

## **SECTION 4 SCOPE OF THE WORK**

### **4-1 Intent of Contract.**

The intent of the Contract is to provide for the construction and completion in every detail of the work described in the Contract. Furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, and supplies required to complete the work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

### **4-2 Work not covered by Standard Specifications.**

Proposed construction and any contractual requirements not covered by these Standard Specifications may be covered by Contract plan notes or by Supplemental Specifications or Special Provisions for the Contract, and all requirements of such Supplemental Specifications or Special Provisions shall be considered as a part of these Specifications.

### **4-3 Alteration of Plans or of Character of Work.**

**4-3.1 General:** The Engineer reserves the right to make, at any time prior to or during the progress of the work, such increases or decreases in quantities, whether a significant change or not, and such alterations in the details of construction, whether a substantial change or not, including but not limited to alterations in the grade or alignment of the road or structure or both, as may be found necessary or desirable by the Engineer. Such increases, decreases or alterations shall not constitute a breach of Contract, shall not invalidate the Contract, nor release the Surety from any liability arising out of this Contract or the Surety bond. The Contractor agrees to perform the work, as altered, the same as if it had been a part of the original Contract.

The term "significant change" applies only when:

(A) The Engineer determines that the character of the work as altered differs materially in kind or nature from that involved or included in the original proposed construction, or

(B) A major item of work, as defined in 1-3, is increased in excess of 125% or decreased below 75% of the original Contract quantity. The Department will apply any price adjustment for an increase in quantity only to that portion in excess of 125% of the original Contract item quantity, or in case of a decrease below 75% to the actual amount of work performed, such allowance to be determined in accordance with 4-3.2, below.

In the instance of (A) above, the determination by the Engineer shall be conclusive and shall not be subject to challenge by the Contractor in any forum, except upon the Contractor establishing by clear and convincing proof that the determination by the Engineer was without any reasonable and good-faith basis.

**4-3.2 Increase, Decrease or Alteration in the Work:** The Engineer reserves the right to make alterations in the character of the work which involve a substantial change in the nature of the design or in the type of construction or which materially increases or decreases the cost or time of performance. Such alteration shall not constitute a breach of Contract, shall not invalidate the Contract or release the Surety.

Notwithstanding that the Contractor shall have no formal right whatsoever to any extra compensation or time extension deemed due by the Contractor for any cause unless and until the Contractor follows the procedures set forth in 5-12.2 for preservation, presentation and resolution of the claim, the Contractor may at any time, after having otherwise timely provided a

notice of intent to claim or preliminary time extension request pursuant to 5-12.2 and 8-7.3.2, submit to the Department a request for equitable adjustment of compensation or time or other dispute resolution proposal. The Contractor shall in any request for equitable adjustment of compensation, time, or other dispute resolution proposal certify under oath and in writing, in accordance with the formalities required by Florida law, that the request is made in good faith, that any supportive data provided are accurate and complete to the Contractor's best knowledge and belief, and that the amount of the request accurately reflects what the Contractor in good faith believes to be the Department's responsibility. Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the Contractor with the authority to bind the Contractor. Any such certified statements of entitlement and costs shall be subject to the audit provisions set forth in 5-12.14. While the submittal or review of a duly certified request for equitable adjustment shall neither create, modify, nor activate any legal rights or obligations as to the Contractor or the Department, the Department will review the content of any duly certified request for equitable adjustment or other dispute resolution proposal, with any further action or inaction by the Department thereafter being in its sole discretion. Any request for equitable adjustment that fails to fully comply with the certification requirements will not be reviewed by the Department.

The monetary compensation provided for below constitutes full and complete payment for such additional work and the Contractor shall have no right to any additional monetary compensation for any direct or indirect costs or profit for any such additional work beyond that expressly provided below. The Contractor shall be entitled to a time extension only to the extent that the performance of any portion of the additional work is a controlling work item and the performance of such controlling work item actually extends completion of the project due to no fault of the Contractor. All time related costs for actual performance of such additional work are included in the compensation already provided below and any time extension entitlement hereunder will be without additional monetary compensation. The Contractor shall have no right to any monetary compensation or damages whatsoever for any direct or indirect delay to a controlling work item arising out of or in any way related to the circumstances leading up to or resulting from additional work (but not relating to the actual performance of the additional work, which is paid for as otherwise provided herein), except only as provided for under 5-12.6.2.1.

