

**CONTRACT AND SPECIFICATIONS**

**NDS 5 480V Switchgear Installation**

**CITY OF HASTINGS**

**Contract No. HU 2025-140**

**Sealed Proposals Will Be Opened Promptly At**  
**1:30 PM, Friday, December 12, 2025**

**Bid Submitted By:** \_\_\_\_\_



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CITY OF HASTINGS

HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Hastings, Nebraska, will receive bids for the: **Contract No. HU 2025-140: NDS 5 480V Switchgear Installation.** until 1:30 p.m. at the City of Hastings, 1228 N Denver Ave., Hastings, Nebraska, on Friday, December 12, 2025 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. **Brief description of project: Remove existing 480V switchgear for NDS #5 and install new Eaton switchgear during outage.** If you plan on bidding and are not already on our approved bidders list for this project, you are REQUIRED to fill out the Plan Holders Submittal Form that is located on the City website: <https://www.cityofhastings.org/bids/> . The bidder is required to visit the site prior to bidding.

The Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the City of Hastings, 1228 N Denver Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901. Copies of the plans and specifications in electronic (PDF) format may be obtained by visiting the City of Hastings Website: [www.cityofhastings.org/bids](http://www.cityofhastings.org/bids). A paper copy is available for \$75.00, plus sales tax (\$5.25), plus shipping.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, drawn on a solvent bank in the State of Nebraska, or a bid bond in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid of all contract construction costs, made payable to the City Treasurer of the City of Hastings, Nebraska, as security that the bidder to whom the contract may be awarded will enter into a contract to build all the improvements in accordance with this notice and give bond in the sum hereinafter provided for the construction of improvements.

No bid shall be withdrawn after opening of bids without the consent of the City of Hastings, Nebraska, for a period of sixty (60) days after scheduled time of closing bids.

Time is of the essence in this contract. In evaluating bid(s) received, the City will consider the timelines of completion of prior construction contracts, existing workload of bidders and available manpower that bidder commits to the project.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Maintenance Bond in the sum of the full amount of the Contract within ten (10) days of the date of award. No additional time will be allowed the Contractor for providing the Maintenance Bond.

DATED AT HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, this 21st day of November 2025.

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Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

All proposal information, including any unit price fill in sheets or other required information, shall be submitted on the proposal forms hereto attached. Copies of addenda, if any, shall be signed and attached. City of Hastings does NOT accept faxed or emailed bid returns.

Bidders shall inform themselves of all relevant matters, and, if awarded the contract, shall not be allowed any extra compensation by reason of any matter or thing concerning which such Bidder might not have fully informed himself, prior to the bidding.

The Bidder bidding on the Specifications herein, who has exceptions to those called for in the Specifications, must so state in the space provided below and/or attach a letter explaining in detail the exceptions taken to those required in the Specifications. This letter of explanation shall become a part of the bid and shall be attached hereto. Failure by the Bidder to outline his exceptions will require the successful Bidder to comply with these Specifications.

### EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS:

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The Purchaser will not assume obligations resulting from losses or damages until acceptance of the equipment.

If any person contemplating submitting a bid for this contract is in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of the Specifications or other proposed contract documents, he may submit to Purchaser a written request for an interpretation thereof. The person submitting the request will be responsible for its prompt delivery. Any interpretation of the proposed documents will be made only by addendum duly issued or delivered to each person receiving a set of such documents. The Purchaser will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation of the proposed documents.

All addendums must be signed and attached to bid documents.

