ADDENDUM NUMBER THREE

for

BLATT PE CENTER - BIKE SHOP RAMP - CP00424697

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

DATE OF ISSUE: September 14, 2016

TO: ALL BIDDERS OF RECORD

This Addendum is issued pursuant to the Conditions of the Contract and is hereby made part of the Contract Documents. The addendum serves to clarify, revise, and supersede information in the Project Manual, the Drawings, and previously issued Addenda. The Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the appropriate space on the Bid Form. Failure to do so may subject the Bidder to disqualification. A list of attachments, if any, is part of this document.

BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ADDENDUM IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THE BID FORM. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CONSTITUTE AN INFORMALITY IN THE BID.

This addendum consists of 2 pages plus the following attachments:

Blatt PE Center – Bike Shop Ramp, SE-330- Lump Sum Bid Form, 2016 Edition Blatt PE Center – Bike Shop Ramp, SE-355- Performance Bond, 2016 Edition

Blatt PE Center – Bike Shop Ramp, SE-357 Labor & Materials Payment Bond, 2016 Edition

A. GENERAL:

Item No. Description

N/A No Revisions

B. CHANGES TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS:

SPECIFICATIONS

<u>Item No.</u> <u>Description</u>

1. Revision: SE-330 – Delete SE-330 Lump Sum Bid, Bid Form, 2015 Edition, Rev.1/2016 and replace with attached SE-330 – Lump Sum Bid Form, 2016 Edition. Paragraph 6.1 BASE BID WORK was revised to the following:

All scope outlined on bid documents for Blatt PE Center — Bike Shop Ramp including installation of concrete ramp/landing, stainless-steel guardrails, new building mounted lights, landscape and irrigation as indicated in bid documents. Remove, protect and re-use existing guardrail between old and new concrete and demolish existing building mounted lights as indicated.

2. **Revision:** SE-355 – Delete SE-355 Performance Bond, 2015 Edition, Rev.1/2016 and replace with attached SE-355 Performance Bond, 2016 Edition.

3. **Revision:** SE-357 – Delete SE-357 Labor & Material Payment Bond, 2015 Edition, Rev.1/2016 and replace with attached SE-357 Labor & Material Payment Bond, 2016 Edition. Brief Description of Awarded Work, as found on the SE-330 or SE-332, Bid Form: was revised to the following:

All scope outlined on bid documents for Blatt PE Center — Bike Shop Ramp including installation of concrete ramp/landing, stainless-steel guardrails, new building mounted lights, landscape and irrigation as indicated in bid documents. Remove, protect and re-use existing guardrail between old and new concrete and demolish existing building mounted lights as indicated.

4. <u>Revision:</u> Reference Section 011000, Summary. At paragraph 1.3D, delete the following: "Installation of concrete ramp/landing, stainless-steel guardrails and handrails, light bollards and landscaping/irrigation." Add the following:

All scope outlined on bid documents for Blatt PE Center — Bike Shop Ramp including installation of concrete ramp/landing, stainless-steel guardrails, new building mounted lights, landscape and irrigation as indicated in bid documents. Remove, protect and re-use existing guardrail between old and new concrete and demolish existing building mounted lights as indicated.

DRAWINGS

<u>Item No.</u> <u>Description</u>

- 1. <u>Revision:</u> Reference Drawing AR1.1, Keynotes Demo First Floor Plan. Note 7. Delete the following: "Remove existing removable guardrail. GC to cut/sand/remove existing sleeves to prepare existing concrete to be filled and provide flush surface." Add the following: "7. Existing removable guardrail to remain, protect throughout construction."
- 2. <u>Revision:</u> Reference Drawing AR1.1, Keynotes –First Floor Plan. Note 4. Delete the following: "Infill existing concrete holes at removable guardrail at overhead door. G.C. to cut/sand/remove existing guardrail sleeves to ensure flush surface.: Add the following, "4. Not used."
- 3. <u>Revision:</u> Reference Drawing AR1.1, General Notes –First Floor Plan. Add the following: "6. See Structural for saw joint details. Align saw joints with existing raised concrete platform."

END OF ADDENDUM

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LUMP SUM BID FORM

Bidders shall submit bids on only Bid Form SE-330.