**4-3.2.1 Allowable Costs for Extra Work:** The Engineer may direct in writing that extra work be done and, at the Engineer's sole discretion, the Contractor will be paid pursuant to an agreed Supplemental Agreement or in the following manner:

(a) Labor and Burden: The Contractor will receive payment for actual costs of direct labor and burden for the additional or unforeseen work. Labor includes foremen actually engaged in the work; and will not include project supervisory personnel nor necessary on-site clerical staff, except when the additional or unforeseen work is a controlling work item and the performance of such controlling work item actually extends completion of the project due to no fault of the Contractor. Compensation for project supervisory personnel, but in no case higher than a Project Manager's position, shall only be for the pro-rata time such supervisory personnel spent on the contract. In no case shall an officer or director of the Company, nor those persons who own more than 1% of the Company, be considered as project supervisory personnel, direct labor or foremen hereunder.

Payment for burden shall be limited solely to the following:

Table 4-3.2.1
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Item	Rate
FICA	Rate established by Law
FUTA/SUTA	Rate established by Law
Medical Insurance	Actual
Holidays, Sick & Vacation benefits	Actual
Retirement benefits	Actual
Workers Compensation	Rates based on the National Council on Compensation Insurance basic rate tables adjusted by Contractor's actual experience modification factor in effect at the time of the additional work or unforeseen work.
Per Diem	Actual but not to exceed State of Florida's rate
Insurance*	Actual

\*Compensation for Insurance is limited solely to General Liability Coverage and does not include any other insurance coverage (such as, but not limited to, Umbrella Coverage, Automobile Insurance, etc.).

At the Pre-construction conference, certify to the Engineer the following:

- (1) A listing of on-site clerical staff, supervisory personnel and their pro-rated time assigned to the contract,
- (2) Actual Rate for items listed in Table 4-3.2.1,
- (3) Existence of employee benefit plan for Holiday, Sick and Vacation benefits and a Retirement Plan, and,
- (4) Payment of Per Diem is a company practice for instances when compensation for Per Diem is requested.

Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the Contractor with authority to bind the Contractor. Timely certification is a condition precedent to any right of the Contractor to recover compensations for such costs, and failure to timely submit the certification will constitute a full, complete, absolute and irrevocable waiver by the Contractor of any right to recover such costs. Any subsequent changes shall be certified to the Engineer as part of the cost proposal or seven calendar days in advance of performing such extra work.

(b) Materials and Supplies: For materials accepted by the Engineer and used on the project, the Contractor will receive the actual cost of such materials incorporated into the work, including Contractor paid transportation charges (exclusive of equipment as hereinafter set forth). For supplies reasonably needed for performing the work, the Contractor will receive the actual cost of such supplies.

(c) Equipment: For any machinery or special equipment (other than small tools), including fuel and lubricant, the Contractor will receive 100% of the "Rental Rate Blue Book" for the actual time that such equipment is in operation on the work, and 50% of the "Rental Rate Blue Book" for the time the equipment is directed to standby and remain on the project site, to be calculated as indicated below. The equipment rates will be based on the latest edition (as of the date the work to be performed begins) of the "Rental Rate Blue Book for Construction Equipment" or the "Rental Rate Blue Book for Older Construction Equipment," whichever is applicable, as published by Machinery Information Division of PRIMEDIA Information, Inc. (version current at the time of bid), using all instructions and adjustments

contained therein and as modified below. On all projects, the Engineer will adjust the rates using regional adjustments and Rate Adjustment Tables according to the instructions in the Blue Book.

Allowable Equipment Rates will be established as set out below:

(1) Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate = Monthly Rate/176  
x Adjustment Factors x 100%.

(2) Allowable Hourly Operating Cost = Hourly Operating  
Cost x 100%.

(3) Allowable Rate Per Hour = Allowable Hourly  
Equipment Rate + Allowable Hourly Operating Cost.

(4) Standby Rate = Allowable Hourly Equipment  
Rate x 50%.

The Monthly Rate is The Basic Machine Rate Plus Any Attachments. Standby rates will apply when equipment is not in operation and is directed by the Engineer to standby at the project site when needed again to complete work and the cost of moving the equipment will exceed the accumulated standby cost. Standby rates will not apply on any day the equipment operates for eight or more hours. Standby payment will be limited to only that number of hours which, when added to the operating time for that day equals eight hours. Standby payment will not be made on days that are not normally considered work days on the project.

