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additional instructions, by means of drawings or other written direction, necessary for proper execution of Work.

- c. Quality of Parts, Construction and Finish. All parts of The Work shall be of the best quality of their respective kinds and the Contractor must use all diligence to inform itself fully as to the required construction and finish. In no case shall Contractor proceed with The Work without obtaining first from the Engineer such Approval may be necessary for the proper performance of Work.
- d. Contractor's Variation from Contract Document Requirements. If it is found that the Contractor has varied from the requirements of the Contract Documents including the requirement to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, the Engineer may at any time, before or after completion of the Work, order the improper Work removed, remade or replaced by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense.

**ARTICLE 5. EXISTENCE OF UTILITIES AT THE WORK SITE**

- a. City has endeavored to determine the existence of utilities at the Project site from the records of the owners of known utilities in the vicinity of the Project. The positions of these utilities as derived from such records are shown on the Plans.
- b. No excavations were made to verify the locations shown for underground utilities. No guarantee is made or implied that the information is complete or accurate. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility alone to determine the exact location of underground utilities or substructures of every nature and to protect them from damage.
- c. The service connections to these utilities are not shown on the plans. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to determine the exact location of all service connections and, if necessary, Contractor shall arrange for the relocation of service connections. The Contractor shall make its own investigations, including exploratory excavations, to determine the locations and type of service connections, prior to commencing Work which could result in damage to such utilities. The Contractor shall immediately notify City in writing of any utility discovered in a different position than shown on the Plans or which is not shown on the Plans.
- d. All water meters, water valves, fire hydrants, electrical utility vaults, telephone vaults, gas utility valves, and other subsurface structures shall be relocated or adjusted to final grade by the Contractor. Locations of existing utilities shown on the Plans are approximate and may not be complete. The Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating its Work with all utility companies during the construction of The Work. The Contractor will not be entitled to damages or additional payment for delays attributable to utility relocations or alterations
- e. Notwithstanding the above, pursuant to Section 4215 of the Government Code, City has the responsibility to identify, with reasonable accuracy, main or trunkline facilities on the plans and specifications. In the event that main or trunkline utility facilities are not identified with reasonable accuracy in the plans and specifications

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made a part of the invitation for bids, City shall assume the responsibility for their timely removal, relocation, or protection.

- f. Contractor, except in an emergency, shall contact the appropriate regional notification center, Southern California Underground Service Alert at 1-800-227-2600 at least two working days prior to commencing any excavation if the excavation will be performed in an area which is known, or reasonably should be known, to contain subsurface installations other than the underground facilities owned or operated by City, and obtain an inquiry identification number from that notification center. No excavation shall be commenced or carried out by the Contractor unless such an inquiry identification number has been assigned to the Contractor or any subcontractor of the Contractor and City has been given the identification number by the Contractor.

**ARTICLE 6. SCHEDULE**

- a. Estimated Schedule. **At the pre-construction meeting** the Contractor shall prepare a Project schedule and shall submit this to the Engineer for Approval. The receipt or Approval of any schedules by the Engineer or City shall not in any way relieve the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract Documents. The Contractor is fully responsible to determine and provide for any and all staffing and resources at levels which allow for good quality and timely completion of the Project. Contractor's failure to incorporate all elements of Work required for the performance of the Contract or any inaccuracy in the schedule shall not excuse the Contractor from performing all Work required for a completed Project within the specified Contract time period. If the required schedule is not received by the time the first payment under the Contract is due, Contractor shall not be paid until the schedule is received, reviewed and accepted by the Engineer.
- b. Schedule Contents. The schedule shall allow enough time for inclement weather. The schedule shall indicate the beginning and completion dates of all phases of construction; critical path for all critical, sequential time related activities; and "float time" for all "slack" or "gaps" in the non-critical activities. The schedule shall clearly identify all staffing and other resources which in the Contractor's judgment are needed to complete the Project within the time specified for completion. Schedule duration shall match the Contract time. Schedules indicating early completion will be rejected.
- c. Schedule Updates. Contractor shall continuously update its construction schedule. Contractor shall submit an updated and accurate construction schedule to the Engineer whenever requested to do so by Engineer and with each progress payment request. The Engineer may withhold progress payments or other amounts due under the Contract Documents if Contractor fails to submit an updated and accurate construction schedule.

**ARTICLE 7. SUBSTITUTIONS**

- a. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 3400(b) City may make a finding that is described in the invitation for bids that designates certain products, things, or services by specific brand or trade name.