties.

- The Contractor represents and warrants that it has all applicable licenses and registrations to engage in and perform the services contemplated by this Contract. Unless otherwise stated herein, all local, State, of Federal permits or registrations which may be required to provide the services to be provided by the Contractor shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor and any costs submitted by the Contractor in its Response shall reflect all costs required by the Contractor to procure and provide such necessary permits and registrations.
- The Contractor represents and warrants that the Contractor presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree or have the potential of conflicting with the performance of its services under the Contract or the impartial rendering of assistance or advice to the HHA. The Contractor further represents, covenants, and warrants that in the performance of the Contract no person having any such interest shall be employed. In the event the Contractor becomes aware of such an interest after the execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall immediately disclose the interest to the HHA in writing. The Contractor agrees that in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement, it will neither undertake, nor cause, nor permit to be undertaken, any activity which either (i) is illegal under any laws, decrees, rules, or regulations in effect in Texas or the United States; or (ii) would have the effect of causing the HHA to be in violation of any laws, decrees, rules, or regulations in effect in Texas or the United States.
- 6.3 Contractor agrees that in connection with this Agreement or any extension thereof, it will update the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire and any other relevant forms required by law, HUD or HHA, as needed. Contractor further agrees to notify the HHA immediately of any conflict of interest relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.
- 6.4 The Contractor represents and warrants that in performing its services under this Contract, it will comply with all applicable State of Texas laws and regulations pertaining to the provision of its services under this Contract and that the Contractor will perform its services in a good and workmanlike manner, with the same degree of skill, diligence, competency and knowledge which is ordinarily exhibited, possessed

by and consistent with the professional standards that apply to the provision of such services in metropolitan areas of similar size to Houston, Texas and other professionals in good standing in the same or similar field as Contractor.

7. Performance Bond and Payment Bond

7.1 The HHA requires the Contractor to furnish bonds covering the faithful performance of the Contract and payment of obligations arising thereunder. The required bonds shall be furnished by the Contractor on the date of the Contractor's execution of the Contract. In no case shall the Contractor begin work until the required bonds are furnished to the HHA.

8. Insurance.

- 8.1 The Contractor shall maintain the following insurance for the duration of this Contract, unless otherwise noted:
 - a. <u>Workers' compensation insurance</u> in accordance with State of Texas rules and regulations for all employees providing work and services hereunder. The policy must be endorsed to contain a waiver of subrogation and a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation or non-renewal in favor of the HHA.
 - Commercial general liability insurance with a single limit for bodily injury of b. \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and property damage limit of no less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. The insurance may have a combined aggregate of coverage amounting to no less than \$2,000,000.00. Such insurance shall cover the operations of the Contractor under this Contract and shall protect the Contractor and its officers, agents, and employees against claims of bodily injury or death, including specifically such claims resulting from any form of sexual misconduct and for property damage to others. Such insurance shall also include coverage for completed operations and contractual liability. If the Contractor has a "claims made policy," then the following additional requirements apply: (i) the policy must provide a "retroactive date" which must be on or before the date the Contractor executes this Contract; and (ii) the extended reporting period may not be less than five years following the completion date of this Contract. Regardless of whether the Contractor's policy is claims made or per occurrence, the HHA must be named as an additional insured and the policy must be endorsed primary/noncontributory and to contain a waiver of subrogation in favor the HHA. The policy must also be endorsed with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation or non-renewal in favor of the HHA.
 - c. <u>Automobile liability insurance</u> covering owned, non-owned, hired and all vehicles used by the Contractor or its officers, employees, or agents with a combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000.00 applicable to bodily injury, sickness or death and loss of, or damage to, property in any one

occurrence. The HHA must be named as an additional insured under this policy and this policy must be endorsed to be primary and to contain a waiver of subrogation in favor the HHA. The policy must also be endorsed with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation or non-renewal in favor of the HHA.