The Department will allow for the cost of transporting the equipment to and from the location at which it will be used. If the equipment requires assembly or disassembly for transport, the Department will pay for the time to perform this work at the rate for standby equipment.

Equipment may include vehicles utilized only by Labor, as defined above.

(d) Indirect Costs, Expenses, and Profit: Compensation for all indirect costs, expenses, and profit of the Contractor, including but not limited to overhead of any kind, whether jobsite, field office, division office, regional office, home office, or otherwise, is expressly limited to the greater of either (1) or (2) below:

(1) Solely a mark-up of 17.5% on the payments in (a) through (c),  
above.

(i) Bond: The Contractor will receive compensation for any premium for acquiring a bond for such additional or unforeseen work; provided, however, that such payment for additional bond will only be paid upon presentment to the Department of clear and convincing proof that the Contractor has actually provided and paid for separate bond premiums for such additional or unforeseen work in such amount.

(ii) The Contractor will be allowed a markup of 10% on the first \$50,000 and a markup of 5% on any amount over \$50,000 on any subcontract directly related to the additional or unforeseen work. Any such subcontractor mark-up will be allowed only by the prime Contractor and a first tier subcontractor, and the Contractor must elect the markup for any eligible first tier subcontractor to do so.

(2) Solely the formula set forth below and only as applied solely as to such number of calendar days of entitlement that are in excess of ten cumulative calendar days as defined below.

$$D = \frac{A \times C}{B}$$

Where A = Original Contract Amount

B = Original Contract Time

C = 8%

D = Average Overhead Per Day

Cumulative Calendar Days is defined as the cumulative total number of calendar days granted for time extension due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department is, or the cumulative total number of calendar days for which entitlement to a time extension due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department is otherwise ultimately determined in favor of the Contractor to be.

Further, in the event there are concurrent delays to one or more controlling work items, one or more being caused by the Department and one or more being caused by the Contractor, the Contractor shall be entitled to a time extension for each day that a controlling work item is delayed by the Department but shall have no right to nor receive any monetary compensation for any indirect costs for any days of concurrent delay. No compensation, whatsoever, will be paid to the Contractor for any jobsite overhead and other indirect impacts when the total number of calendar days granted for time extension due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department is, or the total number of calendar days for which entitlement to a time extension due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department is otherwise ultimately determined in favor of the Contractor to be, equal to or less than ten calendar days and the Contractor also fully assumes all monetary risk of any and all partial or single calendar day delay periods, due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department, that when cumulatively totaled together are equal to or less than ten calendar days and regardless of whether monetary compensation is otherwise provided for hereunder for one or more calendar days of time extension entitlement for each calendar day exceeding ten calendar days. All calculations under this provision shall exclude weather days, and days granted for performing additional work.

**4-3.2.2 Subcontracted Work:** For work performed by a subcontractor, compensation for the additional or unforeseen work shall be solely limited to as provided for in 4-3.2.1 (a), (b), (c) and (d)(1), with the exception of, in the instance of subcontractor performed work only, the subcontractor may receive compensation for any premium for acquiring a bond for the additional or unforeseen work; provided, however, that such payment for additional subcontractor bond will only be paid upon presentment to the Department of clear and convincing proof that the subcontractor has actually provided and paid for separate bond premiums for such additional or unforeseen work in such amount.

The Contractor shall require the subcontractor to provide a certification, in accordance with 4-3.2.1(a), as part of the cost proposal and provide such to the Engineer. Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the subcontractor with authority to bind the subcontractor. Timely certification is a condition precedent to any right of the Contractor to recover compensation for such subcontractor costs, and failure to timely submit the certification will constitute a full, complete, absolute and irrevocable waiver by the Contractor of any right to recover such subcontractor costs.

