REQUEST FOR BIDS

Recycling Center
Baler Facility Renovations

Public Works Department

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CITY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Reading will receive sealed bids in the Office of the City Purchasing Coordinator, Rm. 2-45, City Hall, 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA, until 3:00 P.M., prevailing time on August 8, 2014 for the renovations of the Recycling Center Baler Facility for the City of Reading.

Specifications and Bid Forms for the above work can be obtained at the Office of the Purchasing Coordinator, Rm. 2-45, City Hall.

Bid surety, as specified in this document, shall accompany each bid. A certified check or bid bond will be accepted.

The City of Reading reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to accept or reject any part of a bid that may not be in the best interest of the public.

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for July 18, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 815 Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Reading, PA. 19601. All prospective bidders must attend.

Employees shall not be discriminated against because of race, color, age, religion, sex or national origin.

TAMMI REINHART
Purchasing Coordinator

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposals shall be submitted in **duplicate** on the "Proposal Forms" included in the specifications for the work, and shall be based on the specifications. Each proposal should be submitted in a sealed envelope, and shall plainly indicate on it the title of the proposal, and the date for receiving the bid. This shall be delivered to the City Purchasing Coordinator on or before the time stated in the NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Bids received at the Office of the Purchasing Coordinator after the hour specified, will not be considered. Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of bids.

BONDS

Bid security, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price shall accompany each proposal. This bid security may be a Certified or Cashier's Check, or a bid bond furnished by a surety company, satisfactory to the City of Reading. The successful bidder, upon award of contract, shall furnish at the time of execution of the same, a Maintenance Bond, Payment Bond, Performance Bond by a surety company acceptable to the City of Reading, in an amount equal to ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of the contract, to guarantee satisfactory performance. All bonds are subject to approval by the City Solicitor.

In case the contract is awarded to a bidder who fails to enter the contract or to deliver all required bonds and affidavits, the cash or check deposited shall become absolute property of the City; or if a bond has been deposited, it shall become payable immediately. Cash, checks or bonds deposited will be returned to unsuccessful bidders as soon as the contract is awarded, or all bids rejected.

INSURANCE

The Contractor, at the time of execution of the contract, shall also furnish the City with insurance certificates of adequate limits, as later indicated, to protect the City of Reading, its agents, and employees from any litigation involving Worker's Compensation, Public Liability and Property Damage, involved in the work. All subcontractors must also furnish copies of their liability insurance and Worker's Compensation Insurance certificates to the City. No subcontractor will be allowed to perform any work under this contract by the City unless such certificates are submitted to and approved by the City beforehand.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE

The status of the Contractor in the work to be performed by the Contractor is that of any independent Contractor and as such, he/she shall properly safeguard against any and all injury or damage to the public, to public and private property, materials and things, and as such he/she alone shall be responsible for any and all damage, loss or injury to persons or property that may arise, or be incurred, in or during the conduct or progress of said work without regard to whether or not the Contractor, his/her sub-contractors, agents, or employees have been negligent, and the Contractor shall keep the City free and discharged of and from any and all responsibility and liability therefore of any sort or kind. The Contractor shall assume all responsibility for risks or casualties of every description, for any or all damage, loss or injury to persons or property arising out of the nature of the work from the action of the elements, or from any unforeseen or unusual difficulty. The Contractor shall assume and be liable for all blame and loss of whatsoever nature by reason of neglect or violation of any Federal, State, County or Local laws, regulations, or ordinances; the Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the City from all suits or actions at law of any kind whatsoever in connection with this work and shall if required by the City, produce evidence of settlement of any such action before final payment shall be made by the City. Contractor's Liability Insurance Certificate shall include the save harmless clause and shall be filed with the City.

The Contractor shall maintain such insurance as will protect him/her from claims under worker's compensation acts and from claims for damages because of bodily injury, including death, and property damage, which may arise from and during operations under this Contract, whether such operations be by himself/herself, by any subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Contractor's liability insurance shall be in the names of the Contractor and the City, as their respective interests may appear. Certificates of such insurance shall be filed with the City.

The minimum amount of liability insurance to be maintained by the Contractor during the life of the contract shall be as follows:

Comprehensive General Liability – for bodily injury and property damage – including any liability normally covered by a general liability policy with limits of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence and $2,000,000 in the annual aggregate.

Business Automobile Liability – For owned, non-owned, leased and hired vehicles with a combined single limit of not less than $1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage.

Professional Liability – in minimum amounts of $1,000,000 per occurrence and $2,000,000 aggregate.

Worker's Compensation – Statutory limits in each state in which Service Provider is required to provide Worker's Compensation coverage including "All States" and

"Voluntary Compensation" endorsement, and a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of the County.

Employer's Liability – with limits of not less than $100,000 Accident – Each Accident, $100,000 Disease – Each Employee; and $500,000 Disease – Policy Limit.

Prior to commencement of performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish to the City a certificate of insurance evidencing all required coverage in at least the limits required herein, **naming the City of Reading, its elected officials, agents, and employees as additional insureds under the Comprehensive General Liability coverage**, and providing that no policies may be modified or cancelled without thirty (30) days advance written notice to the City. Such certificate shall be issued to***: City of Reading, 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601.*** All policies shall be in effect with companies holding an A.M. Best rating of "A-" or better and shall be licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Such companies shall also be acceptable to the City.

Please forward a certificate of insurance verifying these insurance requirements.

Liability insurance shall include automobile coverage, including "hired automobiles and non-ownership automobiles."

Liability insurance shall include the hazard of collapse, damage to underground utilities, underground blasting, and excavation.

Prior to any blasting which may be required, blasting insurance shall be obtained by the Contractor in an amount satisfactory to the City Engineer.

Liability insurance shall include the hazard of building collapse and of damage to adjoining properties and/or to individuals located within or adjacent to each project site.

All subcontractors performing work under this contract must furnish to the City a copy of their Certificate of Insurance for Workers' Compensation and liability for bodily injury and property damage, and automobile insurance.

Contractor to furnish written proof that all his/her employees and all his/her subcontractors' employees have received adequate Confined Space Entry Training meeting all OSHA requirements.

WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

Each bidder shall include in the proposal a statement that not less than the prevailing wages will be paid, if required and agrees to the employment of local labor if awarded the contract for this work.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employees or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices which may be provided by the City setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice advising the labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor, commitments under this Section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further City contracts.

The Contractor will include the provisions of these paragraphs in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted.

EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS PROHIBITED

No person who, at the time, is serving sentence in a penal or correctional institution shall be employed on the work covered by this Contract.

SUPERVISION OF WORKERS

The Contractor shall provide qualified supervision of each crew at all times while working under this contract. Each supervisor shall be authorized by the Contractor to accept and act upon all directives issued by the City. Failure for the supervisor to act on said directives shall be sufficient cause to give notice that the Contractor is in default of the contract unless such directives would create potential personal injury or safety hazards.

This contract will be under the direct supervision of the City or its authorized representatives. Any alterations or modifications of the work performed under this contract shall be made only by written agreement between the Contractor and the City authorized representatives and shall be made prior to commencement of the altered or modified work. No claims for extra work or materials shall be allowed unless covered by written agreement.

SUBCONTRACTS

The Contractor will not be allowed to subcontract work under this contract unless written approval is granted by the City. The Subcontractor, as approved, shall be bound by the conditions of the contract between the City and the Contractor. The authorization of a Subcontractor is to perform in accordance with all terms of the contract and specifications. All required notices, work orders, directives, and requests for emergency services will be directed to the Contractor. All directions given to the Subcontractor in the field shall bind the Contractor as if the notice had been given directly to the Contractor.

QUALITY

Where a bid is asked for a certain article or "Approved Equal" and the bidder intends to furnish an article which the bidder considers equal to the one named, the bidder must specify in the bid the name and grade of said article. All disputes concerning grade and quality of materials or work shall be determined by a person duly authorized by the Director of Public Works.

TIME OF COMPLETION

The bidders are herewith cautioned that the time of completion indicated in their proposal must be complied with. To insure timely completion, the successful bidder will be required to furnish adequate equipment, and qualified personnel in sufficient numbers at all times.

Where a date is set for delivery of materials or the performance of work, said materials must be delivered, or work performed, in accordance with the specifications or description herein contained on or before said date, or the order to the delinquent party will be cancelled and awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder.

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX

The City of Reading imposes a Business Privilege License, at $55.00 per calendar year. In addition, a Business Privilege Tax is imposed at the rate of 2 1/4 mills upon the gross receipts attributable to business conducted within the City of Reading.

PERMITS/LICENSES

The Contractor shall, at his expense, pay all fees and procure all necessary licenses and permits needed to conduct the work required under the terms of this contract. The Contractor shall give any and all necessary formal notices required in conjunction with the lawful prosecution of the work of this contract.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

All prices to be quoted F.O.B. Reading, PA destination. The City of Reading is tax exempt.

OBSERVANCE OF LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

The Contractor at all times during the term of this contract shall observe and abide by all Federal, State, and Local laws which in any way affect the conduct of the work and shall comply with all decrees and orders of courts of competent jurisdiction. The Contractor shall comply fully and completely with any and all applicable State and Federal Statutes, rules and regulations as they relate to hiring, wages, and any other applicable conditions of employment.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

For the purpose of familiarizing Bidders with the project, answering questions, and issuing addenda as needed for clarification of the bidding document, a mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held with City representatives on July 18, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers located at 815 Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Reading, PA 19601.

QUESTIONS REGARDING SPECIFICATIONS OR BID PROCESS

To ensure fair consideration for all bidders, the City prohibits communication to or with any department or division manager or employee during the bid process with the exception of those questions relative to interpretation of specifications of the bid process. Such questions shall be submitted to the Purchasing Coordinator in writing by 2PM, July 25, 2014. Responses to questions shall be issued to all bidders in the form of a written addendum no later than August 1, 2014.

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Purchasing Coordinator
City of Reading
City Hall, Room 2-45
815 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601-3690
610-655-6427 (fax)
tammi.reinhart@readingpa.org

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS/BIDS

Bidder will be given permission to withdraw any proposals after they have been received by the City's Purchasing Coordinator at his/her office, provided said request is in writing and properly signed. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days following the formal opening and receipt of bids by the City of Reading.

After a bid has been opened, it may not be withdrawn except as provided by Act of January 23, 1974, P.L. 9 No. 4 as same may be amended.