- e. Errors and omissions professional liability insurance in an amount no less than \$2,000,000 and for a continuous period of at least three years following the completion of the Contractor's services under this Agreement. The policy shall provide for coverage for all work performed by the Contractor. The Contractor shall ensure that any subcontractors hired by the Contractor that perform work on the Contractor's behalf will maintain their own Errors and Omissions Professional Liability Insurance coverage in the amount of no less than \$2,000,000 and the Contractor shall obtain evidence of such insurance in a manner satisfactory to the HHA and provide such evidence to the HHA upon the HHA's request. The policy must also be endorsed with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation or non-renewal in favor of the HHA.
- Before commencing its performance of any work or services under this Contract, the Contractor, at the request of the HHA, shall provide the HHA with copies of the applicable certificates of insurance, policies, declarations, and endorsements for the required coverages listed above so that the HHA may confirm: (a) that said coverages are valid and in effect; (b) that it is named as an additional insured under the Contractor's comprehensive general liability insurance policy ("CGL"), umbrella/excess liability insurance, errors and omissions/professional liability insurance and its automobile liability insurance policy; (c) that none of the required policies may be cancelled or non-renewed until at least thirty days prior written notice has been provided to the HHA; (d) that the Contractor's CGL policy, umbrella/excess liability and automobile policy are primary; and that (e) the Contractor's CGL policy, workers' compensation, umbrella/excess liability insurance and automobile policy contain waivers of subrogation in favor of the HHA. All certificates of insurance must reference this job/project and contract number.
- 8.3 All insurance shall be carried with companies that are financially responsible and admitted to do business in the State of Texas. The Contractor shall not permit the insurance policies required for this Contract to lapse during any period for which this Agreement is in effect.
- 8.4 The insurance requirements in this section are not intended to and shall not in any

manner limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by the Contractor under this Contract, including, but not limited to, liability assumed by the Contractor pursuant to section 8 of this Contract.

- 8.5 The Contractor shall be solely responsible for any premiums, deductibles, or self-insured retentions that may apply to the insurance coverages required in this Contract.
- 8.6 The Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors, if any, to provide the coverages noted in this section, unless such coverages are waived or reduced in writing by the HHA.
- 8.7 <u>Builder's Risk Insurance</u>. The Construction Manager shall purchase and maintain, in a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located, property insurance written on a builder's risk "all-risk" or equivalent policy form in the amount of the initial Contract Sum, plus value of subsequent Contract modifications and cost of materials supplied or installed by others, comprising total value for the entire Project at the site on a replacement cost basis without optional deductibles. Such property insurance shall be maintained, unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents or otherwise agreed in writing by all persons and entities who are beneficiaries of such insurance, until final payment has been made. This insurance shall include interests of the Owner, the Construction Manager, Subcontractors and Sub- subcontractors in the Project.

9. INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS.

9.1 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD THE HHA AND ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATED ENTITIES, COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES (THE "INDEMNIFIED PERSONS") HARMLESS FROM ALL LIABILITY, LOSS OR DAMAGE, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND EXPENSES, RESULTING FROM, BROUGHT FOR, OR ON ACCOUNT OF ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION OF EVERY KIND AND CHARACTER ASSERTED BY ANY PERSON (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE INDEMNIFIED PERSONS' OR CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES), FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR FOR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO ANY AND ALL PROPERTY IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH, OR TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE HEREUNDER. SUCH INDEMNITY SHALL BE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE NEGLIGENCE (WHETHER ACTIVE, PASSIVE, SOLE, CONCURRENT OR GROSS), STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER FAULT OF ANY INDEMNIFIED PERSON. CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THIS INDEMNITY CONTROLS OVER ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE AGREEMENT AND SURVIVES THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