**4-3.3 No Waiver of Contract:** Changes made by the Engineer will not be considered to waive any of the provisions of the Contract, nor may the Contractor make any claim for loss of anticipated profits because of the changes, or by reason of any variation between the approximate quantities and the quantities of work actually performed. All work shall be performed as directed by the Engineer and in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**4-3.4 Conditions Requiring a Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment:** A Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment will be used to clarify the plans and specifications of the Contract; to document quantity overruns that exceed 5% of the original Contract amount; to provide for unforeseen work, grade changes, or alterations in plans which could not reasonably have been contemplated or foreseen in the original plans and specifications; to change the limits of construction to meet field conditions; to provide a safe and functional connection to an existing pavement; to settle documented Contract claims; to make the project functionally operational in accordance with the intent of the original Contract and subsequent amendments thereto.

A Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment may be used to expand the physical limits of the project only to the extent necessary to make the project functionally operational in accordance with the intent of the original Contract. The cost of any such agreement extending the physical limits of the project shall not exceed \$100,000 or 10% of the original Contract price, whichever is greater.

Perform no work to be covered by a Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment before written authorization is received from the Engineer. The Engineer's written authorization will set forth sufficient work information to allow the work to begin. The work activities, terms and conditions will be reduced to written Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment form promptly thereafter. No payment will be made on a Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment prior to the Department's approval of the document.

**4-3.5 Extra Work:** Extra work authorized in writing by the Engineer will be paid in accordance with the formula in 4-3.2. Such payment will be the full extent of all monetary compensation entitlement due to the Contractor for such extra work. Any entitlement to a time extension due to extra work will be limited solely to that provided for in 4-3.2 for additional work.

**4-3.6 Connections to Existing Pavement, Drives and Walks:** Generally adhere to the limits of construction at the beginning and end of the project as detailed in the plans. However, if the Engineer determines that it is necessary to extend the construction in order to make suitable connections to existing pavement, the Engineer will authorize such a change in writing.

For necessary connections to existing walks and drives that are not indicated on the plans, the Engineer will provide direction regarding the proper connections in accordance with the Design Standards.

**4-3.7 Differing Site Conditions:** During the progress of the work, if subsurface or latent physical conditions are encountered at the site differing materially from those indicated in the Contract, or if unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work provided for in the Contract are encountered at the site, the party discovering such conditions shall promptly notify the other party in writing of the specific differing conditions before the Contractor disturbs the conditions or performs the affected work.

Upon receipt of written notification of differing site conditions from the Contractor, the Engineer will investigate the conditions, and if it is determined that the

conditions materially differ and cause an increase or decrease in the cost or time required for the performance of any work under the Contract, an adjustment will be made, excluding loss of anticipated profits, and the Contract will be modified in writing accordingly. The Engineer will notify the Contractor whether or not an adjustment of the Contract is warranted.

The Engineer will not allow a Contract adjustment for a differing site condition unless the Contractor has provided the required written notice.

The Engineer will not allow a Contract adjustment under this clause for any effects caused to any other Department or non-Department projects on which the Contractor may be working.

**4-3.8 Changes Affecting Utilities:** The Contractor shall be responsible for identifying and assessing any potential impacts to a utility that may be caused by the changes proposed by the Contractor, and the Contractor shall at the time of making the request for a change notify the Department in writing of any such potential impacts to utilities.

Department approval of a Contractor proposed change does not relieve the Contractor of sole responsibility for all utility impacts, costs, delays or damages, whether direct or indirect, resulting from Contractor initiated changes in the design or construction activities from those in the original Contract Specifications, design plans (including traffic control plans) or other Contract Documents and which effect a change in utility work different from that shown in the utility plans, joint project agreements or utility relocation schedules.

#### **4-3.9 Value Engineering Incentive:**

##### **4-3.9.1 Intent and Objective:**

(1) This Subarticle applies to any cost reduction proposal (hereinafter referred to as a Value Engineering Change Proposal or VECP) that the Contractor initiates and develops for the purpose of refining the Contract to increase cost effectiveness or significantly improve the quality of the end result. This Subarticle does not, however, apply to any such proposal unless the Contractor identifies it at the time of its submission to the Department as a proposal submitted pursuant to this Subarticle.

(2) The Department will consider VECPs that would result in net savings to the Department by providing either:

- a. a decrease in the cost of performance of the Contract; or
- b. a reduction in cost of ownership (hereinafter referred to as collateral costs) of the work provided by this Contract, regardless of acquisition costs. VECPs must result in savings without impairing essential functions and characteristics such as safety, service, life, reliability, economy of operation, ease of maintenance, aesthetics and necessary standard design features. However, nothing herein prohibits the Contractor from submitting VECPs when the required functions and characteristics can be combined, reduced or eliminated because they are nonessential or excessive. The Department will not recognize the Contractor's correction of plan errors that result in a cost reduction, as a VECP.

