



COUNTY OF SIERRA

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**BIDDING DOCUMENTS, SPECIFICATIONS
AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

FOR

Sierra City Park Improvements Project

Bid opening

September 16, 2013

(Standard Public Works Contract)

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CONTRACT TIME LINE

1. BIDS DUE: **September 16, 2013, 3:00 PM**
(See page 3 of Invitation to Bid)
2. BID OPENING: **September 16, 2013, 3:01 PM**
(See page 3 of Invitation to Bid)
3. BIDS TO REMAIN OPEN FOR 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF OPENING OF BIDS (See item 22 of Instructions to Bidders)
4. NOTICE OF AWARD DUE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF OPENING OF BIDS (See item 24 of Instructions to Bidders)
5. CONTRACT SIGNING DUE WITHIN 5 DAYS OF NOTICE OF AWARD (See item 25 of Instructions to Bidders)
7. NOTICE TO PROCEED WITH WORK DUE WITHIN 5 DAYS OF CONTRACT SIGNING (See item 26 of Instructions to Bidders)
8. CONSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE TO PROCEED.
9. CONTRACTOR MUST GIVE 72 HOURS WRITTEN NOTICE OF DATE WORK WILL COMMENCE.
10. PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE WITHIN 3 DAYS OF NOTICE TO PROCEED
11. WORK MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS OF COMMENCEMENT DATE IDENTIFIED IN NOTICE TO PROCEED

INVITATION TO BID

FOR: Sierra City Park Improvements Project

LOCATED AT: 15 Busch Street, Sierra City, California 95936

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the

Sierra County Clerk-Recorder
PO Drawer D
100 Courthouse Square
Downieville, CA 95936

until 3:00 P.M. local time on September 16, 2013 for the above referenced project.

Bids received after said time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

At said place, at 3:01 PM local time, all bids that have been properly submitted will be publicly opened and read aloud. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The work to be performed includes the following:

The work to be performed includes but is not limited to provisions of all equipment, materials, and labor necessary for work to be performed and includes the following: grading, layout, erection and installation of furnished playground equipment, baseball backstop, baseball bases, drinking fountain, doggie waste station, regulation horseshoe pit, in ground benches and pedestal grills in accordance with the Plans and Specifications included in this bid package. The Specifications for this project consist of the manufactures installation, operation and safety manuals for each of the county furnished items to be installed at locations specified in the site plan. The contractor is expected to provide all necessary equipment, materials, and labor to install this equipment per the manufacturer specifications. It is the bidder's responsibility to determine in advance any supplies or materials necessary to complete the installation of furnished items for this project. All items will be made available for inspection upon request.

Bids shall follow the Bid Item List.

Bids must be for all of the work described herein.

Plans, specifications, proposal forms, project manuals and all documents relating to this project can be downloaded from the Sierra County Website at www.sierracounty.ws; transmitted electronically; or be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Works, 101 Courthouse Square, P.O. Box 98, Downieville, CA 95936, Telephone: 530-289-3201, email bdavey@sierracounty.ws . Contractor will be required to possess a Class A or B contractor's license at the time the bids are opened.

Contract documents are available electronically via internet or email at no charge, otherwise there will be a nonrefundable charge of \$20.00 for each set of documents, and an additional charge of \$5.00 will be made if those documents are mailed.

All written requests, correspondence and/or communications of any kind regarding the project shall be addressed to

County of Sierra
Department of Public Works
P.O. Box 98
Downieville, CA 95936

There will be no pre-bid conference or walk-through for this project. Bidders are encouraged to arrange a walk-through with the project manager prior to submitting a bid.

The lowest bid shall be the lowest bid price on the base contract without consideration of the prices on the additive or deductive items.

The County of Sierra, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

This is a public works project. Pursuant to Sections 1770 and 1773 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the County of Sierra has ascertained the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done. These rates are set forth in a schedule which is on file and available in the office of the Department of Public Works, County of Sierra. Contractor shall not pay less than the prevailing rate of wages. No bid will be considered unless it is made on a blank form furnished by the County of Sierra and is made in accordance with the provisions of the proposal requirements and conditions set forth in the contract documents.

The County of Sierra reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

COUNTY OF SIERRA

Dated: 9-3-2013

By: 

Director of Transportation

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

FOR: Sierra City Park Improvements Project

LOCATED AT: Downieville Interpretive Center, Downieville, California 95936

1. DEFINITIONS

Bidder: One who submits a bid directly to County as distinct from a sub-bidder who submits a bid to a bidder.

Successful Bidder: The lowest, qualified, responsive, responsible bidder to whom County makes an award.

Bidding Documents:

- Invitation to Bid
- Instruction to Bidders
- Bid Form
- Experience Statement
- Subcontractor Listing
- Equipment Supplier Listing
- Worker's Compensation Certification
- Proposed Contract Documents
- Any and all Addenda

2. COPIES OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Complete copies of the drawings and project manual for use in preparing bids may be obtained in accordance with the Invitation to Bid.

Partial sets of bidding documents will not be issued. Complete sets of bidding documents shall be used in preparing bids. County assumes no responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of bidding documents.

County, in making copies of bidding documents available on the above terms, does so only for the purpose of obtaining bids on the work and does not confer a license or grant for any other use.

3. QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS

Each bidder must be prepared to submit, within five days of County's request, written evidence of bidder's qualifications to perform the work. Bidders may be required to submit evidence that they have a practical knowledge of the particular work bid upon, and that they have the financial resources to complete the proposed work. In determining the bidder's qualifications, the following

factors will be considered: work previously completed by the bidder and whether the bidder (a) maintains a permanent place of business, (b) has adequate plant and equipment to do the work properly and expeditiously, (c) has the financial resources to meet all obligations incident to the work, and (d) has appropriate technical experience. Each bidder may be required to show that he or she has handled former work so that no just claims are pending against such work. No bid will be accepted from a bidder who is engaged on any work that would impair his or her ability to perform or finance this work.

Each bidder must hold a current valid contractor's license and shall type or write in a legible manner his or her California Contractor's license number on the outside of the envelope or wrapper which contains the bid and in the space provided on the bid form.

4. INSPECTION OF SITE OF WORK

Bidders are required to inspect the site of the work in order to satisfy themselves, by personal examination or by such other means as they may prefer, of the location of the proposed work and as to the actual conditions of and at the site of work. If, during the course of the examination, bidder finds facts or conditions which appear confusing to bidder, bidder shall apply to County for additional information and explanation before submitting the bid. However, no such supplemental information so requested or furnished shall vary the terms of the specifications or the Contractor's sole responsibility to satisfy himself or herself as to the conditions of the work to be performed.

The submission of a bid by the bidder shall constitute the acknowledgment that, if awarded the contract, bidder has relied and is relying on bidder's examination of (a) the site of the work, (b) the access to the site, and (c) all other data, matters, and things requisite to the fulfillment of the work and on bidder's own knowledge of existing conditions on and in the vicinity of the site of the work to be constructed under the contract, and not on any representation or warranty of County. No claim for additional compensation will be allowed which is based upon a lack of knowledge of the above items.

Where technical reports or data have been utilized in the preparation of the contract documents, bidder may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such reports but not upon the interpretations or opinions contained therein for the completeness thereof for the purpose of bidding or construction.

Where plans and specifications contain drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface conditions, including underground facilities, which are at or contiguous to the site, bidder may rely upon the accuracy of the data contained in such drawings but not upon the completeness thereof for the purposes of bidding or construction. County assumes no responsibility whatever for the information contained therein and makes no guarantees with respect to reliance thereon.

Before submitting a bid, each bidder will, at bidder's own expense, make or obtain any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests and studies and obtain any additional information and data which pertain to the physical conditions (surface, subsurface and underground facilities) at or contiguous to the site or otherwise which may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the work and which bidder deems necessary to determine its bid for performing and furnishing the work in accordance with the time, price and other terms and conditions of the contract

documents.

On request in advance, County will provide each bidder access to the site to conduct such explorations and tests as each bidder deems necessary for submission of a bid. Bidder shall fill all holes, clean up and restore the site to its former condition upon completion of such explorations.

The lands upon which the work is to be performed, rights-of-way and easements for access thereto and other lands designated for use by Contractor in performing the work are identified in the contract documents. All additional lands and access thereto required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment are to be provided by Contractor.

Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing structures are to be obtained and paid for by County unless otherwise provided in the contract documents.

5. EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The contract documents shall consist of the following:

1. Invitation to Bid
2. Instruction to Bidders
3. Contractor's Bid (including documentation accompanying the Bid and any post-bid documentation submitted prior to the Notice of Award)
4. Contract
5. Addenda which pertain to the Contract
6. Any supplementary conditions or any and all written agreements amending or extending the work, time or price contemplated
7. The Plans and Specifications and Drawings as identified in the Contract
8. Certificates of Insurance
9. Other: _____

Each bidder shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with legal and procedural documents, general conditions, specifications, drawings and addenda (if any). The submission of a bid shall constitute an acknowledgment upon which County may rely that the bidder has thoroughly examined and is familiar with the contract documents. The failure or neglect of a bidder to receive or examine any of the contract documents shall in no way relieve that bidder from any obligation with respect to that bidder's bid or to the contract. No claim for additional compensation will be allowed which is based upon a lack of knowledge of any contract documents.

6. INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

No oral representations or interpretations will be made to any bidder as to the meaning of the contract documents. Any ambiguities, inconsistencies in the plans and specifications or other contract documents, or problems which are visible by an inspection of the site or review of the contract documents shall be resolved prior to bidding. Request for an interpretation shall be made in writing and delivered to County at least 3 days before the time announced for opening the proposals. Interpretations by County will be in the form of an addendum to the contract documents and, when issued, will be sent as promptly as is practical to all parties to whom the bid documents have been issued. All such addenda shall become part of the contract.

7. ADDENDA

Each bid shall include specific acknowledgment, in the space provided, of receipt of all addenda issued during the bidding period. Failure to so acknowledge may result in the bid being rejected as not responsible. The Contractor is responsible for verifying that all addenda have been received and for obtaining all addenda prior to submitting bids for the work.

Only questions answered by formal written addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

Addenda may also be issued to modify the bidding documents as deemed advisable by County. Addenda will be electronically transmitted, mailed or delivered to all parties recorded as having received the bidding documents. No addenda will be issued later than four days prior to the date for receipt of bids except an addendum, if necessary, postponing the date for receipt of bids or withdrawing the request for bids.

8. BIDS

Bids shall be made on the blank forms prepared by County and included herein. Bidders may extract these pages from the book of specifications or submit the entire book. All bids shall give prices, both in writing and in figures, and shall be signed by the bidder or bidder's authorized representative with bidder's address. If the bid is made by an individual, his or her name, signature and post office address must be shown; if made by a firm or partnership, the name and post office address of the firm or partnership and the signature of at least one of the general partners must be shown; if made by a corporation, the bid shall show the name of the state under the laws of which the corporation is chartered, the name and post office address of the corporation, and the title of the person who signs on behalf of the corporation.

The lowest bid shall be the lowest bid price on the base contract without consideration of the prices on the additive or deductive items.

9. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bids shall be submitted at the time and place indicated in the Invitation to Bid and shall be included in a sealed envelope, clearly marked “**Sealed Bid**”, addressed to the Sierra County Clerk-Recorder. If mailed, the bids shall be addressed to:

County of Sierra
Office of the Clerk Recorder
P.O. Drawer D
Downieville, CA 95936

and if hand carried, delivered to the Office of the Clerk Recorder at 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, California.

The bid shall be identified on the outside with the **bidder's name, license number and address and with the project title**. Each bid shall be accompanied by the bid security and other required documents.

If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope with the notation "**BID ENCLOSED**" on the face thereof. Bids shall be deposited at the designated location prior to the time and date for receipt of bids indicated in the Invitation to Bid, or the modified time and date indicated by addendum. Bids received after the time and date for receipt of bids will be returned unopened. Bidder shall assume full responsibility for timely delivery at the location designated for receipt of bids.

Oral, telephone, or electronically submitted bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. No bidder may submit more than one bid. Multiple bids under different names will not be accepted from one firm or association.

10. PRE-BID CONFERENCE OR WALK-THROUGH

There will **NOT** be a pre-bid conference or walk-through for this project. Bidders may arrange to meet with the project manager on site prior to bid opening.

11. BID PRICE

The bid price shall include everything necessary for the completion of construction and fulfillment of the contract including, but not limited to, furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, plant and other facilities and all management, superintendence, labor and services, except as may be provided otherwise in the contract documents.

In the event of a difference between the price quoted in words and a price quoted in figures for the same quotation, the words shall be considered the amount bid. Discrepancies between the indicated sum or total of figures and the correct sum or total will be resolved in favor of the correct sum or total.

12. BASIS OF BIDS

The bidder shall submit both a lump sum price and prices for all unit cost items and alternatives shown on the bid form. Failure to comply may be cause for rejection.

Where specific quantities are given they are approximate only, being given as a basis for the comparison of bids, and the County of Sierra does not, expressly or by implication, warrant that the actual amount of work will correspond therewith, but reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of any class or portion of the work or to omit portions of the work as may be deemed necessary or advisable by County. The amount of the bid for comparison purposes will be the total of all items. The total of unit basis items will be determined by extension of the item price bid on the basis of the estimated quantity set forth for the item.

The bidder shall set forth for each item of work, in clearly legible figures, an item price and a total for the item in the respective spaces provided for this purpose. In the case of unit basis items, the amount set forth under the "Total" column shall be the extension of the item price bid on the basis of the estimated quantity for the item.

In case of discrepancy between the item price and the total set forth for the item, the item price shall prevail; however, if the amount set forth as an item price is ambiguous, unintelligible or uncertain for any cause, or is omitted, or in the case of unit basis items is the same amount as the entry in the "Total" column, then the amount set forth in the "Total" column for the item shall prevail in accordance with the following:

- a. As to unit basis items, the amount set forth in the "Total" column shall be divided by the estimated quantity for the item and the price thus obtained shall be the item price.
- b. As to lump sum items, the amount set forth in the "Total" column shall be the item price.

In accordance with the provision of Section 6707 of the State Labor Code, each bidder shall list, in any bid item calling for trenching of 5 feet or more in depth, the amount contained in the proposal for adequate trench and excavation sheeting, shoring, and bracing or equivalent method for the protection of life and limb which shall conform to applicable Safety Orders.

Per Public Contract Code Section 20103.8 the lowest bid shall be the lowest bid price on the base contract without consideration of the prices on the additive or deductive items.

13. TAXES

Bid prices shall include allowance for all federal, state and local taxes.

14. CONTRACT TIME

The date by which the work is to be completed (the contract time) is set forth in the contract documents. The contract time will be 45 working days.

15. SUBSTITUTE MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

The contract, if awarded, will be on the basis of material and equipment described in the drawings or specified in the specifications without consideration of possible substitute or "co-equal" items. Whenever it is indicated in the drawings or specified in the specifications that a substitute or "co-equal" item of material or equipment may be furnished or used by Contractor if acceptable to County, application for such acceptance will not be considered by County until after the effective date of the contract unless an addendum is issued to all bidders authorizing the use of a specified substitute. The procedure for submittal of any such application by Contractor and consideration by County is set forth in the contract documents.

6. LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

Each bid shall have listed on the form provided herewith the name and address of each subcontractor to whom the bidder proposes to sublet portions of the work in excess of one-half of one percent of the total amount of the bid or, in the case of bids for construction of streets or highways, including bridges, in excess of one-half of one percent of the Contractor's total bid or \$10,000, whichever is greater, per Public Contracts Code Section 4104. For the purpose of this paragraph, a subcontractor is defined as one who contracts with the Contractor to furnish materials and labor, or labor only for the performance of work at the site of the work.

County has the right to review the suitability and qualifications of any subcontractor or supplier proposed by the Contractor. As part of this review County may request an experience statement with pertinent information as to similar projects and other evidence of qualification for each such subcontractor, person and organization. If County, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to any proposed subcontractor, County may, before giving the notice of award, request the apparent successful bidder to submit an acceptable substitute without an increase in bid price. If the apparent successful bidder does not make such substitution, the contract shall not be awarded to such bidder, but Contractor's failure to make such substitution will not constitute grounds for sacrificing the bid security. Any subcontractor, other person or organization so listed and to whom County does not make written objection prior to the giving of the notice of award will be deemed acceptable to County subject to revocation of such acceptance after the effective date of the agreement as provided in the contract documents.

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No Contractor shall be required to employ any subcontractor, other person or organization against whom Contractor has reasonable objection.

The Contractor may not change any subcontractor listed on its bid without written approval from County after a determination that the requirements of Public Contracts Code Section 4107 have been met.

17. EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER LISTING

Each bidder shall list, on the form provided, the name of the manufacturers or suppliers who are to furnish the items of equipment and systems shown on the form. The equipment listed is the equipment which shall be provided. Substitutions will be permitted only if named equipment does not meet the specifications, the manufacturer is unable to meet the delivery requirements of the construction schedule, or by mutual agreement of County and Contractor.

Preliminary acceptance of equipment listed by manufacturer's name shall not in any way constitute waiver of the specifications covering such equipment; final acceptance will be based on full conformity with the specifications covering the equipment.

Failure to furnish all information requested may be cause for rejection of the bid.

18. BID BOND

No bond will be required.

19. RETURN OF BID GUARANTIES

Not Applicable

20. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

Bids submitted early may be modified or withdrawn by notice to the party receiving bids at the place and prior to the time designated for receipt of bids. Such notice shall be in writing over the signature of the bidder. Bids may also be modified or withdrawn in person by the bidder or an authorized representative provided bidder can prove bidder's identity and authority. Withdrawn bids may be resubmitted up to the time designated for the receipt of bids provided that they are then fully in conformance with these instructions to bidders.

If, within 24 hours after bids are opened, any bidder files a duly signed written notice with County and promptly thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of County that there was a material and substantial mistake in the preparation of the bid, that bidder may withdraw his or her bid and the bid security will be returned. Thereafter, that bidder will be disqualified from further bidding on the work.

21. OPENING OF BIDS

Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. An abstract of the amounts of the base bids and major alternates (if any) will be made available after the opening of bids.

22. BIDS TO REMAIN OPEN

All bids shall remain open and subject to acceptance for a period of **30** days from the date of opening, but County may, in County's discretion, release any bid and return the bid security prior to that date.

23. POSTPONEMENT OF OPENING

County reserves the right to postpone the date and time for opening of bids at any time prior to the date and time announced in the advertisement.

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT

The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible

bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements stated herein. Within **30** days after the time of opening the bids, County will act either to accept a proposal or to reject all proposals. The acceptance of a proposal will be evidenced by a notice of award of contract in writing, delivered in person or by certified mail to the bidder whose proposal is accepted. No other act of County shall constitute acceptance of a bid. The award of contract shall obligate the bidder whose bid is accepted to furnish evidences of insurance (certificates of insurance and endorsements specified in the contract) and execute the agreement set forth in the contract documents.

County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all formalities, and the right to disregard all nonconforming, nonresponsive, or conditional bids. County reserves the right to reject the bid of any bidder if County believes that it would not be in the best interest of the project to make an award to that bidder, whether because the bid is not responsive or the bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by County. County reserves the right to reject any bids which omit a bid on any one or more items on which bids are required; any bids which omit unit prices if unit prices are required; any bids in which unit prices are unbalanced in the opinion of County; any bid accompanied by insufficient or irregular bid security; and any bids from bidders who have previously failed to perform properly or to complete on time contracts of any nature.

It is County's intent to accept alternates (if any are accepted) in the order in which they are listed in the bid form, but County may accept them in any order or combination.

County may consider the qualifications and experience of subcontractors and other persons and organizations (including those who are to furnish the principal items of material or equipment) proposed for those portions of the work as to which the identity of subcontractors and other persons and organizations must be submitted as provided herein. Operating costs, maintenance considerations, performance data and guarantees of materials and equipment may also be considered by County.

If there is reason to believe that collusion exists among the bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered, and County may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

County may conduct such investigations as County deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of the bidders, proposed subcontractors and other persons and organizations to do the work in accordance with the contract documents to County's satisfaction within the prescribed time. County reserves the right to reject the bid of any bidder who does not pass any such evaluation to County's satisfaction.

If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest bidder whose evaluation by County indicates to County that the award will be in the best interests of the project.

25. SIGNING OF AGREEMENT

When County gives a Notice of Award to the successful bidder, it will be accompanied by unsigned counterparts of the agreement and all other contract documents. One original of the contract documents will be prepared by County. The original will be submitted to Contractor, and Contractor shall execute the contract and return the original to County within **10** days. The date of

execution of the contract shall be left blank for filling in by County.

County will execute the original, insert the date of signing the contract on the contract and distribute one copy each to County and Contractor.

Notwithstanding any action by the County to the contrary or by the Board of Supervisors in accepting a bid, there shall be no contract between bidder and County until the contract documents are signed by County.

Failure of the Contractor to execute the contract within the specified time shall be just cause for withdrawal of the contract award by the County.

26. NOTICE TO PROCEED

County shall give the successful bidder written notice to proceed with the work within **10** days of the execution of the contract. Notwithstanding any other provision of the contract, County shall not be obligated to accept or to pay for any work furnished by the Contractor prior to delivery of notice to proceed whether or not County has knowledge of the furnishing of such work.

27. PERFORMANCE AND OTHER BONDS

The contract documents set forth County's requirements as to performance and other bonds. When the successful bidder delivers the executed contract to County, it shall be accompanied by the required contract security. No bonds will be required for this contract.

28. CONTRACTUAL RESTRICTIONS

No official of County who is authorized in such capacity and on behalf of County to negotiate, make, accept or approve, or to take part in negotiating, making, accepting, or approving any architectural, engineering, inspecting, construction or material supply contract or any subcontract in connection with the construction of the project, shall become directly or indirectly interested personally in this contract or in any part thereof. No officer, employee, architect, attorney, engineer, or inspector of or for County who is authorized in such capacity and on behalf of County who is in any legislative, executive, supervisory, or other similar function in connection with the construction of the project, shall become directly or indirectly interested personally in this contract or in any part thereof, any material supply contract, subcontract, insurance contract, or any other contract pertaining to the project.

29. POSTING SECURITY IN LIEU OF RETENTION

The Contractor may elect to receive 100% of payments due under this contract from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payment by the public agency, by depositing securities of equivalent value with County in accordance with the provisions of Section 4590 of the California Government Code. Securities eligible for investment shall include those listed in Section 16430 of the California Government Code, or bank or savings and loan certificates of deposits. Such securities, if deposited by the bidder, shall be valued by County whose decision on the valuation of the securities shall be final. The bidder shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for money withheld and shall receive any interest thereon.

30. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The County is authorized by Government Code Section 53069.85 to assess liquidated damages for delay. County refers bidders to the Contract for review of the liquidated damages provision to be included in this Contract.

BID FORM

BID TO THE Sierra City Park Improvements Project

FIRM _____ ADDRESS _____

CONTACT PHONE AND FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

PRINTED NAME _____ TITLE OR AGENCY _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

The work to be done and referred to herein is in Sierra County, State of California, and shall be constructed in accordance with the Plans, Specifications (including the payment of not less than the wages rates set forth therein) and the Contract annexed hereto. It is noted that funding for this project is limited and therefore the items of work have been segregated into a Base Bid and items of Additive Alternatives. The County retains the right to award the Base Bid and any or none of the items on the Additive Alternate Bid Items. Base Bid to include mobilization, overhead and profit. Additive alternate items are to include overhead and profit, but mobilization is assumed to be unchanged.

The work to be done is shown upon project documents entitled:

Sierra City Park Improvements Project.

The undersigned, as bidder, declares that the only persons or parties interested in this bid as principals are those named herein; that this bid is made without collusion with any other person, firm, or corporation, and in submitting this bid, the undersigned bidder agrees that he or she has carefully examined the location of the proposed work, the annexed proposed form of contract, and the plans therein referred to and all other documents listed or incorporated in the bidding documents and contract documents; and bidder proposes, and agrees if this bid is accepted, that bidder will contract with the County of Sierra in the form of the copy of the contract annexed hereto, to provide all necessary machinery, tools, apparatus, and other means of construction, and to do all the work and furnish all the materials specified in the contract, in the manner and time therein prescribed, and according to the requirements of County as therein set forth, and that bidder will take in full payment therefore the following:

Signature of Bidder

Title

BID FORM

BASE BID FOR THE Sierra City Park Improvements Project

CODE	CONTRACT ITEM	UNIT	QTY	PRICE	AMOUNT
1	Installation of Playcraft Play Structure	LS	1		
2	Installation of playground border, including ADA ramp	LF	300		
3	Installation Baseball Backstop	LS	1		
4	Installation of Drinking Fountain including extension of water line from AT&T Building.	LS	1		
TOTAL				\$	

BASE BID TOTAL IN WORDS: _____

ADDITIVE ALTERNATE BID FOR THE Sierra City Park Improvements Project

CODE	CONTRACT ITEM	UNIT	QTY	PRICE	AMOUNT
AA-1	Construction of Horseshoe Play Area	LS	1		
AA-2	Installation of DOGIPOT PetStation	EA	1		
AA-3	Installation of In-ground Bench	EA	2		
AA-4	Installation of Baseball Bases	EA	5		
AA-5	Installation of Pedestal Grill	EA	2		
AA-6	Mount Dedication Plaque on rock feature	LS	1		
TOTAL				\$	

ADDITIVE ALTERNATE BID TOTAL IN WORDS:

The undersigned bidder agrees to enter into a contract within the time specified in the Instructions to Bidders, and further agrees to complete all work covered by the bid, in accordance with all requirements of the contract.

Receipt of copies of the following addenda is hereby acknowledged.

Addendum No.	Bidder's Signature	Date Acknowledged
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

All addenda received have been considered in preparation of this bid.

Also enclosed herewith are the Experience Statement, Subcontractor Listing, Equipment Supplier Listing, and Worker's Compensation Certification.

In submitting this bid it is understood that the right is reserved by County to reject any and all bids, and it is understood that this bid may not be withdrawn during the period set forth in the Instructions to Bidders.

Envelopes containing bids must be marked as required by the Instructions to Bidders.

County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in bids.

The amount of the bid for comparison purposes will be the total of all items. The total of unit basis items will be determined by extension of the item price bid on the basis of the estimated quantity set forth for the item.

Prices bid shall include overhead, profit and all applicable taxes.

By submission of this bid, each bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that this bid has been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement as to any matter relating to this bid with any other bidder or with any competitor.

If this bid shall be accepted and the undersigned shall fail to contract as aforesaid within the number of days set forth in the Instructions to Bidders after receipt of notice that the contract has been awarded to the undersigned, County may, at its option, determine that the bidder has abandoned the contract and thereupon the award of the contract shall be null and void.

BIDDER'S QUALIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that neither I nor a company of which I am more than 50% owner have been disqualified from bidding, removed from a public works construction project or otherwise been prevented from bidding because of a violation of law or a safety regulation.

Further, I declare under penalty of perjury that neither I nor a company of which I am more than a 50% owner have had more than one final, unappealable finding of contempt of court by a Federal court within the immediately preceding two year period because of failure to comply with an order of the Federal court.

Further, I declare under penalty of perjury that I have not been convicted by any court of any charge of fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or any other act in violation of state or federal antitrust law in connection with the bidding upon, award of, or performance of any public works contract.

Dated _____ at _____, California.

Signature of Contractor

SUBCONTRACTOR LISTING

The following information is submitted which gives the name, business address, and portion of the work for each subcontractor that will be used for a portion of the work equal to or exceeding the amount specified in the Instructions to Bidders if the bidder is awarded to the contract. Additional numbered pages shall be attached to this page as required. Each page shall be headed "SUBCONTRACTOR LISTING" and signed.

Name	Business Address	Description of Portion of Work to be Performed
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

Signature of Contractor

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

CERTIFICATION

(LABOR CODE SECTION 1861)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

) SS.

COUNTY OF SIERRA)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

That I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code of the State of California, which requires every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Contract.

Executed at _____

_____ on _____.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Contractor-Employer

**NONCOLLUSION AFFIDAVIT TO BE EXECUTED BY BIDDER
AND SUBMITTED WITH BID**

State of California)
) ss.
County of _____)

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is _____ of _____ the party making the foregoing bid that the bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and, further, that the bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

BIDDER:

By: _____

SAMPLE CONTRACT

COUNTY OF SIERRA PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT SHORT FORM

PARTIES

THIS CONTRACT, made this 17 day of September 2013, by and between the COUNTY OF SIERRA, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as “**County**” and _____, hereinafter referred to as “**Contractor**”.

This contract is for the following project:

Sierra City Park Improvements Project

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. SCOPE OF WORK:

The work to be performed includes but is not limited to provisions of all equipment, materials, and labor necessary for work to be performed and includes the grading and installation of a boardwalk, circular reinforced concrete slab and replacement of railing in accordance with Plans and Specifications included in this bid package.

2. CONTRACT TIME:

2.1 COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION

The Work shall be commenced on the date specified in the County's “Notice of Award to Contractor” and shall be fully completed no later than **ten (10)** working days thereafter, or such additional time as may have been provided by Change Order, pursuant to the Contract Documents.

2.2 TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

Time is of the essence. If the work is not completed in the time specified, including such extensions of time as may have been granted for unavoidable delays, the Contractor will be assessed damages for delay in accordance with the liquidated damages provision herein. A determination of whether delays were avoidable or not shall be made by County.

3. CONTRACT PRICE:

County shall pay Contractor for the full and complete performance of this Contract the sum of _____ (\$_____).

The contract price may be adjusted only as provided in the Contract Documents and only upon the express written approval of the County Board of Supervisors or the County Director of Transportation and in the event of any such adjustment, the Contractor agrees that the maximum adjustment to be attributable to his overhead and profit shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the actual costs to Contractor for any additional work encompassed by any such adjustment, in accordance with the General Conditions.

4. PAYMENTS:

4.1 PROGRESS PAYMENTS

Where the work is anticipated to require more than forty-five (45) days to complete, Contractor may apply for progress payments on a monthly basis. Monthly progress payments shall be made in accordance with the General Conditions of these Contract Documents, subject to a ten percent (10%) withhold as specified therein Contractor shall submit a signed application for payment covering the work completed to that date and accompanied by supporting documentation to County's satisfaction. Progress payments will be in an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the work completed.

4.2 FINAL PAYMENT

Payment in full for the completed project will not be due until at least thirty (30) days after filing of the Notice of Completion with the County Clerk. Acceptance of final payment will be deemed a waiver of all claims except those which were timely made pursuant to the claims provisions of this contract. Final payment shall be made in accordance with the General Conditions of these Contract Documents.

4.3 INVOICE CONTENT

Invoices or applications for payment to the County shall be detailed and shall contain full documentation of all work performed and all reimbursable expenses incurred. Where the scope of work on the contract is divided into various tasks, invoices shall detail the related expenditures accordingly. Labor expenditures need documentation to support time, subsistence, travel and field expenses. No expense will be reimbursed without adequate documentation. This documentation will include, but not be limited to, receipts for material purchases, rental equipment and subcontractor work.

4.4 ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PAYMENT AS RELEASE

The acceptance by the Contractor of final payment shall be and shall operate as a release to the County of any and all claims and all liability to the Contractor for all things done or furnished in connection with this work and for every act and/or neglect of the County or others relating to or arising from the Work, to the full extent authorized by Public

Contracts Code Section 7100. No payment, however, final or otherwise, shall operate to release the Contractor of his sureties from any obligations under this Contract or the Performance and Payment Bonds required by this Contract, or the guarantees and warranties required by the Contract Documents, or the bond securing the same.

5. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

The contract documents comprise the entire agreement between the parties and may be amended only by writing signed by both parties or by written change order. The contract documents shall include this contract, plans and specifications, bidding documents, addenda thereto, all proposals submitted by Contractor, the general conditions attached hereto and special, and/or supplementary conditions issued by the County. In the case of ambiguity or conflict, the documents shall be given the following priority:

- This Agreement
- Contract Drawings
- Technical Specifications
- Duly issued Addenda
- General and/or Special Conditions
- Supplementary conditions, if any
- Duly issued Clarifications and Field Orders
- Duly issued Work Authorizations
- Duly issued Change Orders
- Supplemental Drawings issued pursuant to Article 4 of the General Conditions
- Initial Submittals approved pursuant to Article 3 and all other submittals approved pursuant to the General Conditions.
- Contractor's Bid Proposal Contractor's Guarantee
- Designation of Subcontractors

Such documents, collectively referred to as the "Contract Documents", are hereby incorporated herein by this reference and made a part hereof.

6. PERFORMANCE AND LABOR & MATERIAL BONDS:

No bonds will be required.

7. REPRESENTATIONS BY CONTRACTOR:

The Contractor hereby represents that before bidding, he carefully examined the Drawings and Project Manual, visited the Site of the Work and fully informed himself as to all existing conditions at the Site and limitations of information provided by the County regarding the Site.

The Contractor further represents that he has satisfied himself as to the nature and location of the Work, the general and local conditions, conditions of the Site, availability of labor, materials on the Site, the kind of equipment needed, the requirements of various trades or crafts needed to perform the Work and all other matters which in any way affect the Work or cost. The Contractor agrees that his failure to acquaint himself with all available information concerning conditions shall not relieve him from his bid or his responsibility for estimating properly the difficulties or cost of the Work, or the requirements for any trade, craft or portion of the Work.

The Contractor further represents that the Contract Price shall include everything necessary for the completion of Work and of fulfillment of this Agreement for Construction within the time specified hereby, including, but not limited to, furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, plant and other facilities, and all management, superintendence, labor, and services. The Contract Price includes allowance for all Federal, State and local taxes and payment of the prevailing wages required by applicable law and/or the General Conditions.

8. AMENDMENT:

This Contract may only be amended by a written amendment which shall require the formal approval of the Board of Supervisors. No County officer, agent or representative shall have the authority to amend this Contract.

9. DELAY:

The Contractor specifically acknowledges and agrees that a time extension is his sole remedy for delays caused by the County, and agrees to make no claim for additional damages for such delay. Contractor shall be entitled to a price adjustment with such time extension Change Order, but such price adjustment shall be limited to his direct additional costs to perform the Contract, subject to the General Conditions, and subject to verification by the County.

Processing of Submittals, Clarifications and other information by the County within the time specified in the Contract Documents shall in no event constitute a County-caused delay.

10. NOTICES:

Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication that any party desires or is required to give any other party shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by pre-paid first-class mail. Any such writing shall be addressed as follows:

COUNTY

Tim H. Beals, Project Director
Sierra County Department of Public Works
Post Office Box 98
Downieville, CA 95936

PROJECT MANAGER

Bryan Davey
Sierra County
P.O. Box 98
Downieville, CA 95936

PROJECT CONTRACTOR

11. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

If the Work is not completed by Contractor in the time specified in Section 2 of the Agreement for Construction, or within any period of extension authorized pursuant to a duly issued Change Order, Contractor acknowledges and admits that the County will suffer damage, and that it is impracticable and infeasible to fix the amount of actual damages. Therefore, it is agreed by and between the Contractor and the County that the Contractor shall pay to the County as fixed and liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, a sum equal to one-half of one percent of the contract price, or the sum of **twenty-five** dollars (**\$25**), whichever is greater, for each calendar day of delay until the Work is completed and accepted, and that both Contractor and Contractor's surety shall be liable for the total amount thereof, and that the County may deduct said sums from any monies due or that may become due to Contractor, prior to determining the final amount due to Contractor.

This liquidated damages provision shall apply to all delays of any nature whatsoever, save and except only delays found by the Board of Supervisors to be unavoidable pursuant to the General Conditions, or time extensions granted in writing by the Board of Supervisors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF SIERRA

By _____
SCOTT A. SCHLEFSTEIN
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

HEATHER FOSTER
Clerk of the Board

JAMES A. CURTIS
County Counsel

CONTRACTOR

By _____
Official Title

License Number _____

(CORPORATE SEAL)

CORPORATE CERTIFICATE

I, _____, certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as CONTRACTOR in the foregoing Contract; that _____, who signed said Contract on behalf of said Corporation is authorized to fully bind the corporation to this Agreement; that said contract was duly signed for and on behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

(Secretary)

(CORPORATE SEAL)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. CHANGES IN THE WORK:

County may order additions, deletions or revisions in the work which shall be authorized by written change order. Circumstances may occur where Contractor may need to apply for a change in the contract. Such changes must be applied for in writing in advance by Contractor and approved prior to doing of the additional work. Changes in contract price due to change orders shall be established either by (1) unit prices (where bidding was done by unit price), (2) based on the actual cost of the work (including but not limited to all labor and materials) plus an amount not to exceed 15 percent (15%) for overhead and profit together, or (3) by mutual acceptance of a lump sum.

2. BONDS:

No bonds will be required

3. CONTRACTOR LIABILITY AND INSURANCE:

Contractor shall be liable for all damages and injury which shall be caused to County or any other property on or in the vicinity of the work or which shall occur to any person or persons or property whatsoever arising out of the performance of this contract. Contractor shall purchase and maintain such commercial general liability and other insurance as is appropriate and/or as may be required in the special conditions, for the work being performed and furnished and which will provide complete protection to County. Said policies shall be payable on a "per occurrence" basis unless County specifically consents to a "claims made" basis. At a minimum Contractor shall provide and maintain a policy of commercial general liability insurance in a combined single limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and Worker's Compensation Insurance.

Where the services to be provided under this contract involve or require the use of any type of vehicle by Contractor in order to perform said services, Contractor shall also provide comprehensive business or commercial automobile liability coverage including non-owned and hired automobile liability in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

County shall be a named insured and a certificate of insurance and endorsements shall be provided by Contractor prior to commencement of work. Contractor shall also purchase and maintain property insurance upon the work or equipment and supplies stored at the site, if any, to the full insurable value thereof. All policies of insurance shall contain a provision that the coverage will not be canceled, materially changed, or renewal refused until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to County. If a loss occurs, the above insurance shall be primary.

4. RISK OF LOSS:

Liability for loss or damage to equipment, materials, work completed or services occurring on or off the site shall be the responsibility of Contractor. Liability for completed work shall not be assumed by County until both the work has been completed and County has accepted the work as

complete.

5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:

All material and equipment shall be of good quality and new unless the contract provides otherwise. Whenever materials or equipment are specified or described in the contract documents by using the name of a proprietary item or a particular supplier, it is intended to establish the type, function and quality required. Any substitutions must be expressly consented to by County in advance of installation or use.

Where applicable, Contractor shall deliver all manufacturer's operating and maintenance instructions to County prior to receipt of final payment.

6. WARRANTY AND CORRECTION PERIOD:

If within one year after the date of completion and County's acceptance of the work or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or regulations or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the contract documents any work is found to be defective, Contractor shall promptly, without cost to County and in accordance with County's written instruction, either correct such defective work, or, if it has been rejected by County, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective work. If Contractor is unable to promptly and properly correct any defective work, County may at its option have the work corrected by such other means as County deems appropriate and hold Contractor liable for all direct, indirect and consequential costs caused by such defective work. Said warranty shall apply to all work found to be "defective" which is attributable to the quality or quantity of the materials used, the quality of the workmanship or for lack of proper performance under the contract. The warranty obligation shall not limit the County's right to otherwise seek damages in the event of any failure by Contractor to properly perform under this Agreement.

7. PERMITS AND TAXES:

Unless otherwise provided in the special contract provisions, Contractor shall obtain and pay for all construction permits, licenses or other permits necessary to complete the work and shall be liable for all governmental charges, inspection fees, utility connection charges, sales, consumer, use and other taxes.

8. INDEMNIFICATION:

Contractor shall fully indemnify, hold harmless and defend County and its consultants, agents, officers and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, direct, indirect or consequential arising out of or resulting from the negligent performance of the work herein or willful misconduct by Contractor.

9. SUSPENSION OF WORK:

County may, at any time and without cause, suspend the work or any portion thereof for a reasonable period of time by notice in writing to Contractor.

10. TERMINATION:

Except as limited by law or regulation, County may terminate this contract upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events.

- A. If Contractor commences a voluntary case under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code (Title 11, United States Code), as now or hereafter in effect, or if Contractor takes any equivalent or similar action by filing a petition or otherwise under any other federal or state law in effect at such time relating to the bankruptcy or insolvency;
- B. If a petition is filed against Contractor under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code as now or hereafter in effect at the time of filing, or if a petition is filed seeking any such equivalent or similar relief against Contractor under any other federal or state law in effect at the time relating to bankruptcy or insolvency;
- C. If Contractor makes a general assignment of its obligations and/or compensation under this Agreement;
- D. If a trustee, receiver, custodian or agent of Contractor is appointed under applicable law or under contract, whose appointment or authority to take charge of property of Contractor is for the purpose of enforcing a lien against such property or for the purpose of general administration of such property for the benefit of Contractor's creditors;
- E. If Contractor admits in writing an inability to pay its debts generally as they become due;
- F. If Contractor persistently fails to perform the work in accordance with the contract documents (including, but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment or failure to adhere to the time schedule);
- G. If Contractor disregards ordinances, laws or regulations of any public body having jurisdiction;
- H. If Contractor disregards the authority of County's supervisory staff, and, in particular, the Contract Administrator;
- I. If Contractor otherwise violates in any substantial way any provisions of the contract documents.

County may, after giving Contractor seven days' written notice, terminate the services of Contractor, exclude Contractor from the site and take possession of the work, incorporate in the work all materials and equipment stored at the site or for which County has paid Contractor but

which are stored elsewhere, and finish the work as County may deem expedient. In such case Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the work is finished. If the unpaid balance of the contract price exceeds the direct, indirect and consequential costs of completing the work (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court costs) such excess will be paid to Contractor. If such costs exceed such unpaid balance, Contractor shall pay the difference to County. When exercising any rights or remedies under this paragraph, County shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for the work performed. Where Contractor's services have been so terminated by County, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of County against Contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due Contractor by County will not release Contractor from liability.

Upon seven days' written notice to Contractor, County may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, elect to abandon the work and terminate the Contract. In such case, Contractor shall be paid for all work executed and any actual expense sustained.

11. SUPERVISION AND CLAIMS DETERMINATIONS:

11.1 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

County may appoint staff or hire professional services for supervision and administration, at its election. Said person is hereinafter referred to as "Contract Administrator". Upon the appointment of any such Contract Administrator the County shall promptly notify Contractor of such action. The Contract Administrator is delegated authority to determine the amount, quality, acceptability and fitness of the work, materials and equipment to be paid for under this contract, to decide for County all questions relative to contract interpretation, to reject or condemn all work or material which does not conform to the terms of this contract and to review and make a final determination on all claims submitted to County. In the absence of an appointment of a Contract Administrator, the County Director of Public Works shall perform these functions.

11.2 WRITTEN CLARIFICATION

If there is an ambiguity in the contract documents, Contractor shall request an interpretation from the Contract Administrator. Contractor Administrator shall issue a written clarification or interpretation. If Contractor believes that a written clarification or interpretation justifies an increase in the contract price or an extension of the contract time and the parties are unable to agree on the amount or extent thereof, Contractor may make a claim therefore.

11.3 CHANGE ORDER

The Contract Administrator may authorize or require variations in the work from the requirements of the contract documents so long as it is in writing. Contractor shall perform the work involved promptly. If Contractor believes that such a change order justifies an

increase in the contract price or an extension of the contract time and the County and Contractor are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, Contractor may make a claim therefore.

11.4 UNIT PRICING

If the contract was based on unit pricing, the Contract Administrator will determine the actual quantities and classifications of unit price work. The Contract Administrator's written decisions thereon will be final and binding upon Contractor unless Contractor delivers to Contract Administrator written notice that Contractor disputes said decision and the reasons therefore as required below.

11.5 CLAIM PROCEDURE

For purposes of this paragraph, "claim" shall be defined as set forth in Public Contracts Code Section 20104(b)(2). Claims shall be presented in writing and include the documents necessary to substantiate the claim. Claims must be filed with the Contract Administrator no later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the event giving rise thereto or denial of the change order, whichever occurs last. The form of said claims shall be the same as is required by Government Code Sections 910 and 910.2.

11.6 CLAIMS UNDER \$50,000

If the claim is under \$50,000, County shall respond in writing to Contractor within forty-five (45) days of receipt of Contractor's claim or may request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the claim, any additional documentation supporting the claim or relating to defenses or claims the County may have against the Contractor. If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 20104.2, upon mutual agreement of the County and the Contractor. The County's written response to the claim, as further documented, shall be submitted to the Contractor within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the further documentation or within a period of time no greater than that taken by the Contractor in producing the additional information, whichever is greater.

11.7 CLAIMS OVER \$50,000

For claims over \$50,000 and less than or equal to \$375,000, County shall respond in writing to all written claims within sixty (60) days of receipt of the claim, or may request, in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the claim, any additional documentation supporting the claim or relating to defenses or claims the County may have against Contractor. If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 20104.2, upon mutual agreement of County and Contractor. The County's written response to the claim, as further documented, shall be submitted to Contractor within thirty (30) days after receipt of the further documentation, or within a period of time no greater than that taken by Contractor in

producing the additional information or requested documentation, whichever is greater.

11.8 MEET AND CONFER

If Contractor disputes County's written response, or County fails to respond within the time prescribed above, Contractor may so notify County, in writing, either within 15 days of receipt of County's response or within fifteen (15) days of County's failure to respond within the time prescribed, respectively, and demand an informal conference to meet and confer with such County representatives as the Board of Supervisors directs for settlement of the issues in dispute. Upon such demand, County shall schedule a meet and confer conference within thirty (30) days for settlement of the dispute.

11.9 APPEAL TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

If following the meet and confer conference the claim or any portion remains in dispute, if Contractor desires to pursue Contractor's claim/demand for further compensation, Contractor shall be required to file a claim with the Board of Supervisors pursuant to procedures set out in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code. , All claims filed with the Board of Supervisors pursuant to the Government Code shall be filed within ninety (90) days of the denial of the original claim by the County representative. The running of the period of time within which a claim under the Government Code must be filed shall be tolled by any period of time utilized by the meet and confer conference. Any lawsuit which Contractor intends to bring with respect to any claim filed pursuant to the Government Code which claim has been denied by County must be commenced not later than six months after the recording of the notice of completion or not later than six months after the date final payment is deposited in the mail or personally delivered, whichever date comes first.

11.10 DOCUMENTATION

For every claim that Contractor makes, it shall provide the following documentation upon request of County as a condition precedent to consideration of the claim: Contractor's bidding calculations forms, cost estimates, time sheets, trend reports, job cost analysis records, labor records, as-built documents, any other records used by Contractor in arriving at its bid price, and any other documents or records kept by Contractor during the course of construction. In the event that claims are made, Contractor agrees that County shall have the right to conduct a complete audit of the books and records of Contractor relating to this project and any books and records relating to overhead, profit or general office expenses charged to this project.

11.11 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR NOT RESPONSIBLE

Notwithstanding the above, Contract Administrator shall not be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto and will not be responsible for Contractor's

failure to perform or furnish the work in accordance with the contract documents. Contract Administrator shall also not be responsible for the acts or omissions of Contractor or of any subcontractor, any supplier, or any other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the work.

12. PAYMENTS:

12.1 SCHEDULE OF VALUES

The schedule of values established for the work will serve as the basis for progress payments and will be incorporated into a form of application for payment acceptable to County. Progress payments on account of unit price work will be based on the number of units completed.

12.2 PROGRESS PAYMENT

Once each month County shall cause an estimate to be made covering the work completed as of the date of the estimate. No materials shall be paid for until incorporated into the work. The amount of retention with respect to progress payments will be ten percent (10%).

12.3 AMOUNTS OF PROGRESS PAYMENTS

Prior to completion, progress payments will be in an amount equal to:

12.3.1 NINETY PERCENT (90%) OF COMPLETED WORK. Ninety percent (90%) of the work completed, and

12.3.2 NINETY PERCENT (90%) OF STORED MATERIALS. Where applicable pursuant to the above, ninety percent (90%) of materials and equipment not incorporated in the work but delivered and suitably stored, less in each case the aggregate of payments previously made.

12.3.3 CONTRACT BALANCE. Thirty (30) days after recordation of a notice of completion by the County, County will pay an amount sufficient to increase total payments to Contractor to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, less such amounts as County shall determine in accordance with this contract. County reserves the right to retain such funds as it shall determine in accordance with the contract documents to complete the work.

12.3.4 ESCROWED SECURITY ALTERNATION. The Contractor may elect to receive one hundred percent 100% of payments due under this contract from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payment by the public agency, by depositing securities of equivalent value with County in accordance with the provisions of Section 4590 of the *California Government Code*. Securities eligible

for investment shall include those listed in Section 16430 of the *California Government Code*, or bank or savings and loan certificates of deposits. Such securities, if deposited by the bidder, shall be valued by County whose decision on the valuation of the securities shall be final. The bidder shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for money withheld and shall receive any interest thereon. Said deposited funds shall be covered by an escrow agreement in a form approved by the County.

12.4 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF TITLE

Contractor warrants and guarantees that title to all work, materials and equipment covered by any application for payment, whether incorporated in the project or not, will pass to County no later than the time of payment free and clear of all liens.

12.5 PAYMENT OF PROGRESS PAYMENT

County will submit each progress pay estimate to Contractor. Upon receipt back from Contractor of a signed copy of the pay estimate, County shall process the pay estimate for payment. The amount approved by County will become due thirty (30) days after receipt of the signed progress pay estimate. Said payment shall be made by County to Contractor unless County has knowledge of claims or liens filed in connection with the work.

12.6 COUNTY'S RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT

By recommending any payment, Contractor cannot conclude that County represents that exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections have been made to check the quality or the quantity of the work in the contract documents or that there may not be other matters or issues between the parties that might entitle Contractor to be paid additionally by County or County to withhold payment to Contractor.

12.7 COUNTY MAY REFUSE TO MAKE PAYMENT

County may refuse to make payment of the full amount or any part if, in County's opinion, it would be incorrect to make such payment. County may also refuse to make any such payment, or, because of subsequently discovered evidence or the results of subsequent inspections or tests, nullify any such payment previously recommended, to such extent as may be necessary in County's opinion to protect County from loss because:

12.7.1 DEFECTIVE WORK. The work is defective, or completed work has been damaged requiring correction or replacement,

12.7.2 REDUCTION IN PRICE. The contract price has been reduced by written amendment or change order,

12.7.3 REQUIRED CORRECTIONS. Contractor has been required to correct

defective work or complete work, or

12.7.4 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION. Of County's actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the events enumerated in paragraphs relating to suspension of work and termination.

12.7.5 LIENS OR CLAIMS. County may refuse to make payment of the full amount because claims have been made against County on account of Contractor's performance or furnishing of the work or liens have been filed in connection with the work or there are other items entitling County to a set-off against the amount recommended, but County must give Contractor immediate written notice stating the reasons for such action.

12.8 COMPLETION AND FINAL INSPECTION

When Contractor considers the entire work ready for its intended use, Contractor shall notify County in writing that the entire work is completed. Within a reasonable time thereafter, County and Contractor shall make an inspection of the work to determine the status of completion. If County does not consider the work complete, County will notify Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor. If County considers the work incomplete, County will prepare and deliver a list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment. Contractor shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to complete or correct the listed items.

12.9 ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

After Contractor has completed all such measures to remedy deficiencies to the satisfaction of County and delivered all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates of inspection, marked-up record documents, property owner's releases and other documents, all as required by the contract documents, and after County has indicated that the work is acceptable, Contractor may make application for final payment. The final application for payment shall be accompanied by all documentation called for in the contract documents, together with complete and legally effective releases or waivers (satisfactory to County) of all liens and stop notices arising out of or filed in connection with the work. In lieu thereof and as approved by County, Contractor may furnish receipts or releases in full; an affidavit of Contractor that the releases and receipts include all labor, services, material and equipment for which a lien could be filed, and that all payrolls, material and equipment bills, and other indebtedness connected with the work for which County or County's property might in any way be responsible, have been paid or otherwise satisfied; and consent of the surety, if any, to final payment. If any subcontractor or supplier fails to furnish a release or receipt in full, Contractor may furnish a bond or other collateral satisfactory to County to indemnify County against any lien.

12.10 FINAL PAYMENT

If, on the basis of County's review of the final application for payment and accompanying documentation, all as required by the contract documents, County is satisfied that Contractor's obligations under the contract documents have been fulfilled, County will, within ten days after receipt of the final application for payment, process the application for payment. Otherwise, County will return the application to Contractor, indicating in writing the reasons for refusing to make final payment, in which case Contractor shall make the necessary corrections and resubmit the application. Thirty (30) days after presentation to County of the application and accompanying documentation, in appropriate form and substance, or thirty (30) days after recording of a Notice of Completion, whichever date is later, the amount will become due and will be paid by County to Contractor.

12.11 CONTRACTOR'S CONTINUING OBLIGATION

Contractor's obligation to perform and complete the work in accordance with the contract documents shall be absolute. Neither the issuance of a certificate of substantial completion, nor any payment by County to Contractor under the contract documents, nor any use or occupancy of the work or any part thereof by County, nor any act of acceptance by County nor any failure to do so, nor any review and approval of a shop drawing or sample submission, nor the issuance of a notice of acceptability, nor any correction of defective work by County will constitute an acceptance of work not in accordance with the contract documents or a release of Contractor's obligation to perform the work in accordance with the contract documents.

13. ARBITRATION:

For claims under \$375,000, County shall have the option of electing arbitration pursuant to Public Contracts Code Sections 10240, et seq. If County does not so elect, the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 20104 shall apply. For claims which are above \$375,000, the arbitration provisions of this contract are voluntary. Neither County nor Contractor shall be required to enter into arbitration for amounts above \$375,000. Written consent of both parties to arbitrate such claims shall be a prerequisite to such arbitration. If the parties agree to arbitrate claims above \$375,000, the provisions of Public Contracts Code Sections 10240, et seq. shall be utilized.

14. WORKER'S COMPENSATION CERTIFICATION:

Contractor hereby certifies that Contractor is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this contract.

15. PREVAILING WAGE RATES:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 and 1773 of the Labor Code, the County of Sierra has determined the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done.

These rates are on file in the Department of Transportation. The Contractor shall post a copy of the wage rates on the job site. Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1775, Contractor shall forfeit twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates for such work or craft, and said amounts shall be distributed pursuant to the requirements of said Section 1775. Any employee whose type of work is not covered by any of the classified wage rates shall be paid not less than the rate of wage listed for the classification which most nearly corresponds to the type of work to be performed.

16. EMPLOYMENT OF APPRENTICE LABOR:

Reference is hereby made to Section 1777.5 of the Labor Code of the State of California, which regulations shall govern the employment of apprentices on the work. Compliance with said Section shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

17. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS:

Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1773.8, Contractor shall pay travel and subsistence payments to any workers covered by applicable collective bargaining agreements which provide for such payments.

18. PAYROLL RECORDS:

Contractor shall be responsible for keeping accurate payroll records as required by California Labor Code Section 1776. Contractor is aware that a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day or portion thereof for each worker may be assessed for noncompliance with said section. Contractor shall forward to County a certified copy of each payroll record within ten days after close of each payroll period. An additional 10% retention may be withheld from any payment due for failure to provide same.

19. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to abide by all provisions of Section 1735 of the California Labor Code, as amended, regarding nondiscrimination practices.

20. ASSIGNMENT:

No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the contract documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the contract documents.

21. CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESTRICTIONS:

No official of the County who is authorized in such capacity and on behalf of the County to negotiate, make, accept or approve, or to take part in negotiating, making, accepting, or approving any architectural, engineering, inspecting, construction or material supply contract or any subcontract in connection with the construction of the project, shall become directly or indirectly interested personally in this contract or in any part thereof. No officer, employee, architect, attorney, engineer, or inspector of or for the County who is authorized in such capacity and on behalf of the County who is in any legislative, executive, supervisor, or other similar function in connection with the construction of the project, shall become directly or indirectly interested personally in this contract or in any part thereof, any material supply contract, subcontract, insurance contract, or any other contract pertaining to the project.

22. WAIVER OF RIGHTS:

No action or lack of action on the part of County at any time to exercise any right or remedy conferred upon it under this contract shall be deemed to be a waiver on the part of the County of any of County's other rights or remedies.

23. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST:

County and Contractor each bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the contract documents.

24. SEVERABILITY:

If any provision to this contract is declared or found to be illegal, unenforceable or void, then both parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under such provisions, and the remainder of this contract shall not be affected by such declaration or finding and each provision not so affected shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

25. BOOKS OF RECORD AND AUDIT PROVISION:

Contractor shall maintain on a current basis complete books and records relating to this contract. Such records shall include, but not be limited to, documents supporting all bids, all income and all expenditures. The books and records shall be original entry books with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits for the work on this contract. In addition, Contractor shall maintain detailed payroll records including all subsistence, travel and field expenses, and cancelled checks, receipts and invoices for all items. These documents and records shall be retained for at least five years from the completion of this contract. Contractor will permit County to audit all books, accounts or records relating to this contract or all books, accounts or records of any business entities controlled by Contractor who participated in this contract in any way. Any audit may be conducted on Contractor's premises or, at County's option, Contractor shall provide all books and records within a maximum of fifteen (15) days upon receipt of written notice from County. Contractor shall

refund any moneys erroneously charged. If County ascertains that it has been billed erroneously by Contractor for an amount equaling 5% or more of the original bid, Contractor shall be liable for the costs of the audit in addition to any other penalty to be imposed.

26. NOTICE:

Notices shall be given to County at the following location:

If to "COUNTY":

Board of Supervisors
County of Sierra
Post Office Drawer D
Downieville, CA 95936

With a copy to:

Director of Public Works
P.O. Box 98
Downieville, CA 95936

If to "CONTRACTOR":

27. JURISDICTION AND VENUE:

This Contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California and the parties hereto agree that venue shall be in Sierra County, California.