- 9.2 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR, AND SHALL RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE HHA FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR, ALL DAMAGE AND LOSS SUSTAINED BY IT TO ITS TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT UTILIZED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES, OR THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY SUBCONTRACTORS' SERVICES, HEREUNDER. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SATISFYING ALL DEDUCTIBLES UNDER ITS POLICIES WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE HHA AND THE DEDUCTIBLE PORTION OF ANY LOSS SHALL NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CONTRACTOR'S INDEMNITY OBLIGATION.
- 9.3 NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY, ANY LEGAL LIMITATIONS AFFECTING THE SCOPE OF PERMISSIBLE INDEMNITY SHALL BE READ INTO THESE CLAUSES SUCH THAT THE CLAUSE PROVIDES THE MAXIMUM INDEMNITY PURSUANT TO ITS TERMS WHILE STILL COMPLYING WITH THE LEGAL LIMITATIONS.

10. Notices.

10.1 All notices and communications regarding the Contract must be in writing and shall be directed to the following representatives:

<u>HHA</u>		CONTRACTOR
Tel:		Tel:
Fax:		Fax:

11. Compliance with Federal Laws and Regulations

- To the extent applicable, the Contractor shall comply with any and all federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to, the following:
 - The requirements of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, relating to prohibitions against discrimination in housing and the benefits of federally funded programs because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin;
 - The prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the prohibition against discrimination against handicapped individuals under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act;

- All federal and state laws, rules and regulations related to energy efficiency and resource conservation;
- The requirements of Executive Order 11246 relating to equal employment opportunity in connection with federally funded programs;
- The requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 relating to training and employment of individuals and contracting for business opportunities in metropolitan areas in which federally funded programs are being operated; and
- The requirements of Executive Orders 11625, 12432 and 12138 to implement Minority Business Enterprise ("MBE") and Women's Business Enterprise ("WBE") participation goals in federal agencies' programs.

12. Compliance with M/WBE and Section 3 Policy.

- When subcontracting, the Contractor agrees to utilize its good faith and best efforts to subcontract a sufficient dollar amount with M/WBE's certified as such or recognized by the HHA as certified M/WBE in an effort to meet the HHA's goal of a minimum of 30% of the final contract dollars being expended on one or more M/WBEs. All adjustments that cause the contract price to increase will also increase the total amount that the Contractor must expend on M/WBEs.
- The Contractor hereby specifically agrees to adhere to the M/WBE Participation Plan as submitted by the Contractor and attached hereto as Exhibit 3.
- The Contractor further agrees to adhere to the Section 3 Business Certification as submitted by the Contractor within its Response, attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

13. Records.

Without limitation to any other provision of the Contract, the Contractor shall maintain all records pertaining to the Contract, which the HHA reasonably requires for three (3) years from the expiration date of the Contract unless a longer period is required under Title 24, CFR §85.42. The Contractor shall maintain records required by 24 CFR §135.120 for the period that HUD requires the records to be maintained. The Contractor will give the HHA, HUD, the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, and any of their authorized representative's access to, and the right to examine, audit, copy, or reproduce all records pertaining to the project financed under the Contract and the operation of the program or project. The right to access shall continue as long as the records are required to be maintained.

14. Independent Contractor.

- 14.1 The Contractor is an independent contractor of the HHA and not an employee of the HHA. Nothing contained in the Contract will be deemed or construed to create a partnership between the Contractor and the HHA. The Contractor will have no authority to create any obligation or make representations or warranty binding on the HHA. All personnel supplied or used by the Contractor in connection with this Contract will be deemed employees, agents, or subcontractors of the Contractor and will not be considered employees, agents, or subcontractors of the HHA for any purpose whatsoever. The Contractor is solely responsible for payment of wages and overtime to the Contractor's employees. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor and the HHA are not entering into a joint employment relationship or an employment relationship of any kind.
- The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state laws pertaining to the proper classification of workers. Additionally, the Contractor is aware that in accordance with Section 214.008 of the Texas Labor Code, contractors and subcontractors who fail to properly classify individuals performing work under a governmental contract will be penalized \$200.00 for each individual that has been misclassified.

15. Subcontracts.

15.1 The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of its services under this Contract without first obtaining the written consent of the HHA.