BID REJECTION

The City of Reading reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept or reject any part of any bid. It also reserves the right to waive any technical defects or minor irregularities, which in its discretion, is in the best interest of the City.

EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The successful Bidder shall, within ten (10) calendar days after mailing of contract documents by the City to the Principal, enter into contract with the City on form as included within the bidding documents for the appropriate bonds, indemnities and insurances required hereunder.

The contract, when executed, shall be deemed to include the entire agreement between the parties; the Contractor shall not base any claim for modification of the contract upon any prior representation or promise made by the representatives or the City, or other persons.

All attachments are considered as part of this document.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payments shall be based on an invoice submitted by the General Contractor or approved representative (Construction Manager). The City shall have the right to withhold disbursement funds if in the City's opinion construction work, services provided and/or product quality for which payment has been requested is of poor workmanship and/or service/product quality, contrary to any applicable codes and contract specifications, violation of appropriate paperwork requirements that are not up to date and approved for this billing period, General Contractor fails to comply with this Agreement, or for other conditions or circumstances which the City deems not to be in the best interest of the public.

Ten percent (10%) of each General Contractor invoice request shall be retained by the City on this contract until it is completed up to City codes and contract specifications and approved by a City Official or person representing a City Official (Architect or Engineer).

ACCESS TO ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The contractor shall certify that all materials, equipment, and labor charged to the City are accounted for and shall keep such full and detailed accounts as may be necessary for proper financial management under this Agreement. The City or its representatives shall be afforded access to all the Contractor’s records, books, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers, memoranda, and similar data relating to this contract, and the contractor shall preserve all records for a period of three (3) years, or for such longer period as may be required by law, after the final payment.

ASSIGNMENT OF REFUND RIGHTS

The City is not subject to federal, state, or local sales or use tax or federal excise tax. Contractor hereby assigns to City all of its rights, title, and interest in any sales or use tax which may be refunded as a result of the purchase of any materials purchased in connection with the contract and contractor, unless directed by the City, shall not file a claim for any sales or use tax refund subject to this assignment. Contractor authorizes the City, in its own name or the name of the contractor, to file a claim for a refund of any sales or use tax subject to this assignment.

CONTRACTS WITH SUBCONTRACTORS

The contractor agrees to include the above referenced paragraphs in any contract with subcontractors.

NOTICE TO PROCEED

The Contractor shall begin work on the job site within ten (10) days after receiving Notice to Proceed from the City.

DISCONTINUANCE OF WORK

Any practice obviously hazardous as determined by the City shall be immediately discontinued by the Contractor upon receipt of either written or oral notice to discontinue such practice.

CONTRACT TERMINATION

The City shall have the right to terminate a contract or a part thereof before the work is completed in the event:

1. Previous unknown circumstances arise making it desirable in the public interest to void the contract.

2. The contractor is not adequately complying with the specifications.

3. The contractor refuses, neglects, or fails to supply properly trained or skilled supervisory personal and/or workers or proper equipment.

4. The contractor in the judgment of the City is unnecessarily or willfully delaying the performance and completion of the work.

5. The contractor refuses to proceed with work when and as directed by the City.

6. The contractor abandons the work.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED
WITH BID

PROPOSAL FOR THE RENOVATIONS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER BALER FACILITY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CITY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Proposal of

_____

(name)

_____

(address)

TO: Vaughn D. Spencer, Mayor
City of Reading
815 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

Dear Mayor Spencer:

In conformity with City Plans and specifications, all as prepared by the Public Works Department and after an examination of the site of the work, and the Contract Documents, including the instructions to Bidders, Form of Proposal, Bid Bond and Conditions, the undersigned submits this proposal, and encloses herewith as proposal guaranty, a Certified or Treasurer's Check, or Bid Bond, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid herein submitted, which it is understood will be forfeited if this proposal is accepted by the City of Reading, and the undersigned fails to furnish approved bonds and execute the contract within the time stipulated; otherwise, the guarantee will be returned.

The undersigned declares that no Member of Council, Director of Department, Division Manager, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the City of Reading, is directly or indirectly interested as principal, surety or otherwise in this proposal or has any supervision or overall responsibility for the implementation in administration of the contract.

It is certified that the undersigned is the only person(s) interested in this proposal as principal and that the proposal is made without collusion with any person, firm, or corporation.

It is hereby agreed to execute the contract and furnish surety company bonds, on the forms enclosed in the Contract Documents, in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price within ten (10) days of mailing of the contract documents from the City to the Principal, and to begin work within ten (10) days after receipt of Notice to Proceed from the City of Reading.

It is proposed to furnish and deliver all materials, tools, equipment, power, tests and transportation, perform all labor, superintendence, and all means of construction, and do all incidental work, and to execute, construct and finish in an expeditious and workman-like manner, in accordance with the plans and specifications, to the satisfaction and acceptance of the Department of Public Works for the total sum as herein bid:

_____
(written)

$_____
(figures)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this proposal has been executed this _____ day of

_____ A.D. 20 __.

by the setting hereunto of his or its hand and seal.

FOR INDIVIDUAL:

_____(Seal)

FOR CORPORATION:

_____
(Name of Corporation)

By:

_____
(Official Title)

Attest:

_____
(Secretary or Asst. Secretary)

FOR PARTNERSHIP:

_____

(Name of Partnership)

By:

_____(Seal)

_____(Seal)
Partners

FORM OF BID BOND

BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we, the undersigned,

_____, as Principal (the "Principal"), and

_____ a corporation organized and

existing under laws of the _____ of _____, as Surety (the "Surety"), are held and firmly bound unto_____as Obligee (the "Obligee"), as hereinafter set forth, in the full and just sum of _____ Dollars ($_____), lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, our heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Principal herewith is submitting a Proposal to the Obligee to perform the _____ Work in connection with the construction of _____ pursuant to plans, specifications and other documents constituting the Contract Documents which are incorporated into said Proposal by reference (the "Contract Documents"), as prepared by the Department of Public Works, City Hall, 815 Washington Streets, Reading, PA 19601.

WHEREAS, it is a condition of the receipt and consideration by the Obligee of said Proposal that it shall be accompanied by proposal guaranty to be held by the Obligee on terms hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this Bond shall be such that, if the Principal, within ten (10) days after mailing of contract document by the City to Principal, shall furnish to the Obligee a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond and, upon award of a contract to him by he Obligee, shall execute and deliver the Agreement and furnish to the Obligee proper evidence of effectiveness of insurance coverage, respectively within the time, in the forms and in the amounts, as appropriate, required by the Contract Documents, then this Bond shall be void, otherwise, this Bond shall remain in full force and effect.

The Principal and the Surety agree to pay to the Obligee the difference between the amount of said Proposal, as accepted by the Obligee, and any higher amount for which the required work shall be contracted for by the Obligee, together with any additional advertising costs, architect's fees, legal fees and any all other fees and expenses incurred by the Obligee by reason of the failure of the Principal to enter into such Agreement with the obligee, or to furnish such Contract Bonds, or to furnish evidence of effectiveness of such insurance coverage; Provided, however, that (1) the obligation of the Surety shall not exceed the stated principal amount of this Bond; and (2) if the Obligee should not procure an executed contract with any

other person for the performance of the work contemplated in said Proposal, as accepted by the Obligee, upon the same terms and conditions, other than price, as provided in the Contract Documents, within the period provided in the Contract Documents during which no proposals of bidders may be withdrawn, whether because of the lack of other proposals, or because of the inability or refusal of any other bidder to enter into an appropriate contract, or because the cost under any higher proposal would be greater than the Obligee shall determine, in its sole discretion, that it can afford, then the Principal and the Surety agree to pay to the Obligee the full amount of this Bond as liquidated damages.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety cause this Bond to be signed, sealed and delivered this _____day of _____, 20__.

(Individual Principal)

_____(Seal)
(Signature of Individual)

Witness:

_____

Trading and Doing Business as:

_____

(Partnership Principal)

_____ (Seal)
(Name of Partnership)

Witness:

_____ By: _____(Seal)
(Partner)

_____ By: _____(Seal)
(Partner)

_____ By: _____(Seal)
(Partner)

_____ By: _____(Seal)
(Partner)

(Corporation Principal)

Attest:

_____ _____
(Ass't. Secretary) Name of Corporation

By: _____
(Vice) President

(CORPORATE SEAL)

or (if appropriate)

_____
Name of Corporation

By: _____
Authorized Representative

- Attach appropriate proof, dated as of the same date as the Bond, evidencing authority to execute in behalf of the corporation.

Signed_____

_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

this____day of _____, 20____

_____

_____
(Title)

My commission expires:

_____

(Corporate Surety)

_____
Name of Corporation

By:_____
Attorney-in-fact

Witness:

_____

(Corporate Seal)

**Attach an appropriate power of attorney, dated as of the same date as the affidavit, evidencing the authority of the Attorney-In-Fact to act in behalf of the corporation.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

1. This Non-Collusion Affidavit is material to any contract pursuant to this bid. According to the Pennsylvania Antibid-Rigging Act, 73 P.S. 1611 et seq., governmental agencies may require Non-Collusion Affidavits to be submitted together with bids.

2. This Non-Collusion affidavit must be executed by the member, officer, or employee of the bidder who is authorized to legally bind the bidder.

3. Bid rigging and other efforts to restrain competition, and the making of false sworn statements in connection with the submission of bids are unlawful and may be subject to criminal prosecution. The person who signs the Affidavit should examine it carefully before signing and assure himself or herself that each statement is true and accurate, making diligent inquiry, as necessary, of all other persons employed by or associated with the bidder with responsibilities for the preparation, approval, or submission of the bid.

4. In the case of a bid submitted by a joint venture, each party to the venture must be identified in the bid documents, and an Affidavit must be submitted separately on behalf of each party.

5. The term "complementary bid" as used in the Affidavit has the meaning commonly associated with that term in the bidding process, and includes the knowing submission of bids higher than the bid of another firm, any intentionally high or noncompetitive bid, and any form of bid submitted for the purpose of giving a false appearance of competition.

6. Failure to file an Affidavit in compliance with these instructions will result in disqualification of the bid.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF PRIME BIDDER

State of _____

County of _____

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(1) He/She is_____(Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of_____, the Bidder that has submitted the attached Bid or Bids;

(2) He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Bid;

(3) Such Bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Bid;

(4) Neither the said Bidder nor any of its officers; partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with the Contract for which the attached Bid has been submitted or to refrain from bidding in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication of conference with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid or of any other Bidder, or to fix any overheld, profit or cost element of the Bid price or the Bid price of any other Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Reading or any person interested in the proposed Contract;

(5) The price or prices quoted in the attached Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant; and,

(6) Neither the said Bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents or parties in interest, have any interest, present or prospective, that can be reasonably construed to result in a conflict of interest between them and the City of Reading, which the Bidder will be required to perform.