BID	SUBMITTED BY:			
	(Bidder's Name)			
BID	SUBMITTED TO: University of South Carolina			
	(Owner's Name)			
FOR	R: PROJECT NAME: Blatt PE Center - Bike Shop Ramp			
	PROJECT NUMBER: CP00424687			
OFF:	ER			
§ 1.	In response to the Invitation for Construction Services and in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders for the above named Project, the undersigned Bidder proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into a Contract with the Owner on the terms included in the Bidding Documents, and to perform all Work as specified or indicated in the Bidding Documents, for the prices and within the time frames indicated in this Bid and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents.			
§ 2.	Pursuant to Section 11-35-3030(1) of the SC Code of Laws, as amended, Bidder has submitted Bid Security as follows in the amount and form required by the Bidding Documents:			
	☐ Bid Bond with Power of Attorney ☐ Electronic Bid Bond ☐ Cashier's Check			
	(Bidder check one)			
§ 3.	Bidder acknowledges the receipt of the following Addenda to the Bidding Documents and has incorporated the effects of said Addenda into this Bid: (Bidder, check all that apply. Note, there may be more boxes than actual addenda. Do not check boxes that do not apply)			
	ADDENDA: #1 #2 #3 #4 #5			
§ 4.	Bidder accepts all terms and conditions of the Invitation for Bids, including, without limitation, those dealing with the disposition of Bid Security. Bidder agrees that this Bid, including all Bid Alternates, if any, may not be revoked or withdrawn after the opening of bids, and shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 60 Days following the Bid Date, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of the Owner.			
§ 5.	Bidder herewith offers to provide all labor, materials, equipment, tools of trades and labor, accessories, appliances warranties and guarantees, and to pay all royalties, fees, permits, licenses and applicable taxes necessary to complet the following items of construction work:			
§ 6.1	BASE BID WORK (as indicated in the Bidding Documents and generally described as follows): All scope outlined on bid			
	documents for Blatt PE Center-Bike Shop Ramp including installation of concrete ramp/landing,stainless-steel			
	guardrails,new building mounted lights,landscape and irrigation as indicated in bid documents. Remove,protect and			
	re-use existing guardrail between old and new concrete and demolish existing building mounted lights as indicated.			
	\$, which sum is hereafter called the Base Bid. (Bidder - insert Base Bid Amount on line above)			

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§ 7. LISTING OF PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 3020(b)(i), CHAPTER 35, TITLE 11 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, AS AMENDED (See Instructions on the following page BF-2A)

Bidder shall use the below-listed Subcontractors in the performance of the Subcontractor Classification work listed:

SUBCONTRACTOR CLASSIFICATION By License Classification and/or Subclassification (Completed by Owner)	SUBCONTRACTOR'S PRIME CONTRACTOR'S NAME (Must be completed by Bidder)	SUBCONTRACTOR'S PRIME CONTRACTOR'S SC LICENSE NUMBER (Requested, but not Required)		
BASE BID				

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBCONTRACTOR LISTING

- 1. Section 7 of the Bid Form sets forth an Owner developed list of contractor/subcontractor specialties by contractor license category and/or subcategory for which bidder is required to identify the entity (subcontractor(s) and/or himself) Bidder will use to perform the work of each listed specialty...
 - **a.** Column A: The Owner fills out this column, which identifies the contractor/subcontractor specialties for which the bidder must list either a subcontractor or himself as the entity that will perform this work. Subcontractor specialties are identified by contractor license categories or subcategories listed in Title 40 of the South Carolina Code of laws. Abbreviations of classifications to be listed after the specialty can be found at: http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Contractors/PDFFiles/CLBClassificationAbbreviations.pdf. If the owner has not identified a specialty, the bidder does not list a subcontractor.
 - **b.** Columns B and C: In these columns, the Bidder identifies the subcontractors it will use for the work of each specialty listed by the Owner in Column A. Bidder must identify only the subcontractor(s) who will perform the work and no others. Bidders should make sure that their identification of each subcontractor is clear and unambiguous. A listing that could be any number of different entities may be cause for rejection of the bid as non-responsive. For example, a listing of M&M without more may be problematic if there are multiple different licensed contractors in South Carolina whose names start with M&M.
- 2. Subcontractor Defined: For purposes of subcontractor listing, a subcontractor is an entity who will perform work or render service to the prime contractor to or about the construction site pursuant to a contract with the prime contractor. Bidder should not identify sub-subcontractors in the spaces provided on the bid form but only those entities with which bidder will contract directly. Likewise, do not identify material suppliers, manufacturers, and fabricators that will not perform physical work at the site of the project but will only supply materials or equipment to the bidder or proposed subcontractor(s).
- 3. Subcontractor Qualifications: Bidder must only list subcontractors who possess a South Carolina Contractor's license with the license classification and/or subclassification identified by the Owner in the first column on the left. The subcontractor license must also be within the appropriate license group for the work of the specialty. If Bidder lists a subcontractor who is not qualified to perform the work, the Bidder will be rejected as non-responsible.
- **4. Use of Own forces:** If under the terms of the Bidding Documents, Bidder is qualified to perform the work of a listed specialty and Bidder does not intend to subcontract such work but to use Bidder's own employees to perform such work, the Bidder must insert its own name in the space provided for that specialty.