(3) The Department reserves the right to reject at its discretion any VECP submitted that proposes a change in the design of the pavement system or that would require additional right-of-way. The Department will not allow the substitution of another design alternate, on which the Contractor could have bid, that is detailed in the plans for the one on which the Contractor has bid, under this Subarticle. Pending the Department's execution of a formal supplemental agreement implementing an approved VECP, the Contractor shall remain obligated to perform the work in accordance with the terms of the existing Contract. The Department will not grant any time extensions to allow for the time required to review a VECP.

**4-3.9.2 Subcontractors:** The Department encourages the Contractor to include the provisions of this Subarticle in Contracts with subcontractors and to encourage submission of VECPs from subcontractors. However, it is not mandatory to submit VECPs to the Department or to accept or transmit subcontractor proposed VECPs to the Department.

**4-3.9.3 Data Requirements:** As a minimum, submit the following information with each VECP:

(1) a description of the difference between the existing Contract requirement and the proposed change, and the comparative advantages and disadvantages.

(2) separate detailed cost estimates for both the existing Contract requirement and the proposed change. Break down the cost estimates by pay item numbers indicating quantity increases or decreases and deleted pay items. Identify additional proposed work not covered by pay items within the Contract, by using pay item numbers on the Master Pay Item list. In preparing the estimates, include overhead, profit, and bond within pay items in the Contract. Separate pay item(s) for the cost of overhead, profit, and bond will not be allowed.

(3) an itemization of the changes, deletions or additions to plan details, plan sheets, design standards and Specifications that are required to implement the VECP if the Department adopts it. Provide preliminary plan drawings sufficient to describe the proposed changes.

(4) an estimate of the effects the VECP would have on collateral costs to the Department.

(5) Engineering or other analysis in sufficient detail to identify and describe specific features of the Contract that must be changed if the Department accepts the VECP with a proposal as to how these changes can be accomplished and an assessment of their effect on other project elements. The Department may require that engineering analyses be performed by a prequalified consultant in the applicable class of work. Support all design changes that result from the VECP with prints of drawings and computations signed and sealed by the Contractor's Engineer of Record. Written documentation or drawings will be provided clearly delineating the responsibility of the Contractor's Engineer of Record.

(6) the date by which the Department must approve the VECP to obtain the total estimated cost reduction during the remainder of the Contract, noting any effect on the Contract completion time or delivery schedule.

(7) a revised project schedule that would be followed upon approval of the VECP. This schedule would include submittal dates and review time for the Department and Peer reviews.

**4-3.9.4 Processing Procedures:** Submit two copies of each VECP to the Engineer or his duly authorized representative. The Department will process VECPs expeditiously; however, the Department is not liable for any delay in acting upon a VECP submitted pursuant to this Subarticle. The Contractor may withdraw, in whole or in part, a VECP not accepted by the Department within the period specified in the VECP. The Department is not liable for any VECP development cost in the case where the Department rejects or the Contractor withdraws a VECP.

The Engineer is the sole judge of the acceptability of a VECP and of the estimated net savings in construction and collateral costs from the adoption of all or any part of such proposal. In determining the estimated net savings, the Department reserves the right to disregard the Contract bid prices if, in the judgment of the Engineer, such prices do not represent a fair measure of the value of work to be performed or to be deleted.

Prior to approval, the Engineer may modify a VECP, with the concurrence of the Contractor, to make it acceptable. If any modification increases or decreases the net savings resulting from the VECP, the Department will determine the Contractor's fair share upon the basis of the VECP as modified and upon the final quantities. The Department will compute the net savings by subtracting the revised total cost of all bid items affected by the VECP from the total cost of the same bid items as represented in the original Contract.

Prior to approval of the VECP that initiates the supplemental agreement, provide acceptable Contract-quality plan sheets revised to show all details consistent with the VECP design.

**4-3.9.5 Computations for Change in Contract Cost of Performance:** The Department will not pay for the Contractor's VECP development and implementation costs. If the VECP is adopted, the Contractor's share of the net savings as defined hereinafter represents full compensation to the Contractor for the VECP.