I state that _____ understands
(Name of Firm)
and acknowledges that the above representations are material and important, and will be relied

on by the City of Reading in awarding the contract(s) for which this bid is submitted. I understand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the City of Reading of the true facts relating to the submission of bids for this contract.

_____
(Name and Company Position)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS _____
DAY OF _____, 20___

_____ My Commission Expires
Notary Public

NON DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby certifies that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin. The undersigned shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants for employment are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

_____

_____
BIDDER

_____
TITLE

STATEMENT REGARDING MANUFACTURE OF CEMENT

The following statement is to be signed by an authorized officer of the company.

The undersigned contractor hereby certifies in accordance with City of Reading Resolution #192-92, that any cement used in performance of this contract shall not have been manufactured by a process using hazardous materials, as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency, in the manufacture and makeup thereof.

CONTRACTOR

By:_____

Title:_____

ATTEST:

_____

Date:_____

PROVIDER'S CERTIFICATION OF NON-INDEBTEDNESS
TO THE CITY OF READING

Provider hereby certifies and represents that Provider and Provider's parent company(ies) and subsidiary(ies) are not currently indebted to the City of Reading (the "City"), and will not at any time during the term of this Contract (including any extensions or renewals thereof) be indebted to the City, for or on account of any delinquent taxes, liens, judgments, fees or other debts for which no written agreement or payment plan satisfactory to the City has been established. In addition to any other rights or remedies available to the City at law or in equity, Provider acknowledges that any breach or failure to conform to this certification may, at the option of the City, result in the withholding of payments otherwise due to Provider and, if such breach or failure is not resolved to the City's satisfaction within a reasonable time frame specified by the City in writing, may result in the offset of any such indebtedness against said payments and/or the termination of this Contract for default (in which case Provider shall be liable for all excess costs and other damages resulting from the termination).

_____
Name of Provider

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

Title: _____
President or Vice President

Attest: _____

STATEMENT OF BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

All questions must be answered and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. This statement must be notarized. If necessary, questions may be answered on separate attached sheets. The Bidder may submit any additional information he/she desires.

a) Name of Bidder:_____

b) Permanent main office address:_____

c) When organized:_____

d) If a corporation, where incorporated:_____

e) How many years have you been engaged in the contracting business under your present firm or trade name:_____

f) Contracts on hand: (Schedule these on an attached sheet, showing amount of each contract and the appropriate anticipated dates of completion.)

g) Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? If so, where and why?

_____

h) Have you ever defaulted on a contract?_____ If so, where and why?

_____

i) List the more important projects recently completed by your company on an attached sheet, stating the approximate cost of each, and the month and year completed.

j) List your major equipment available for this contract:

_____

_____

k) Describe experience in construction work, services provided and products delivered similar in importance to this project on an attached sheet.

l) Background and experience of the principal members of your organization, including the officers.

_____

_____

_____

m) Credit available: $_____

n) Give Band reference:_____

o) Will you, upon request, fill out a detailed financial statement and furnish any other information that may be required by the City? _____

p) (A) Have you ever been a party to or otherwise involved in any action or legal proceeding involving matters related to race, color, nationality, or religion?_____

If you, give full details._____

_____

(B) Have you ever been accused of discrimination based upon race, color, nationality, or religion in any action or legal proceeding including any proceeding related to any Federal Agency? _____ If so, give full details.

_____

q) The undersigned hereby authorized and requests any person, firm or corporation to furnish any information requested by the "City of Reading" in verification of the recitals comprising this Statement of Bidder's Qualifications.

r) Name, address, phone number, and contact person at surety company who will provide bonding for this contract:

_____

_____

s) Name, address, phone number, and contact person at insurance company who will provide insurance coverage for this contract:

_____

_____

t) The undersigned hereby authorized any person, firm or corporation to furnish any information requested by the City of Reading in verification of the recitals comprising this Statement of Bidder's Qualifications.

DATED at _____this_____day of _____.

_____
(NAME OF BIDDER)

BY: _____

TITLE:_____

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

C O N T R A C T

NOTE; This contract is not to be filled in until contract is awarded.

THIS AGREEMENT, made and concluded this _____ day of _____, in the year two thousand _____, by and between the City of Reading, a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, located in the County of Berks, said Commonwealth, party of the first part, and _____, Contractor, party of the second part, pursuant to law and to the provisions and requirements of the ordinance of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania.

WITNESSETH, that the parties to these presents, each in consideration of the agreements on the part of the other herein contained, have agreed, and hereby do agree, the party of the first part for itself, its successors and assign, and the party of the second part for itself, himself, or themselves, its successors, or his or their executors and administrators as follows:

CONTRACTOR'S GENERAL AGREEMENT. The Contractor covenant, promises and agrees to and with the party of the first part, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned and contained, and under the penalty expressed in a bond bearing date of _____ and hereto attached, to furnish all the material, machinery, equipment, tools, labor and transportation, except as hereinafter otherwise provided, at his own cost, necessary or proper for the purpose of executing the work embraced in this contract in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner, and in strict accordance with the specifications pertaining to this contract a herein contained.

PARTS OF CONTRACT. The Location Map; Notice to Contractors; Bid Instructions; Documents to be Submitted with Bid; Contract Documents; Documents to be Submitted During the Course of the Contract; Wage Rate Determinations; Notice of Preconstruction Requirements and Pre-Construction Conference Questionnaire; Affirmative Action Requirements; General Provisions; Supplementary General Terms and Conditions; Technical Specifications; Supplementary Technical Specifications; and Correspondence and Supportive Documentation shall each form a part of the Contract.

THE CONTRACT SUM. The City shall pay the Contractor for the performance of the Contract, subject to additions and deductions provided therein, in current funds as follows:_____ _____(state here the lump sum amount, unit prices, or both as desired in individual cases.)

Where the quantities originally contemplated are so changed that application of the agreed unit price to the quantity of work performed is shown to create a hardship to the Owner or the Contractor, there shall be an equitable adjustment of the Contract to prevent such hardship.

TIME & MANNER OF DOING WORK. The party of the second part agrees to commence the construction of the work to be done under this contract, immediately upon receiving written notice from the Director of Public Works, or other applicable Director, so to do

and to complete the entire work not later than *DATE OR TIME PERIOD FROM ISSUANCE OF NOTICE TO PROCEED*, it being expressly agreed and understood that the time of beginning, rates of progress and time of completion of the work are essential under this contract. Time is to be considered to be the essence of this contract.

STIPULATED DAMAGES. The Contractor shall begin work within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice from the applicable Director, to do so. If the Contractor fails to complete and finish the work in conformity with the terms and provisions of this Contract within the time hereinbefore specified, he shall pay to the City the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500) for each and every day thereafter, including Sundays and holidays, that the finishing of the Contract is delayed, which sum shall be construed as stipulated and liquidated damages and not as a penalty and shall be deducted from the amount due by the terms of the Contract; provided, however, that in case of justifiable delay, the City shall extend the time for completion of said work as provided for in Article G.7, but no extension of time for any reason beyond the time fixed herein for the completion of the work shall be deemed a waiver by the City of the right to abrogate this Contract for abandonment for delay.

LIENS. Neither the final payment nor any part of the retained percentage shall become due until the Contractor, if required, shall deliver to the City a complete release of all liens arising out of this Contract, or receipts in full in lien thereof, and, if required in either case, an affidavit that so far as he has knowledge or information the release and receipts include all the labor and material for which a lien could be filed. If any lien remains unsatisfied after all payments are made, the Contractor shall refund to the City all monies that the latter may be compelled to pay in discharging such a lien, including all costs and a reasonable attorney's fee.

BASIS OF CONTRACT. This contract is founded on _____

_____

_____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said City of Reading has caused this Agreement to be executed by its Mayor, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, duly attested by its City Clerk, and the party of the second part.

_____

the day and year first above written.

CITY OF READING

By:

_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

Signed and Sealed in the Presence of

_____
CONTRACTOR

_____
PRESIDENT

_____
SECRETARY

PERFORMANCE BOND

Know all men by these presents that we, _____ _____herein after called the Principal, and _____, hereinafter called the SURETY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania are held and firmly bound unto the City of Reading, hereinafter called the OBLIGEE, as hereinafter set forth, in the full and just sum of _____ Dollars & 00/100 ($_____), lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the PRINCIPAL heretofore submitted to the OBLIGEE a certain proposal, dated this_____ day of, 20 ___, to perform the WORK for the OBLIGEE, in connection with the

_____

_____

_____

WHEREAS, the OBLIGEE is a "contracting body" under provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved by the Governor on December 20, 1967, known and cited as the "Public Works Contractors Bond Law of 1967", PL 869 (the Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act, in Section 3(a), requires that, before an award shall be made to the PRINCIPAL by the OBLIGEE in accordance with the PROPOSAL, the PRINCIPAL shall furnish this BOND to the OBLIGEE, with this Bond to become binding upon the award of the CONTRACT to the PRINCIPAL by the OBLIGEE in accordance with the PROPOSAL; and

WHEREAS, it also is a condition of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS that this BOND shall be furnished by the PRINCIPAL to the OBLIGEE; and

WHEREAS, under the CONTRACTOR DOCUMENTS, it is provided, inter alia, that if the PRINCIPAL shall furnish this BOND to the OBLIGEE, and if the OBLIGEE shall make an award to the PRINCIPAL in accordance with the PROPOSAL, then the PRINCIPAL and the OBLIGEE shall enter into a CONTRACT with respect to performance of the WORK, the form of which CONTRACT is set forth in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, the terms and conditions of this BOND are and shall be that if the PRINCIPAL and any SUBCONTRACTOR of the PRINCIPAL to whom any portion of the WORK shall be subcontracted, and if all assignees of the PRINCIPAL and of any such SUBCONTRACTOR, promptly shall pay or shall cause to be paid, in full, all money which may

be due any claimant supplying labor or materials in the prosecution and performance of the WORK in accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, including any amendment, extension or addition to the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, for material furnished or labor supplied or labor performed, then this BOND shall be void; otherwise, this BOND shall be and shall remain in force and effect.

