

SECTION 7 - LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

7.1 LAWS TO BE OBSERVED - The Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, city and county laws, ordinances, rules and regulations which in any manner affect those engaged or employed in the work, the materials used in the work, and the conduct of the work. Any reference to such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations shall include any amendments thereto effective as of the date of the call for sealed proposals.

The Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify, defend and where appropriate, insure the State, its officers, agents and employees against any claim or liability arising from or based on the violation of any such laws, ordinances, rules or regulations. If any discrepancy or inconsistency is discovered in the contract for the work in relation to any law, ordinance, rule, regulation, order or decree, the Contractor shall forthwith report the same to the Director in writing.

7.2 PERMITS AND LICENSES - The Contractor shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges and fees, and give all notices necessary and incident to the due and lawful prosecution of the work.

7.3 PATENTS - The Contractor shall assume all costs arising from the use of patented materials, equipment, devices, or processes used on or incorporated in the work, and shall hold harmless, indemnify, defend and where appropriate, insure the State, its officers, agents and employees from all suits at law or actions of every nature, for or on account of the use of any patented materials, equipment, devices or processes.

7.4 RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY AND DAMAGE - The State, its officers, agents and employees shall not be held accountable in any manner for any loss or damage to the work or any part thereof, or for any of the materials and equipment used or employed in performing the work, or for any injury to any person or persons either workers or the public, or for any damage to property caused by the Contractor or its workers or any one employed by the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for any liability imposed by law for any injury to any person or any damage to property resulting from defects or obstructions or from any cause whatsoever during the progress of the work or at any time before its completion and final acceptance. The acceptance of the completed work of the Contractor by the Director shall not relieve the Contractor from any liability which may have accrued or may accrue as a result of the performance of the work by the Contractor. The Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify, defend and where appropriate, insure the State, its officers, agents and employees, from all suits or actions of every name, kind and description, brought for or on account of

any injuries or damages sustained by any persons or property caused by the Contractor, its servants or agents, or by or on account of any act or omission of the Contractor or its servants or agents, regardless of whether such actions or any claim is brought against them or any one of them before or after the final acceptance of the work. In addition to any remedy authorized by law, the State may withhold payment of any money due to Contractor as shall be reasonable until disposition has been made of any suits or claims for injuries or damages.

It is not the intention of the parties to this contract to make the public or any member thereof a third party beneficiary hereunder, or to authorize anyone not a party hereto to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage based on a contract theory of liability. In any event, the Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify, defend and where appropriate, insure the State from suits and claims for personal injuries or property damage where such injuries or damage are caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, its agents or employees.

7.5 COOPERATION BETWEEN CONTRACTORS - Where two or more Contractors are employed on related or adjacent work, each shall conduct its operations in such a manner as not to cause any unnecessary delay or hindrance to the other.

7.6 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK - Until the acceptance of the contract, the Contractor shall have the charge and care thereof and shall bear the risk of injury or damage to any part thereof by the action of the elements or from any other cause, whether arising from the execution or from the non-execution of the work. The Contractor shall rebuild, repair, restore, and make good all damages to any portion of the work occasioned by any of the above causes before its completion and acceptance and shall bear the expenses thereof.

7.7 NO PERSONAL LIABILITY - Neither the Director nor any other officer or authorized employee of the Department shall be personally responsible for any liability arising under the contract.