The Department will not include its costs to process and implement a VECP in the estimate. However, the Department reserves the right, where it deems such action appropriate, to require the Contractor to pay the Department's cost of investigating and implementing a VECP as a condition of considering such proposal. When the Department imposes such a condition, the Contractor shall accept this condition in writing, authorizing the Department to deduct amounts payable to the Department from any monies due or that may become due to the Contractor under the Contract.

**4-3.9.6 Computations for Collateral Costs:** To determine any collateral cost savings, prepare separate estimates for collateral costs of both the existing Contract requirement and the proposed change. Provide estimates that consist of an itemized breakdown of all costs and the basis for the data used in the estimate. Cost benefits to the Department include, but are not limited to, reduced costs of operation, maintenance or repair, and extended useful service life. Increased collateral costs include the converse of such factors.

Compute collateral costs as follows:

(1) Calculate costs over a 20-year period on a uniform basis for each estimate.

(2) If the difference in the estimates as approved by the Department indicates a savings, divide the resultant amount by 20 to arrive at the average annual net collateral savings. The Department will share the average annual net collateral savings as stipulated in 4-3.9.8.

**4-3.9.7 Conditions of Acceptance for Major Design Modifications of Category 2 Bridges:** A VECP that proposes major design modifications of a category 2 bridge, as determined by the Engineer, shall have the following conditions of acceptance:

All bridge plans shall be reviewed by a single independent engineering firm (the independent Engineer) not involved in the VECP design, pre-qualified in accordance with Chapter 14-75, to assure that the design is in compliance with all Department requirements. The independent Engineer's comments, along with the resolution of each comment, shall be submitted to the Department. The independent Engineer shall sign and seal a cover letter stating that all of the independent Engineer's comments have been adequately addressed and the design is in compliance with the Department requirements. If there are any unresolved comments the independent Engineer shall specifically list all unresolved issues in the signed and sealed cover letter. Peer review will be funded by the Contractor.

Contractor shall designate a primary engineer responsible for the VECP design and as such will be designated as the Contractor's Engineer of Record for the VECP design. The Department reserves the right to require the Contractor's Engineer of Record to assume responsibility for the entire structure.

The Contractor shall have all permanent engineering work affected by the VECP, peer reviewed by an independent engineer other than the engineer initially performing the work. Engineering work includes but is not limited to: requests for acceptance for noncompliant work, repair procedures, shop drawing review, or design and review of activities affecting public safety. If the Specialty Engineer and Contractor's Engineer of Record are separate entities, either party may initiate the action; the other shall check and certify the work as being complete and correct prior to submittal to the Engineer. If the Specialty Engineer and Contractor's Engineer of Record are the same entity, the Specialty Engineer/Contractor's Engineer of Record will initiate the action of the independent firm contracted to prepare these requests and the Specialty Engineer/Contractor's Engineer of Record will check and certify the work of the independent firm as being complete and correct prior to submittal to the Engineer.

New designs shall be in compliance with all applicable Department, FHWA and AASHTO criteria requirements including bridge load ratings.

**4-3.9.8 Sharing Arrangements:** If the Department approves a VECP, the Contractor may be entitled to share in both construction savings and collateral savings to the full extent provided for in this Subarticle. The Contractor shall receive up to 50% of the net reduction in the cost of performance of the Contract due to an approved VECP, except for innovative ideas. Upon review and approval of the VECP, the savings shall be based on a final negotiated agreement between the Contractor and the Department. The final negotiated agreement shall include a minimum guaranteed savings, which shall be the Department's share of the savings.

For sharing purposes, the Department will not consider an idea as innovative if the idea is identical or similar to a previously submitted VECP or an idea previously used by the Department. For innovative ideas, as determined by the Engineer, the Contractor and the Department shall share the reduction in the cost of performance as follows:

Accrued Net Savings	Contractor's Share %	Department's Share %
Less than \$25,000	100	0
\$25,000 to \$50,000	75	25
Over \$50,000	50	50

When collateral savings occur, the Department will provide the Contractor with 20% of the average annual net collateral savings.