This BOND, is executed and delivered under and subject to the Act, to which reference hereby is made.

The PRINCIPAL and the SURETY agree that any alterations, changes and/or additions to the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, and/or any alterations, changes and/or additions to the WORK to be performed in accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, and/or any alterations, changes and/or additions to the CONTRACT, and/or any giving by the OBLIGEE of any extensions of time for the performance of the WORK in accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, shall not release, in any manner whatsoever, the PRINCIPAL and the SURETY, or either of them, or their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, from liability and obligations under this BOND; and the SURETY, for value received, does waive notice of any such alterations, changes, additions, extensions of time, act of forbearance and/or reduction of retained percentage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PRINCIPAL and the SURETY cause this bond to be signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, 20__.

(INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPAL)

_____(SEAL)
(Signature of Individual)

Witness:

_____

Trading And Doing Business As:

_____

(PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPAL)

_____(Seal)
(Name of Partnership)
Witness:

_____ By: _____(Seal)
(Partner)

_____ By: _____(Seal)
(Partner)

_____ By: _____(Seal)
(Partner)

_____ By: _____(Seal)
(Partner)

(CORPORATION PRINCIPAL)

_____
Name of Corporation

By: _____
(Officer or Authorized Representative)

Title: _____

Attest:

By: _____

Title: _____

(Corporate Seal)

Witness:

_____

Signed:

_____

_____
(Title)

Subscribed and sworn before me on this _____day of_____, 20____.

_____

_____
(Title)

My commission expires:

_____

*Attach appropriate proof, dated as of the same date as the Bond evidencing authority to execute in behalf of the Corporation.

(Corporation SURETY)

(Corporate Seal)

_____
(Name of Corporation)

Witness:

_____ **By: _____
Asst. Secretary Attorney-in-Fact

** Attach an appropriate Power of Attorney, dated as of the same date as the BOND, evidencing the authority of the Attorney-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation.

PAYMENT BOND

Know All Men by These Presents That We, _____ (contractor) hereinafter called the PRINCIPAL, and _____ (SURETY) hereinafter called the SURETY, a corporation organized and existing under laws of the _____ of _____ are held and firmly bound unto _____, hereinafter called the OBLIGEE, as hereinafter set forth, in the full and just sum of _____ dollar (_____), lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Witnesseth That:

WHEREAS, the PRINCIPAL heretofore submitted to the OBLIGEE a certain PROPOSAL, dated _____, 20 __, to perform the WORK for the OBLIGEE, in connection with the

_____

_____as set forth in the CONTRACT, DOCUMENTS; and _____ Public Affairs, City of Reading, Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, the OBLIGEE is a "contracting body" under provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved by the Governor on December 20, 1967, known as and cited as the "Public Works Contractors" Bond Law of 1967", P L 869 (the Act"): and

WHEREAS, the Act, in section 3(a), requires that, before an award shall be made to the PRINCIPAL by the OBLIGEE in accordance with the PROPOSAL, the PRINCIPAL shall furnish this BOND to the OBLIGEE, with this BOND to become binding upon the award of a CONTRACT to the PRINCIPAL by the OBLIGEE in accordance with the PROPOSAL: and

WHEREAS, it also is a condition of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS that this BOND shall be furnished by the PRINCIPAL to the OBLIGEE; and

WHEREAS, under the CONTRACTOR DOCUMENTS, it is provided, inter alia, that if the PRINCIPAL shall furnish this BOND to the OBLIGEE, and if the OBLIGEE shall make an award to the PRINCIPAL in accordance with the PROPOSAL then the PRINCIPAL and the OBLIGEE shall enter into a CONTRACT with respect to performance of the WORK, the form of which CONTRACT is set forth in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, the terms and conditions of this BOND are and shall be that if the PRINCIPAL and any SUBCONTRACTOR of the PRINCIPAL to whom any portion of the

WORK shall be subcontracted, and if all assignees of the PRINCIPAL and of any such SUBCONTRACTOR, promptly shall pay or shall cause to be paid, in full all money which may be due any claimant supplying labor or materials in the prosecution and performance of the WORK in accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, including any amendment, extension or addition to the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, for material furnished or labor supplied or labor performed, then this BOND shall be void; otherwise, this BOND shall be and shall remain in force and effect.

This BOND, as provided by the Act, shall be solely for the protection of claimants supplying labor or materials to the PRINCIPAL or to any SUBCONTRACTOR of the PRINCIPAL in the prosecution of the WORK covered by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, including any amendment, extension or addition thereto. The term "claimant", where used herein and as required by the Act, shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation. The phrase "labor or materials", when used herein and as required by the Act, shall include public utility services and reasonable rentals of equipment, but only for periods when he equipment rented is actually used at the site of the WORK covered by the CONTRACT. As required by the Act, the provisions of this BOND shall be applicable whether or not the material furnished or labor performed enters into and becomes a component part of the public building, public work or public improvement contemplated by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

As provided and required by the Act, the PRINCIPAL and the SURETY agree that any claimant, who has performed labor or furnished material in the prosecution of the WORK in accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, including any amendment, extension or addition to the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, and who has not been paid therefore, in full, before the expiration of ninety (90) days after the last day on which such claimant performed the last of such labor or furnished the last of such materials for which payment is claimed, may institute an action upon this BOND, in the name of the claimant, in assumpsit, to recover any amount due the claimant for such labor or material, and may prosecute such action to final judgment and may have execution upon the judgment; provided, however, that:

(a) Any claimant who has a direct contractual relationship with any SUBCONTRACTOR of the PRINCIPAL, but has no contractual relationship, express or implied, with the PRINCIPAL, may institute an action upon this BOND only if such claimant first shall have given written notice, served in the manner provided in the Act, to the PRINCIPAL, within ninety (90) days from the date upon which such claimant performed in the last of the labor or furnished the last of the materials for which payment is claimed, stating, with substantial accuracy, the amount claimed and the name of the person for whom the WORK was performed or to whom the material was furnished; and

(b) No action upon this BOND shall be commenced after the expiration of one (1) year from the day upon which the last of the labor was performed or material was supplied, for the payment of which such action is instituted by the claimant; and

(c) Every action upon this BOND shall be instituted either in the appropriate court of the County where the WORK is to be performed or of such other County as Pennsylvania statutes shall provide, or in the United States District Court for the district in which the PROJECT, to

which the CONTRACT relates, is situated, and not elsewhere.

This BOND is executed and delivered under and subject to the Act, to which reference hereby is made.

The PRINCIPAL and the SURETY agree that any alterations, changes and/or additions to the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, and/or any alterations, changes and/or additions to the WORK to be performed in accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, and/or any alterations, changes and/or additions to the CONTRACT, and/or any given by the OBLIGEE of any extensions of time for the performance of the WORK in accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, and/or any act of forebearance of either the PRINCIPAL or the OBLIGEE toward the other with respect to the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, and/or the reduction of any percentage to be retained by the OBLIGEE as permitted by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, shall not release, in any manner whatsoever, the PRINCIPAL and the SURETY, or either of them, or their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, from liability and obligations under this BOND; and the SURETY for value received, does waive notice of any such alterations, changes, additions, extensions of time, acts of forebearance and/or reduction of retained percentage.

If the PRINCIPAL is a foreign corporation (incorporated under the laws other than those of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) then further terms and conditions of this BOND are and shall be that the PRINCIPAL or the SURETY shall not be discharged from liability on this BOND, nor this BOND surrendered until such PRINCIPAL files with the OBLIGEE a certificate from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue evidencing the payment in full of all bonus taxes, penalties and interest, and a certificate from the Bureau of Employment and Unemployment Compensation of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, evidencing the payment of all unemployment compensation, contributions, penalties and interest due the Commonwealth from said PRINCIPAL or any foreign corporation,

SUBCONTRACTOR thereunder or for which liability has accrued but the time for payment has not arrived, all in accordance with provisions of the Act of June 10, 1947, P.L 493, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In Witness Whereof, the PRINCIPAL and the SURETY cause this BOND to be signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, 20 __.

(INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPAL)

_____(Seal)
(Signature of Individual)

WITNESS:

_____

Trading and Doing Business as:

_____

(PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPAL)

_____
(Name of Partnership)

WITNESS:

_____ By: _____
Partner

_____ By: _____
Partner

_____ By: _____
Partner

_____ By: _____
Partner

(CORPORATION PRINCIPAL)

_____
(Name of Corporation)

By: _____
Officer or *Authorized
Representative)

ATTEST:

By: _____

Title: _____

(Corporate Seal)

Witness:

_____

Signed_____

_____
(Title)

Subscribed and sworn before me on this _____day of _____, 20_____.

_____

_____
(Title)

My commission expires:

_____

*Attach appropriate proof, dated as of the same date as the BOND, evidencing authority to execute in behalf of the Corporation.

(CORPORATION SURETY)

(Corporate Seal)

_____
(Name of Corporation)

Witness:

_____ By: _____
Asst. Secretary Attorney-in-Fact

** Attach an appropriate Power of Attorney, dated as of the same date as the BOND, evidencing the authority of the Attorney-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation.

STATEMENT ACCEPTING PROVISIONS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

STATE OF _____

ss.

COUNTY OF _____

The undersigned contractor has accepted the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act of Pennsylvania, with all supplements, and has insured liability thereunder in accordance with the terms thereof with the insurance company whose signature is attached hereto.

For Individual

_____(SEAL)

For Corporation

_____
(Name of Corporation)

By:_____
(Official Title)

Attest:_____
(Secretary or Asst. Secretary)

For Partnership

_____
(Name of Partnership)

By:_____(SEAL)

_____(SEAL)
(Partners)

_____
(Name of Insurance Company)

By:_____
Attorney-in-Fact

STIPULATION AGAINST LIENS

WHEREAS, _____, hereinafter called the CONTRACTOR, has entered into a CONTRACT, dated _____, 20___, with _____ hereinafter called the CITY, to provide materials and perform labor necessary for the manufacture and furnishing of the: as set forth in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS as prepared by the City of Reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the said parties, as part of the said CONTRACT, and for the consideration therein set forth, that neither the undersigned CONTRACTOR, any SUBCONTRACTOR or material man, nor any other person furnishing labor or materials to the said CONTRACTOR under this CONTRACT shall file a lien, commonly called a mechanic's lien, for WORK done or materials furnished for the above manufacture.

