

SECTION 6 - CONTROL OF MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT

6.1 DEFECTIVE MATERIALS - All materials not conforming to the requirements of these specifications or the special provisions shall be considered defective and all such materials, whether in place or not, shall be rejected. They shall be removed immediately from the site of the work, unless otherwise permitted by the Director. No rejected materials, the defects of which have been subsequently corrected, shall be used until approval in writing has been given by the Director. Upon failure on the part of the Contractor to comply promptly with any order to remove and replace defective materials, the Director may remove and replace defective material and to deduct the cost of removal and replacement from any monies due or to become due the Contractor.

6.2 TRADE NAMES AND ALTERNATES - For convenience in designation on the plans or in the specifications, certain equipment or articles or materials may be designated under a trade name or the name of a manufacturer and its information catalogue. The use of alternate equipment or an article or material which is of equal quality and of the required characteristics for the purposes intended will be permitted, subject to the written approval of the Director, in accordance with the following requirements:

A. QUALIFICATION BEFORE BID OPENING - When the specifications and/or plans specify one or more manufacturer's brand names of materials or equipment to indicate a quality, style, appearance, or performance, the bidder will be assumed to have based its bid on one of the specified named products, except where such proprietary product are specified, alternate brands may be qualified if found equal or better by the Director. Bidders requesting qualification of alternate proprietary products must submit a request to the Director for review and approval at the earliest date possible, but in any event, such request must be received at the Contracts office not later than ten (10) days before the bid opening date, not including the bid opening date.

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to submit sufficient evidence based upon which a determination can be made by the Director that the alternate brand is qualified. The evidence shall be transmitted with a covering letter which shall list the evidence submitted and the items for which the substitution is requested.

If the evidence accompanying a request for substitution is insufficient to qualify a particular model, the request shall be denied provided that further

evidence may be submitted to qualify the item five (5) days prior to the bid opening date if the initial request was made prior to the deadline set above.

B. SUBSTITUTION AFTER BID OPENING - Substitution of material or equipment will not be allowed after the bid opening date except under the following unforeseen circumstances:

1. If a specified or pre qualified item is delayed by a lengthy strike in the factory or other unforeseeable contingency beyond the control of the Contractor which would cause an abnormal delay in the project completion.
2. If a specified or pre qualified item is found to be unusable due to change or other circumstances.
3. If the Contractor is willing to provide a more recently developed or manufactured item of material or equipment of the same manufacturer which the Director determines to be equal or better than the one specified or pre-qualified.

A substitution request, regardless of reason, shall be fully explained in writing by the Contractor and shall include its justification for said request, the quantities and unit prices involved, quotations and such other documents as are deemed necessary to support the request. Any savings in cost will accrue to the State and any additional cost for the substituted items will be paid by the Contractor.

The burden of proof as to the comparative quality and suitability of alternate equipment, articles, or materials shall be upon the bidder or Contractor and bidder or Contractor shall furnish, at its own expense, all information necessary or related thereto as required by the Director. The Director shall be the sole judge as to the comparative quality and suitability of alternate equipment, articles or materials and the Director's decisions shall be final.

The above shall not be construed to mean that substitution for brand name specified materials and equipment will be allowed; the Director reserves the right to deny any request he deems irregular or not in the best interest of the State.

6.3 ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CLAIMS FOR OVERCHARGES FOR GOODS
AND MATERIALS PURCHASED

A. Vendor and purchaser recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the purchaser. Therefore, vendor hereby assigns to purchaser any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods and materials purchased in connection with this order or contract, except as to overcharges which result from antitrust violations commencing after the price is established under this order or contract and which are not passed on to the purchaser under an escalation clause.

B. Contractor and owner recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the owner. Therefore, contractor hereby assigns to owner any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods and materials purchased in connection with this order or contract, except as to overcharges which result from antitrust violations commencing after the price is established under this order or contract and any change order. In addition, contractor warrants and represents that each of its first tier suppliers and subcontractors shall assign any and all such claims to owner, subject to the aforementioned exception.