5. Use of Multiple Subcontractors:

- a. If Bidder intends to use multiple subcontractors to perform the work of a single specialty listing, Bidder must insert the name of each subcontractor Bidder will use, preferably separating the name of each by the word "and". If Bidder intends to use both his own employees to perform a part of the work of a single specialty listing and to use one or more subcontractors to perform the remaining work for that specialty listing, bidder must insert his own name and the name of each subcontractor, preferably separating the name of each with the word "and". Bidder must use each entity listed for the work of a single specialty listing in the performance of that work.
- **b.** Optional Listing Prohibited: Bidder may not list multiple subcontractors for a specialty listing, in a form that provides the Bidder the option, after bid opening or award, to choose to use one or more but not all the listed subcontractors to perform the work for which they are listed. A listing, which on its face requires subsequent explanation to determine whether it is an optional listing, is non-responsive. If bidder intends to use multiple entities to perform the work for a single specialty listing, bidder must clearly set forth on the bid form such intent. Bidder may accomplish this by simply inserting the word "and" between the names of each entity listed for that specialty. Agency will reject as non-responsive a listing that contains the names of multiple subcontractors separated by a blank space, the word "or", a virgule (that is a /), or any separator that the Agency may reasonably interpret as an optional listing.
- **6.** If Bidder is awarded the contract, bidder must, except with the approval of the Agency for good cause shown, use the listed entities to perform the work for which they are listed.
- 7. If bidder is awarded the contract, bidder will not be allowed to substitute another entity as subcontractor in place of a subcontractor listed in Section 7 of the Bid except for one or more of the reasons allowed by the SC Code of Laws.
- 8. Bidder's failure to identify an entity (subcontractor or himself) to perform the work of a subcontractor specialty listed in the first column on the left will render the Bid non-responsive.

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§ 8. LIST OF MANUFACTURERS, MATERIAL SUPPLIERS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS OTHER THAN SUBCONTRACTORS LISTED IN SECTION 7 ABOVE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

Pursuant to instructions in the Invitation for Construction Services, if any, Bidder will provide to Owner upon the Owner's request and within 24 hours of such request, a listing of manufacturers, material suppliers, and subcontractors, other than those listed in Section 7 above, that Bidder intends to use on the project. Bidder acknowledges and agrees that this list is provided for purposes of determining responsibility and not pursuant to the subcontractor listing requirements of SC Code Ann § 11-35-3020(b)(i).

§ 9. TIME OF CONTRACT PERFORMANCE AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

a) CONTRACT TIME	E
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Bidder agrees that the Date of Commencement of the Work shall be established in a Notice to Proceed to be issued by the Owner. Bidder agrees to substantially complete the Work within 60 Calendar Days from the Date of Commencement, subject to adjustments as provided in the Contract Documents.

b) LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Bidder further agrees that from the compensation to be paid, the Owner shall retain as Liquidated Damages the amount of \$\frac{250.00}{}\$ for each Calendar Day the actual construction time required to achieve Substantial Completion exceeds the specified or adjusted time for Substantial Completion as provided in the Contract Documents. This amount is intended by the parties as the predetermined measure of compensation for actual damages, not as a penalty for nonperformance.

§ 10. AGREEMENTS

- a) Bidder agrees that this bid is subject to the requirements of the laws of the State of South Carolina.
- b) Bidder agrees that at any time prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed for this Project, this Project may be canceled for the convenience of, and without cost to, the State.
- c) Bidder agrees that neither the State of South Carolina nor any of its agencies, employees or agents shall be responsible for any bid preparation costs, or any costs or charges of any type, should all bids be rejected or the Project canceled for any reason prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

§ 11. ELECTRONIC BID BOND

By signing below, the Principal is affirming that the identified electronic bid bond has been executed and that the Principal and Surety are firmly bound unto the State of South Carolina under the terms and conditions of the AIA Document A310, Bid Bond, included in the Bidding Documents.