This stipulation is made and shall be filed with the Berks County Prothonotary within ten (10) days after execution, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1402 of the Mechanics Lien Law of 1963 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in such case provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the signature of their proper officers to be affixed thereto on this _____day of _____ 20___ .

(SEAL)

_____ BY:_____

(CITY OF READING)

TITLE:_____

ATTEST:

BY:_____

TITLE:_____

(SEAL) _____

(CONTRACTOR)

ATTEST: BY:_____

TITLE:_____

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT & HOLD HARMLESS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, the undersigned has entered into a contract with the CITY OF READING, dated _____, 20 __, providing for the
_____
_____
_____
City of Reading, Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the award of said contract to the undersigned, _____, as well as in further consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR ($1.00) in hand paid to the said _____by the City of Reading, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said _____ agrees to indemnify and save harmless the CITY OF READING, its officers, agents, servants, and employees against any and all loss, damage, costs and expenses which the said CITY may hereafter suffer, incur, be put to or pay by reason of any bodily injury (including death) or damage to property arising out of any act or omission in performance of the work undertaken under the aforesaid contract.

EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

By: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

_____

_____
(Title)

NOTICE TO PROCEED

TO:

Project_____

Contract No._____

Amount of Contract_____

You are hereby notified to commence work on the referenced contract on or before _____, 20___, and shall fully complete all of the work of said contract within_____ consecutive calendar days thereafter. Your completion date is therefore _____, 20____.

The contract provides for an assessment of the sum of $_____ as liquidated damages for each consecutive calendar day after the above established contract completion date that the work remains incomplete.

Dated this _____day of _____, 20___.

By_____

Title_____

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of foregoing Notice to Proceed is hereby acknowledged

By _____

this _____day of _____ 20_____.

By _____

Title _____

GENERAL PROVISIONS

GENERAL PROVISIONS

G.1 SUB-HEADINGS. The paragraph headings are inserted in these provisions and the following specifications for convenience only and shall not be considered as interpreting or limiting the
application of paragraphs.

G.2 DEFINITIONS. The following terms and expressions used in this contract and specifications shall be understood as follows:

The expression "The City" shall mean the City of Reading, Pennsylvania, the party of the first part to this contract.

The word "Engineer" shall mean the Engineer, Architect, or other official in direct charge of the work for the City or his authorized representative as designated by the applicable Director.

The word "Inspector" shall mean an inspector of the City assigned to the inspection of materials, structures and workmanship under this contract.

The word "Contractor" shall mean the party of the second part to this contract, whether a corporation, partnership, or individual.

The word "Specifications" shall mean the specifications describing the work, the drawings, and the general provisions.

The word "Drawings/Plans" shall mean the general drawings, plans, maps, diagrams or illustrations accompanying these specifications, and such supplementary drawings as may be furnished from time to time.

The term "Materials" as used herein includes, in addition, to materials incorporated in the project used or to be used in the operation thereof, equipment and other materials used and/or consumed in the performance of the work.

Wherever in the specifications the words "to be," "to be done," "if," "as," "directed," "required," "permitted," "ordered," "instructed," "designated," "considered necessary," or words of like import are used, it shall be understood that the direction, requirement, permission, order, instruction, designation or decision of the Engineer is intended, and similarly the words "approved," "acceptable," "satisfactory," or words of like import, shall mean approved by, acceptable or satisfactory to, the applicable Director or the Engineer, unless the context show that another meaning is plainly intended.

G.3 SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS. The specifications and drawings are intended to cover all of the work that is known to be required to effect a complete installation. They are intended to be mutually explanatory of each other, but should any discrepancy or inconsistency appear or any misunderstanding arise as to the import of anything contained in either the specifications or the drawings, the interpretation of the doubtful portions will be made by the

Engineer, whose decision shall, in all cases, be final and binding on the Contractor.

Any materials or workmanship obviously necessary to satisfactory completion shall be furnished and installed whether or not specifically shown or mentioned. Any corrections of errors or omissions in the specifications or drawings, or both, may be made by the Engineer when such correction is necessary for the proper fulfillment of their intention as determined by him/her. Figures shall have preference over scale in reading dimensions. Copies of the specifications and drawings shall be kept constantly at the work. Any supplementary or detail drawings which may be made by the Engineer subsequent to the date of this contract, relating to the work herein contemplated, as showing more particularly the details of the work to be done, or specifications and the drawings furnished by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer, are, and are to be held to be, controlling parts of this contract insofar as they do not conflict with other provisions of the contract.

If the Contractor, in the course of the work, finds any discrepancy between the plans and the physical conditions of the locality, or any errors or omissions in the plans or in the layout as given by the points and instructions furnished by the Engineer, it shall be his duty to inform the Engineer, in writing, and the Engineer shall promptly verify the same. Any work done after such discovery, until authorized, will be done at the Contractor's risk.

G.4 ENGINEER TO DECIDE. All work under this contract shall be done in a manner acceptable to the Engineer, who shall determine the amount, quality, acceptability and fitness of the several kinds of work and material which are to be paid for hereunder, and shall decide all questions which may arise as to measurements of quantities and the fulfillment of the conditions of this contract on the part of the Contractor.

G.5 WORK TO BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS. The work at all stages of its completion must conform with the specifications and drawings and with the lines and grades and other instructions of the Engineer, as given from time to time during the progress of the work. In no case will any work in excess of the requirements of the drawings as interpreted by the Engineer be paid for unless authorized in writing by the Engineer.

G.6 RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IS RESERVED. The City reserves the right to make alterations in the location, lines, grade, plan, form dimensions, numbers or materials of the work herein contemplated, either before or after the commencement of construction. If such alterations diminish the amount of work to be done, they shall not form the basis for a claim for damage or for loss of anticipated profits from the work which may be dispensed with; if they increase the amount of work, such increase shall be paid for according to the quantity of work actually done and at prices stipulated for such work under this contract. All work actually done under a unit price (where applicable) contract, whether more or less than the quantity estimated or specified, shall be paid for by the determined units, on the basis of the bid per unit in the proposal.

G.7 EXTENSION OF TIME. If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by any act or neglect of the City, or by City employees, or by any other contractor

employed by the City, or by changes ordered in the work, or by strikes, lockouts, fire, unusual delay in transportation, unavoidable casualties or any causes beyond the Contractor's control, or by any cause which the Engineer shall decide to justify the delay, then the time of completion shall be extended for such reasonable time as the Engineer may decide subject to the approval of the applicable Director.

No such extension shall be made for delay due to rejection of defective materials or workmanship or for any delay occurring more than seven (7) days before claim therefore is made in writing to the Engineer. In the case of a continuing cause of delay, only one claim is necessary.

If no schedule or agreement stating dates upon which drawings shall be furnished is made, then no claim for delay shall be allowed because of any delay in the furnishing of drawings to the Contractor.

G.8 ADEQUATE PLANT AND METHODS. The Contractor shall furnish such construction plant and use such methods and appliances as will secure a satisfactory quality of work and a rate of progress which will insure the completion of the work within the time specified. Before starting the installation of the construction plant, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer, for approval, a plan showing the general arrangement of the plant to be installed and the proposed facilities for storage of materials and equipment. If at any time the plant or any portion of it shall appear to the Engineer to be, or likely to become, inadequate, incomplete, faulty or unsafe, the Contractor shall promptly obey the orders of the Engineer to supplement or to remove or replace the same; but the failure of the Engineer to issue such orders shall not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility for the efficiency, adequacy and safe operation of the plant.

He/she shall cover and protect his work from damage, and all injury to the same, before completion of the contract.

He/she shall be financially responsible for all damage to the party of the first part or its property, to other contractors, to the neighboring premises, or to any private or personal property, for any cause whatsoever, during the period of the contract.

G.9 WORKERS. The Contractor shall employ only competent and skillful employees to do the work, and whenever the Engineer shall notify the Contractor, in writing, that any person on the work is, in his/her opinion, incompetent, unfaithful or disorderly, uses threatening or abusive language to any official having supervision of the work, or is in any other way unsatisfactory, such person shall be discharged from the work and shall not again be employed on it except with the consent of the Engineer.

Neither party shall employ or hire any employee of the other party without the latter's consent.

G.10 WAGES. All employees directly employed on this work shall be paid wages which shall in no event be less than the minimum hourly wage rates for skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled labor prescribed by the Commonwealth of PA Prevailing Wage Act, P.L. 987 as may be amended, if applicable.

G.11 PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO MINIMUM WAGE CONTRACT. A penalty shall be exacted from the Contractor in an amount equal to twice the difference between the minimum wage contained in the prescribed wage rates, and the wage actually paid to each laborer or mechanic for each day during which he has been employed at a wage less than that prescribed.

G.12 INSPECTORS TO REPORT VIOLATIONS. Every person assigned as an Inspector of the work to be performed under this contract, in order to aid in enforcing the fulfillment of the minimum wage requirements thereof, shall, upon observation or investigation, report to the applicable Director, all violations of minimum wage stipulations, together with the name of each laborer or mechanic who has been paid a wage less than that prescribed, and the day or days of such violation.

G.13 PENALTIES TO BE WITHHELD FROM MONEYS DUE THE CONTRACTOR. All minimum wage violation penalties shall be withheld and deducted for the use of the City from any moneys due the Contractor by the City; provided, that if the Contractor subsequently pays to all laborers and mechanics the balance of the amounts stipulated as minimum wages, the City shall pay to the Contractor the amounts so withheld.

G.14 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES. The Contractor hereby assumes all responsibility for himself/herself, his/her agents and employees growing out of connection with the execution of the work called for by this contract, for the violation of, City ordinances and the laws governing contract work in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Contractor further agrees to hold the City of Reading harmless from all responsibility for employees on this work under the Workmen's Compensation Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to carry insurance on his/her employees, as provided thereby.

G.15 CONTRACTOR REPRESENTED ON THE WORK. The Contractor shall give personal attention constantly to the faithful prosecution of the work and shall be present, either in person or by a competent superintendent, on the site of the work, continuously during its progress. Such representative shall have authority to receive and to act without delay upon all instructions of the Engineer or assistants in the prosecution of the work in conformity with the contract.

Insofar as it is practicable, all orders given by the Engineer to the Contractor shall be in writing. In those cases where orders are given orally they shall be confirmed in writing. Orders or directions, written or oral, from the Engineer, delivered to the Contractor's office shall be considered as delivered to the Contractor.