16. Non-Appropriation.

The Contractor understands that the HHA is a governmental entity and this Agreement is contingent upon the receipt, availability and allocation of funding allocated to the HHA for the payment of such services or obligations. Should it not be funded for any period during the term of the Agreement, any sums due for the remainder of the term shall be forgiven and the HHA shall not be liable for payment. HHA may terminate this Agreement in writing at any time, or suspend services, if sufficient funds are not available to continue operations under this Agreement. Upon such written notice from the HHA, the Contract will automatically terminate.

17. Proprietary Information.

- 17.1 The Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all proprietary information provided to it by the HHA. Information in the public domain, or otherwise obtained independently by the Contractor, is not considered confidential.
- Any programs, data, or other materials furnished by the HHA for use by the Contractor concerning the services performed under the Contract shall remain the sole property of the HHA.

18. Ownership of Work Product.

All drawings, designs, specifications, manuals, reports, studies, surveys, models, software, source code and source code documentation, documentation or system architecture and any other documents, materials, data and products ("Work Product") prepared or assembled by the Contractor or its subcontractors pursuant to this Contract shall be the exclusive property of the HHA and copies of all Work Products shall be delivered to the HHA upon the completion or termination of the Contract. The Contractor hereby assigns to the HHA ownership of all right, title and interest in and to such Work Products, including ownership of any copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property or proprietary rights in the Work Product. Further, Contractor hereby grants to the HHA a perpetual, royalty-free, paid-in-full, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to copy, reproduce, perform, dispose of, or use, in whole or in part, the Work Product and to authorize others to do so. The Contractor also agrees to execute all papers necessary for the HHA to perfect its ownership of the rights in the Work Product.

19 Criminal Background Checks Required.

19.1 After execution of this Agreement and as soon as reasonably possible, the Contractor shall conduct criminal background checks on all employees and subcontractors before such employees or subcontractors are assigned to perform any work under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that no employee or subcontractor currently suspended or debarred under 2 CFR § 180, et seq., or who has been convicted of a felony, shall be authorized to perform any work under the terms of this Agreement, without prior written approval from the HHA.

20. Special Requirements.

20.1 The Contractor agrees that if the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("<u>HUD</u>") requires a cost certification after substantial completion of the work performed under the Contract, then the Contractor will cooperate with the HHA and HUD and assist in providing such cost certification, provided that any payment to the Contractor hereunder shall not be conditioned upon any such cost certification, but shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

21. Time.

21.1 Time is of the essence in the Contract and each and all of its provisions.

22. Tax Exempt Status.

The HHA is a unit of government and its functions are governmental functions. Its property is public property used for essential public and governmental purposes. By virtue of Section 392.005 of the Texas Local Government Code (the "Housing Authorities Law"), the HHA and its property are exempt from all taxes, including sales

tax. A copy of the Tax Exemption Certificate will be provided to the Contractor, if required.

23. Cooperation with HHA.

In the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to cooperate with the HHA and its staff, including the HHA's Section 3 Coordinator.

24. Miscellaneous.

- 24.1 <u>Legal Construction/Severability</u>. HHA and Contractor agree, that if any term or provision of this Agreement is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain the particular term or provision held to be invalid. The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver by the party of that or any other provision of this Agreement. Whenever context requires, the singular will include the plural (and vice-versa) and references to gender shall include the masculine and feminine. Article and section headings in this Contract are for reference only and are not intended to restrict or define the text of any section or article herein. This Contract shall not be construed more or less favorably by reason of the authorship or origin of its language; this Contract shall not be construed against the drafter in the event of an ambiguity (or otherwise).
- 24.2 <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. In no event shall the HHA be liable to the Contractor for any indirect, incidental, or exemplary damages.
- 24.3 Own Investigation. The Contractor represents and warrants that it entered this Contract based solely on its own investigation and due diligence and not on reliance on any statements, representations, or omissions of the HHA unless otherwise noted in this Contract. The Contractor represents and warrants that it is fully satisfied that it has received any information it requested from the HHA in order to determine whether to enter this Contract. The Contractor expressly disclaims any reliance on any representation, statement, or omission by the HHA with respect to this Contract, including the Contractor's decision to enter this Contract, unless otherwise noted herein.
- 24.4 <u>Venue and Choice of Law</u>. Venue for any legal action arising from or relating to this Contract shall exclusively lie in Harris County, Texas. The laws of the State of Texas shall govern and control any dispute that arises from or relates to this Agreement. In the event of any litigation arising from or related to this Agreement, or the services provided under this Agreement, each party will be responsible for its own costs incurred including staff time, court costs, attorney fees, and all other related expenses incurred in such litigation.

