

Occupational Health and Safety Requirements

1. General

- 1.1** In this Contract “OHS” means “occupational health and safety”.
- 1.2** With respect to the work to be performed under the Contract, the Contractor covenants and agrees to perform at, and to enforce conformity with, a standard equivalent to or greater than the best practices prevailing in the construction industry at that time.
- 1.3** The Contractor acknowledges that, to the extent that the following matters may be affected by conduct of the work, it is responsible for the:
- 1.3.1 health and safety of persons on site;
 - 1.3.2 safety of property on site;
 - 1.3.3 protection of persons adjacent to the site; and,
 - 1.3.4 protection of the environment.
- 1.4** Without limiting the generality of section 1.3, the Contractor acknowledges that it is required to, and covenants and agrees to, comply and to enforce compliance with all laws or regulations that may be applicable to the conduct of the work including, without limitation:
- (a) the provisions of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* of Ontario and all regulations, policies or directives issued thereunder for work performed in Ontario;
 - (b) *La Loi sur la santé et la sécurité du travail* of Québec and all regulations, policies or directives issued thereunder for work performed in Québec;
 - (c) Applicable provisions of the *Canada Labour Code, Part II*;
 - (d) Employment standards legislation in the province(s) in which any part of the work is performed; and
 - (e) Any policies or directives issued by the NCC in respect of the subject matter of the contract.
- The NCC will present any such policies or directives referred to in paragraph (e) to the Contractor in written form by not later than the pre-construction meeting. The Contractor is obliged to ensure that the relevant policies and directives have been communicated to and acknowledged by all its employees and that they will be complied with. The NCC reserves the right to require the Contractor to produce evidence satisfactory to the NCC acting reasonably that the Contractor has discharged the foregoing obligations.
- 1.5** By entering into the Contract with the NCC, the Contractor represents and warrants to the NCC that it has informed itself of and is knowledgeable about the obligations imposed by the legislation referred to in 1.4. above.
- 1.6** For purposes of the relevant provincial OHS legislative regime the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is the “Constructor” and covenants to discharge and accept all liability for the performance of the obligations of the “Constructor” in respect of the work provided for in the Contract. Notwithstanding a determination by the relevant authority having jurisdiction that the NCC is the “Constructor” in the event of a dispute between the Contractor and the NCC, the

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Contractor shall be financially responsible for the implementation of protective measures necessary to fulfill the obligations of the “Constructor”.

- 1.7** As between the NCC and the Contractor, the NCC’s decision as to whether the Contractor is discharging its obligations in respect of OHS issues shall be definitive. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event of any dispute with respect to instructions given by the NCC’s designated representative, the Contractor may note such dispute, but must nevertheless forthwith comply with any such instructions.
- 1.8** The Contractor hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the NCC, its agents and employees, from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, costs (including legal fees on a full indemnity basis), damages, actions, suits or proceedings (hereinafter collectively referred to as “claims”) by third parties that arise out of or are attributable to the Contractor’s errors or omissions in the performance of the Contract. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this indemnification extends to any claims related to any violation of any statute or regulation relating to OHS matters.
- 1.9** The NCC shall provide the contractor:

 - 1.9.1 a written description of every known and foreseeable health and safety hazard to which persons employed in the performance of the work may be exposed because of the nature of the site;
 - 1.9.2 a list of any prescribed materials, equipment, devices and clothing necessary because of the nature of the site;
 - 1.9.3 with written information indicating the prescribed circumstances and manner to use all prescribed materials, equipment, devices and clothing listed pursuant to 1.9.2; and,
 - 1.9.4 with a copy of any NCC policies and procedures that may be applicable in relation to the work site.
- 1.10** Without limiting the generality of 1.9, prior to the commencement of the work by the contractor, the contractor shall, at the contractor’s expense:

 - 1.10.1 take all reasonable care to ensure that all persons employed in the performance of the work or granted access to the work or its site are informed of any health and safety hazard described pursuant to 1.9.1;
 - 1.10.2 provide all persons employed in the performance of the work or granted access to the work or its site with prescribed materials, equipment, devices and clothing listed pursuant to 1.9.2;
 - 1.10.3 take all reasonable care to ensure that all persons employed in the performance of the work or granted access to the work or its site are familiar with the prescribed circumstances and manner all prescribed materials, equipment, devices and clothing listed pursuant to 1.9.2; and
 - 1.10.4 take all reasonable care to ensure that all persons employed in the performance of the work or granted access to the work or its site are familiar with policies and procedures referred to in 1.9.4.