G.16 REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT. In case the Engineer or a representative may at any time have occasion to give directions regarding the work for the reason that the same is not, in the Engineer's opinion, being carried out in accordance with the provisions of this contract, and should there be no responsible representative of the Contractor on the ground empowered to receive such instructions, the Engineer or a representative shall order that particular portion of the work to be stopped until such representative of the Contractor appears and receives instructions. It is hereby agreed that suspensions of the work for such cause shall

not entitle the Contractor to claims for damage of any kind, nor to an extension of the time in which to complete the work to be done under this contract.

G.17 LEGAL ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR. The address given in the bid or proposal upon which this contract is based is hereby designated as the legal address where all notices, letters and other communications to the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered prior to the beginning of the work provided for in this contract. The delivery at the above-named place, or depositing in a post-paid wrapper directed to the above place, in any post office box regularly maintained by the post office, of any notice, letter or other communication to the Contractor, shall be deemed sufficient service thereof upon the Contractor and the date of said service shall be the date of such delivery or mailing.

G.18 CHANGE IN ADDRESS. Such address may be changed at any time by an instrument in writing executed and acknowledged by the Contractor and delivered to the City. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to preclude or render inoperative the service of any notice, letter or other communication upon the Contractor personally.

G.19 LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS. The Contractor shall be fully informed as to all laws, ordinances and regulations in any manner affecting those engaged or employed in the work, or the materials used in the work, or in any way affecting the conduct of the work, and of all orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having any jurisdiction over the same, if any discrepancy or inconsistency shall be discovered in this contract, specifications or drawings, in relation to any such law, ordinance, population, order or decree, the contractor shall immediately report the same in writing to the Engineer. At all times the Contractor shall observe and comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, orders and decrees which may be in effect during the progress of this contract; and shall indemnify and save harmless the City and its officers and employees against any claim or liability arising from the violation of any legal requirement in the prosecution of this contract.

G.20 INDEMNIFICATION OF CITY. In case any action at law, proceeding in eminent domain, or suit in equity may or shall be brought against the party of the first part, or any of its offices or agents, for or on account of the failure, omission or neglect of the Contractor or the subcontractors, his/her or their employees or agents, to do and perform any of the covenants acts, matters, or things by this contract undertaken to be done or performed by the Contractor or subcontractors, his/her or their employees or agents, or for any injury or damage caused by the negligence of the Contractor or subcontractors, his/her or their employees or agents, or for damage or injury for which the Contractor undertakes responsibility under the provisions of this contract, the Contractor shall immediately assume and take charge of the defense to such actions, proceedings or suits in like manner and to all intents and purposes, as if said actions, proceedings or suits had been brought directly against the Contractor; and the Contractor shall also indemnify and save harmless the party of the first part, its officers and agents, of and from all loss, cost or damage whatever arising out of such actions, proceedings or suits as may or shall be brought as aforesaid.

G.21 SUITS AND CLAIMS. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Reading, the applicable Director, the Engineer, and their assistants, from all suits or actions of

every name and description, either in law or in equity, including proceedings in eminent domain for the recovery of consequential damages, or for or on account of use of patented appliance, brought against them or either of them, or for any damage or injuries received or sustained by any party or parties, person or persons, natural or artificial, either in the performance or as a result of the work under this agreement, regardless of whether such suits, actions or proceedings brought are based or grounded upon negligence of the Contractor, the subcontractors, or his/her or their agents, servants or employees. The Contractor further agrees that all or as much of the monies due under this agreement as shall be or may be considered necessary by the applicable Director, shall or may be retained, without any liability of the City to the Contractor, for interest thereon because of the retention thereof, until all such suits, proceedings or claims have been settled or terminated, and satisfactory evidence to that effect furnished to the applicable Director, provided however, that no such monies shall be retained by the City after six (6) years following the completion and acceptance of the work under the contract, excepting for or on account of claims filed or suits or proceedings begun before the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations.

G.22 RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY. The Contractor shall assume all responsibility for loss, damage or injury to persons or property arising out of the nature of the work, from the actions of the elements, or from any unforeseen or unusual difficulties over which the City has no control, in addition to and without limiting the Contractor's liability under the other provisions of the contract.

G.23 CONTRACTOR'S CLAIMS FOR DAMAGE. If the Contractor claims compensation for any damage alleged to have been sustained by reason of any act or omission on the part of the City or any of its agents, he shall, within one (1) week after the sustaining of such damage, make a written statement to the Engineer of the nature of the damage sustained, and shall, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month succeeding that in which any such damage shall have been sustained, file with the Engineer an itemized statement of the details and amounts of such damage, and unless such statement shall be made as so required, the claim for compensation shall be forfeited and invalid, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to payment on account of any such damage.

G.24 LINES AND GRADES. All lines and grades will be given by the Engineer, but the Contractor shall provide such material and give such assistance therefore as may be required by the Engineer, and the marks so given shall be carefully preserved. The Contractor shall keep the Engineer informed, a reasonable time in advance, of the time and places a which he/she intends to work, in order that lines and grades may be furnished and necessary measurements for record and payment made with the minimum inconvenience to the Engineer or delay to the Contractor. No claim for extra payment will be allowed for the cost to the Contractor of any material, work or delay occasioned by giving lines and grades, or making necessary measurements or inspections, as all such cost shall be considered to have been included in the price bid for the work.

G.25 INSPECTION. The Engineer will appoint such person or persons as may be deemed necessary to inspect properly the materials furnished and the work done under this contract, and to see that the same correspond strictly with these specifications. Such materials and

workmanship shall always be subject to the approval of the Engineer, but no inspection, approval or acceptance of any part of the work herein contracted for or of the materials used therein, nor any payment on account thereof, shall prevent the rejection of said work or materials at any time thereafter during the existence of this contract, should said work or materials be found to be defective, or not in accordance with the requirements of the contract.

The Contractor shall permit, or secure permission for the Engineer or a duly authorized Inspector or representative to enter any manufactory, shop or other place where any material for, or part of the work is being prepared, manufactured or constructed, at any time when such work is in progress. The Contractor shall furnish and prepare, or cause to be furnished or prepared, without charge, all such assistance, appliances, samples of materials and test specimens as may be ordered by the Engineer or such Inspector or representative for the purpose of making official tests and investigations. The Engineer shall be notified of the time and place of preparation, manufacture or construction of any material for, or part of the work which he/she may wish to inspect before delivery at the site of the work. Such notification shall be give a sufficient time in advance of the beginning of the work on such material or part to allow arrangements to be made for inspection and testing.

G.26 NIGHT WORK. No night construction work, except for the inspection of lighting, requiring the presence of the Engineer or Inspector will be permitted except in case of emergency, and then only with the written consent of the Engineer and to such an extent as may be judged necessary.

G.27 SUNDAY WORK. No Sunday construction work will be permitted, except in case of great emergency, and then only with the written consent of the Engineer, and to such extent as is absolutely necessary.

G.28 NO WORK IN BAD WEATHER. No construction work shall be done under this contract when, in the opinion of the Engineer, the weather is unsuitable for good and careful work to be performed. No concrete work shall be done on days on which the temperature falls below 25 degrees Fahrenheit. Should the severity of the weather continue such that the work cannot be prosecuted successfully, the Contractor, upon order of the Engineer, shall cease all such work until directed to resume the same. In the latter case, suitable extension of time shall be allowed to compensate for time actually lost as provided for in Article G.7.

G.29. NOT TO SUBLET OR ASSIGN. The Contractor shall give personal attention constantly to the faithful prosecution of the work and shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of this contract, or his/her title, right or interest in or to the same or any part thereof, nor shall the Contractor assign, by power of attorney or otherwise, any of the monies due or to become due, nor issue any order or orders or drafts on the Controller or Treasurer of the City of Reading for any monies due or to become due under this contract, unless by and with the consent of the City first duly had and obtained by resolution entered upon the minutes of said City.

G.30 RIGHT OF PROPERTY IN MATERIALS. Nothing in this contract shall be considered as vesting in the Contractor any right of property in materials used, after they shall have been attached to or incorporated in the work, nor in materials which have been estimated for partial

payment, but all such materials, upon being so attached, incorporated or estimated, shall become the property of the City.

G.31 DEFECTIVE MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP. No materials of any kind shall be used until they have been examined and approved by the Engineer, who shall have full power to condemn any work and materials not in accordance with the specifications, and to require the Contractor to remove any work or materials so condemned. Inspections of the work shall not relieve the Contractor from any of his/her obligations to fulfill the contract as herein described, and defective work shall be made good, and unsuitable materials may be rejected, notwithstanding that such work or materials may have been previously overlooked by the Engineer and accepted or estimated for payment if the work or any part thereof shall be found defective at any time before the final acceptance of the whole work, the Contractor shall immediately make good such defect in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer, and if any material brought upon the ground for use in the work shall be condemned by the Engineer as unsuitable or not in conformity with the drawings or specifications, the Contractor shall forthwith remove such materials from the vicinity of the work. If the Contractor shall fail to remove or replace any defective or damaged materials or work after reasonable notice, the Engineer may cause such material or work to be removed or replaced, and the expense thereof shall be borne by the Contractor.

G.32 RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any or all materials or work to the full amount of all payments made thereon, and shall be required to make good, at his/her own cost, any injury or damage which said materials or work may have sustained from any source or cause whatever before its final acceptance.

G.33 CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH CITY MAY COMPLETE WORK. If the work to be done under this contract shall be neglected or abandoned, or the contract or any claim thereunder shall be assigned by the Contractor otherwise than as herein specified, or if at any time the Engineer shall be of the opinion, and shall so certify in writing to the City's representative, that the rate of progress is insufficient or that the work, or any part thereof, is unnecessarily or unreasonably delayed, or that the Contractor is violating any of the provisions of this contract or carelessly executing any portion of the work, the City may notify the Contractor and surety in writing to fulfill the conditions of the Contract; and should the Contractor or the surety fail to comply with said notice within ten (10) days, the City may notify the Contractor and the surety to discontinue all work, or any part thereof; and thereupon the Contractor and the surety shall discontinue said work, or said part thereof as the City may designate; and the City may thereupon, by contract or otherwise, as it may determine, complete the work or such part thereof, and charge the expenses thereof to the Contractor or the surety; and may take possession of and use therein such materials, animals, machinery, equipment, implements and tools of every description as may be found upon the work. The expense so incurred shall be deducted and paid by the City out of any monies then due or to become due the Contractor under this contract; or any part thereof; and in case such expense is less than the sum which would have been payable under this contract if the same had been completed by the Contractor, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive the difference, and in case such expense shall exceed the latter sum, the Contractor or the surety shall pay the amount of such excess to the party of the first part.