**4-3.9.9 Notice of Intellectual Property Interests and Department's Future Rights to a VECP:**

**4-3.9.9.1 Notice of Intellectual Property Interests:** The Contractor's VECP submittal shall identify with specificity any and all forms of intellectual property rights that either the Contractor or any officer, shareholder, employee, consultant, or affiliate, of the Contractor, or any other entity who contributed in any measure to the substance of the Contractor's VECP development, have or may have that are in whole or in part implicated in the VECP. Such required intellectual property rights notice includes, but is not limited to, disclosure

of any: issued patents, copyrights, or licenses; pending patent, copyright or license applications; and any intellectual property rights that though not yet issued, applied for or intended to be pursued, could nevertheless otherwise be subsequently the subject of patent, copyright or license protection by the Contractor or others in the future. This notice requirement does not extend to intellectual property rights as to stand-alone or integral components of the VECP that are already on the Department's QPL or design standard indexes, or are otherwise generally known in the industry as being subject to patent or copyright protection.

**4-3.9.9.2 Department's Future Rights to a VECP:** Notwithstanding 7-3 nor any other provision of the Standard Specifications, upon acceptance of a VECP, the Contractor hereby grants to the Department and its contractors (such grant being expressly limited solely to any and all existing or future Department construction projects and any other Department projects that are partially or wholly funded by or for the Department) a royalty-free and perpetual license under all forms of intellectual property rights to manufacture, to use, to design, to construct, to disclose, to reproduce, to prepare and fully utilize derivative works, to distribute, display and publish, in whole or in part, and to permit others to do any of the above, and to otherwise in any manner and for any purpose whatsoever do anything reasonably necessary to fully utilize any and all aspects of such VECP on any and all existing and future construction projects and any other Department projects.

Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Department and its contractors and others in privity therewith from and against any and all claims, liabilities, other obligations or losses, and reasonable expenses related thereto (including reasonable attorneys' fees), which are incurred or are suffered by any breach of the foregoing grants, and regardless of whether such intellectual property rights were or were not disclosed by the Contractor pursuant to 4-3.9.9.1, unless the Department has by express written exception in the VECP acceptance process specifically released the Contractor from such obligation to hold harmless, indemnify and defend as to one or more disclosed intellectual property rights.

#### **4-4 Unforeseeable Work.**

When the Department requires work that is not covered by a price in the Contract and such work does not constitute a "Significant Change" as defined in 4-3.1, and the Department finds that such work is essential to the satisfactory completion of the Contract within its intended scope, the Department will make an adjustment to the Contract. The Engineer will determine the basis of payment for such an adjustment in a fair and equitable amount.

#### **4-5 Rights in and Use of Materials Found on the Site of the Work.**

**4-5.1 Ownership and Disposal of Existing Materials:** Take ownership and dispose of all materials that are not designated as the property of other parties, in both roadway and structures, found on the right-of-way, and all material in structures designated for removal. Such materials do not include earth or other excavated material required for the construction of the project. During construction, the Contractor may use materials from existing structures that are required to be removed and that are designated to remain the property of the Department. Do not cut or otherwise damage such material during removal unless the Engineer gives permission to do so. Store material in an accessible location as the Engineer directs. The Department is not responsible for the quality or quantity of any material salvaged.

**4-5.2 Ornamental Trees and Shrubs:** Take ownership of all ornamental trees or shrubs existing in the right-of-way that are required to be removed for the construction operations and

which are not specifically designated on the plans to be reset, or to be removed by others prior to the construction operations.

#### **4-6 Final Cleaning Up of Right-of-Way.**

Upon completion of the work, and before the Department accepts the work and makes final payment, remove from the right-of-way and adjacent property all falsework, equipment, surplus and discarded materials, rubbish and temporary structures; restore in an acceptable manner all property, both public and private, that has been damaged during the prosecution of the work; and leave the waterways unobstructed and the roadway in a neat and presentable condition throughout the entire length of the work under Contract. Do not dispose of materials of any character, rubbish or equipment, on abutting property, with or without the consent of the property owners. The Engineer will allow the Contractor to temporarily store equipment, surplus materials, usable forms, etc., on a well-kept site owned or leased by the Contractor, adjacent to the project. However, do not place or store discarded equipment, materials, or rubbish on such a site.

Shape and dress areas adjacent to the project right-of-way that were used as plant sites, materials storage areas or equipment yards when they are no longer needed for such purposes. Grass these areas when the Engineer directs. The Department will pay for directed grassing work under the appropriate Contract items.