## **BIDDER PRE-QUALIFICATION**

In order for their proposals to be considered, bidders without previous successful work history with City of Hastings must demonstrate before the bid opening that they are qualified to perform the work satisfactorily. Each prospective bidder shall submit written evidence of their qualifications to the Owner in the bid documents. Such evidence shall certify that the bidder:

1. Maintains a permanent place of business;
2. Has available the plant and equipment to do the work;
3. Can supply and manage the necessary labor force;
4. Has technical knowledge and practical experience in work of the type specified;
5. Has available the organization and qualified manpower to do the work;
6. Has no just or proper claims pending against him or his work; and
7. Has constructed other facilities of similar type and of equal or greater size and complexity. The evidence shall consist of a listing of the facilities indicating the owner's name, contact info, location, approximate dollar value, type of facilities, date of completion, and the size and operating conditions of major equipment.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP ON  
SPECIFICATIONS CONTRACT NO: HU 2025-140**

**NDS 5 480V Switchgear Installation**

PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

**Technical Questions**

Keith Miller, P.E.

Ph# 402-462-3549

Email: [bidquestions@cityofhastings.org](mailto:bidquestions@cityofhastings.org)

Derek Pfeifer, P.E.

Ph# 402-462-3673

Email: [bidquestions@cityofhastings.org](mailto:bidquestions@cityofhastings.org)

**General Questions or Requests**

Rena Griess

Engineering Admin Assistant

Ph# 402-462-3665

Email: [bidquestions@cityofhastings.org](mailto:bidquestions@cityofhastings.org)



## **SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Your bid must be returned by means of hand delivery, USPS, FedEx, UPS, or other carrier. City of Hastings DOES NOT ACCEPT bids that are faxed or emailed.

**ALL the following documents are REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED in your bid packet:**

- 1. Cover sheet with your company's name filled in**
- 2. ALL addendums received – must be acknowledged and signed**
- 3. Bid Bond**
- 4. If “exceptions” are taken, include Instructions to Bidders**
- 5. Proposal Page(s)**

Failure to return required bid documents as instructed could subject your bid proposal to be rejected.

# IMPORTANT MAILING (OR HAND DELIVERY) INSTRUCTIONS

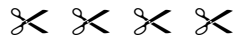
Please address your return envelope as shown in the example below. All bids must be sealed in a properly marked envelope.

To hand deliver, please drop off between the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday-Friday.

Your Return Address

City of Hastings  
Attn: Renae Griess  
1228 N Denver Avenue  
Hastings, NE 68901

**This Information MUST BE typed or written in the lower left hand corner of return envelope  
OR SIMPLY CUT OUT AND TAPE ON YOUR RETURN ENVELOPE**



**BID DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED**  
**ATTN: Renae Griess, Administrative Assistant**  
**Contract No: HU 2025-140**  
**NDS 5 480V Switchgear Installation**  
**Bid Opens: Friday, December 12, 2025 at 1:30pm**

**If returning Fed-X or similar carrier, please enclose the bid in an “inner” envelope which is sealed. Please make sure BOTH envelopes are properly marked on the OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE as shown in the example above.**

One bid per envelope. Bid submittal via email is not allowed. Bids must be checked in to the City of Hastings prior to 1:30 pm deadline.

**FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR  
NDS 5 480V Switchgear Installation  
CITY OF HASTINGS  
CONTRACT NO. HU 2025-140**

TO: City of Hastings  
1228 N Denver Avenue  
Hastings NE 68901

**BID OPENS: December 12, 2025 @ 1:30 PM**

**SEALED BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER  
THAN 1:30 PM SAME DAY. BIDS RECEIVED AFTER  
THAT TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

We, the undersigned, being familiar with all parts of these documents, being Notice to Bidders, Bid Proposal Price Sheets, Contract Document Forms, Plans and Specifications, Affidavit, Material List, and all other parts of this document, do herein submit our proposal to furnish, install, and perform all tasks required to complete said project area(s) for the total costs; including all necessary state and local sales taxes, and any other required taxes.