G.34 ALL PARTS OF WORK COVERED. The Contractor further agrees that the following clauses relative to the construction of the work shall apply to each and all of the separate parts of the work, as though specially mentioned under the different headings in the specifications:

Delivery of Materials - The Contractor shall be entirely responsible for delivery of all materials to the site of the work, making the arrangements therefore.

Engineer Shall Measure - No work shall be covered over or filled in until it shall have been inspected by the Engineer.

Materials Properly Stored - The materials to be used in construction shall be protected from deterioration and damage, and shall be so disposed of as not to endanger the work and in such manner that full access may be had at all times to all work under construction or completed.

Surplus Materials Removed - All parts of the work shall be kept in as neat and orderly condition as circumstances will permit and upon completion of the work, all surplus materials, earth, sand, rubbish and refuse of every kind, and all tools, machinery, equipment and other materials belonging to the Contractor shall be removed from the construction works and adjoining premises so as to leave everything in an acceptable condition, within a week after receipt of final certificate.

G.35 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES APPROXIMATE. In unit price contracts, the quantities of the various classes of work to be done and materials to be furnished under this contract, as estimated by the Engineer and listed in Specifications, attached hereto, are approximate and only for the purpose of comparing, on a uniform basis, the bids offered for the work under this contract; and neither the City nor the Council nor any member of the Council of the City of Reading is to be held responsible if any of the said estimated quantities shall be found to be not even approximately correct in the construction of the work; and the Contractor shall make no claim for damages on anticipated profits or loss of profit, because of a difference between the quantities of the various items of work actually done or materials actually furnished and the estimated quantities stated in the Specifications, or because of the entire omission of any of the quantities or items stated in the Specifications.

G.36 EXTRA WORK. The Contractor shall do any work not herein otherwise provided for which, in the opinion of the Engineer, is necessary for the proper completion of the work, but not such work will be allowed or paid for except on a written order of the Engineer, and there shall be no claim for extra work or materials or for damage sustained except under this Article. The extra work order issued by the Engineer shall specify the basis of payment for the extra work. Any extra work or changes in the work involving changes in the plans and/or specifications shall be approved by the applicable Director, prior to the execution of the work.

G.37 MONTHLY ESTIMATES. Current payments for work done under this contract will be made as follows: on invoices submitted by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer or Architect. Ten percent (10%) of each General Contractor invoice request shall be retained by the City on this contract until it is completed up to City codes and contract specifications and

approved by a City Official or person representing a City Official Architect or Engineer.

It is further agreed and understood that inclusion of any portion of the work in the monthly estimate shall not be construed as final approval or acceptance of the same.

G.38 CONTRACTOR SHALL PREPARE FOR FINAL INSPECTION. Upon the completion of the work the Contractor shall tear down and remove all temporary buildings and structures built by the Contractor, remove and thoroughly clear away all debris, forms and surplus materials and leave the site of the work in a neat and satisfactory condition, and shall notify the Engineer when the work is ready for final inspection.

G.39 WORK TO BE PROPERLY PERFORMED. It is expressly understood that acceptance of work and materials during construction will not imply final acceptance of the work, if the final inspection shall disclose faulty workmanship or materials; and all work of whatever kind that, during its progress and before it is finally accepted, may become damaged from any cause, shall be repaired in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer or, if necessary, shall be broken up and removed and replaced with good and satisfactory work by the Contractor at his own expense. All work of every description shall be the best of its respective kind; and everything not particularly specified herein shall be done and finished in the best manner, and as is usual in first-class work of the several kinds.

Failure or neglect on the part of the Engineer, or any authorized agents to condemn or reject any bad or inferior work or materials shall not be construed to imply an acceptance of such work or materials, if such bad or inferior materials or work becomes evident at any time prior to the final acceptance of the work and the release of the Contractor by the Council of the City of Reading; nor shall it be construed as barring the City of Reading at any subsequent time from the recovery for damages of such sum of money as may be needed to build a new all portions of the work in which fraud was practiced or improper materials hidden, whenever found.

G.40 ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL PAYMENT. Upon receipt of written notice that the work is ready for final inspection and acceptance, the Engineer or Architect shall promptly make such inspection, and when he/she finds the work acceptable under the contract fully performed he/she shall promptly issue a final certificate, over his/her own signature, stating that the work provided for in this contract has been completed and is accepted under the terms and conditions thereof, and the entire balance found to be due the Contractor, including the retained percentage, shall be paid to the Contractor within (30) days after the execution of said final certificate.

G.41 WAIVER. Neither acceptance by the City, or any of its officers or employees, nor any order, measurement or certificate by the Engineer, nor any order by the City Council for payment of money, nor any payment for, nor any extension of time, nor any possession taken by the City or its officers or employees, shall operate as a waiver of any portion of this contract or of any power herein reserved to the City, or of any right to damage herein provided; nor shall any waiver of any breach of this contract be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. All remedies provided in this contract shall be taken and construed as cumulative; that is, in addition to each and every other remedy herein provided.

G.42 ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL CERTIFICATE. The acceptance by the Contractor of payment of the final estimate shall be conclusive evidence of acceptance and approval of estimates, accounting and deductions, and of full payment by the City for all work, labor, materials and services done or furnished hereunder, and of full satisfaction, discharge, release and waiver of all claims and demand of; or on behalf of the Contractor against the City, arising out of this agreement and the execution thereof. It is hereby further agreed that the Contractor shall not be entitled to demand or receive payment except in the manner set forth in this contract; and the Contractor further agrees that the final payment of the amount due under this contract and payment of the bills rendered for work done and materials furnished in accordance with any alterations of the same, shall release the City of Reading from any and all claims and liabilities on account of the work performed and materials furnished under said contract, or any alteration thereof.

G.43 MAINTENANCE AFTER COMPLETION. The Performance Bond shall remain in force for one (1) year from the date of completion and acceptance of the work under this contract, as security against any and all damage which may result from defects of materials or workmanship which may become apparent prior to the expiration of the one-year maintenance period. During this period the Contractor shall, promptly upon notification from the Engineer, repair all breaks and failures due to defects of material or workmanship at his own expense. If the Engineer shall deem it necessary and shall so direct, such repairs shall be made within twenty-four (24) hours after service of notice. If the Contractor unnecessarily delays making repairs ordered, or if delay would cause serious loss or damage, the City may undertake to have such repairs made or defects repaired without previous notice, and the expense of such repairs shall be borne by the Contractor or the surety. The Contractor shall be responsible for any damage resulting to any person or property from any violation of the guarantee and from unnecessary delays in making repairs.

G.44 PRICES. The City agrees to pay, and the Contractor agrees to receive, the price specified in the proposal submitted, as full compensation for furnishing all the materials called for, and for all labor and use of all machinery, equipment and tools necessary for executing the work contemplated in this contract; for all royalties, for patents and patented materials, appliances and processes; also for all loss or damage arising out of the nature of the work, or from the action of the elements, or from any unforeseen reasons, obstructions or difficulties which may be encountered in the prosecution of the work, for all risks of every description connected with the work, and for all expenses incurred by or in consequence of the suspension of discontinuance of said work as herein specified, and for well and faithfully completing the work, and the whole thereof, according to the specifications and drawings and the requirements of the Engineer under them.

G.45 NO EXTRA COMPENSATION. The Contractor further agrees not to ask, demand, sue for, or recover for any extra compensation, for any materials furnished or work done under this contract, beyond the amounts payable for the several classes of work or kinds of materials herein enumerated, which shall be actually performed and furnished at the prices therefore herein agreed upon and fixed.

G.46 CONTRACTOR TO TAKE OUT ALL PERMITS. The Contractor shall take out all

necessary permits required by agencies of the City of Reading and/or all other governmental agencies; shall give all notices required by law or ordinances; shall pay all fees and charges incident to the due and lawful prosecution of the work covered by the contract, and shall comply with all laws and regulations relating to buildings and public highways. All permits shall be at his expense.

G.47 NO CLAIM FOR EXTRA WORK. No claim for extra work or material shall be allowed to the Contractor, unless before the performance of all such extra work the applicable Director shall have first authorized the same in writing, and the price or prices to be paid therefore shall first have been agreed upon in writing between the Director and the Contractor, and the same shall have been done or furnished under a written order from the Director given before the performance of such extra work or the furnishing of such extra materials. All claims for extra work or materials in any month shall be made to the Director in writing before the fifteenth (15th) day of the following month, and failing to make such claim within the time required, the right of the Contractor to extra pay for such extra work or materials shall be deemed to have been waived and forfeited.

G.48 WORK TO BE DONE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE CITY ENGINEER. All the work under this contract shall be done to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, who shall in all cases determine the amount, quality, acceptability and fitness of the several amounts of work and materials which are to be paid for hereunder and shall decide all questions which may arise as to the measurement of quantities in the fulfillment of this contract on the part of the Contractor, and shall determine all questions respecting the true construction or meaning of the plans and specifications, and the determination and decision thereon shall be final and conclusive; and such determination and decision, in case any question shall arise, shall be a condition precedent to the right of the Contractor to receive any money hereunder.

G.49 ENGINEER TO INSPECT AND REJECT. The Engineer shall inspect the materials furnished and the work done, and see that the same strictly correspond to the specifications, and he shall at all times have free access to the works, storehouse and yard of the Contractor, and shall be privileged to take such samples therefrom as he may deem necessary; and if the work, or any material brought on the grounds for the use of the work, or selected for the same, shall be condemned by the Engineer, as unsuitable or not in conformity with the specifications, the Contractor shall forthwith remove such materials from the work.

Before issuance of the final certificate the Contractor shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Engineer that all payrolls, materials, bills and other indebtedness connected with the work have been paid.

It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that the final estimate of the Engineer shall be evidence of the amount of work performed by the Contractor under and by virtue of this agreement, and shall be taken as the full measure of the compensation to be received by the Contractor. The aforesaid estimate shall be based upon the contract price for the furnishing of all the different materials and labor, and the performance of all the work mentioned in this contract, including the specifications, and where there may be any ambiguity therein, the Engineer's instructions shall be considered explanatory and the decision shall be final.