- 24.5 <u>Notice of Court Actions.</u> The Contractor agrees to give the HHA immediate notice in writing of any actions or suits filed and prompt notice of any claims made against the HHA or any of the parties involved in the implementation and administration of the Contract.
- 24.6 <u>Integration.</u> This Contract, along with the attached Exhibits, contains the complete agreement of the Parties and cannot be varied except by the Parties' written agreement. The Parties agree that there are no oral agreements, representations, or warranties that are not expressly set forth in this Contract.
- 24.7 <u>Waiver of Default.</u> It is not a waiver of or consent to default if the non-defaulting party fails to declare immediately a default or delays in taking any action. Pursuit of any remedy set forth in this Contract does not preclude pursuit of other remedies in this Contract or that are provided by law.
- 24.8 <u>Non-Waiver.</u> No covenant or condition of the Contract may be waived except by written consent of the waiving party. Forbearance or indulgence by one party in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of the covenant or condition to be performed by the other party to which the same may apply, and until complete performance of any covenant or condition, the aggrieved party shall be entitled to invoke any remedy available to it under the Contract or by law or in equity despite such forbearance or indulgence. Unless otherwise stated herein, this Contract cannot be modified or altered in any way without the express written consent of the parties hereto.
- 24.9 <u>Remedies Cumulative.</u> All rights and remedies of HHA and Contractor shall be cumulative and may be exercised successively or concurrently. The foregoing is without limitation to or waiver of any other rights or remedies of HHA according to law.
- 24.10 <u>Legal and Regulatory Compliance</u>. All activities under this Agreement shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances and regulations. This Agreement shall automatically be amended as necessary to comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances and regulations, including incorporation of any provisions now or hereafter applicable to the subject matter hereof and/or required to be included by any federal, state or local governmental authority with relevant jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof. Any such change or incorporation of legal and regulatory requirements shall be deemed incorporated herein, irrespective of whether or not such provisions are expressly set forth in this Agreement or any written amendment hereto.
- 24.11 <u>Assignment.</u> The Contractor shall not assign, subcontract, or transfer any services, obligations, or interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of the HHA. Such consent shall not unreasonably be withheld when such assignment is for financing the Contractor's performance.