**Start Date: January 4, 2026**

**Completion Date: January 31, 2026**

**Any modifications of bid proposal will be considered non-conformance of the bid.  
All exceptions to the proposal shall be noted as an exception of the bid.**

**Project Line Items**

Item	Description	Lump Sum Price	Total
1	Remove existing 480V switchgear, install new Eaton switchgear, and connect existing cables to new switchgear during generator outage.	\$	
Total Cost Base Bid:			\$

(In Words)			
By:		Date:	
Signature:			

For purposes of sales/use tax, this project falls under Nebraska Sales and Use Tax Regulation 1-017 for Contractors. By definition, a contractor is “any person who repairs property annexed to, or who annexes property to, real estate, including leased property, by attaching building materials to the annexed property or improvement being built or repaired, or who arranges for annexation of property.” Please refer to [www.revenue.nebraska.gov/salestax.html](http://www.revenue.nebraska.gov/salestax.html) for additional information.

For calculating this proposal:

- All contractors are to include sales/use tax on materials in the bidder’s prices if applicable.
- **Option 1 contractors must separately state materials, sales tax, labor, and other charges on all invoices for the project. Any invoices submitted that do not include this required breakdown of the charges will not be accepted for payment. (This requirement does not apply to Option 2 or 3 contractors.)**

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- The sales/use tax rate on building materials is 7.0% for projects within Hastings' city limits and 5.5% for projects outside of city limits.
- Contractor labor charges for this proposal are not subject to sales/use tax per the Nebraska Department of Revenue Notice to Contractors effective October 1, 2007.
- In submitting this bid, the bidder certifies that he will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the City of Hastings and the State of Nebraska.
- **The NDS 5 480V Switchgear Installation is located INSIDE OF CITY LIMITS (7%)**

What contractor option have you registered with the Nebraska Department of Labor (must select one)?  
Please refer to <https://dol.nebraska.gov> for additional information.

- Option 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Option 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Option 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Is Nebraska Sales/Use Tax included in the above item no. 1 (must select one)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is Nebraska Sales/Use Tax included in the above item no. 2 (must select one)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Any modification of bid proposal will be considered non-conformance of the bid. All exceptions to the proposal shall be noted as an exception to the bid.**

Exceptions:            No             Yes  (If yes, list on ***“Instructions to Bidders”*** page)

Liquidated Damage: The Contractor shall pay a fee of \$1,000.00 per calendar day for failure to perform work within either the specified project period or the contract completion date in accordance with GC.36 of the general condition.

City of Hastings may at its own discretion delete any project area prior to award of contract.

In submitting this proposal, it is further understood that the City of Hastings Utilities Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, whether the price is the lowest or not, and may waive any informalities and may accept the proposal which best suits its needs. It is further understood that this proposal may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty days (60) days after the bids are opened.

All bid documents, including proposals, bid bonds, etc., must be submitted with original signatures. No copies will be accepted.

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CITY OF HASTINGS  
CONTRACT NO. HU 2025-140**

**OFFICIAL NAME & ADDRESS**

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Firm Name

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Signature

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Address

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Typed or Printed Name

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City, State, Zip

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Title

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Phone No.

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Date

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Fax No.

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Email Address

# SUB CONTRACTOR DESIGNATION SHEET

Contractor to name subcontractors and designate work entailed to them.

<u>Subcontractor</u>	<u>Work Description</u>
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Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made and entered into this      day of                      , 2025,  
by and between the City of Hastings, Party of the First Part, hereinafter called the "Purchaser" or  
"City", and                                      , a                                      of (town)                                      in the State  
of                                      , Party of the Second Part, hereinafter called the "Contractor".

**WITNESSETH: THAT,**

**WHEREAS:** The Purchaser has caused the necessary contract documents to be prepared for defining material, equipment, and/or labor to be supplied to the City of Hastings, and delivered complete as specified in the accompanying contract documents.