ELECTRONIC BID BOND NUMBER:	
SIGNATURE AND TITLE:	

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CONTRACTOR'S CLASSIFICATIONS AND SUBCLASSIFICATIONS WITH LIMITATION
SC Contractor's License Number(s):
Classification(s) & Limits:
Subclassification(s) & Limits:
By signing this Bid, the person signing reaffirms all representation and certification made by both the person signing and the Bidder, including without limitation, those appearing in Article 2 of the Instructions to Bidders, is expressly incorporated by reference.
BIDDER'S LEGAL NAME:
ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE:
EMAIL:
SIGNATURE: DATE:
PRINT NAME:
TITLE:

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PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that (Insert full Name: Address:				
hereinafter referred to as "Contractor", and (Insert full name and address of principal place of business of Surety) Name: Address:				
hereinafter called the "surety", are jointly and severally held a Name: Address:				
hereinafter referred to as "Agency", or its successors or assign sum of the Bond to which payment to be well and truly m executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and	nade, the Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs,			
WHEREAS, Contractor has by written agreement dated	entered into a contract with Agency to construct			
State Project Name: Blatt PE Center - Bike Shop Ramp				
State Project Number: CP00424697				
for Blatt PE Center-Bike Shop Ramp including install building mounted lights, landscape and irrigation as ind	330 or SE-332, Bid Form: All scope outlined on bid documents ation of concrete ramp/landing, stainless-steel guardrails, new icated in bid documents. Remove, protect and re-use existing isting building mounted lights as indicated.			
in accordance with Drawings and Specifications prepared by				
				
Columbia, SC 29201				
which agreement is by reference made a part hereof, and is he	reinafter referred to as the Contract.			
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Surety and Contractor, intending do each cause this Performance Bond to be duly executed on DATED this day of, 2	g to be legally bound hereby, subject to the terms stated herein, its behalf by its authorized officer, agent or representative. BOND NUMBER			
(shall be no earlier than Date of Contract)				
CONTRACTOR	SURETY			
By:	By:			
(Seal)	(Seal)			
Print Name:	Print Name:			
Print Title:	Print Title:			
Witness:	Witness:			

 $(Additional\ Signatures,\ if\ any,\ appear\ on\ attached\ page)$

SE-355 PERFORMANCE BOND

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT:

- 1. The Contractor and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Agency for the full and faithful performance of the contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. If the Contractor performs the contract, the Surety and the Contractor have no obligation under this Bond, except to participate in conferences as provided in paragraph 3.1.
- **3.** The Surety's obligation under this Bond shall arise after:
- 3.1 The Agency has notified the Contractor and the Surety at the address described in paragraph 10 below, that the Agency is considering declaring a Contractor Default and has requested and attempted to arrange a conference with the Contractor and the Surety to be held not later than 15 days after receipt of such notice to discuss methods of performing the Contract. If the Agency, the Contractor and the Surety agree, the Contractor shall be allowed a reasonable time to perform the Contract, but such an agreement shall not waive the Agency's right, if any, subsequently to declare a Contractor Default; or
- **3.2** The Agency has declared a Contractor Default and formally terminated the Contractor's right to complete the Contract.
- **4.** The Surety shall, within 15 days after receipt of notice of the Agency's declaration of a Contractor Default, and at the Surety's sole expense, take one of the following actions:
- **4.1** Arrange for the Contractor, with consent of the Agency, to perform and complete the Contract; or
- **4.2** Undertake to perform and complete the Contract itself, through its agents or through independent contractors; or
- 4.3 Obtain bids or negotiated proposals from qualified contractors acceptable to the Agency for a contract for performance and completion of the Contract, arrange for a contract to be prepared for execution by the Agency and the contractor selected with the Agency's concurrence, to be secured with performance and payment bonds executed by a qualified surety equivalent to the Bonds issued on the Contract, and pay to the Agency the amount of damages as described in paragraph 7 in excess of the Balance of the Contract Sum incurred by the Agency resulting from the Contractor Default; or
- **4.4** Waive its right to perform and complete, arrange for completion, or obtain a new contractor, and:
 - **4.4.1** After investigation, determine the amount for which it may be liable to the Agency and, within 60 days of waiving its rights under this paragraph, tender payment thereof to the Agency; or
 - **4.4.2** Deny liability in whole or in part and notify the Agency, citing the reasons therefore.
- **5.** Provided Surety has proceeded under paragraphs 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3, the Agency shall pay the Balance of the Contract Sum to either:
- 5.1 Surety in accordance with the terms of the Contract; or
- **5.2** Another contractor selected pursuant to paragraph 4.3 to perform the Contract.
- **5.3** The balance of the Contract Sum due either the Surety or another contractor shall be reduced by the amount of damages as described in paragraph 7.
- 6. If the Surety does not proceed as provided in paragraph 4 with reasonable promptness, the Surety shall be deemed to be in default on this Bond 15 days after receipt of written notice from the Agency to the Surety demanding that the Surety perform its obligations under this Bond, and the Agency shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Agency.