No inspection, approval or acceptance of any of the work herein contracted for, or of the materials used herein, or any payment on account thereof shall prevent the party of the first part from objecting to the acceptance of said work or materials at any time during the existence of this contract. Neither the inspection of the applicable Director, or Division Head, or the City Engineer or any of their employees nor any order, measurement or certificate by the City Engineer nor any order by the Director for the payment of money, nor any payment for, or acceptance of, the whole or any part of the work, by the Director of the Division of Planning, nor any extension of time, nor any possession taken by the Director or his employees, shall operate as a waiver of any provision of this contract, or any power herein reserved to the party of the first part, or of any right to damage herein provided; nor shall any waiver of any breach of this contract be held to be a waiver of any other subsequent breach.

Any remedy provided in this contract shall be taken and construed as cumulative; that is, in addition to each and every other remedy herein provided; and in addition to all other suits, actions or legal proceedings the party of the first part shall be entitled to as of right.

G.50 CONTRACTOR NOT TO DISCOMMODE PRIVATE COMPANIES. The Contractor shall afford while the work is underway, the necessary facilities to any and all companies owning railway tracks, pipes, subway ducts, or other surface, sub-surface or super-surface construction on the line of the work, in the preservation of the same from injury, all without charge therefore the expense to the City.

G.51 EXAMINATIONS. At any time before or after completion of the work, should the City Engineer require it, the Contractor shall make such openings, and to such extent, through such part or parts of the work, as the City Engineer may direct, and shall restore the work so distributed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer; and should the work, in the opinion of the City Engineer, whose decision shall be final and conclusive therein, be found faulty in any respect, the whole of the expense incurred thereby shall be defrayed by the Contractor, according to and upon the prices herein set forth, but if otherwise, by the City.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SPECIFICATIONS FOR TREE PRUNING, TREE REMOVAL, STUMP REMOVAL, AND EMERGENCY TREE CARE FROM JUNE, 2013 UNTIL MAY 2014

This is an open bid for the pruning of street trees, the designated removal of specific street trees, the removal of tree stumps, and the agreement to provide emergency tree care services to trees located within the City of Reading, PA on both public and private properties. In the City's Codified Ordinance, under Chapter 25, it is explained that all street trees are the property of the nearest property owner. It is also written that the Commission has the right to have any street tree pruned or removed, with the ability to bill the property owner for the work. The Shade Tree Commission has identified and given adequate notification to the property owner's that hazardous tree condition(s) exist on their properties. It is the intent of the Commission to have the identified trees contracted for pruning or removal, as determined by the City Arborist, the Shade Tree Administrator, and the Reading Shade Tree Commission. The City of Reading may in-turn bill the property owners for the incurred expenses as a result of the tree work provided.

The exact number of trees may vary between the submission of a bid and the actual time of removal, due to the property owners taking it upon themselves to remove or maintain the tree. In this situation, the City, nor the property owner, will be held financially liable.

Guidelines for Tree Care

1. Bidding on this contract shall be limited to individuals, partnerships, and corporations actively engaged in the field of arboriculture. All pruning work must be done with at least the supervision of an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist. Bidders shall demonstrate competence, experience, and financial capability to carry out the terms of this contract. The city may require proof of these qualifications.

2. All bidders must have in their possession, or available to them by formal agreement at the time of bidding: trucks, chippers, hand tools, and other equipment and supplies which are necessary to perform the work as outlined in these specifications.

3. The contractor shall thoroughly familiarize himself with existing site conditions. Failure to do so will in no way relieve the successful bidder from the necessity of furnishing all equipment and materials and performing all work required for the completion of the contract and in conformity with these specifications. If a contractor has problems finding the tree listed, they should contact the City Arborist, David Ruyak, at 610-655-6035 – AFTER THE CONTRACT IS AWARDED. Any questions you have prior to the contract being awarded, you must contact Tammi Reinhart, Purchasing Coordinator for the City of Reading.

4. All work areas shall be kept in such a manner to cause as little inconvenience as possible to the general public and adjacent property owners. When necessary to close pedestrian walkways, vehicular traffic lanes, or private access roads, the contractor

shall provide barricades, warning signs, cones, flags, etc. They must also notify the proper authorities and property owners. This includes police, fire, emergency services, and the streets department if a road is to be closed, so that they may plan an appropriate alternate route. No road or street is to be closed without prior arrangements have been made. Certain roads in the city would require notification to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

5. The contractor will be responsible for making certain that all work is done in a safe and efficient manner. This includes ensuring that the proper parking and pedestrian warning signs, restrictions, and notifications are in place to establish a safe work zone for the public.

6. The contractor shall obtain and post "No Parking" signs from the Reading Parking Authority where necessary.

7. The contractor assumes all liability for damages to people and property as it relates to the work being contracted. This includes the general public as well as individuals in the contractor's employ.

8. The Contractor is responsible for any damage to utilities as well as notifying the proper utility provider that an issue exists.

9. If the contractor causes any damage to an adjacent tree, they will be responsible to repair the damage immediately, and at no additional cost to the City. Any trees damaged beyond repair are to be removed and replaced with a suitable species at no additional cost to the City.

10. All tree work must be in accordance with proper OSHA Regulations governing tree work, as well as ANSI Z133.1. Any pruning work shall be done according to the ANSI A300 standards.

11. All debris (including wood, wood chips, brush, saw dust, and stump grindings) will be cleaned up, removed from site, and disposed of properly.

12. All debris and equipment will be removed from site at the conclusion of each work day.

13. The contractor will schedule work between the City of Reading business hours of 7:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except for holidays unless expressly authorized.

Tree Removal and Stump Grinding Component

1. A 'per tree' removal cost should be listed in the bid along with a lump sum total cost for all of the removals. The City reserves the right to eliminate specific trees from the project list.

2. The contractor shall be responsible for the grinding of tree stumps to a depth no less than twenty-four inches in depth. This includes notifying any and all utilities that may have facilities located underground. Proof of clearance from the utilities will be required. Each of the trees being removed by the contractor will have their stumps ground or removed. Additionally, the contractor will be asked to remove other stumps throughout the city as identified by the City Arborist.

Pruning Component

1. Pruning Phase of project shall be bid separately as an overall and inclusive cost of pruning work.

2. Pruning Specifications:

    a. **Objectives**: All trees to be pruned under this bid shall be pruned to improve structure; reduce the risk of branch or tree failure; provide clearance of signage, lighting, and signals; and provide elevation clearance over sidewalks and right of ways. This shall be done by:

        i. Cleaning the entire crown of each tree by removing all undesirable branches (dead, broken, hanging, dying, diseased, interfering) greater than 1-inch in diameter, measured at the base of the branch. Removing low branches to permit clearance of approximately eight (8) feet on the sidewalk or pedestrian side of any street and approximately sixteen (16) feet over the cartway or public right of way on the vehicular side of any tree. Exceptions are allowed for young trees which would be irreparably damaged by such pruning action.

        ii. Removing smaller branches, when present, to remove weight and allow the branches to rise to the desired height shall be the preferred method of clearance pruning over full limb removal.

        iii. In unique situations it may be necessary to use heading cuts back to an ANSI - A300 appropriate location on the branch. However, heading cuts are not preferred and topping is strictly forbidden.

        iv. Pruning of trees to encourage a single lead limb to establish apical

dominance in younger trees. Also to correct structurally weak "V" crotches occurring along the main trunk or developing within the tree crown, particularly in smaller trees.

v. Improving the structural integrity of trees through pruning.

i. Cut back to reduce end weight of branches where excessive overburden appears likely to result in breakage of supporting limbs.

ii. Removing trunk suckers and water sprouts especially where they are present in the bottom 10 feet of the tree. Partial suckering may be left in the upper portions of the tree so as to not cause lion-tailing in the branching structure.

b. **Pruning Methods and Parameters**:

i. The City requires that ***no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the live wood may be removed from the crown of any one tree.*** No drop-crotching, topping, or “lion’s-tails” will be allowed. The trees are to be properly thinned.

ii. All persons performing tree work on City trees in or around electrical lines must be trained to do so according to the Electrical Hazard Awareness Program or a similar training program of comparable knowledge and skills. Proof of training may be required.

iii. The use of climbing spurs, gaffes, or spikes in the act of pruning trees is prohibited.

iv. Every effort will be made to maintain a balanced canopy appearance when viewed from different angles.

c. **Additional Measures in Regards to Pruning**:

i. Any extraneous metal, wire, rubber or other material (i.e. stakes and ties) interfering with tree growth shall be removed whenever possible.

ii. Any defective or weakened trees shall be reported to the City Arborist. Specifically, any structural weakness of a tree, including a decayed trunk or branches. The report shall be in writing, noting the location of the tree by street address and a description of the hazard found in the tree.

d. **Unacceptable Pruning**:

i. Severe cutting back of all growing tips, usually referred to as topping, pollarding or hatracking.

ii. Flush cutting where a cut is made even with the surface of the trunk or limb, removing the branch collar and branch bark ridge.

iii. Stub cutting where branch removal results in the base of branch removed protruding more than approximately one-quarter (1/4) inch beyond the zone of branch collar and branch bark ridge.

iv. Removal of a healthy main leader for reasons other than power line clearance.

v. Excessive cutting or lifting that exceeds the International Society of Arboriculture or City standards.

vi. Removal of all interior growth on a branch resulting in a "lion's tail," or tip heavy branch structure.

3. After completion of this project, an on-site inspection of the outlined work will be performed by the City Arborist to ensure that all work has been done satisfactorily. The City Arborist will perform periodic inspections throughout the terms of the project phases to ensure acceptable quality of work.

Emergency Tree Care Component

1. Emergency tree care shall be provided by the contractor for a separately bid price and fee schedule which is to be based on time and material.

2. Included are the parameters for Emergency Tree Care:

a. Contractor will receive emergency calls exclusively from the City Arborist.

b. Work is to be completed within 24 hours, if not sooner, from the time the call was made. Understanding extraneous circumstances, an effort must be made to at least safely secure the issue within 2 hours until the contractor's crew(s) can effectively take care of the situation.

c. Pricing will be competitively bid for time and material starting from the contractor's yard / facility until the work is completed. In the event that the work needs to start and stop, the City will be financially responsible for only the hours worked onsite and one leg of the travel time from the facility to jobsite. This is regardless of the number times that the crew(s) needs to revisit the site to complete the originally assigned emergency work.

Area for 2013 Pruning Cycle

All Street Trees located on and between the below outlined area
are to be pruned for elevation, clearance, line of sight, structure, health, etc.:

Northern boundary:	Buttonwood St.
Southern boundary:	Chestnut St.
Western boundary:	2nd St.
Eastern boundary:	11th St.