**WHEREAS:** The Purchaser has advertised for bids from Contractors, has received said bids, analyzed same and duly awarded a contract to the "Contractor", "Party of the Second Part", for material, equipment, and/or labor as hereinafter set forth and as stated more in detail in the Proposal and related contract documents to wit; Notice to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders, Specifications; all of which documents are attached hereto and made a part of this Contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE:** It is hereby agreed that for the sum of                                      . (\$                                      )

to be paid by the Purchaser, within Thirty (30) days after the acceptance of material, equipment, and/or labor by the Purchaser, to the Contractor, the Contractor agrees to furnish all materials, equipment, and/or labor as required by the accompanying specifications, and the aforesaid contract documents, for **Contract No. HU 2025-140: NDS 5 480V Switchgear Installation.**

All materials, equipment, and/or labor shall be in accordance with the accompanying contract documents and specifications which are as much a part of this Agreement as if repeated verbatim herein.

It is further agreed that the Contractor will start work promptly, furnish the necessary drawings promptly and complete the work in the number of days set forth in the Proposal.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:** The Parties of the First and Second Parts have hereto set

**AGREEMENT**

their hands and seals on the day and year above written.

CITY OF HASTINGS  
Party of the First Part

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

CONTRACTOR  
Party of the Second Part

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Note: If executed by one other than President, Partner or the individual Owner, a Power-of-Attorney authorizing execution should accompany this Contract.

## INSURANCE COVERAGE

The undersigned hereby certifies that Workmen's Compensation, Public Liability and Property Damage, and Automobile Liability and Property Damage Insurance are in force and effect in accordance with the requirements contained in "Instruction to Bidders" which is a part of this document "Bid Proposal and Specifications". We further agree to give ten (10) days notice to the City of Hastings before effective date of cancellation or reduction of any of the above coverage.

This Insurance Coverage applies only to \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTRACTOR

By \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
INSURANCE COMPANY

By \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**MAINTENANCE BOND**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That we, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter  
called the Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_

hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the CITY OF HASTINGS, County  
of ADAMS, State of NEBRASKA, hereinafter called the Owner in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
Dollars: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the CITY OF HASTINGS,  
NEBRASKA, for the payment whereof the Principal and Surety hold themselves, their heirs,  
executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has, by means of a written agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_  
20 \_\_\_\_\_, entered into a contract with the CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, for the  
**Contract HU 2023-18, Cooling Tower Rebuild for North Denver Station Unit 5**

a copy of which contract is by reference made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation are such that

FIRST: If the Principal shall faithfully perform the contract on his part, and satisfy all claims  
and demands incurred for the same and shall fully indemnify and save harmless the CITY OF  
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, from all cost and damage which said Owner may suffer by reason of  
failure so to do, and shall fully reimburse and repay said Owner all outlay and expense which  
said Owner may incur in making good any such default, and shall pay all persons who have  
contracts directly with the Principal for labor and materials, and

SECOND: The Principal shall protect and hold harmless the CITY OF HASTINGS,  
NEBRASKA, from any and all suits and actions of every description that may be brought  
against said Owner on account of injuries to or death of persons or damage to property received  
or sustained by any person or persons through the negligence of the Principal or his agents; and

THIRD: The Principal shall warrant the work constructed under his contract and keep in good repair at no cost to the Owner for a period of ONE (1) year from date of formal acceptance by said Owner, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

The Principal and Surety or Sureties on this bond hereby agree to pay all persons, firms, or corporations having contracts directly with the Principal or with subcontractors, all just claims due them for labor performed or material furnished in the performance of the contract on account of which this bond is given, when the same are not satisfied out of the portion of the contract price which the public corporation is required to retain until the completion of the public improvement, but the Principal and Surety shall not be liable to said persons, firms, or corporations unless the claims of said claimants against said portion of the contract price shall have been established by law.

