

**ATTACHMENT A-1  
PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Standard Clauses for All New York State  
Department of Environmental Conservation Contracts**

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, grant, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter "the contract" or "this contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract. The word "Contractor" herein refers to any party to the contract, other than the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (hereinafter "Department").

**A) AGENCY SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. Postponement, suspension, abandonment or termination by the Department:** Within 15 days of receipt of notice, the Contractor shall deliver to the Department all data, reports, plans, or other documentation related to the performance of this contract, including but not limited to source codes and specifications, guarantees, warranties, as-built plans and shop drawings. In any of these events, the Department shall make settlement with the Contractor upon an equitable basis as determined by the Department which shall fix the value of the work which was performed by the Contractor prior to the postponement, suspension, abandonment or termination of this contract. This clause shall not apply to this contract if the contract contains other provisions applicable to postponement, suspension or termination of the contract.

**II. Conflict of Interest**

(a) Organizational Conflict of Interest - To the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, the Contractor warrants that there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest, as herein defined, or that the Contractor has disclosed all such relevant information to the Department.

(1) An organizational conflict of interest exists when the nature of the work to be performed under this contract may, without some restriction on future activities, impair or appear to impair the Contractor's objectivity in performing the work for the Department.

(2) The Contractor agrees that if an actual, or potential organizational conflict of interest is discovered at any time after award, whether before or during performance, the Contractor will immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the Department. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Department, to avoid, mitigate, or minimize the actual or potential conflict.

(3) To the extent that the work under this contract requires access to personal, proprietary or confidential business or financial data of persons or other companies, and as long as such data remains proprietary or confidential, the Contractor shall protect such data from unauthorized use and disclosure and agrees not to use it to compete with such companies.

(b) Personal Conflict of Interest - The following provisions with regard to management or professional level employee personnel performing under this contract shall apply until the earlier of the termination date of the affected employee(s) or the duration of the contract.

(1) A personal conflict of interest is defined as a relationship of an employee, subcontractor employee, or consultant with an entity that may impair or appear to impair the objectivity of the employee, subcontractor employee, or consultant in performing the contract work. The Contractor agrees to notify the Department immediately of any actual or potential personal conflict of interest with regard to any such person working on or having access to information regarding this contract, as soon as Contractor becomes aware of such conflict. The Department will notify the Contractor of the appropriate action to be taken.

(2) The Contractor agrees to advise all management or professional level employees involved in the work of this contract, that they must report any personal conflicts of interest to the Contractor. The Contractor must then advise the Department which will advise the Contractor of the appropriate action to be taken.

(3) Unless waived by the Department, the Contractor shall certify annually that, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, all actual, apparent or potential conflicts of interest, both personal and organizational, as defined herein, have been reported to the Department. Such certification must be signed by a senior executive of the Contractor and submitted in accordance with instructions provided by the Department. Along with the annual certification, the Contractor shall also submit an update of any changes in any conflict of interest plan submitted with its proposal for this contract. The initial certification shall cover the one-year period from the date of contract award, and all subsequent certifications shall cover successive annual periods thereafter. The certification is to be submitted no later than 45 days after the close of the previous certification period covered.

(4) In performing this contract, the Contractor recognizes that its employees may have access to data, either provided by the Department or first generated during contract performance, of a sensitive nature which should not be released without Department approval. If this situation occurs, the Contractor agrees to obtain confidentiality agreements from all affected employees working on requirements under this contract including subcontractors and consultants. Such agreements shall contain provisions which stipulate that each employee agrees not to disclose, either in whole or in part, to any entity external to the Department, Department of Health or the New York Department of Law, any information or data provided by the Department or first generated by the Contractor under this contract, any site-specific cost information, or any enforcement strategy without first obtaining the written permission of the Department. If a Contractor, through an employee or otherwise, is subpoenaed to testify or produce documents, which could result in such disclosure, the Contractor must provide immediate advance notification to the Department so that the Department can authorize such disclosure or have the opportunity to take action to prevent such disclosure. Such agreements shall be effective for the life of the contract and for a period of five (5) years after completion of the contract.

(c) **Remedies** - The Department may terminate this contract in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid an organizational or personal conflict of interest, or an unauthorized disclosure of information. If the Contractor fails to make required disclosures or misrepresents relevant information to the Department, the Department may terminate the contract, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by the terms of Clause I of this Attachment or other applicable provisions of this contract regarding termination.

(d) The Contractor will be ineligible to make a proposal or bid on a contract for which the Contractor has developed the statement of work or the solicitation package

(e) The Contractor agrees to insert in each subcontract or consultant agreement placed hereunder (except for subcontracts or consultant agreements for well drilling, fence erecting, plumbing, utility hookups, security guard services, or electrical services) provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph (e), unless otherwise authorized by the Department.

### **III. Dispute Resolution**

The parties agree to the following steps, or as many as are necessary to resolve disputes between the Department and the Contractor.

(a) The Contractor specifically agrees to submit, in the first instance, any dispute relating to this contract to the designated individual, who shall render a written decision and furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor.

(1) The Contractor must request such decision in writing no more than fifteen days after it knew or should have known of the facts which are the basis of the dispute.

(2) The decision of the designated individual shall be the final DEC determination, unless the Contractor files a written appeal of that decision with the designated appeal individual ("DAI") within twenty days of receipt of that decision.

(b) Upon receipt of the written appeal, the DAI, will review the record and decision. Following divisional procedures in effect at that time, the DAI will take one of the following actions, with written notice to the Contractor.

(1) Remand the matter to the program staff for further negotiation or information if it is determined that the matter is not ripe for review; or

(2) Determine that there is no need for further action, and that the determination of the designated individual is confirmed; or

(3) Make a determination on the record as it exists.

- (c) The decision of the DAI shall be the final DEC decision unless the Contractor files a written appeal of that decision with the Chair of the Contract Review Committee ("CRC") within twenty days of receipt of that decision.

The designated individual to hear disputes is:

Joe DiMura, Director, Bureau of Water Compliance  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway, 4th Floor, Albany, New York 12233-3506  
(518) 402-8117

The designated appeal individual to review decisions is:

Alan Fuchs, Director, Bureau of Flood Protection and Dam Safety  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway, 4th Floor, Albany, New York 12233-3504  
(518) 402-8185

The Chair of the Contract Review Committee is:

Department of Environmental Conservation  
Nancy W. Lussier, Chair  
Contract Review Committee  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-5010  
Telephone: (518) 402-9228

- (d) Upon receipt of the written appeal, the Chair of the CRC, in consultation with the members of the CRC and the Office of General Counsel, will take one of the following actions, or a combination thereof, with written notice to the Contractor.
- (1) Remand the matter to program staff for additional fact finding, negotiation, or other appropriate action; or
  - (2) Adopt the decision of the DAI; or
  - (3) Consider the matter for review by the CRC in accordance with its procedures.
- (e) Following a decision to proceed pursuant to (d) 3, above, the Chair of the CRC shall convene a proceeding in accordance with the CRC's established contract dispute resolution guidelines. The proceeding will provide the Contractor with an opportunity to be heard.
- (f) Following a decision pursuant to (d) 2 or (d) 3, the CRC shall make a written recommendation to the Deputy Commissioner for Administration who shall render the final DEC determination.
- (g) At any time during the dispute resolution process, and upon mutual agreement of the parties, the Office of Hearings and Mediation Services (OHMS) may be requested to provide mediation services or other appropriate means to assist in resolving the dispute. Any findings or recommendations made by the OHMS will not be binding on either party.
- (h) Final DEC determinations shall be subject to review only pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
- (i) Pending final determination of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in accordance with the decision of the designated individual. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative officer upon a question of law.
- (j)(1) Notwithstanding the foregoing, at the option of the Contractor, the following shall be subject to review by the CRC: Disputes arising under Article 15-A of the Executive Law (Minority and Women Owned Business participation), the Department's determination with respect to the adequacy of the Contractor's Utilization Plan, or the Contractor's showing of good faith efforts to comply therewith. A request for a review before the CRC should be made, in writing,

within twenty days of receipt of the Department's determination.

- (2) The CRC will promptly convene a review in accordance with Article 15-A of the Executive Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### **IV. Tax Exemption**

Pursuant to Tax Law Section 1116, the State is exempt from sales and use taxes. A standard state voucher is sufficient evidence thereof. For federal excise taxes, New York's registration Number 14740026K covers tax-free transactions under the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **V. Litigation Support**

In the event the Department becomes involved in litigation related to the subject matter of this contract, the Contractor agrees to provide background support and other litigation support, including but not limited to depositions, appearances, and testimony. Any compensation paid to the Contractor under this paragraph will be negotiated and based on the rates established in the contract, or as may otherwise be provided in the contract. No compensation for such support will be paid if the litigation is the result of the Contractor's misconduct, negligence or omissions.

#### **VI. Inventions or Discoveries**

The Scope of work of this agreement shall not include any inventions. If however, an invention results from this project it shall be owned as follows:

Any invention or discovery first made or conceived and reduced to practice in the performance of this Contract solely by the Contractor shall remain with the Contractor; provided that the Contractor shall grant to the Department and the State a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for on behalf of the Department and the State the subject copyright throughout the world, where the Contractor is able to do so.

Any invention or discovery made or conceived and reduced to practice in the performance of this Contract solely by Department or State shall remain with the State; provided that the Department or State shall grant to the Contractor a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to use for non-commercial research, educational, and public service purposes.

Any invention or discovery made or conceived and reduced to practice in the performance of this Contract jointly by Contractor and Department or State in the performance of this work shall be jointly held by the Contractor and Department or State.

#### **VII. Intellectual Property and Copyright Materials**

- (a) Title to, and the right to determine the disposition of any copyrights, or copyrightable material, first produced or created solely by Contractor in the performance of this work shall remain with the Contractor; provided that the Contractor shall grant to the Department and the State a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for on behalf of the Department and the State the subject copyright throughout the world, where the Contractor is able to do so.

Title to, and the right to determine the disposition of any copyrights, or copyrightable material, first produced or created solely by Department or State in the performance of this work shall remain with the State; provided that the Department or State shall grant to the Contractor a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to use for non-commercial research, educational, and public service purposes.

Title to, and the right to determine the disposition of any copyrights, or copyrightable material, first produced or created jointly by Contractor and Department or State in the performance of this work shall be jointly held by the Contractor and Department or State.

#### **VIII. Patent and Copyright Protection**

If any patented or copyrighted material is involved in or results from the performance of this Contract, this Article shall apply.

- (a) The Contractor shall, at its expense, defend any suit instituted against the Department and indemnify the Department against any award of damages and costs made against the Department by a final judgment of a court of last resort based on the claim that any of the products, services or consumable supplies furnished by the Contractor under this Contract

infringes any patent, copyright or other proprietary right; provided the Department gives the Contractor:

- (1) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, and
- (2) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action at the Contractor's sole expense, and
- (3) all available information, assistance and authority necessary to the action, at the Contractor's sole expense.

The Contractor shall control the defense of any such suit, including appeals, and all negotiations to effect settlement, but shall keep the Department fully informed concerning the progress of the litigation.

- (b) If the use of any item(s) or parts thereof is held to infringe a patent or copyright and its use is enjoined, or Contractor believes it will be enjoined, the Contractor shall have the right, at its election and expense to take action in the following order of precedence:
  - (1) procure for the Department the right to continue using the same item or parts thereof;
  - (2) modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing and of at least the same quality and performance;
  - (3) replace the item(s) or parts thereof with noninfringing items of at least the same quality and performance;
  - (4) if none of the above remedies are available, discontinue its use and eliminate any future charges or royalties pertaining thereto. The Contractor will buy back the infringing product(s) at the State's book value, or in the event of a lease, the parties shall terminate the lease. If discontinuation or elimination results in the Contractor not being able to perform the Contract, the Contract shall be terminated.
- (c) In the event that an action at law or in equity is commenced against the Department arising out of a claim that the Department's use of any item or material pursuant to or resulting from this Contract infringes any patent, copyright or proprietary right, and such action is forwarded by the Department to the Contractor for defense and indemnification pursuant to this Article, the Department shall copy all pleadings and documents forwarded to the Contractor together with the forwarding correspondence and a copy of this Contract to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York. If upon receipt of such request for defense, or at any time thereafter, the Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action, in whole or in part, are not covered by the indemnification set forth in this Article, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Department and the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York in writing and shall specify to what extent the Contractor believes it is and is not obligated to defend and indemnify under the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Department and State of New York and secure a continuance to permit the State of New York to appear and defend its interests in cooperation with Contractor as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses which the Department and State shall have.
- (d) The Contractor shall, however, have no liability to the Department under this Article if any infringement is based upon or arises out of:
  - (1) compliance with designs, plans, or specifications furnished by or on behalf of the Department as to the items;
  - (2) alterations of the items by the Department;
  - (3) failure of the Department to use updated items provided by the Contractor for avoiding infringement;
  - (4) use of items in combination with apparatus or devices not delivered by the Contractor;
  - (5) use of items in a manner for which the same were neither designed nor contemplated; or
  - (6) a patent or copyright in which the Department or any affiliate or subsidiary of the Department has any direct or indirect interest by license or otherwise.
- (e) The foregoing states the Contractor's entire liability for, or resulting from, patent or copyright infringement or claim thereof.

**IX. Freedom of Information Requests**

In response to a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request received by the Department, the Contractor agrees to provide to the Department records generated by the Contractor as a result of this contract's scope of work that are responsive to the FOIL request. The contractor may request that the Department except from disclosure records on the basis that they contain trade secrets or confidential commercial information in accordance with FOIL (Public Officers Law Section 87 and 6 NYCRR Part 616).

**X. Article 15-Requirements**

**PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN WITH RESPECT TO STATE CONTRACTS: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

**(a) General Provisions**

- (1) The Department is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 ("MWBE Regulations") for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- (2) The Contractor to the subject contract (the "Contractor" and the "Contract," respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to the New York State Department (the "Department"), to fully comply and cooperate with the Department in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women ("EEO") and contracting opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises ("MWBEs"). Contractor's demonstration of "good faith efforts" pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the "Human Rights Law") or other applicable federal, state or local laws.
- (3) Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section VII of this Article or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

**(b) Contract Goals**

- (1) For purposes of this procurement, the Department hereby establishes an overall goal of **20%** for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises ("MWBE") participation, (based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs).
- (2) For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract Goals established in Section II-A hereof, Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MWBEs found at the following internet address; <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>

Additionally, the Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development ((518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.

- (3) Where MWBE goals have been established herein, pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, Contractor must document "good faith efforts" to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to the Department for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

**(c) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)**

- (1) Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development of the State of Economic Development (the "Division"). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements. Contractor shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:

- (i) Contractor and Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
- (ii) The Contractor shall submit an EEO policy statement to the Department within seventy two (72) hours after the date of the notice by Department to award the Contract to the Contractor.
- (iii) If Contractor or Subcontractor does not have an existing EEO policy statement, the Department may provide the Contractor or Subcontractor a model statement. This statement can be found at the link provided in Section 8.
- (iv) The Contractor's EEO policy statement shall include the following language:
  - a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.
  - b. The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.
  - c. The Contractor shall request each employer Department, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employer Department, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.
  - d. The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection 4 and Paragraph "E" of this Section III, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.
  - e. **EEO Contract Goals** for the purposes of this procurement, the Department hereby establishes a goal of 0% Minority Labor Force Participation, 0% Female Labor Force Participation.

(2) Staffing Plan Form

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Contractor shall submit a staffing plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. Contractors shall complete the Staffing plan as part of the MWBE Utilization Plan and submit at the time of award of the contract.

(3) Workforce Employment Utilization Report Form ("Workforce Report")

- (i) Once a contract has been awarded and during the term of Contract, Contractor is responsible for updating and providing notice to the Department of any changes to the previously submitted Staffing Plan. This information is to be submitted on a quarterly basis during the term of the Contract to report the actual workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Workforce Report must be submitted to report this information.
- (ii) Separate forms shall be completed by Contractor and any subcontractor performing work on the Contract.
- (iii) In limited instances, Contractor may not be able to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce. When a separation can be made, Contractor shall submit the Workforce Report and indicate that the information provided related to the actual workforce utilized on

the Contract. When the workforce to be utilized on the contract cannot be separated out from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce, Contractor shall submit the Workforce Report and indicate that the information provided is Contractor's total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically under the Contract.

- (4) Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

**(d) MWBE Utilization Plan**

- (1) The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has submitted an MWBE Utilization Plan either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the contract.
- (2) Contractor agrees to use such MWBE Utilization Plan for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in Section X-B-1 of this Attachment.
- (3) Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, Department shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsiveness.

**(e) Waivers**

- (1) For Waiver Requests Contractor should use Waiver Request Form.
- (2) If the Contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to comply with MWBE goals, the Contractor may submit a Request for Waiver form documenting good faith efforts by the Contractor to meet such goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete, the Department shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within twenty (20) days of receipt.
- (3) If the Department, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan and updated Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports determines that Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the Contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the Department may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

**(f) Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report**

Contractor is required to submit a Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report Form to the Department by the 10<sup>th</sup> day following each end of quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

**(g) Liquidated Damages - MWBE Participation**

- (1) Where Department determines that Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, Contractor shall be obligated to pay to the Department liquidated damages.
- (2) Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
  - (i) All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
  - (ii) All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- (3) In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the Department, Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to the Department within sixty (60) days after they are assessed by the Department unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of the Department.

**(h) Forms**

Forms referenced in this Article can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/48854.html>

**XI. Iran Divestment Act Requirements**

By entering into this Agreement, Contractor certifies in accordance with State Finance Law §165-a that it is not on the “Entities Determined to be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers pursuant to the New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012” (“Prohibited Entities List”) posted at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/about/regs/docs/ListofEntities.pdf>

Contractor further certifies that it will not utilize on this Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this Contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of this Contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the contract assignment will be approved by the State.

During the term of the Contract, should the state agency receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law §165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the state agency will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then the state agency shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

The state agency reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

**XII. Americans With Disabilities Act**

In the event the monies defined herein are to be used for the development of facilities, outdoor recreation areas, transportation or written or spoken communication with the public, the Contractor shall comply with all requirements for providing access for individuals with disabilities as established by Article 4A of the New York State Public Buildings Law, Americans with Disabilities Act, and relevant sections of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Standards for certain Recreation Facilities are found in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design while others are found in the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Recreation Areas, <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards>

**XIII. Public Access to Facilities**

If applicable to the project, the Contractor agrees to allow public access to any facilities developed with monies defined herein on the same basis to all residents of New York State for a period not less than five (5) years after the date of final payment under this Contract or five (5) years after the date that the final payment was due. Failure to comply with the provisions of this clause shall be considered an abandonment of the Project.

**XIV. Project Insurance Considerations**

Refer to project insurance requirements as set forth in A-1 (B) Program Specific Terms and Conditions.

**XV. Amendment/Extensions**

The Contract may be amended and/or extended by mutual written consent of all parties. Amendment forms will be incorporated into this Contract and will not take effect until approved by all applicable State agencies and final approval by the Office of the State Comptroller, if applicable. Contract amendments may be conditioned upon funds being re-appropriated in the State Budget each state fiscal year to the Department.

**XVI. Environmental Protection Fund Acknowledgement**

If applicable, in recognition of a portion of the Department funds utilized for any work completed under this Contract, the Contractor agrees to acknowledge in any communication to the public, that such funding was provided from the Environmental Protection Fund as administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**XVII. Vendor Responsibility**

- A. The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner or his or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.

- B. The Department recommends that vendors file a required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the VendRep System Instructions available at [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor\\_index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor_index.htm) or go directly to the VendRep System online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>.
- C. Vendors must provide their New York State Identification Number when enrolling. To request assignment of a Vendor ID or for VendRep System assistance, contact the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at [ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us](mailto:ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us). Vendors opting to complete and submit a paper questionnaire can obtain the appropriate questionnaire from the VendRep website [www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep) or may contact the Department of the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk for a copy of the paper form.
- D. Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate Department officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner or his or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner or his or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner or his or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

### **XVIII. Permits**

- A. If applicable, the Contractor agrees to obtain all required permits, including but not limited to, local, state and federal permits prior to the commencement of any project related work. The Contractor agrees that all work performed in relation to the project by the Contractor or its agents, representatives, or contractors will comply with all relevant federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and standards, zoning and building codes, ordinances, operating certificates for facilities, or licenses for an activity.
- B. With respect to the project, the contractor certifies that is has complied, and shall continue to comply with all requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Contractor agrees to provide all environmental documents as may be required by the Department. The Contractor has notified, and shall continue to notify, the Department of all actions proposed for complying with the environmental review requirements imposed by SEQRA.

### **XIX. Approvals**

The Contractor agrees that the project will be performed in accordance with the condition of any applicable administrative, judicial or governmental orders or approvals.

### **XX. Site Access**

If applicable, the Contractor represents it has or will obtain title to or sufficient interest in the project site, including rights-of-way and necessary easements, before the start of the project to ensure undisturbed use and possession for purposes of construction and completion of the project, as well as operation of the project throughout its useful life.

### **XXI. Cost Overruns**

If applicable, any cost overruns will not be paid by the Department and the Department is not committed to seeking additional appropriations or re-appropriation of funds and will not be responsible for the maintenance and operation of any facility which may be developed or equipment which may be purchased with the funds herein identified.

### **XXII. Construction Plans**

It is the Contractor's responsibility (if applicable to the Project) to have all construction contract plans, specifications and cost estimates certified by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of New York. All certified plans and specifications shall become part of this Contract and shall be kept on the project site at all times.

### **XXIII. Payment and Reporting**

- A. The Contractor agrees to fully fund the Project and then seek reimbursement from the Department for eligible project costs. The Department will not process final payment for this Contract, until the Department determines that the project was completed satisfactorily and upon receipt of all required final close-out payment documentation in accordance with the direction and requirements described in Attachment D.
- B. The Contractor will be entitled to receive reimbursement payments for work, projects, and/or services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C and Attachment D of this Contract. Claims for reimbursement must be

accompanied by such receipts and documents verifying expenditures as may be required by the Department and by the Comptroller. Satisfactory documentation shall include, but is not limited to, signed copies of payment vouchers or invoices, canceled checks/or the latest cumulative work-in-place estimate for each construction Contract, and any further documentation as may be required by the Department and/or the Comptroller. The Department reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine if the reimbursement request and accompanying documentation submitted by the Contractor is in satisfactory form and substance. A final payment determination will be based upon the Department's review of the Contractor's final voucher submission and reporting as described in Attachment D.

**XXIV. On-Site Inspections**

The State, Department or authorized representatives will conduct a review of the Project funded from this Contract, which may include on-site inspections, at a time that is satisfactory to the Department.

**XXV. Prohibition on Purchase of Tropical Hardwoods**

The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be sued under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State of any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State. In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in § 165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

**B) PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. Notices:**

The Department's authorized representative for the implementation of this Contract and for approval, direction and receipt of all Project reports called for in this Contract is listed below. Whenever it is provided in this Contract that notice must be given or other communications sent to the Department, the notices or communications must be in writing and delivered or sent to the Department's authorized representative at:

Address: Division of Water Contract Liaison, Fiscal Planning and Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, NY 12233-3506  
518-402-8219

A copy of all legal notices shall be sent to:

General Counsel  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway - 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, New York 12233-1500

The Contractor's authorized representative for the implementation of this Contract is the person authorized in the Resolution of Support for the contract. Notices or communications regarding this Contract should be in writing and delivered or sent to the Contractor's authorized representative at the address identified on the Face Page, with copies sent to the Contractor's contract administrator as identified in the contract application.

Notices delivered or sent shall be deemed for all purposes as notice to all persons who are Parties to this Contract as Department or Contractor.

**II. Project Insurance Considerations**

The Contractor agrees to procure and maintain at its own expense and without expense to the Department until final acceptance by the Department of the services covered by this Contract, insurance of the kinds and amounts as determined by the Department and based upon the project work plan. The insurance policies should be provided by insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of New York. Any delay or time lost as a result of the Contractor not having insurance required by the Contract shall not give rise to a delay claim or any other claim against the Department.

Upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall furnish to the Department a certificate or certificates, satisfactory to the Department, showing that it has complied with this Article. The insurance documentation shall provide that:

- Liability and protective liability insurance policies shall provide primary and non-contributory coverage to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for any claims arising from the Contractor’s Work under this contract, or as a result of Contractor’s activities.
- The State of New York, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, its officers, agents and employees, Division of Water, 625 Broadway 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Albany, New York 12233-3508, shall be listed as Certificate Holder on all liability insurance certificate(s), as additional insureds on endorsements(s) and on additional supporting documentation.
- The policies shall include a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor of the Department as an additional insured. The endorsement shall be on ISO Form Number CG 24 04 or a similar form with same modification to the policy.
- Policies shall not be changed or canceled until thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the Department; as evidenced by an endorsement or declarations page.
- Insurance documentation shall disclose any deductible, self-insured retention, aggregate limit or any exclusion to the policy that materially changes the coverage required by the Contract.
- Endorsements in writing must be added to and made part of the insurance contract for the purpose of changing the original terms to reflect the revisions and additions as described. A copy of these endorsements must be provided to the Department within a reasonable amount of time.
- Applicable insurance policy number(s) reference on the ACORD form must be referenced in the supporting documentation requested by the Department and supplied by the insurance company (e.g. endorsement page, declarations page, etc.).
- This Contract shall be void and of no effect unless the Contractor procures the required insurance policies and maintains them until completion of the work or acceptance by the Department, whichever event is later.

The kinds and amounts of insurance required are as follows:

- A. Workers’ Compensation coverage must be provided for work to be performed in New York State. The Contractor shall provide and maintain full New York State coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the New York State Workers’ Compensation Law.

Evidence of Workers’ Compensation and Employers Liability coverage must be provided on one of the following forms specified by the Chairman of the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board:

<b><u>FORM #</u></b>	<b><u>FORM TITLE</u></b>
C-105.2	Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Insurance
U-26.3	State Insurance Fund Version of the C-105.2 form
SI-12/ GSI-105.2	Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance
CE-200	Certificate of Attestation of Exemption – (no employees)

- B. Disability Benefits coverage must be provided for work to be performed in New York State. The Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of the contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be

covered by the New York State Disability Benefits Law. Any waiver of this requirement must be approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation and will only be granted in unique or unusual circumstances.

Evidence of Disability Benefits coverage must be provided on one of the following forms specified by the Chairman of the New York State Workers' Compensation Board:

<u>FORM #</u>	<u>FORM TITLE</u>
DB-120.1	Certificate of Disability Benefit Insurance
DB-155	Certificate of Disability Benefit Self-Insurance
CE-200	Certificate of Attestation of Exemption – (no employees)

An ACORD form is **NOT** an acceptable proof of Workers' Compensation coverage. **ALL OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED FORMS, EXCEPT CE-200, SI-12 & DB-155 MUST NAME** The State of New York and The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water, 625 Broadway 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Albany, NY 12233-3508, as the Entity Requesting Proof of Coverage.

Additional information can be obtained at the Worker's Compensation website:

<http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/Employers/Employers.jsp>

Upon review of the scope of work outlined in the Grant Application by the Department, the following types of liability insurance may be required:

- C. Commercial General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence, and \$5,000,000 General aggregate. Such insurance shall cover liability arising from premises operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, broad form property damage, personal and advertising injury, cross liability assumed in a contract (including tort liability of another assumed in a contract). Limits may be provided through a combination of primary and umbrella/excess liability policies. The CGL aggregate shall be endorsed to apply on a per project basis for construction contracts.
- D. Business Automobile Liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any registered motor vehicle including owned, leased, hired and non-owned vehicles. If the Contractor does not own, rent or lease any registered vehicles and will not be using any vehicles on State Land proof of Business Automobile Liability Insurance shall not be required for this Contract. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and liability that owners and operators of any registered vehicles entering State Land to conduct work under this contract carry the same Business Automobile Liability Insurance of the kinds and amounts listed above. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation reserves the right to request proof of the same.
- E. Environmental Liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 providing primary coverage for bodily injury and property damage, including loss of use of damaged property or of property that has not been physically injured. Such policy shall provide coverage for actual, alleged or threatened emission, discharge, dispersal, seepage, release or escape of pollutants, including any loss, cost or expense incurred as a result of any cleanup of pollutants or in the investigation, settlement or defense of any claim, suit, or proceedings against the Department of Environmental Conservation arising from the Contractor's Work.
- F. Professional Liability Insurance includes coverage for its negligent act, error or omission in rendering or failing to render professional services required by this contract arising out of specifications, installation, modification, abatement, replacement or approval of products, materials or processes containing pollutants, and the failure to advise of or detect the existence or the proportions of pollutants. The Contractor, any subcontractor or supplier retained by the Contractor to work on the contract shall procure and maintain during and for a period of three (3) years after completion of this contract, Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000. The professional liability insurance may be issued on a claims-made policy form, in which case the Contractor shall purchase at its sole expense, extended Discovery Clause coverage of up to three (3) years after work is completed if coverage is cancelled or not renewed.
- G. Marine Protection & Indemnity: Anytime the activity involves work on navigable water or the work is connected to water related activities, the Contractor shall procure Marine Protection & Indemnity and Hull and Machinery

coverage, if available. Hull and Machinery coverage shall be provided for the total value of the watercraft or equipment. The Contractor shall obtain Protective and Indemnity Liability insurance for all marine operations under the contract, with a minimum \$2,000,000 limit.

Should the Contractor engage a subcontractor, the Contractor shall impose the insurance requirements of this document on the subcontractor. Contractor shall determine the required insurance types and limits, commensurate with the work of the Subcontractor. The Contractor will maintain the certificate or certificates and endorsements for all subcontractors hired as part of the Contractor's records.

In addition, for Land Acquisition projects: The contractor will purchase a policy of title insurance in the amount equivalent to the purchase price of the land acquisition, issued by a Title Company licensed by the State of New York and in a form acceptable to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, naming the contractor as the insured party.

### **III. Local Share Requirements as applicable to each program set forth below in (A), (B) and (C):**

- A. For Round 14 Non-agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control, Salt Storage, Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection, Aquatic Habitat Restoration, and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System projects types, the Contractor must provide an eligible share of least twenty-five percent (25%) of approved project costs of up to the Contract Funding Amount identified on the face page. This percentage will be specified in the Attachment B-1 (Expenditure Budget). The Contractor share cannot be paid with state or federal grant funds.
- B. For Round 14 High Priority Wastewater Treatment Plant projects, the Contractor must provide an eligible share of least fifteen percent (15%) of approved project costs of up to the Contract Funding Amount identified on the face page. This percentage will be specified in the Attachment B-1 (Expenditure Budget). The Contractor share cannot be paid with state or federal grant funds.
- C. For Round 14 General Priority Wastewater Treatment Plant projects, the Contractor must provide an eligible share of least sixty percent (60%) of approved project costs of up to the Contract Funding Amount identified on the face page. This percentage will be specified in the Attachment B-1 (Expenditure Budget). The Contractor share cannot be paid with state or federal grant funds.

### **IV. Project Implementation**

The Contractor agrees to proceed expeditiously with the Project and shall complete the Project in accordance with the performance measures set forth in Attachment C (Work Plan) or any amendments to such Work Plan which are approved by the Department in writing and the Office of State Comptroller when applicable.

### **V. For Projects Involving Construction (in addition to Attachment A.1.A. Article XXII – Construction Plans)**

- A. The Contractor agrees that it shall notify the Department in writing thirty (30) calendar days prior to the start of construction or, if the start of construction began on or after May 1, 2017, upon approval of the Contract the Contractor shall notify the Department in writing thirty (30) calendar days as to the status of any construction
- B. The Contractor agrees that it shall notify the Department in writing thirty (30) days following initial start-up operation of the Project.
- C. The Contractor agrees that it shall cause the Project to be designed and constructed in accordance with the engineering report or facilities plan, and if applicable to the project, the plans and specifications for the Project shall be stamped with the seal of a licensed professional engineer and shall be signed with the personal signature of such engineer in compliance with Education Law §7209(1) and (2), and which have been delivered to and approved by the Department, as well as any amendments thereto.
- D. The Contractor agrees to use NYS Office Office of General Services design and construction specifications for salt storage construction projects. <https://online.ogs.ny.gov/DNC/MasterSpec04/MasterSpecListing.asp?Div=13>

Section 133423 - Rectangular Salt Storage Structure  
Section 133424 – Dome Salt Storage Structure

- E. The Contractor agrees that it shall permit the Department to participate in all its meetings and conferences with respect

to the Project. Upon request from the Department, the Contractor must submit to the Department reports, documents, data, contractual documents, administrative records and other information pertinent to the Project.

- F. The Contractor agrees to permit representatives of the Department to have unrestricted access to the Project at all reasonable times, and all contracts of the Contractor for construction or operation of all or a portion of the Project shall contain provisions that permit such access to the Project or work relating to the Project, wherever it is in preparation or progress, and that contractors or subcontractors shall provide proper facilities for such access and inspection and shall permit extracts and copies of Project records to be made by the representatives of the Department.
- G. Within sixty (60) calendar days after the end of the Contract Term, or upon final completion of the Project, the Contractor agrees that it will deliver the following to the Department:
  - 1. A certification stating that the Project has been completed in accordance with this Contract, and constructed per the approved plans and specifications, and any approved amendments thereto.
  - 2. The certified "as built" plans and specifications for the Project. Any work not in accordance with the approved plans and specifications shall be remedied, unless such non-compliance is agreed to be waived by the Department.
  - 3. The Contractor shall retain all as-built plans and specifications for the Project for the useful life of the Project.

## **VI. Useful Life of Project**

### **A. In Perpetuity (Conservation easements)**

For land acquisition or conservation easements obtained for the protection of water supplies, the useful life is in perpetuity.

### **B. 30 Years (wastewater treatment, and other capital projects such as salt storage facilities)**

The Contractor agrees that it is fully responsible for ensuring the proper and efficient monitoring, operation and maintenance of the Project satisfactory to the Department, including, but not limited, to retaining a sufficient number of qualified staff and ensuring performance of required tests and requirements. After completion of the Project, the Contractor shall, for a period of thirty (30) years unless another period of time is specified in the attached Work Plan (the useful life of the Project as provided in the State Finance Law §61]), operate the Project or otherwise cause the Project to be operated properly in a sound and economical manner and shall maintain, preserve and keep the Project, or cause the Project to be maintained, preserved and kept, in good repair, working order and condition and shall make, or cause to be made, all necessary and proper repairs, replacements and renewals from time to time, so that at all times the Project may be operated properly in a manner consistent with the Project performance standards contained in the engineering report of facilities plan for the Project, with this Contract and with the requirements of any related permit or other governmental approval of the Project.

### **C. 20 Years (other nonpoint source and aquatic habitat restoration projects)**

SFL §61 provides useful life expectancies for things such as culverts and environmental restoration projects. Here the Contractor agrees that it is fully responsible for ensuring the proper and efficient monitoring, operation and maintenance of the Project satisfactory to the Department. After completion of the Project, the Contractor shall, for a period of twenty (20) years unless another period of time is specified in the attached Work Plan (the useful life of the Project as provided in the State Finance Law §61]), operate the Project or otherwise cause the Project to be operated properly in a sound and economical manner and shall maintain, preserve and keep the Project, or cause the Project to be maintained, preserved and kept, in good repair, working order and condition and shall make, or cause to be made, all necessary and proper repairs, replacements and renewals from time to time, so that at all times the Project may be operated properly in a manner consistent with the Project performance standards contained in the engineering report of facilities plan for the Project, with this Contract and with the requirements of any related permit or other governmental approval of the Project.

### **D. 5 years ("other" projects not covered in A. of B., e.g., hydro-seeding)**

SFL §61 provides useful life expectancies for projects not otherwise specified. Any work of construction, improvement, or purpose not covered by other provisions of SFL§16 have a five-year useful life. Here the Contractor agrees that it is fully responsible for ensuring the proper and efficient monitoring, operation and maintenance of the Project satisfactory to the Department. After completion of the Project, the Contractor shall, for a period of five (5) years unless another period of time is specified in the attached Work Plan (the useful life of the Project as provided in the State Finance Law

§61]), operate the Project or otherwise cause the Project to be operated properly in a sound and economical manner and shall maintain, preserve and keep the Project, or cause the Project to be maintained, preserved and kept, in good repair, working order and condition and shall make, or cause to be made, all necessary and proper repairs, replacements and renewals from time to time, so that at all times the Project may be operated properly in a manner consistent with the Project performance standards contained in the engineering report of facilities plan for the Project, with this Contract and with the requirements of any related permit or other governmental approval of the Project.

**VII. Signage**

In addition to requirements in A.1.A.XVI (Environmental Protection Fund Acknowledgement), the Department may require the installation of a project sign which identifies the EPF / Clean Water Infrastructure Act as a source of funding as outlined in the requirements and specifications attached to and made part of this contract as Attachment E.

For projects with multiple funding sources the Contractor acknowledges that a portion of this grant is funded by the Department as a Water Quality Improvement Project. The Contractor agrees to identify the Department as a source of funding for this project in any communications to the public. The Department may require the installation of a project sign which identifies it as a source of funding as outlined in the requirements and specifications attached to and made part of this contract as Attachment E.

**VIII. Period of Eligible Costs**

Only those eligible project related costs incurred on or after May 1, 2017 will be eligible for reimbursement of grant funding. The eligibility of project costs for each project type is defined in the request for applications for each project type.

**IX. Planning and Design costs**

Planning and design costs for nonpoint source control and abatement projects, salt storage facilities, and aquatic habitat restoration projects may be considered eligible if they are associated with implementing a project. Planning and design costs cannot exceed 20% of the award amount.

**X. Nonpoint Source Pollutant Load Reduction**

For Nonpoint Source Pollution reduction projects and salt storage facilities, prior to contract execution, the Contractor shall provide a report of estimates of pollutant load reduction as required by the Department.

**XI. MS4 Lead Applicant Self-Certification**

For Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) projects that involve more than one municipality, the lead applicant must certify that an Inter-Municipal Agreement or a signed commitment exists between the Lead Applicant and each participating MS4 stating the participating MS4's commitment and willingness to deliver each output attributed to them in the contract work plan as described in Attachment F.

**XII. Land Acquisition Projects for source water protection pursuant to Title 33 of Article 15 of the Environmental Conservation Law.**

- A. "Land acquisition projects" mean open space acquisition projects undertaken with willing sellers including, but not limited to, the purchase of conservation easements, undertaken by a municipality, a not-for-profit corporation, or purchase of conservation easements by a soil and water conservation district.
- B. All land acquisition projects shall be undertaken in the state of New York.
- C. The commissioner is authorized to provide state assistance to municipalities, not-for-profit corporations and soil and water conservation districts to undertake land acquisition projects for source water protection, in cooperation with willing sellers. Land acquisition projects for source water protection shall support, expand or enhance drinking water quality protection, including but not limited to aquifers, watersheds, reservoirs, lakes, rivers and streams.
- D. 1. Any buffer encumbered by a conservation easement acquired pursuant to ECL §15-3303 that encumbers lands used in agricultural production as defined in section three hundred one of the agriculture and markets law in a county designated state certified agricultural district created under section three hundred three of the agriculture and markets law may allow agricultural activity that qualifies such lands, provided such activity on such lands does not impair

drinking water and complies with an agricultural environmental management program plan developed by the state soil and water conservation committee, in partnership with the department.

2. Notwithstanding any limitations provided herein on lands acquired pursuant to ECL Article 15 Title 33 a license or easement may be granted by the owner of such property to a public utility for a public purpose.

E. 1. No state assistance may be provided pursuant to ECL §15-3303 to fund any land acquisition project which is undertaken by eminent domain unless such process is undertaken with a willing seller.

2. The department shall not provide funding pursuant to ECL §15-3303 for any land acquisition project for source water protection by a not-for-profit corporation, if any town, village or city within which such a project is located, by resolution, within ninety days of notification by such corporation of its interest in acquiring such projects, objects to such acquisition.

- a. A not-for-profit contractor shall notify any town, village or city within which such a project is located of its interest in acquiring such project and inform them they have 90 days to object by resolution.
- b. A not-for-profit contractor shall provide the Department with copies of such notifications and all responses received from any town, village or city, or certify to the Department that no responses were received within 90days.

F. Real property acquired, developed, improved, restored or rehabilitated by or through a municipality or not-for-profit corporation with funds made available pursuant to ECL Article 15 Title 33 shall not be sold, leased, exchanged, donated or otherwise disposed of or used for other than the public purposes of ECL Article 15 Title 33 without the express authority of an act of the legislature, which shall provide for the substitution of other lands of equal environmental value and fair market value and reasonably equivalent usefulness and location to those to be discontinued, sold or disposed of, and such other requirements as shall be approved by the commissioner.

G. If the state acquires a real property interest in land purchased by a municipality or not-for-profit with funds made available pursuant to ECL Article 15 Title 33, the state shall pay the fair market value of such interest less the amount of funding provided by the state pursuant to ECL §15-3303.

H. Contractor agrees to provide the Department with a shape file suitable for locating acquired parcels on a geographical information system platform.

I. Land Purchase and Conservation Easement Requirements

The Department will thoroughly review all documentation and only reimburse for land purchases and Conservation Easements that provide for the protection of source water as set forth in Title 33 of Article 15 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL). The following are conditions of land acquisitions:

- a. Easement document must include all necessary requirements to fulfill the objective of ECL Article 15, Title 33.
- b. Lands currently protected by a federal or state easement program are not eligible for funding under this grant.
- c. Conservation Easements must be acquired in perpetuity.
- d. Conservation easements must be acquired pursuant to Article 49, Title 3 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law.
- e. If the property is used for activities which interfere with the accomplishment of approved purposes, the violating activities must cease and any resulting adverse effects must be remedied.
- f. Contractor must describe in detail protocols for stewardship, monitoring and enforcement of properties or easements as part of their work plan.
- g. Monitoring and enforcement of properties or easements obtained with funding from this contract may be performed by a subcontractor. The subcontractor's role and responsibilities must be outlined in this contract's work plan.
- h. Public access will be reviewed and approved by DEC on a case-by-case basis. The contractor must provide written documentation that public access would not have an impact to the drinking water supply. In the case of a municipality, this documentation is to be provided at the earliest date practicable but not later than 120 days prior to closing. In the case of a Not-for-Profit or Soil and Water Conservation District, documentation shall be provided concurrently with notification of the municipality of its interest in acquiring such projects.

- i. Documentation must contain a thorough description and maps showing access points, proposed activities, and proximity to the water supply
    - i. Contractor agrees to provide a summary of existing property conditions prior to acquisition signed by both seller and Contractor.
    - j. Appraisals are required prior to reimbursement. Appraisals must be completed by a state general certified appraiser following the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). Two appraisals are required when appraised value is over \$300,000.
    - k. Boundary surveys and maps are required for all properties and shall identify the protected property and any exclusion areas that are not protected. Surveys must be completed by a professional land surveyor licensed to practice in New York and must be recorded in the County Clerk's office prior to the recording of a conservation easement in the County Clerk's office.
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      - i. Appraisals, surveys, titles and easement language (if applicable) will be reviewed by DEC. No reimbursement will be made until the final approval is given by the Department
    - m. Final approval from the Department is required
      - i. prior to closing; or
      - ii. in the event that the closing has already taken place, immediately following execution of this contract. DEC will have a minimum of 120 days to review and approve or disapprove the parcel(s) being proposed
- J. Riparian Buffer Requirements (Surface Water Supplies only)
- a. Riparian buffers must be vegetated using only native trees, shrubs and grasses appropriate for site conditions.
  - b. Riparian buffers must have a minimum average width of 100 feet, measured from the edge of the streambank, if they are adjacent to tributaries.
  - c. Riparian buffers must have a minimum average width of 300 feet, measured from the edge of the shoreline, if they are adjacent to reservoirs, lakes or ponds.
  - d. For newly created or restored buffers, the contractor must develop and implement a maintenance plan during the buffer establishment period, defined as 3-5 years after planting of vegetation.
  - e. Streambanks must be stable prior to creation or restoration of riparian buffers.
  - f. Selective cutting of trees, removal of invasive species, or supplemental planting of trees, shrubs, or grasses are allowed provided they improve habitat and function of the riparian buffer or remove, mitigate, or warn against unreasonable harm to people, property or health of native species on or around the defined riparian buffer area.
  - g. Disturbances that compromise the ecological condition of the riparian buffer area, including, but not limited to, livestock access to the riparian buffer, wood or timber harvesting, excessive mowing and recreational vehicular use must be prohibited, except as allowed by Article X11.D above.
- K. Wetland Requirements (Surface Water Supplies only)
- a. Project work plan must describe how the work in and near wetlands will protect drinking water supplies and provide improved wetland function.
  - b. Work within or immediately adjacent to existing wetlands must be limited to activities that will improve wetland function. Disturbances that compromise ecological functions are ineligible for funding.
  - c. Projects cannot mitigate for impacts to regulated wetlands. Wetland mitigation projects are ineligible for funding.
  - d. The contractor must develop and implement a maintenance plan for any wetland creation or enhancement. The maintenance plan must include protocols for addressing problems for a minimum of 3 years following creation or enhancement.
- L. Eligible expenses include administrative and transactional costs (e.g. property surveys, land appraisals, staff time devoted to the project) and the value of the land or development rights to be acquired by the grantee.
- a. The value of the land or development rights being acquired, provided such value associated with the purchase of the property or purchase of a conservation easement is from an appraisal deemed acceptable by DEC. DEC may reimburse for purchase of land or development rights above fair market value in the limited circumstances where it can be demonstrated that the property has a unique resource value. This approach recognizes the fact that outside independent appraisals will not take into account the unique resource value of a particular parcel. In such circumstances, the outside independent appraisals may be merely a bench mark for determining the fair market value of the property. DEC has the discretion and may reimburse at a price above the highest approved independent appraisal provided: 1) the price was the result of documented negotiations between the

Grantee and the seller and 2) the Grantee demonstrated the unique resource value and how it accomplishes the objective of this program.

- b. Transactional costs acceptable by DEC, provided they result in final acquisition of land or perpetual conservation easement and/or restoration of new riparian buffers and are limited to: title reports, title insurance, property surveys, appraisals, certified appraisal review, easement holder and landowner's legal fees to negotiate/close the conservation easement transaction and to review title reports and, as necessary, prepare title curatives, filing fees, or other Department-approved closing costs, map and GIS/remote sensing data, environmental assessments, baseline documentation reports, stewardship or management plans, easement stewardship fee, project specific defense liability insurance fees, property taxes, and State or local real estate transfer taxes.
- c. Staff salaries directly devoted to or connected to the program, excluding indirect (overhead/operating) expenses (Grantees will be required to document time works, tasks, pay ratio and payment, and itemize salaries according to job title and roles/responsibilities on the program).
- d. Riparian buffer or wetland restoration costs deemed acceptable by DEC. "Soft" streambank stabilization practices including but not limited to, live staking, contour wattling, erosion control matting, and root wads, are eligible for funding as part of riparian buffer restoration. Streambank stabilization costs cannot exceed 25% of the award amount.
- e. Value of contractual services provided by professional and technical personnel and consultants (i.e. engineering and architectural services, surveys, plans and specifications, research, design and development of a project, consultant and legal services directly related to a project, feasibility study for a property, etc.). Planning and design costs cannot exceed 20% of the award amount.
- f. Supplies and materials directly necessary to implement individual projects.
- g. Travel Costs (within New York State) directly associated and required to implement the program.

**M. Ineligible costs:**

- a. Out-of-state travel costs, and any travel not directly required to implement the program;
- b. Program costs funded from other state and/or federal funding sources;
- c. Indirect costs, including overhead/operating expenses (space, rent, utilities);
- d. Costs incurred prior to a grant award or outside of the contract term;
- e. Endowment funds;
- f. Major capital expenditures, such as equipment or computers;
- g. Any fee or other contribution deposited to a legal defense fund other than a conservation easement defense liability insurance policy;
- h. Restoration projects that include hard armoring of streambanks, including stone rip rap;
- i. Wetland mitigation projects;
- j. Projects with planning and design in excess of 20% of the award amount;
- k. Construction oversight;
- l. Improvements to public access;
- m. Interest payments; and
- n. Forest management plans.