

**SECTION 01350
AUDIT AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

1.1 THE REQUIREMENT

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain books, records, estimates, communications, payroll documents and other evidence directly pertinent to performance of Work under this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices consistently applied for a period of no less than four (4) years from the date of the Project acceptance by the Board of Public Works. The CONTRACTOR shall also maintain the financial information and data used by the CONTRACTOR in the preparation or support of any cost submissions required for this Contract, or any Modifications or claims, and a copy of the cost summary submitted to the CITY. The CITY authorized representatives shall have access, at all times during normal business hours, to such books, records, documents and other evidence for the purpose of inspection, audit and copying. The CONTRACTOR will provide proper facilities for such access and inspection.
- B. The CONTRACTOR agrees to make A through G of this Article applicable to this Contract and all Modifications or claims affecting the Contract price. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include A through G of this Article in all his contracts and all tier subcontracts in excess of \$10,000, and to make A through G of this Article applicable to all Modifications and claims related to project performance.
- C. Audits conducted under this Article shall be in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and established procedures and guidelines of the reviewing or audit agency.
- D. The CONTRACTOR agrees to the disclosure of all information and reports resulting from access to records under A and B of this Article, to the CITY and affected agencies.
- E. Records under A and B of this Article shall be maintained and made available during performance of Work under this Contract within the time period specified in A of the Article.. In addition, those records which relate to any portion of this Contract, to any Modification, to any dispute, to litigation, to the settlement of claims arising out of such performance, or to costs or items to which an audit exception has been taken, shall be maintained and made available within the time period specified in A of the Article.
- F. This right of access Article applies to financial records pertaining to this Contract and all Contract Modifications. In addition this right of access applies to all records pertaining to all contracts, contract modifications, and contract amendments:
 - 1. To the extent the records pertain directly to Contract performance;
 - 2. If there is any indication that fraud, gross abuse or corrupt practices may be involved; or
 - 3. If the Contract is terminated for default or for convenience.

- G. Access to records is not limited to the required retention periods. The authorized representatives designated in A of this Article shall have access to records at any reasonable time for as long as the records are maintained.
- H. Provided that CITY has made demand for access or audit, pursuant to this Section, CONTRACTOR'S compliance with provisions A through G of this Section shall be a condition precedent to maintenance of any legal action or proceeding by the CONTRACTOR against the CITY and to CONTRACTOR'S right to Progress or Final Payment. Without limitation to the foregoing, or to any other provisions for withholding set forth in the Contract Documents, CITY shall have the right, in its sole discretion and in addition to any right of withholding of retention, to further withhold from any payment to CONTRACTOR a sum of up to ten percent (10%) of the total amount set forth in CONTRACTOR'S current, unpaid Application(s) for Payment, until CONTRACTOR has complied with any outstanding and unsatisfied request by CITY for audits under this Section. Upon CONTRACTOR'S compliance with this Section, any monies withheld pursuant to this Paragraph solely due to CONTRACTOR'S failure to permit an audit requested by CITY shall be released to CONTRACTOR.
- I. CONTRACTOR hereby consents and agrees that any failure by CONTRACTOR to provide access to records as provided in A through G of this Section shall be specifically enforceable by issuance of a preliminary and/or permanent mandatory injunction by a court of competent jurisdiction based on affidavits submitted to such court, without the necessity of oral testimony, to compel CONTRACTOR to permit access and inspection of the records or to require delivery of the records to CITY for inspection.

(END OF SECTION)