

SECTION 5 - CONTROL OF WORK

5.1 AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR - The Director shall decide all questions which may arise as to the quality or acceptability of materials furnished and work performed, the manner of performance and rate of progress of the work, and compensation for work performed, interpretation of the contract and fulfillment of the contract on the part of the Contractor. The Director shall have authority to enforce and make effective such decisions and orders which the Contractor fails to carry out properly and diligently. The decision of the Director shall be final.

5.2 COORDINATION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS - These specifications, plans, special provisions, and all supplementary documents are essential parts of the contract, and a requirement occurring in one is as binding as though occurring in all. They are intended to be complementary and to describe and provide for a complete work.

5.3 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES - The Contractor may give notice in writing to the procurement officer for claims that extra compensation, damages, or an extension of time for completion is due the Contractor for one or more of the following reasons:

- A. Requirements not clearly covered in the contract, or not ordered by the procurement officer as an extra work;
- B. Failure between the State and the Contractor to agree to an adjustment in price for a contract change order issued by the State; or
- C. An action or omission on the part of the procurement officer requiring performance changes within the scope of the contract.

The Contractor shall continue with performance of the contract in compliance with the directions or orders of the procurement officer, but by so doing, the Contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time for completion; provided:

- A. The notice in writing be given:
 - 1. Before the commencement of the work involved, if at that time the Contractor knows of such requirements or the occurrence of such actions or omissions; or

2. Within thirty (30) calendar days after the Contractor knows of such requirements or the occurrence of such action or omission if the Contractor did not have such knowledge before the commencement of the work; or

3. Within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the written contract change order that was not agreed upon by both parties; or

4. Within such further time as may be allowed by the procurement officer in writing.

B. The notice shall clearly state the Contractor's intention to make claim and the reasons why the Contractor believes that additional compensation, changes or an extension of time may be remedies to which the Contractor is entitled; and afford the procurement officer every facility for keeping records of the actual cost of work. Failure on the part of the Contractor to give such notification or to afford the procurement officer proper facilities for keeping strict account of actual cost shall constitute waiver of the claim for such extra compensation. The filing of such notice by the Contractor and the keeping of costs by the procurement officer shall not in any way be construed to prove the validity of the claim.

The procurement officer will review the notice and render a decision. The procurement officer's decision shall be final and conclusive unless, within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the decision, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Director. The decision of the Director shall be final. Later notification of such claims shall not bar the Contractor's claim unless the State is prejudiced by the delay in notification. No claim by the Contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given before final payment under this contract. Any adjustment in the contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined according to Section 4.5 - Price Adjustment.

The provisions of this Section shall not be construed as establishing any claims contrary to the terms of Section 4.4 - Changes and Claims for Adjustment.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall excuse the Contractor from compliance with any rules of law precluding any state officers and any Contractors from acting in collusion or bad faith in issuing or performing contract change orders which are clearly not within the scope of the contract.