2. Qualifications of Personnel

- 2.1** By entering into this agreement the contractor represents and warrants that it has the requisite experience, training, formal certification and equipment to enable it to discharge the obligations enumerated in sections 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 above.
- 2.2** The Contractor represents and warrants that supervisory personnel employed by the Contractor in respect of performance of any part of the work have the requisite experience, authority, training, formal certification and equipment to ensure that the obligations enumerated in sections 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 above are discharged and agrees to deliver such evidence as may be required by the NCC from time to time to verify same.

3. Certification

- 3.1** After receiving notification that its bid has been retained and prior to and as a condition of contract award, the Contractor covenants and agrees to deliver a Worker's Compensation Clearance Certificate. Where the duration of the project is greater than sixty days, the Contractor covenants and agrees to deliver up-dated certificates at least every 60 days. In the event of a failure by the Contractor to deliver up-dated certificates, the NCC shall be entitled to immediately terminate the contract without notice and without incurring any liability to the Contractor.
- 3.2** After receiving notification that its bid has been retained and prior to and as a condition of contract award, the Contractor covenants and agrees to deliver historical information on its injury experience including any pertinent Worker's Compensation Experience Reports. Such historical information shall report data for the previous three years.

4. Plans Policies and Procedures

- 4.1** After receiving notification that its bid has been retained and prior to and as a condition of contract award, the Contractor covenants and agrees to deliver for the review and approval of the NCC:

- (a) A copy of the contractor's OHS policy;
- (b) A safety program and plan specific to the work to be performed pursuant to the Contract which plan shall include a risk assessment and analysis, a description of safe working methods, injury and incident reporting protocols, regular periodic reporting on compliance with OHS obligations including any policies, practices and procedures otherwise provided for herein, and a site-specific contingency and emergency response plan; and
- (c) Health and safety training records of personnel and alternates responsible for OHS issues on site.

The Contractor covenants and agrees to deliver the necessary material safety data sheets for the review and approval of the NCC prior to entering the site to perform work related to the relevant material.

Approval by the NCC does not amend the provisions of the Contract with respect to the allocation of liability for discharging or failing to discharge OHS obligations. Such liability remains with the Contractor notwithstanding the granting of such approval.

- 4.2** The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that prior to commencement of work it must attend a pre-construction briefing at which any special or additional practices and procedures to be followed in completing the work are to be established. Without limiting the provisions of section 1.4(e) above, the representatives of the Contractor attending the briefing will be required to deliver

a signed acknowledgement that the practices and procedures set out in the pre-construction briefing have been understood and will be complied with.

- 4.3 At any time and from time to time during the performance of the work, the NCC shall have the right to audit the manner in which the Contractor is discharging its OHS obligations and to determine whether the project specification and/or OHS policies, practices and procedures are being complied with. In the event that the audit discloses any failure by the Contractor to discharge such OHS obligations, the NCC shall be entitled to forthwith rectify at the Contractor's expense any such deficiency and the NCC shall have the further right to immediately terminate the contract without notice and without incurring any liability to the Contractor.
- 4.4 The Contractor covenants and agrees to conform with all requirements of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System.
- 4.5 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that where required by any law or regulation applicable to the performance of the work it must establish and maintain a project health and safety committee. The contractor further acknowledges and agrees that it must enable staff to attend all relevant safety meetings, and that the cost of same, including costs attributable to standing down equipment is included in its bid price and is not independently recoverable.
- 4.6 Where required by the relevant provincial regulatory regime, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is responsible for delivery of notice of the project to the relevant regulatory authority, and for the performance of any other administrative activity required to meet the obligations imposed in the pertinent provincial regulatory regime.
- 4.7 **(Optional depending on hazard or scope of project).** The contractor covenants and agrees that it shall employ and assign to the work, a competent OHS professional as Health and Safety Coordinator that must:
 - (a) have a minimum two (2) years' site-related working experience specific to activities associated with.(identify specific subject matter)
 - (b) have basic working knowledge of specified occupational safety and health regulations,
 - (c) be responsible for completing health and safety training session and ensuring that personnel not successfully completing the required training are not permitted to enter the site to perform the Work,
 - (d) be responsible for implementing, enforcing daily and monitoring the site-specific Health and Safety Plan, and
 - (e) be on site during execution of the Work.

The parties acknowledge that in lieu of employing an OHS professional, the Contractor may provide same by sub-contracting for such services.

- 4.8 Upon completion of the work the Contractor covenants and agrees to participate with the NCC in a post performance interview to evaluate the performance of the Contractor in respect of the OHS obligations under the contract. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the interview will identify areas of compliance and non-compliance in terms of:
 - (a) actual performance of the work;
 - (b) reporting or procedural requirements;

(c) resolution of deficiencies.

The contractor acknowledges and agrees that the results of the post-completion interview may be relied upon by the NCC in evaluating bids subsequently submitted by the Contractor on other NCC projects.