- **6.1** If the Surety proceeds as provided in paragraph 4.4 and the Agency refuses the payment tendered or the Surety has denied liability, in whole or in part, then without further notice the Agency shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Agency.
- **6.2** Any dispute, suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Bond shall be governed by the Dispute Resolution process defined in the Contract Documents and the laws of the State of South Carolina.
- 7. After the Agency has terminated the Contractor's right to complete the Contract, and if the Surety elects to act under paragraph 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3 above, then the responsibilities of the Surety to the Agency shall be those of the Contractor under the Contract, and the responsibilities of the Agency to the Surety shall those of the Agency under the Contract. To a limit of the amount of this Bond, but subject to commitment by the Agency of the Balance of the Contract Sum to mitigation of costs and damages on the Contract, the Surety is obligated to the Agency without duplication for:
- **7.1** The responsibilities of the Contractor for correction of defective Work and completion of the Contract; and
- 7.2 Additional legal, design professional and delay costs resulting from the Contractor's Default, and resulting from the actions or failure to act of the Surety under paragraph 4; and
- 7.3 Damages awarded pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Provisions of the Contract. Surety may join in any Dispute Resolution proceeding brought under the Contract and shall be bound by the results thereof; and
- **7.4** Liquidated Damages, or if no Liquidated Damages are specified in the Contract, actual damages caused by delayed performance or non-performance of the Contractor.
- **8.** The Surety shall not be liable to the Agency or others for obligations of the Contractor that are unrelated to the Contract, and the Balance of the Contract Sum shall not be reduced or set-off on account of any such unrelated obligations. No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to any person or entity other than the Agency or its heirs, executors, administrators, or successors.
- **9.** The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.
- **10.** Notice to the Surety, the Agency or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page.
- 11. Definitions
- 11.1 Balance of the Contract Sum: The total amount payable by the Agency to the Contractor under the Contract after all proper adjustments have been made, including allowance to the Contractor of any amounts to be received by the Agency in settlement of insurance or other Claims for damages to which the Contractor si entitled, reduced by all valid and proper payments made to or on behalf of the Contractor under the Contract.
- **11.2** Contractor Default: Failure of the Contractor, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to perform the Contract or otherwise to comply with the terms of the Contract.

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LABOR & MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that (Insert full	name or legal title and address of Contractor)
Name:	
Address:	
hereinafter referred to as "Contractor", and (Insert full name and a	uddress of principal place of business of Surety)
Name:	
Address:	
hereinafter called the "surety", are jointly and severally held a Name:	•
Address:	
hereinafter referred to as "Agency", or its successors or assign sum of the Bond to which payment to be well and truly m executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and	nade, the Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs,
WHEREAS, Contractor has by written agreement dated	entered into a contract with Agency to construct
State Project Name: <u>Blatt PE Center - Bike Shop Ramp</u>	
State Project Number: <u>CP00424697</u>	_
documentsfor Blatt PE Center-Bike Shop Ramp inc	e SE-330 or SE-332, Bid Form: All scope outlined on bid cluding installation of concrete ramp/landing,stainless-steel ligation as indicated in bid documents. Remove,protect and redemolish existing building mounted lights as indicated.
in accordance with Drawings and Specifications prepared by	
Name: Garvin Design Group	
Address: 1209 Lincoln Street	
Columbia, SC 29201	
which agreement is by reference made a part hereof, and is he	reinafter referred to as the Contract.
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do each cause this Labor & Material Payment Bond to be derepresentative. DATED this day of, 2	g to be legally bound hereby, subject to the terms stated herein, luly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer, agent or BOND NUMBER
(shall be no earlier than Date of Contract)	
CONTRACTOR	SURETY
By:	Ву:
(Seal)	(Seal)
Print Name:	Print Name:
Print Title:	Print Title: (Attach Power of Attorney)
Witness:	Witness:

(Additional Signatures, if any, appear on attached page)

LABOR & MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT:

- 1. The Contractor and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Agency to pay for all labor, materials and equipment required for use in the performance of the Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. With respect to the Agency, this obligation shall be null and void if the Contractor:
- 2.1 Promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due Claimants; and
- 2.2 Defends, indemnifies and holds harmless the Agency from all claims, demands, liens or suits by any person or entity who furnished labor, materials or equipment for use in the performance of the Contract.
- 3. With respect to Claimants, this obligation shall be null and void if the Contractor promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due.
- **4.** With respect to Claimants, and subject to the provisions of Title 29, Chapter 5 and the provisions of §11-35-3030(2)(c) of the SC Code of Laws, as amended, the Surety's obligation under this Bond shall arise as follows:
- 4.1 Every person who has furnished labor, material or rental equipment to the Contractor or its subcontractors for the work specified in the Contract, and who has not been paid in full therefore before the expiration of a period of ninety (90) days after the date on which the last of the labor was done or performed by him or material or rental equipment was furnished or supplied by him for which such claim is made, shall have the right to sue on the payment bond for the amount, or the balance thereof, unpaid at the time of institution of such suit and to prosecute such action for the sum or sums justly due him.
- 4.2 A remote claimant shall have a right of action on the payment bond upon giving written notice by certified or registered mail to the Contractor within ninety (90) days from the date on which such person did or performed the last of the labor or furnished or supplied the last of the material or rental equipment upon which such claim is made.
- 4.3 Every suit instituted upon a payment bond shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction for the county or circuit in which the construction contract was to be performed, but no such suit shall be commenced after the expiration of one year after the day on which the last of the labor was performed or material or rental equipment was supplied by the person bringing suit.
- **5.** When the Claimant has satisfied the conditions of paragraph 4, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take the following actions:
- 5.1 Send an answer to the Claimant, with a copy to the Agency, within sixty (60) days after receipt of the claim, stating the amounts that are undisputed and the basis for challenging any amounts that are disputed.
- **5.2** Pay or arrange for payment of any undisputed amounts.
- 5.3 The Surety's failure to discharge its obligations under this paragraph 5 shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of defenses the Surety or Contractor may have or acquire as to a claim. However, if the Surety fails to discharge its obligations under this paragraph 5, the Surety shall indemnify the Claimant for the reasonable attorney's fees the Claimant incurs to recover any sums found to be due and owing to the Claimant.

- **6.** Amounts owed by the Agency to the Contractor under the Contract shall be used for the performance of the Contract and to satisfy claims, if any, under any Performance Bond. By the Contractor furnishing and the Agency accepting this Bond, they agree that all funds earned by the contractor in the performance of the Contract are dedicated to satisfy obligations of the Contractor and the Surety under this Bond, subject to the Agency's prior right to use the funds for the completion of the Work.
- 7. The Surety shall not be liable to the Agency, Claimants or others for obligations of the Contractor that are unrelated to the Contract. The Agency shall not be liable for payment of any costs or expenses of any claimant under this bond, and shall have under this Bond no obligations to make payments to, give notices on behalf of, or otherwise have obligations to Claimants under this Bond.
- **8.** The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Contract or to related Subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.
- 9. Notice to the Surety, the Agency or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the addresses shown on the signature page. Actual receipt of notice by Surety, the Agency or the contractor, however accomplished, shall be sufficient compliance as of the date received at the address shown on the signature page.
- 10. By the Contractor furnishing and the Agency accepting this Bond, they agree that this Bond has been furnished to comply with the statutory requirements of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and further, that any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory requirements shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory Bond and not as a common law bond.
- 11. Upon request of any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of this bond, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of this Bond or shall permit a copy to be made.
- 12. Any dispute, suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Bond shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina.

13. DEFINITIONS

- 13.1 Claimant: An individual or entity having a direct contract with the Contractor or with a Subcontractor of the Contractor to furnish labor, materials, or equipment for use in the performance of the Contract. The intent of this Bond shall be to include without limitation in the terms "labor, materials or equipment" that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental equipment used in the Contract, architectural and engineering services required for performance of the Work of the Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors, and all other items for which a mechanic's lien might otherwise be asserted.
- 13.2 Remote Claimant: A person having a direct contractual relationship with a subcontractor of the Contractor or subcontractor, but no contractual relationship expressed or implied with the Contractor.
- 13.3 Contract: The agreement between the Agency and the Contractor identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto.