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**CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,
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PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION**

**Unit Price Construction Contract
for
General Construction
Projects Less than \$10,000.00 Each
Bid No. 09-273**

**Becker Construction, Inc.
2549 County Road B
Valparaiso, NE 68065
402-416-3799**

**CITY OF LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA and
LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION
CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2009, by and between **Becker Construction, Inc., 2549 County Road B, Valparaiso, NE 68065**, hereinafter called "Contractor", and the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation, and the County of Lancaster, Nebraska, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission hereinafter called the "Owners".

WHEREAS, the Owners have caused to be prepared, in accordance with law, Specifications, Plans, and other Contract Documents for the Work herein described, and has approved and adopted said documents and has caused to be published an advertisement for and in connection with said Work, to-wit:

For providing **Unit Price Construction Contracts for General Construction - Projects less than \$10,000.00 each, Bid No. 09-273** and,

WHEREAS, the Contractor, in response to such advertisement, has submitted to the Owners, in the manner and at the time specified, a sealed Proposal/Supplier Response in accordance with the terms of said advertisement; and,

WHEREAS, the Owners, in the manner prescribed by law has publicly opened, read aloud, examined, and canvassed the Proposals/Supplier Responses submitted in response to such advertisement, and as a result of such canvass has determined and declared the Contractor to be the lowest responsible bidder for the said Work for the sum or sums named in the Contractor's Proposal/Supplier Responses, a copy thereof being attached to and made a part of this Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sums to be paid to the Contractor and the mutual covenants herein contained, the Contractor and the Owners have agreed and hereby agree as follows:

1. The Contractor agrees to (a) furnish all tools, equipment, supplies, superintendence, transportation, and other accessories, services, and facilities; (b) furnish all materials, supplies, and equipment specified to be incorporated into and form a permanent part of the complete work; (c) provide and perform all necessary labor in a substantial and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents; and (d) execute and complete all Work included in and covered by the Owners' award of this Contract to the Contractor, such award being based on the acceptance by the Owner of the Contractor's Proposal, or part thereof, as follows:

Agreement to full proposal.

2. The Owners agree to pay to the Contractor for the performance of the Work embraced in this Contract, the Contractor agrees to accept as full compensation therefore, the following sums and prices for all Work covered by and included in the Contract award and designated above, payment thereof to be made in the manner provided by the Owners:

Owners will pay for products/service, according to the pricing as listed in Contractors Proposal/Supplier Response, a copy thereof being attached to and made a part of this Contract. Owners shall order on an as needed basis for the duration of the contract.

3. Equal Employment Opportunity. In connection with the carrying out of this project, the contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age or marital status. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age or marital status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

4. E-Verify. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 4-108 through 4-114, the contractor agrees to register with and use a federal immigration verification system, to determine the work eligibility status of new employees performing services within the state of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324 a, otherwise known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this section pursuant to the requirements of state law and 8 U.S.C.A 1324b. The contractor shall require any subcontractor to comply with the provisions of this section.

5. Termination. This Contract may be terminated by the following:
 - 5.1) Termination for Convenience. Either party may terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party for any reason without penalty.
 - 5.2) Termination for Cause. The Owners may terminate the Contract for cause if the Contractor:
 - 5.2.1) Refuses or fails to supply the proper labor, materials and equipment necessary to provide **Unit Price Construction Contracts for General Construction - Projects less than \$10,000.00 each**.
 - 5.2.2) Disregards Federal, State or local laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions or orders.
 - 5.2.3) Otherwise commits a substantial breach or default of any provision of the Contract Document. In the event of a substantial breach or default the Owners will provide the Contractor written notice of said breach or default and allow the Contractor ten (10) days from the date of the written notice to cure such breach or default. If said breach or default is not cured within ten (10) days from the date of notice, then the contract shall terminate.

6. Independent Contractor. It is the express intent of the parties that this contract shall not create an employer-employee relationship. Employees of the Contractor shall not be deemed to be employees of the Owners and employees of the Owners shall not be deemed to be employees of the Contractor. The Contractor and the Owners shall be responsible to their respective employees for all salary and benefits. Neither the Contractor's employees nor the Owners' employees shall be entitled to any salary, wages, or benefits from the other party, including but not limited to overtime, vacation, retirement benefits, workers' compensation, sick leave or injury leave. Contractor shall also be responsible for maintaining workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance for its employees, and for payment of all federal, state, local and any other payroll taxes with respect to its employees' compensation.

7. Owner Inclusion. It is understood and agreed by all parties that "Owner/s" shall include the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska and Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission. Whenever in the Contract documents, including the instructions to bidders, specifications, insurance requirements, bonds, and terms and conditions or any other documents which are a part of the Contract, a singular entity is referenced (i.e., "the City" or "the County" or "Building Commission") it shall mean the "Owners" encompassing the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and Lincoln-Lancaster County Building Commission.

8. Guarantee: A performance and payment bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 shall be required for this construction contract. These bonds shall remain in effect during the guarantee period as stated in the specifications. Once the project is completed, the contractor may submit a maintenance bond in place of the performance bond.

9. Contract Term. This Contract shall be effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. The term of the Contract shall be a two (2) year term. The parties shall have the option to renew the contract for one (1) additional two (2) year term upon the written mutual consent of the parties.

10. The Contract Documents comprise the Contract, and consist of the following:
1. Instructions to Bidders
 2. Insurance Clause
 2. Accepted Proposal/Response
 3. Contract Agreement
 4. Specifications
 5. Quote Form
 6. Unit Price Instructions
 7. Sales Tax Exemption Form 13

These Contract Agreements, together with the other Contract Documents herein above mentioned, form this Contract, and they are as fully a part of the Contract as if hereto attached or herein repeated.

The Contractor and the Owners hereby agree that all the terms and conditions of this Contract shall be binding upon themselves, and their heirs, administrators, executors, legal and personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor and the Owners do hereby execute this contract.

EXECUTION BY THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

ATTEST:

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved by Executive No. _____

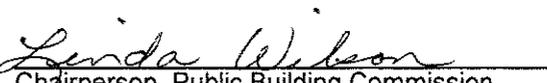
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LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

Attest:



Public Building Commission Attorney

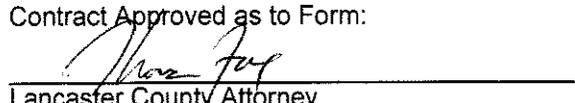


Chairperson, Public Building Commission

dated 01-12-10

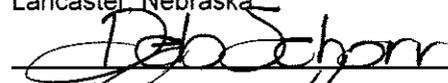
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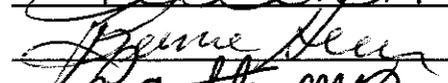
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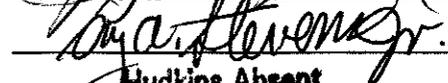


Lancaster County Attorney

The Board of County Commissioners of
Lancaster, Nebraska







Hudkins Absent

Workman Absent

dated 11/2/10

EXECUTION BY CONTRACTOR

IF A CORPORATION:

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)
Secretary

BECKER CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Name of Corporation
2549 COUNTY ROAD B
VALPARAISO, NE 68065
(Address)

By: Bred Becker
Duly Authorized Official
PRESIDENT
Legal Title of Official

IF OTHER TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Name of Organization

Type of Organization

(Address)

By: _____
Member

By: _____
Member

IF AN INDIVIDUAL:

Name

Address

Signature

COMMENTARY TO ACCOMPANY CONSTRUCTION BONDS

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

There are two types of construction bonds that are required by statutes for public work in many jurisdictions and are widely used for other projects as well.

Construction Performance Bond
Construction Payment Bond

The Construction Performance Bond is an instrument that is used to assure the availability of funds to complete the construction.

The Construction Payment Bond is an instrument that is used to assure the availability of sufficient funds to pay for labor, materials and equipment used in the construction. For public work the Construction Payment Bond provides rights of recovery for workers and suppliers similar to their rights under the mechanics lien laws applying to private work.

The objective underlying the re-writing of construction bond forms was to make them more understandable to provide guidance to users. The intention was to define the rights and responsibilities of the parties, without changing the traditional rights and responsibilities that have been decided by the courts. The new bond forms provide helpful guidance regarding time periods for various notices and actions and clarify the extent of available remedies.

The concept of pre-default meeting has been incorporated into the Construction Performance Bond. All of the participants favored early and informal resolution of the problems that may precipitate a default, but some Surety companies were reluctant to participate in pre-default settings absent specific authorization in the bond form.

The responsibilities of the Owner and the options available to the Surety when a default occurs are set forth in the Construction Performance Bond. Procedures for making a claim under the Construction Payment Bond are set forth in the form.

EJCDC recommends the use of two separate bonds rather than a combined form. Normally the amount of each bond is 100 percent of the contract amount. The bonds have different purposes and are separate and distinct obligations of the Surety. The Surety Association reports that the usual practice is to charge a single premium for both bonds and there is no reduction in premium for using a combined form or for issuing one bond without the other.

B. COMPLETING THE FORMS

Bonds have important legal consequences; consultation with an attorney and a bond specialist is encouraged with respect to federal, state and local laws applicable to bonds and with respect to completing or modifying the bond forms.

Both bond forms have a similar format and the information to be filled in is ordinarily the same on both bonds. If modification is necessary, the modifications may be different.

The bond forms are prepared for execution by the Contractor and the Surety. Evidence of authority to bind the Surety is usually provided in the form of a power of attorney designating the agent who is authorized to sign on behalf of the Surety. The power of attorney should be filed with the signed bonds.

Each bond must be executed separately since they cover separate and distinct obligations.

Preferably the bond date should be the same date as the contract, but in no case should the bond date precede the date of the contract.

CONSTRUCTION PERFORMANCE BOND

Bond No. 0381151

Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

CONTRACTOR (Name and Address):
Becker Construction, Inc.
2549 County Road B
Valparaiso, NE 68065

SURETY (Name and Principal
Place of Business):
International Fidelity Insurance Company
One Newark Center, 20th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102-5207

Owner (Name and Address):
City of Lincoln, Lancaster County &
Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission
555 South 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
Date: 12/10/09
Amount: \$10,000.00

Description (Name and Location):
For all labor, material and equipment necessary for Unit Price Construction Contract for General
Construction Projects Less than \$10,000.00 Each, Bid No. 09-273

BOND
Date: 12/10/09
Amount: \$10,000.00
Modifications to this Bond Form:

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL
Company: (Corp. Seal)
Becker Construction, Inc.
2549 County Road B
Valparaiso, NE 68065

SURETY
Company: (Corp. Seal)
International Fidelity Insurance Company

Signature: Brad Becker PRESIDENT
Name and Title: Name and Title:

Signature: Maury J. Spieker
Name and Title: Maury J. Spieker, Attorney-in-Fact

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Associated General Contractors of America, and the American Institute of Architects.

1. The Contractor and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner for the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

2. If the Contractor performs the Construction Contract, the Surety and the Contractor shall have no obligation under this Bond, except to participate in conferences as provided in Subparagraph 3.1.

3. If there is no Owner Default, the Surety's obligation under this Bond shall arise after:

3.1 The Owner has notified the Contractor and the Surety at its address described in Paragraph 10 below, that the Owner is considering declaring a Contractor Default and has requested and attempted to arrange a conference with the Contractor and the Surety to be held not later than fifteen days after receipt of such notice to discuss methods of performing the Construction Contract. If the Owner, the Contractor and the Surety agree, the Contractor shall be allowed a reasonable time to perform the Construction Contract, but such an agreement shall not waive the Owner's right, if any, subsequently to declare a Contractor Default and

3.2 The Owner has declared a Contractor Default and formally terminated the Contractor's right to complete the contract. Such Contractor Default shall not be declared earlier than twenty days after the Contractor and the Surety have received notice as provided in Sub-paragraph 3.1; and

3.3 The Owner has agreed to pay the Balance of the Contract Price to the Surety in accordance with the terms of the Construction Contract or to a contractor selected to perform the Construction Contract in accordance with the terms of the contract with the Owner.

4. When the Owner has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 3, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take one of the following actions:

4.1 Arrange for the Contractor, with consent of the Owner, to perform and complete the Construction Contract, or

4.2 Undertake to perform and complete the Construction Contract itself, through its agents or through independent contractors; or

4.3 Obtain bids or negotiated proposals from qualified contractors acceptable to the Owner for a contract for performance and completion of the Construction Contract, arrange for a contract to be prepared for execution by the Owner and the contractor selected with the Owner's concurrence, to be secured with performance and payment bonds executed by a qualified surety equivalent to the bonds issued on the Construction Contract, and pay to the Owner the amount of damages as described in Paragraph 6 in excess of the Balance of the Contract Price incurred by the Owner resulting from the Contractor's default, or

4.4 Waive its right to perform and complete, arrange for completion, or obtain a new contractor and with reasonable promptness under the circumstances:

1. After investigation, determine the amount for which it may be liable to the Owner and as soon as practicable after the amount is determined tender payment therefore to the Owner; or

2. Deny liability in whole or in part and notify the Owner citing reasons therefore.

5. If the Surety does not proceed as provided in Paragraph 4 with reasonable promptness, the Surety shall be deemed to be in default on this Bond fifteen days after receipt of an additional written notice from the Owner to the Surety demanding that the Surety perform its obligations under this Bond, and the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner. If the Surety proceeds as provided in Subparagraph 4.4 and the Owner refuses payment tendered or the Surety has denied liability, in whole or in part, without further notice the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner.

6. After the Owner has terminated the Contractor's right to complete the Construction Contract, and if the Surety elects to act under Subparagraph 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3 above, then the responsibilities of the Surety to the Owner shall not be greater than those of the Contractor under the Construction Contract, and the responsibilities of the Owner to the Surety shall not be greater than those of the Owner under the Construction Contract. To the limit of the amount of this Bond, but subject to commitment by the Owner of the Balance of the Contract Price to mitigation of costs and damages on the Construction Contract, the Surety is obligated without duplication for:

6.1 The responsibilities of the Contractor for correction of defective work and completion of the Construction Contract;

6.2 Additional legal, design professional and delay costs resulting from the Contractor's Default, and resulting from the actions or failure to act of the Surety under Paragraph 4; and

6.3 Liquidated damages, or if no liquidated damages are specified in the Construction Contract, actual damages caused by delayed performance or non-performance of the Contractor.

7. The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner or others for obligations of the Contractor that are unrelated to the Construction Contract, and the Balance of the Contract Price shall not be reduced or set off on account of any such unrelated obligations. No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to any person or entity other than the Owner or its heirs, executors, administrators, or successors.

8. The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related sub-contracts, purchase orders and other obligations.

9. Any proceeding, legal or equitable, under this Bond may be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located and shall be instituted within two years after Contractor Default or within two years after the Contractor ceased working or within two years after the Surety refuses or fails to perform its obligations under this Bond, whichever occurs first. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.

10. Notice to the Surety, the Owner or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page.

11. When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

12. Definitions.

12.1 Balance of the Contract Price: The total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract after all proper adjustments have been made, including allowance to the Contractor of any amounts received or to be received by the Owner in settlement of insurance or other claims for damages to which the Contractor is entitled, reduced by all valid and proper payments made to or on behalf of the Contractor under the Construction Contract.

12.2 Construction Contract: The agreement between the Owner and the Contractor identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto.

12.3 Contractor Default: Failure of the Contractor, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to perform or otherwise to comply with the terms of the Construction Contract.

12.4 Owner Default: Failure of the Owner, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the Contractor as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

CONSTRUCTION PAYMENT BOND

Bond No. 0381151

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CONTRACTOR (Name and Address):

Becker Construction, Inc.
2549 County Road B
Valparaiso, NE 68065

SURETY (Name and Principal Place
Of Business):

International Fidelity Insurance Company
One Newark Center, 20th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102-5207

Owner (Name and Address):

City of Lincoln, Lancaster County &
Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission
555 South 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Date: 12/10/09
Amount: \$10,000.00

Description (Name and Location):

For all labor, material and equipment necessary for Unit Price Construction Contract for General Construction
Projects Less than \$10,000.00 Each, Bid No. 09-273

BOND

Date: 12/10/09
Amount: \$10,000.00

Modifications to this Bond Form:

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL

Company: (Corp. Seal)

Becker Construction, Inc.
2549 County Road B
Valparaiso, NE 68065

Signature: Brad Becker PRESIDENT

Name and Title:

SURETY

Company: (Corp. Seal)
International Fidelity Insurance Company

Signature: Mauy J. Spieker
Name and Title: Mauy J. Spieker
Attorney-in-Fact

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Associated General Contractors of America, and the American Institute of Architects.

1. The Contractor and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner to pay for labor, materials and equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

2. With respect to the Owner, this obligation shall be null and void if the Contractor:

2.1 Promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due Claimants, and

2.2 Defends, indemnifies and holds harmless the Owner from all claims, demands, liens or suits by any person or entity who furnished labor, materials or equipment for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, provided the Owner has promptly notified the Contractor and the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) of any claims, demands, liens or suits and tendered defense of such claims, demands, liens or suits to the Contractor and the Surety, and provided there is no Owner Default.

3. With respect to Claimants, this obligation shall be null and void if the Contractor promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due.

4. The Surety shall have no obligation to Claimants under this Bond until:

4.1 Claimants who do not have a direct contract with the Contractor have given notice to the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) and sent a copy, or notice thereof to the Owner, stating that a claim is being made under this Bond and with substantial accuracy the amount of the claim.

4.2 Claimants who do not have a direct contract with the Contractor:

1. Have furnished written notice to the Contractor and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, within 90 days after having last performed labor or last furnished materials or equipment included in the claim stating, with substantial accuracy, the amount of the claim and the name of the party to whom the materials were furnished or supplied or for whom the labor was done or performed, and

2. Have either received a rejection in whole or in part from the Contractor, or not received within 30 days of furnishing the above notice any communication from the Contractor by which the Contractor has indicated the claim will be paid directly or indirectly; and

3. Not having been paid within the above 30 days, have sent a written notice to the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, stating that a claim is being made under this Bond and enclosing a copy of the previous written notice furnished to the Contractor.

5. If a notice required by Paragraph 4 is given by the Owner to the Contractor or to the Surety, that is sufficient compliance.

6. When the Claimant has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 4, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take the following actions:

6.1 Send an answer to the Claimant, with a copy to the Owner, within 45 days after receipt of the claim, stating the amounts that are undisputed and the basis for challenging any amounts that are disputed.

6.2 Pay or arrange for payment of any undisputed amounts.

7. The Surety's total obligation shall not exceed the amount of this Bond, and the amount of this Bond shall be credited for any payments made in good faith by the Surety.

8. Amounts owed by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract shall be used for the performance of the Construction Contract and to satisfy claims, if any, under any Construction Performance Bond.

By the Contractor furnishing and the Owner accepting this Bond, they agree that all funds earned by the Contractor in the performance of the Construction Contract are dedicated to satisfy obligations of the Contractor and the Surety under this Bond, subject to the Owner's priority to the funds for the completion of the work.

9. The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner, Claimants or others for obligations of the Contractor that are unrelated to the Construction Contract. The Owner shall not be liable for payment of any costs or expenses of any Claimant under this Bond, and shall have under this Bond no obligations to make payments to, give notices on behalf of, or otherwise have obligations to Claimants under this Bond.

10. The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.

11. No suite or action shall be commenced by a Claimant under this Bond other than in a court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located or after the expiration of one year from the date (1) on which the Claimant gave the notice required by Subparagraph 4.1 or Clause 4.1 (iii), or (2) on which the last labor or service was performed by anyone or the last materials or equipment were furnished by anyone under the Construction Contract, whichever of (1) or (2) first occurs. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.

12. Notice to the Surety, the Owner or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page. Actual receipt of notice by Surety, the Owner or the Contractor, however accomplished, shall be sufficient compliance as of the date received at the address shown on the signature page.

13. When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted here from and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is, that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

14. Upon request by any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of this Bond, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of this Bond or shall permit a copy to be made.

15. DEFINITIONS

15.1 Claimant: An individual or entity having a direct contract with the Contractor or with a subcontractor of the Contractor to furnish labor, materials or equipment for use in the performance of the Contract. The intent of this Bond shall be to include without limitation in the terms "labor, materials, or equipment" that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental equipment used in the Construction Contract, architectural and engineering services required for performance of the work of the Contractor and the Contractor's subcontractors, and all other items for which a mechanic's lien may be asserted in the jurisdiction where the labor, materials or equipment were furnished.

15.2 Construction Contract: The agreement between the Owner and the Contractor identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto.

15.3 Owner Default: Failure of the Owner, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the Contractor as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

(FOR INFORMATION ONLY - NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE)
AGENT OR BROKER: OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE (ARCHITECT, ENGINEER OR OTHER PARTY)

POWER OF ATTORNEY INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE: ONE NEWARK CENTER, 20TH FLOOR
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102-5207

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing laws of the State of New Jersey, and having its principal office in the City of Newark, New Jersey, does hereby constitute and appoint

SHARON K. MURRAY, MAURY J. SPIEKER, JOAN LEU, DAVID A. DOMINIANI, MAURA P. KELLY

Omaha, NE.

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact to execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds and undertakings, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, which are or may be allowed, required or permitted by law, statute, rule, regulation, contract or otherwise, and the execution of such instrument(s) in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon the said INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by its regularly elected officers at its principal office.

This Power of Attorney is executed, and may be revoked, pursuant to and by authority of Article 3-Section 3, of the By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting called and held on the 7th day of February, 1974.

The President or any Vice President, Executive Vice President, Secretary or Assistant Secretary, shall have power and authority

- (1) To appoint Attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the Seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof and,
- (2) To remove, at any time, any such attorney-in-fact and revoke the authority given.

Further, this Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile pursuant to resolution of the Board of Directors of said Company adopted at a meeting duly called and held on the 29th day of April, 1982 of which the following is a true excerpt:

Now therefore the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.



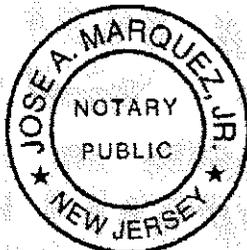
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY has caused this instrument to be signed and its corporate seal to be affixed by its authorized officer, this 16th day of October, A.D. 2007.

INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
County of Essex

Secretary

On this 16th day of October 2007, before me came the individual who executed the preceding instrument, to me personally known, and, being by me duly sworn, said he is the therein described and authorized officer of the INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY; that the seal affixed to said instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company; that the said Corporate Seal and his signature were duly affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Company.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand affixed my Official Seal, at the City of Newark, New Jersey the day and year first above written.

A NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Nov. 21, 2010

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned officer of INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Power of Attorney and affidavit, and the copy of the Section of the By-Laws of said Company as set forth in said Power of Attorney, with the ORIGINALS ON IN THE HOME OFFICE OF SAID COMPANY, and that the same are correct transcripts thereof, and of the whole of the said originals, and that the said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of December 2009

Assistant Secretary

Certified Statement Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1323

§ 77-1323 Every person, partnership, limited liability company, association, or corporation furnishing labor or material in the repair, alteration, improvement, erection, or construction of any public improvement shall furnish a certified statement to be attached to the contract that all equipment to be used on the project, except that acquired since the assessment date, has been assessed for taxation for the current year, giving the county where assessed.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1323, I, Kelley Becker, do hereby certify that all equipment to be used on Bid No. 09-273, except that equipment acquired since the assessment date, has been assessed for taxation for the current year, in Saunder's County, Nebraska.

DATED this 28th day of Dec, 2009.

By: [Signature]
Title: Secretary

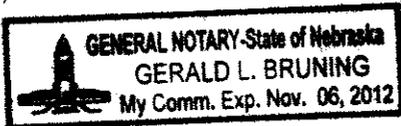
STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF Saunder's)

On Dec 28, 2009, before me, the undersigned Notary Public duly commissioned for and qualified in said County, personally came Kelley Becker, to me known to be the identical person, whose name is affixed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the execution thereof to be his voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal the day and year last above written.

[Signature]
Notary Public

(SEAL)



City of Lincoln/Lancaster County (Lincoln Purchasing) Supplier Response

Bid Information		Contact Information		Ship to Information
Bid Creator	Robert Walla Asst. Purchasing Agent	Address	Purchasing\City & County 440 S. 8th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	Address
Email		Contact	Tom Kopplin Asst. Purchasing Agent	Contact
Phone	1 (402) 441-8309			Department
Fax	1 (402) 441-6513			Building
Bid Number	09-273	Department		Floor/Room
Title	Unit Price Construction Contract for General Construction - Projects less than \$10,000.00 Each	Building		Telephone
Bid Type	Bid	Floor/Room		Fax
Issue Date	11/20/2009	Telephone	1 (402) 441-7414	Email
Close Date	12/9/2009 12:00:00 PM CST	Fax	1 (402) 441-6513	
Need by Date		Email	tkopplin@lincoln.ne.gov	

Supplier Information

Company Becker Construction, Inc.
 Address 2549 County Road B
 Valparaiso, NE 68065
 Contact Brad Becker
 Department
 Building
 Floor/Room
 Telephone 1 (402) 416-3799
 Fax 1 (402) 477-2525
 Email bradbecker@hotmail.com
 Submitted 12/8/2009 10:38:10 AM CST
 Total \$108.00

Signature

Supplier Notes

Bid Notes

If you need assistance in preparing your bid, there are several options.

1) Click the the "Help" button in the upper right hand corner of any screen; 2) Contact our office for a training session in Purchasing or assistance over the phone; 3) View the PowerPoint presentation at <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/purch/spec/veninst.ppt>

Bid Messages

Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Instructions to Bidders	I acknowledge reading and understanding the Instructions to Bidders.	Yes
2	Insurance Requirements	I acknowledge reading and understanding the Insurance Requirements.	Yes
3	Specifications	I acknowledge reading and understanding the specifications.	Yes
4	Unit Price Quotation Form	I acknowledge reading and understanding the Unit Price Quotation Form.	Yes
5	Unit Price Contract Instructions	I acknowledge reading and understanding the Unit Price Contract Instructions.	Yes
6	Sample Contract	I acknowledge reading and understanding the sample contract.	Yes
7	Percentage Markup of Material, excluding freight	Percentage Markup of Material, Excluding Freight ONLY ENTER A NUMBER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED! An invoice showing the material type AND cost of material from 3rd Party Vendor may be requested with the final invoice to verify quoted price.	10
8	Percentage Markup of Rental Equipment	Percentage Markup of Rental Equipment ONLY ENTER A NUMBER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED! An invoice showing the type of equipment AND cost of rental from 3rd Party Vendor may be requested with the final invoice to verify quoted price.	0
9	Percentage Markup of all Subcontractor Costs	Percentage Markup of Subcontractor Costs ONLY ENTER A NUMBER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED! An invoice showing the amount charged by Subcontractor may be requested with the final invoice to verify quoted price.	6
10	Electronic Signature	Please check here for your electronic signature.	Yes
11	Term Clause of Contract	(a) Bid prices firm for the full contract period. YES or NO (b) Bid prices subject to escalation/de-escalation YES or NO (c) If (b), state period for which prices will remain firm: through _____	a) yes, b) no
12	Renewal is an Option	Contract Extension Renewal is an option.	Yes
13	Contact	Name of person submitting this bid:	Brad Becker
14	Performance/Payment Bond	I acknowledge that a \$10,000 Performance Bond and Payment Bond will be required with the signed contract upon award of this job.	Yes
15	Page 2	Please note that there is a page 2 of Attributes.	Yes
16	Construction Codes	I acknowledge reading and understanding the Construction Codes in the City of Lincoln at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/build/comercl/codes.htm	Yes
17	License Attachments	I acknowledge attaching any applicable licenses for the services provided under this bid.	Yes
18	References	I have attached my References to the Response Attachment section of this bid.	Yes

Line Items

#	Qty	UOM	Description	Response
1	1	EA	Supervisor - Labor rate per hour	\$32.00
Item Notes: LABOR RATES: Amount that the contractor will bill the owner for services provided. Labor rates shall include all health and welfare benefits, insurance, taxes, overhead and profit, and all other applicable fringe benefits.				
Supplier Notes:				
2	1	EA	Carpenter - Labor rate per hour	\$32.00
Item Notes: LABOR RATES: Amount that the contractor will bill the owner for services provided. Labor rates shall include all health and welfare benefits, insurance, taxes, overhead and profit, and all other applicable fringe benefits.				
Supplier Notes:				
3	1	EA	Skilled Helper - Labor rate per hour	\$22.00
Item Notes: LABOR RATES: Amount that the contractor will bill the owner for services provided. Labor rates shall include all health and welfare benefits, insurance, taxes, overhead and profit, and all other applicable fringe benefits.				
Supplier Notes:				
4	1	EA	Laborer - Labor rate per hour	\$22.00
Item Notes: LABOR RATES: Amount that the contractor will bill the owner for services provided. Labor rates shall include all health and welfare benefits, insurance, taxes, overhead and profit, and all other applicable fringe benefits.				
Supplier Notes:				
			Response Total:	\$108.00

Unit Price Service Contract Instructions GENERAL CONSTRUCTION (UNDER \$10,000.00)

The City/County Purchasing Division has established "unit price" bids from our local repair and service contractors in an effort to streamline the process necessary to obtain services from various trades to perform small emergency and routine maintenance and repair for our facilities. Without this type of arrangement the specification and notice to proceed were unduly delayed or administratively prohibitive.

1. **DEFINITIONS:** For the purposes of this process the following definitions shall apply:
 - 1.1 **Unit Price Contract:** This series of contracts for routine maintenance, repair and/or remodel with the Owners for labor and material projects equal to or less than \$10,000.00 per project will establish approved hourly rates for the same utilizing a fair and competitive bid process. The Purchasing Division will require proof of insurance and a \$10,000 payment bond and performance bond from each contractor for the duration of the contract. During the course of the contract period, any Owners Department / Division / Agency may utilize the established unit price contract for maintenance, repair and small remodeling projects under \$10,000. Unit Price Service Contracts shall not include contracts involving: a) any street, alley bridge or highway, or b) the new construction, furnishing, erection or installation of any building or structure.
 - 1.2 **Labor and Materials:** (time and materials) The contractor will be paid for labor and materials instead of charging a fixed price or percentage of costs. Contractor shall provide a quote to the Owners for time and materials for the actual projected labor hours and material incorporated into or used solely for the project.
 - 1.3 **Unit Price Contractor:** Shall mean any person that enters into a Unit Price Service Contract as a service provider.
 - 1.4 **Maintenance and Repair:** Unit price contracts are restricted to ONLY MAINTENANCE, REPAIR SERVICES AND LIMITED REMODELING THAT TOTAL no more than \$10,000 FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT. Project Managers shall not divide work or phase project to avoid this limitation. Maintenance and repair shall be limited in scope to expenditure needed to preserve a property's original status and functionality or to compensate for wear and tear and minor remodeling to improve the regular compliance for the facility.
 - 1.5 **Owners** shall mean the agencies, departments and offices of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, or City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Nebraska.

- 1.6 **Owner's Project Manager:** The "Project Manager" as used in this process shall mean the Owner's department / division or agency manager / supervisor or by or through that person's duly authorized assistants. The Project Manager shall be responsible for general management (getting quotes, selecting contractor, scheduling work, supervising the work and insuring payment to the contractor for said work) of work performed utilizing the Unit Price Contracts.
- 1.7 **Project:** The Unit Price Contracts are restricted to projects for \$10,000 or less. Projects shall mean the entire scope of the work incorporated into a planned undertaking of related activities to reach an objective that has a beginning and an end.
- 1.8 **Quotation:** A written proposed estimation of the labor and materials of the individual project to determine an appropriate price to complete the work is required for all projects.

2. SELECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

- 2.1 Any Owner Department, Division or Agency may utilize the unit price contracts for small maintenance and repair services with a total project cost of \$10,000 or under.
 - 2.1.1 \$0 to \$10,000: Written (fax is acceptable) price quotes from two or more (if available) approved unit price contractors,
- 2.2 Right to Audit: The Purchasing Agent has the right to audit any project for compliance with this procedure. The Purchasing Agent may suspend any Project Manager from using this procedure for non-compliance including, but not limited to the following:
 - 2.2.1 Project is over \$10,000.
 - 2.2.2 Project was subdivided into small phases to avoid the \$10,000 Project limit.
 - 2.2.3 If proper documentation has not been retained by the Project Manager.
 - 2.2.4 If Purchasing Agent has reason to believe the Project Manager is not providing fair and open access to all available Unit Price Contractors for the work covered under this program.
- 2.3 The following is required by Ordinance No. 4.66.100(b): All parties of this Agreement shall be subject to audit pursuant to Chapter 4.66 of the Lincoln Municipal Code and shall make available to a contract auditor, as defined therein, copies of all financial and performance related records and materials germane to the contract, as allowed by law.

ATTACHMENT 1

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, (PROJECTS UNDER \$10,000.00)

Date: _____

TO DEPARTMENT/AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE: _____

FROM (CONTRACTOR): _____

PROJECT NUMBER: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: _____

When making a quotation please breakdown the Total Cost into the following categories: Labor, Materials, Equipment, Overhead and Subcontractors Costs. Fill in the following Tables in the areas as shown. If an item does not apply, please do not make an entry in that column.

TIME OF COMPLETION

Estimated Start Date	_____
Number of Days to Complete	_____

LABOR COST TABLE

CONTRACTOR	RATE	NO. HOURS	TOTAL \$ AMOUNT
Supervisor			
Carpenter			
Skilled Helper			
Laborer			
Other			
TOTAL LABOR			

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL COSTS

ITEM	COST	% of Markup	TOTAL \$ AMOUNT
Total Equipment Costs			
Total Materials Cost			
Total Shipping Cost			

SUBCONTRACTORS COSTS

SUB-CONTRACTOR (NAME)	COST	% of Markup	TOTAL \$ AMOUNT
Sub No. 1			
Sub No. 2			
Sub No. 3			
Sub No. 4			
Sub No. 5			

TOTAL PRICE (NOT TO EXCEED)

\$ _____

FIRM: _____

BY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE _____

APPROVED BY: _____

Change Order #: _____

Accepted: _____

Not Accepted: _____

Department/Agency Representative

DATE: _____

**Advertise 2 times
Friday, November 20, 2009 and
Friday, November 27, 2009**

**City of Lincoln/Lancaster County
Purchasing Division
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County, Nebraska **BY ELECTRONIC BID PROCESS** until: **12:00 pm, Wednesday, December 09, 2009** for providing the following:

**Unit Price
General Construction Projects
(Less than \$10,000.00 each)
Bid No. 09-273**

Bidders must be registered on the City/County's E-Bid site in order to respond to the above Bid. To Register go to: lincoln.ne.gov (type: e-bid - in search box, then click "Supplier Registration")

Upon e-mail notification of registration approval, you may go to the E-Bid site to respond to this bid. Questions concerning this bid process may be directed to City/County Purchasing at (402) 441-8309 or (402) 441-7410 or rwalla@lincoln.ne.gov

**SPECIFICATIONS
UNIT PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
(PROJECTS UNDER \$10,000.00)**

1. SCOPE OF CONTRACT

- 1.1 Lancaster County, Nebraska; the Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission; and the City of Lincoln (hereinafter referred to as "Owners"), desire to retain qualified contractors on a Unit Price Construction Contract basis to perform Miscellaneous General Construction Services (Projects Under \$10,000.00) for the term of the contract.
- 1.2 A sample Unit Price Contract describing the obligations of the Owners and the Contractor is attached to the E-Bid.
 - 1.2.1 A copy of the Unit Price Service Contract Instructions is attached to the E-Bid.
- 1.3 There is no estimated total amount of work for all departments/agencies of the Owners for the term of the contract.
 - 1.3.1 Individual Unit Price Projects under the terms of this Contract will range from \$0.00 to \$10,000.00.
 - 1.3.2 The Purchasing Division will require a \$10,000.00 Performance/Payment Bond from each Contractor for the duration of the Contract.
- 1.4 Labor rates being bid shall include all health and welfare benefits, insurance, taxes, overhead, profit, and all other applicable fringe benefits in the per hour rate shown in the Line Item Unit Price box.
- 1.5 No adjustments in labor rates or markup percentages being bid will be allowed on work awarded during the initial contract period.
 - 1.5.1 Any future fluctuation in the labor market and/or markup calculations should be taken into consideration by the bidder, even though the work for an individual project may extend into the succeeding year.
- 1.6 The term of the contract shall be two (2) years, **January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2011**; with options to renew for one (1) additional two (2) year term beginning January 1, 2012.

2. CONTRACT AND INSURANCE

- 2.1 Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the award of bid the Contractor(s) must execute a written Unit Price Construction Contract between the Contractor and the Owners and the required performance/payment bond.
- 2.2 Also, within such time period the Contractor must furnish with the executed contract a certificate of insurance in accordance with the "Insurance Clause to be used for All Unit Price Construction Contracts", naming Lancaster County, and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission and the City of Lincoln as additional insured.

3. BIDDING PROCEDURE

- 3.1 Read all attachments prior to submitting your Unit Price Proposal.
 - 3.1.1 Bidders shall submit bid documents and all supporting material via E-Bid.
 - 3.1.2 All inquiries regarding these specifications shall be directed via e-mail to Bob Walla, Assistant Purchasing Agent rwalla@lincoln.ne.gov
 - 3.1.3 All relevant inquires will be distributed to prospective bidders electronically as an addendum.
 - 3.1.4 Only written inquiries received within five (5) calendar days of the bid opening will be addressed.

4. **BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS**

- 4.1 Bidders must be registered or licensed in accordance with the Lincoln Municipal Code as required.
- 4.2 Bidders shall attach a list of three references for government or commercial projects in the Supplier Response Section of the ebid response.
 - 4.2.1 References should include: name of firm, contact person, address, and telephone number, and may include references of work previously performed for any one of the Owners.

5. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

- 5.1 If services are found to not be in compliance with the provisions of this agreement; the Owners Agent shall notify the contractor, with follow-up notification in writing, of the complaint for non-compliance.
- 5.2 The contractor shall be given 24 hours to correct the cause of the complaint.
- 5.3 If the Owners Agent issues two (2) written complaints for non-compliance during the contract period, the Owner shall have the right to cancel the contract for services with the contractor.
- 5.4 The Purchasing Agent shall notify the contractor in writing of the cancellation of the contract.
 - 5.4.1 The contract will terminate ten (10) days from the date of mailing of the written notice of cancellation.
 - 5.4.1 In such event, the contractor shall have no liability to the Owner thereunder other than to fully perform such services to the end of said notice period, and the Owner shall have no liability to the contractor except to pay for such services as are actually performed pursuant to the terms of this contract.

6. **CONTRACT AWARD PROVISIONS**

- 6.1 The following factors shall be considered in determining the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder/s:
 - 6.1.1 Ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to comply with the specifications and perform the work required by the contract.
 - 6.1.2 Character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder.
 - 6.1.3 Ability of the bidder to perform the work within the time specified for each project.
 - 6.1.4 Previous and current compliance of the bidder with laws and regulations relating to the work.
 - 6.1.5 Information obtained from the references provided by the bidder.
 - 6.1.6 Pricing from the Unit Price bid.
 - 6.1.7 Any other information deemed relevant to the contract by the Owners.
- 6.2 Contracts resulting from bid proposals shall not be on an all-or-none basis, and may be awarded to several bidders based on price, scheduling, the ability to complete work on time, quality of work and previous inspection and acceptance of past projects.
- 6.3 The Owners further reserve the right to analyze bid proposals in detail and to award contracts which the Owners believe to be in their best interests.
- 6.4 The Owners may make any investigation deemed necessary to determine the ability of a bidder to perform in accordance with the specifications.
- 6.5 The Owners reserve the right to reject any bid based on facts resulting from any investigation which indicates that a bidder is not properly qualified to perform the obligations of any resulting contract.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

City of Lincoln, Nebraska, County of Lancaster, Public Building Commission

E-Bid

1. **BIDDING PROCEDURE**

- 1.1 Sealed bid, formal and informal, subject to Instructions and General Conditions and any special conditions set forth herein, will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division, 440 So. 8th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, until the bid closing date and time indicated for furnishing the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and Building Commission, hereafter referred to as "Owners" the materials, supplies, equipment or services shown in the electronic bid request.
- 1.2 Bidders shall use the electronic bid system for submitting bids and must complete all required fields. If you do not care to bid, please respond to the bid request and note your reason.
- 1.3 Identify the item you will furnish by brand or manufacturer's name and catalog numbers. Also furnish specifications and descriptive literature if not bidding the specific manufacturer or model as listed in the specifications.
- 1.4 Any person submitting a bid for a firm, corporation, or other organization must show evidence of his authority so to bind such firm, corporation, or organization.
- 1.5 Bids received after the time and date established for receiving bids will be rejected.
- 1.6 The Bidders and public are invited, but not required, to attend the formal opening of bids. At the opening, prices will be displayed electronically and/or read aloud to the public. The pricing is also available for immediate viewing on-line. No decisions related to an award of a contract or purchase order will be made at the opening.
- 1.7 If bidding on a construction contract, the City's Standard Specifications for Municipal Construction 2006 shall apply.
 - 1.7.1 Bidders may obtain this document from the City's Design Engineering Division of the Public Works & Utilities Department for a small fee.
 - 1.7.2 Said document can be reviewed at Design Engineering or the office of the Purchasing Division.
 - 1.7.3 Said document is available on the web site.
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/engine/dconst/standard/stdndspec/index.htm>

2. **BID SECURITY**

- 2.1 Bid security, as a guarantee of good faith, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond, may be required to be submitted with this bid document, as indicated on the bid.
 - 2.1.1 Bid security, if required, shall be in the amount specified on the bid. The bid security must be scanned and attached to the "Response Attachments" section of your response or it can be faxed to the Purchasing Office at 402-441-6513. The original bid security should then be sent or delivered to the office of the Purchasing Division, 440 S. 8th St., Ste. 200, Lincoln, NE 68508 to be received within three (3) days of bid closing.
 - 2.1.2 If bid security is not received in the Office of the Purchasing Division as stated above, the vendor may be determined to be non-responsive.
- 2.2 If alternates are submitted, only one bid security will be required, provided the bid security is based on the amount of the highest gross bid.
- 2.3 Such bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful Bidders when the award of bid is made.
- 2.4 Bid security will be returned to the successful Bidder(s) as follows:
 - 2.4.1 For single order bids with specified quantities: upon the delivery of all equipment or merchandise, and upon final acceptance by the Owners.
 - 2.4.2 For all other contracts: upon approval by the Owners of the executed contract and bonds.
- 2.5 Owners shall have the right to retain the bid security of Bidders to whom an award is being considered until either:
 - 2.5.1 A contract has been executed and bonds have been furnished.
 - 2.5.2 The specified time has elapsed so that the bids may be withdrawn.
 - 2.5.3 All bids have been rejected.
- 2.6 Bid security will be forfeited to the Owners as full liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, for any of the following reasons, as pertains to this specification document:
 - 2.6.1 If the Bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract on forms provided by the Owners, and/or if the Bidder fails to provide sufficient bonds or insurance within the time period as established in this specification document.

3. **BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION**

- 3.1 Each Bidder by electronic signature and submitting a bid, represents that the Bidder has read and understands the specification documents, and the bid has been made in accordance therewith.
- 3.2 Each Bidder for services further represents that the Bidder has examined and is familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be done and has correlated the observations with the requirements of the bid documents.

4. CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the Purchasing Agent of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of the specification documents.
- 4.2 Bidders desiring clarification or interpretation of the specification documents for formal bids shall make a written request which must reach the Purchasing Agent at least five (5) calendar days prior to the date and time for receipt of formal bids.
- 4.3 Changes made to the specification documents will be issued electronically. All vendors registered for that bid will be notified of the addendum. Subsequent Bidders will only receive the bid with the addendum included.
- 4.4 Oral interpretations or changes to the bidding documents made in any manner other than written form will not be binding on the Owners; and Bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations or changes.

5. ADDENDA

- 5.1 Addenda are instruments issued by the Owners prior to the date for receipt of bids which modify or interpret the specification document by addition, deletion, clarification or correction.
- 5.2 Addenda notification will be made available to all registered vendors immediately via e-mail for inspection on-line.
- 5.3 No formal bid addendums will be issued later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time for receipt of formal bids, except an addendum withdrawing the invitation to bid, or an addendum which includes postponement of the bid.

6. INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

- 6.1 By signing and submitting this bid, the Bidder certifies that the prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Bidder or with any competitor; unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder prior to bid opening directly or indirectly to any other Bidder or to any competitor; no attempt has been made, or will be made, by the Bidder to induce any person or firm to submit, or not to submit, a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

7. ANTI-LOBBYING PROVISION

- 7.1 During the period between the bid advertisement date and the contract award, Bidders, including their agents and representatives, shall not lobby or promote their bid with any member of the City or County staff or officers except in the course of Owner sponsored inquiries, briefings, interviews, or presentations, unless requested by the Owners.

8. BRAND NAMES

- 8.1 Wherever in the specifications or bid that brand names, manufacturer, trade name, or catalog numbers are specified, it is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only; and the term "or equal" is deemed to follow.
- 8.2 It is the Bidder's responsibility to identify any alternate items offered in the bid, and prove to the satisfaction of the Owners that said item is equal to, or better than, the product specified.
- 8.3 Bids for alternate items shall be stated in the appropriate space on the e-bid form, or if the proposal form does not contain blanks for alternates, Bidder MUST attach to its bid document on Company letterhead a statement identifying the manufacturer and brand name of each proposed alternate, plus a complete description of the alternate items including illustrations, performance test data and any other information necessary for an evaluation.
- 8.4 The Bidder must indicate any variances by item number from the specification document no matter how slight.
- 8.5 If variations are not stated in the bid, it will be assumed that the item being bid fully complies with the Owners' bidding documents.

9. DEMONSTRATIONS/SAMPLES

- 9.1 Bidders shall demonstrate the exact item(s) proposed within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such request from the Owners.
- 9.2 Such demonstration can be at the Owners delivery location or a surrounding community.
- 9.3 If items are small and malleable, the Bidder is proposing an alternate product, the Bidder shall supply a sample of the exact item. Samples will be returned at Bidder's expense after receipt by the Owners of acceptable goods. The Bidder must indicate how samples are to be returned.

10. DELIVERY (Non-Construction)

- 10.1 Each Bidder shall state on the bid the date upon which it can make delivery of all equipment or merchandise.
- 10.2 The Owners reserve the right to cancel orders, or any part thereof, without obligation, if delivery is not made within the time(s) specified on the bid.
- 10.3 All bids shall be based upon **inside** delivery of the equipment/ merchandise F.O.B. the Owners at the location specified by the Owners, with all transportation charges paid.
- 10.4 At the time of delivery, a designated Owner employee will sign the invoice/packing slip. The signature will only indicate that the order has been received and the items actually delivered agree with the delivery invoice. This signature does not indicate all items met specifications, were received in good condition and/or that there is not possible hidden damage or shortages.

11. WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES AND MAINTENANCE

- 11.1 Copies of the following documents, if requested, shall accompany the bid proposal for all items being bid::
 - 11.1.1 Manufacturer's warranties and/or guarantees.
 - 11.1.2 Bidder's maintenance policies and associated costs.
- 11.2 As a minimum requirement of the Owners, the Bidder will guarantee in writing that any defective components discovered within a one (1) year period after the date of acceptance shall be replaced at no expense to the Owners. Replacement parts of defective components shall be shipped at no cost to the Owners. Shipping costs for defective parts required to be returned to the Bidder shall be paid by the Bidder.

12. ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL

- 12.1 All components used in the manufacture or construction of materials, supplies and equipment, and all finished materials, shall be new, the latest make/model, of the best quality, and the highest grade workmanship.
- 12.2 Material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the Bidder until:
 - 12.2.1 A physical inspection and actual usage of the material is made and found to be acceptable to the Owners; and
 - 12.2.2 Material is determined to be in full compliance with the bidding documents and accepted proposal.
- 12.3 In the event the delivered material is found to be defective or does not conform to the specification documents and accepted proposal, the Owners reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the Bidder and return materials to the Bidder at Bidder's expense.
- 12.4 Awarded Bidder shall be required to furnish title to the material, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, issued in the name of the Owner, as required by the specification documents or purchase orders.
- 12.5 Awarded Bidder's advertising decals, stickers or other signs shall not be affixed to equipment. Vehicle mud flaps shall be installed blank side out with no advertisements. Manufacturer's standard production forgings, stampings, nameplates and logos are acceptable.

13. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

- 13.1 The electronic signature shall be considered an offer on the part of the Bidder. Such offer shall be deemed accepted upon issuance by the Owners of purchase orders, contract award notifications, or other contract documents appropriate to the work.
- 13.2 No bid shall be modified or withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the time and date established for receiving bids, and each Bidder so agrees in submitting the bid.
- 13.3 In case of a discrepancy between the unit prices and their extensions, the unit prices shall govern.
- 13.4 The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive Bidder whose bid will be most advantageous to the Owners, and as the Owners deem will best serve the requirements and interests of the Owners.
- 13.5 The Owners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to request rebids; to award bids item-by-item, with or without alternates, by groups, or "lump sum"; to waive minor irregularities in bids; such as shall best serve the requirements and interests of the Owners.
- 13.6 In order to determine if the Bidder has the experience, qualifications, resources and necessary attributes to provide the quality workmanship, materials and management required by the plans and specifications, the Bidder may be required to complete and submit additional information as deemed necessary by the Owners. Failure to provide the information requested to make this determination may be grounds for a declaration of non-responsive with respect to the Bidder.
- 13.7 The Owners reserves the right to reject irregular bids that contain unauthorized additions, conditions, alternate bids, or irregularities that make the Bid Proposal incomplete, indefinite or ambiguous.
- 13.8 Any governmental agency may piggyback on any contract entered into from this bid.

14. INDEMNIFICATION

- 14.1 The Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owners from and against all losses, claims, damages, and expenses, including, attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract that results in bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom and is caused in whole or in part by the Bidder, any subcontractor, any directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. This section will not require the Bidder to indemnify or hold harmless the Owners for any losses, claims damages, and expenses arising out of or resulting from the sole negligence of the Owners.
- 14.2 In any and all claims against the Owners or any of its members, officers or employees by an employee of the Bidder, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under paragraph 14.1 shall not be limited in any way by any limitation of the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Bidder or any subcontractor under worker's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

15. **TERMS OF PAYMENT**

15.1 Unless stated otherwise, the Owners will begin processing payment within thirty (30) calendar days after all labor has been performed and all equipment or other merchandise has been delivered, and all such labor and equipment and other materials have met all contract specifications.

16. **LAWS**

16.1 The laws of the State of Nebraska shall govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the parties under this proposal and any contract reached as a result of this process.

16.2 Bidder agrees to abide by all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information concerning individuals and corporations as to inventions, copyrights, patents and patent rights.

17. **EQUIPMENT TAX ASSESSMENT**

17.1 Any bid for public improvement shall comply with Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 77-1323 and 77-1324. Indicating; every person, partnership, limited liability company, association or corporation furnishing labor or material in the repair, alteration, improvement, erection, or construction of any public improvement shall sign a certified statement which will accompany the contract. The certified statement shall state that all equipment to be used on the project, except that acquired since the assessment date, has been assessed for taxation for the current year, giving the county where assessed.

18. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

18.1 The City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Purchasing Division provides equal opportunity for all Bidders and encourages minority businesses and women's business enterprises to participate in our bidding process.

19. **INSURANCE**

19.1 All Bidders shall take special notice of the insurance provisions required for all City/County and Building Commissions contracts (see *Insurance Requirements for City, County, Building Commission*).

20. **EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

20.1 Depending on the type of service provided, one of the following three (3) methods will be employed. The method applicable to this contract will be checked below:

- a. The Contract shall consist of a **PURCHASE ORDER** and a copy of the Bidder's bid response (or referenced bid number) attached and that the same, in all particulars, becomes the agreement and contract between the parties hereto: that both parties thereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of said bid documents. Items not awarded, if any, have been deleted.
- b. The contract shall consist of a **YEARLY AGREEMENT** and a copy of the Bidder's bid response attached and that the same, in all particulars, becomes the agreement and contract between the parties hereto. That both parties thereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of said bid documents. Items not awarded, if any, have been deleted.
- c. Three (3) copies of the **CONTRACT**, unless otherwise noted.
 - 1. Owners will furnish three (3) copies of the Contract to the successful Bidder who shall prepare attachments as required. Insurance as evidenced by a Certificate of Insurance, surety bonds properly executed, and Agreement signed with the date of signature shall be attached.
 - 2. The prepared documents shall be delivered to the Owners within 10 days (unless otherwise noted).
 - 3. The Owners will sign the Contract and insert the date of signature at the beginning of the Contract.
 - 4. Upon approval and signature from the Mayor, County Board and Public Building Commission, the Owners will return one copy to the successful Bidder.

21. **TAXES AND TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**

21.1 The Owners are generally exempt from any taxes imposed by the state or federal government. A Tax Exemption Certificate will be provided as applicable.

22. **CITY AUDIT ADVISORY BOARD**

22.1 All parties of any City agreement shall be subject to audit pursuant to Chapter 4.66 of the Lincoln Municipal Code and shall make available to a contract auditor, as defined therein, copies of all financial and performance related records and materials germane to the contract/order, as allowed by law.

23. **E-VERIFY**

23.1 In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 4-108 through 4-114, the contractor agrees to register with and use a federal immigration verification system, to determine the work eligibility status of new employees performing services within the state of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324 a, otherwise known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this section pursuant to the requirements of state law and 8 U.S.C.A 1324b. The contractor shall require any subcontractor to comply with the provisions of this section.

- d. Contractual Liability coverage shall be included.
- e. Products Liability and/or Completed Operations coverage shall be included.
- f. Personal Injury Liability coverage shall be included.

C. Automobile Liability Insurance

The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract such Automobile Liability Insurance as shall protect him against claims for damages resulting from bodily injury, including wrongful death, and property damage which may arise from the operations of any owned, hired, or non-owned automobiles used by or for him in any capacity in connection with the carrying out of this contract. The minimum acceptable limits of liability to be provided by such Automobile Liability Insurance shall be as follows:

Bodily Injury and Property Damage	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
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D. Builder's Risk Insurance (For Building Construction Contracts Only)

Unless otherwise specified where buildings are to be constructed under this contract, the Contractor shall provide and maintain fire, extended coverage, vandalism, and malicious mischief insurance, covering such building in an amount equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount (minimum), as specified herein.

Losses, if any, shall be made payable to the Owners and Contractor as their interest may appear. A Certificate of Insurance evidencing such insurance coverage shall be filed with the Owners by the time work on the building begins and such insurance shall be subjected to the approval of the Owners Attorneys.

E. Minimum Scope of Insurance

All Liability Insurance policies shall be written on an "occurrence" basis only. All insurance coverage are to be placed with insurers authorized to do business in the State of Nebraska and must be placed with an insurer that has an A.M. Best's Rating of no less than A:VII unless specific approval has been granted by the Owners.

F. Certificate of Insurance

All certificates of insurance shall be filed with the Owners on the standard ACCORD CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE form showing the specific limits of insurance coverage required by the preceding Sections A, B, C, D, and showing the Owners as additional insured. Such certificate shall specifically state that insurance policies are to be endorsed to require the insurer to provide the Owners thirty days written notice of cancellation, non-renewal or any material reduction of insurance coverage.