- 24.12 <u>Successors and Assigns.</u> This Contract shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties to this Contract and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, if any.
- 24.13 <u>No Third-Party Rights.</u> Nothing contained in this Contract shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of third party against either the HHA or the Contractor.
- 24.14 <u>Amendment.</u> This Agreement may only be amended by a written amendment signed by the authorized agents of both parties.
- 24.15 <u>Survival.</u> The terms, conditions, representations, and all warranties contained in this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 24.16 <u>Publicity.</u> Contractor shall not use in its advertising, marketing or other promotion efforts; any data, pictures or other representation of HHA except on prior specific written authorization from the HHA President/CEO or designee.
- 24.17 <u>No Personal Inducements.</u> Contractor acknowledges and agrees that HHA requires all Contractors to adhere to basic principles in conducting business with HHA. These principles include no direct or indirect personal inducement of HHA employees or Commissioners, such as the giving of gifts, money, tickets, trips, loans, discounts or any other item or service in connection with this Agreement. Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that breach of these principles may be grounds for termination of this Agreement.
- 24.18 <u>Force Majeure</u>. Neither party hereto will be liable or responsible to the other for any loss or damage or for any delays or failure to perform due to causes beyond its reasonable control including, but not limited to acts of God, strikes, epidemics, pandemics, disease, war, acts of terrorism, riots, civil disorder or unrest, flood, fire, tsunami, volcano, sabotage, air space closure, ground stop(s), a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning or any other circumstances of like character ("force majeure occurrence").
- 24.19 Other: Contractor shall adhere to all federal, state and local laws and ordinances, as well as standards and recommendations outlined by the World Health Organization (WHO); Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and any other standards or procedures applicable to Contractor as it relates to the health, safety and welfare of tenants, residents, guests, HHA employees and others who may be involved in the execution of this Agreement.
- 24.20 <u>Authority</u>. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has the power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement and that this Agreement, when executed and delivered, shall be a valid and binding obligation of Contractor enforceable in accordance with its terms.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this document may be executed in multiple counterparts. Each counterpart is deemed an original. All counterparts together constitute one and the same instrument. Each party warrants that the undersigned is a duly authorized representative with the power to execute this contract.

*****SIGNATURES FOLLOW****

IN WITNESS THEREOF,	
HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY	CONTRACTOR
By:	Ву:
President & CEO	
Date:	Date:

Contract No. 22-50

Exhibit J IFB 22-50

"General Decision Number: TX20220253 10/14/2022

Superseded General Decision Number: TX20210253

State: Texas

Construction Type: Building

County: Harris County in Texas.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (does not include single family homes or apartments up to and including 4 stories).

Note: Contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act are generally required to pay at least the applicable minimum wage rate required under Executive Order 14026 or Executive Order 13658. Please note that these Executive Orders apply to covered contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but do not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60).

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If the contract is entered | Executive Order 14026
into on or after January 30, | generally applies to the
2022, or the contract is
                         contract.
renewed or extended (e.g., an |. The contractor must pay
option is exercised) on or | all covered workers at
after January 30, 2022:
                           least $15.00 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 2022.
If the contract was awarded on. Executive Order 13658
or between January 1, 2015 and generally applies to the
January 29, 2022, and the
                           contract.
|contract is not renewed or ||. The contractor must pay all|
extended on or after January | covered workers at least |
                      | $11.25 per hour (or the |
30, 2022:
                    applicable wage rate listed
                    on this wage determination,
                    if it is higher) for all
                    hours spent performing on |
                    that contract in 2022.
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The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. If this contract is covered by one of the Executive Orders and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must still submit a conformance request.

Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the Executive Orders is available at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts.

Modification	Number	Publication Date
0	01/07/2	2022
1	01/21/2	2022
2	02/18/2	2022
3	02/25/2	2022
4	03/11/2	2022
5	04/22/2	2022
6	07/08/2	2022
7	08/05/2	2022
8	09/16/2	2022
9	10/14/2	2022

ASBE0022-009 06/01/2022

Rates Fringes

15.41

ASBESTOS WORKER/HEAT & FROST INSULATOR (Duct, Pipe and Mechanical System Insulation)....\$ 26.88

BOIL0074-003 01/01/2021

Rates Fringes

BOILERMAKER.....\$ 29.47 24.10

CARP0551-008 04/01/2021

Rates Fringes

CARPENTER (Excludes Acoustical Ceiling Installation, Drywall Hanging,

Form Work and Metal Stud Installation)\$ 25.86 9.08
ELEC0716-005 08/30/2021
Rates Fringes
ELECTRICIAN (Excludes Low Voltage Wiring and Installation of Alarms)\$ 33.20
ELEV0031-003 01/01/2022
Rates Fringes
ELEVATOR MECHANIC\$ 47.04 36.885+a+b
FOOTNOTES: A. 6% under 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked. 8% over 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked.
B. Holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; Friday after Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; and Veterans Day.
ENGI0450-002 04/01/2014
Rates Fringes
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR Cranes\$ 34.85 9.85
IRON0084-001 06/01/2022
Rates Fringes
IRONWORKER, STRUCTURAL\$ 26.76 7.88
IRON0084-012 06/01/2022
Rates Fringes
GLAZIER\$ 23.27 7.12 IRONWORKER, ORNAMENTAL\$ 26.76 7.88

PLAS0783-001 04/01/2021

	Rates	Fringes		
PLASTERER	\$ 2	26.04	9.02	
* PLUM0068-002	10/01/2022			
	Rates	Fringes		
PLUMBER	\$3	7.83	11.71	
PLUM0211-010 1	0/01/2021			
	Rates	Fringes		
PIPEFITTER (Incl Pipe Installation)			12.56	
SFTX0669-002 04	1/01/2021			
	Rates	Fringes		
SPRINKLER FITT Sprinklers)		8 2	22.50	
SHEE0054-006 04	4/01/2020			
	Rates	Fringes		
SHEET METAL W Excludes HVAC Installation HVAC Duct Ins	C Unit \$ 29.70			
* SUTX2014-029	07/21/2014			
	Rates	Fringes		
ACOUSTICAL CE	EILING MEC	CHANIC.	\$ 17.27	3.98
BRICKLAYER	\$	18.87	0.00	
CAULKER	\$ 1:	5.36	0.00	
CEMENT MASON	N/CONCRET	ΓE FINIS	HER\$ 13.93 *	** 0.00

DRYWALL FINISHER/TAPER\$ 16.27 3.66
DRYWALL HANGER AND METAL STUD INSTALLER\$ 17.44 3.93
ELECTRICIAN (Alarm Installation Only)\$ 17.97 3.37
ELECTRICIAN (Low Voltage Wiring Only)\$ 18.00 1.68
FLOOR LAYER: Carpet\$ 20.00 0.00
FORM WORKER \$ 12.77 ** 0.00
INSULATOR - BATT\$ 14.87 ** 0.73
IRONWORKER, REINFORCING\$ 12.14 ** 0.00
LABORER: Common or General\$ 11.76 ** 0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Brick\$ 13.47 ** 0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Cement/Concrete\$ 10.48 ** 0.00
LABORER: Pipelayer \$ 12.94 ** 0.00
LABORER: Roof Tearoff\$ 11.28 ** 0.00
LABORER: Landscape and Irrigation\$ 9.52 ** 0.00
LATHER\$ 19.73 0.00
OPERATOR: Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe\$ 13.94 ** 0.00
OPERATOR: Bobcat/Skid Steer/Skid Loader\$ 13.93 ** 0.00
OPERATOR: Bulldozer\$ 22.75 0.00
OPERATOR: Drill\$ 16.22 0.34
OPERATOR: Forklift\$ 16.00 0.00

OPERATOR: Grader/Blade\$ 13.37 ** 0.00
OPERATOR: Loader\$ 13.55 ** 0.94
OPERATOR: Mechanic\$ 17.52 3.33
OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt, Aggregate, and Concrete)\$ 16.03 0.00
OPERATOR: Roller
PAINTER (Brush, Roller and Spray), Excludes Drywall Finishing/Taping\$ 17.24 4.41
ROOFER\$ 15.40 0.00
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Unit Installation Only)\$ 20.05 2.24
TILE FINISHER \$ 12.00 ** 0.00
TILE SETTER \$ 16.17 0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: 1/Single Axle Truck
TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck\$ 12.39 ** 1.18
TRUCK DRIVER: Flatbed Truck\$ 19.65 8.57
TRUCK DRIVER: Semi-Trailer Truck\$ 12.50 ** 0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Water Truck\$ 12.00 ** 4.11
WATERPROOFER
WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

^{**} Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$15.00) or 13658 (\$11.25). Please see the Note at the top of the wage

determination for more information.

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

https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts.

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

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 National Office because National Office has 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.

END OF GENERAL DECISIO"