Every surety on this bond shall be deemed and held, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding, to consent without notice:

1. To any extension of time to the Contractor in which to perform the contract.
2. To any change in the plans, specifications or contract, when such change does not involve an increase or more than twenty percent (20%) of the total contract price and shall then be released only as to such excess increase.
3. That no provision of this bond or of any other contract shall be valid which limits to less than five years from time of acceptance of the work the right to sue on this bond for defects in workmanship or material not discovered or known to the obligee at the time such work was accepted.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

IN PRESENCE OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Title)

Countersigned:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Surety)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident Agent

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attorney-in-fact)

Filed in my office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk)



## SECTION 1 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### **GC.1 Contract Documents**

It is understood and agreed that the Notice to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders, Proposal, Proposal Data, Contract Agreement, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Specifications, Drawings, Addenda, and Change Orders issued by the Purchaser or the Engineer, and specifications and engineering data furnished by the Contractor and accepted by the Purchaser, are each included in this Contract and the work shall be done in accordance therewith.

#### **GC.2 Definitions**

Words, phrases, or other expressions used in these contract documents shall have meanings as follows.

1. "Contract" or "contract documents" shall include the items enumerated above under CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
2. "Purchaser" shall mean the City of Hastings named and designated in the Contract Agreement as "Party of the First Part," and their duly authorized agents. All notices, letters, and other communication directed to the Purchaser shall be addressed and delivered to:  

City of Hastings  
1228 North Denver Avenue  
P.O. Box 398  
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-0289  
Attention: Renae Griess
3. "Contractor" shall mean the corporation, company, partnership, firm or individual named and designated in the Contract Agreement as the "Party of the Second Part," who has entered into this Contract for the performance of the work covered thereby, and its, his, or their duly authorized representatives.
4. "Subcontractor" shall mean and refer only to a corporation, partnership, or individual having a direct contract with the Contractor for performing work covered by these contract documents.
5. "Engineer" shall also refer to City of Hastings as the purchaser.
6. "Date of contract," or equivalent words, shall mean the date written in the first paragraph of the Contract Agreement.
7. "Day" or "days," unless herein otherwise expressly defined, shall mean a calendar day or days of 24 hours each.
8. "The work" shall mean the equipment, supplies, materials, labor, and services to be furnished under the contract and the carrying out of all obligations imposed by the contract documents.
9. "Drawings" or "plans" shall mean all (a) drawings furnished by the Purchaser as a basis for proposals, (b) supplementary drawings furnished

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by the Purchaser to clarify and to define in greater detail the intent of the contract drawings and specifications, (c) drawings submitted by the successful bidder with his proposal, provided such drawings are acceptable to the Purchaser, (d) drawings furnished by the Purchaser to the Contractor during the progress of the work, and (e) engineering data and drawings submitted by the Contractor during the progress of the work, provided such drawings are acceptable to the Engineer.

10. Whenever in these contract documents the words "as ordered," "as directed," "as required," "as permitted," "as allowed," or words or phrases of like import are used, it shall be understood that the order, direction, requirement, permission, or allowance of the Purchaser or Engineer is intended only to the extent of judging compliance with the terms of the contract; none of these terms shall imply that the Purchaser or the Engineer has any authority or responsibility for supervision of the Contractor's forces or construction operations, such supervision and the sole responsibility therefor being strictly reserved for the Contractor.
11. Similarly the words "approved," "reasonable," "suitable," "acceptable," "proper," "satisfactory," or words of like effect and import, unless otherwise particularly specified herein, shall mean approved, reasonable, suitable, acceptable, proper, or satisfactory in the judgment of the Purchaser or Engineer, to the extent provided in (10) above.
12. Whenever in these contract documents the expression "it is understood and agreed" or an expression of like import is used, such expression means the mutual understanding and agreement of the parties executing the Contract Agreement.
13. "Official acceptance" shall mean the Purchaser's written acceptance of all work performed under this Contract, based on the Engineer's final inspection and issuance of a final payment certificate.
14. "Project completion" shall mean that the NDS 5 Switchgear is ready for operation. The project completion date is at the end of day, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
15. "Final Acceptance" shall mean that all work has been completed in accordance with these specifications, the project has been walked down, punch list items have been completed, and Purchaser is ready to accept the Work as complete.
16. "Stop Work Order" shall mean that the Purchaser will provide a written order to the Contractor requiring the Contractor to stop all, or any part of, the work called for by this Contract, for a time defined by the order. The order shall specify the reasoning for the suspended work, which may include, but are not limited to, engineering considerations, changes to the project scope, safety or environmental concerns, or other issues detrimental to the project. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the

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order. As soon as practical, the Purchaser and Contractor shall discuss the impacted activities, schedule, materials, labor, and equipment. If applicable, Purchaser and Contractor will seek to negotiate an equitable adjustment in the schedule, Contract price, or both, and the contract shall be modified, or a change order issued, as necessary. Upon any agreement and finalization of commercial conditions, Purchaser to provide written order to cancel the stop work order.

### **GC.3 Execution of the Contract**

Once the bids have been evaluated, the Purchaser will electronically submit the Contract Agreement to the Contractor. The Contractor shall sign the Contract Agreement and return to Purchaser for the final approval process. Upon final approvals, the Contract Agreement will be signed by the Purchaser and electronically returned to the Contractor. Contractor shall then mail one hardcopy of required bonds, one electronic or hardcopy of insurance documents, and one electronic or hardcopy of power of attorney forms to the Purchaser. The date of contract on the bond forms and power of attorney forms shall match the date provided on the Contract Agreement by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will review the final documents and electronically send a final conformed contract to the Contractor.

### **GC.4 Legal Addresses**

The business address of the Contractor listed in the Proposal is hereby designated as the place to which all notices, letters, and other communication to the Contractor will be mailed or delivered. The address of the Purchaser appearing in section GC.2 is hereby designated as the place to which all notices, letters, and other communication to the Purchaser shall be mailed or delivered. Either party may change their address at any time by an instrument in writing delivered to the Engineer and to the other party.

### **GC.5 Scope and Intent of Contract Documents**

The various parts of the contract documents are intended to supplement but not necessarily duplicate each other. Any work exhibited in one part and not in another shall be executed as if it had been set forth in all parts, so that the work will be performed according to the complete design as determined by the Engineer.

Should anything necessary for a clear understanding of the work be omitted from the contract documents, or should the requirements appear to be in conflict, the Contractor shall secure written instructions from the Engineer before proceeding with the work affected thereby. It is understood and agreed that the work shall be performed according to the true intent of the contract documents.

### **GC.6 Independent Contractor**

The relationship of the Contractor to the Purchaser shall be that of an independent contractor.

### **GC.7 Assignment**

The Contractor shall not assign the work, or any part thereof, without the previous written consent of the Purchaser, nor shall he assign, by power of attorney or otherwise, any of the money payable under this Contract unless written consent of the Purchaser has been

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obtained. No right under this Contract, nor claim for any money due or to become due hereunder shall be asserted against the Purchaser, or persons acting for the Purchaser, by reason of any so-called assignment of this Contract or any part thereof, unless such assignment has been authorized by the written consent of the Purchaser. In case the Contractor is permitted to assign moneys due or to become due under this Contract, the instrument of assignment shall contain a clause subordinating the claim of the assignee to all prior liens for services rendered or materials supplied for the performance of the work.

### **GC.8 Oral Statements**

It is understood and agreed that the written terms and provisions of this agreement shall supersede all oral statements of representatives of the Purchaser, and oral statements shall not be effective or be construed as being a part of this Contract.

### **GC.9 Reference Standards**

Reference to the standards of any technical society, organization, or association, or to codes of local or state authorities, shall mean the latest standard, code, specification, or tentative standard adopted and published at the date of taking bids, unless specifically stated otherwise.

### **GC.10 Source of Materials**

Not Applicable

### **GC.11 Contractor to Check Drawings and Lists**

The Contractor shall check all dimensions, elevations, and quantities indicated on the drawings and lists furnished to him by the Engineer. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer of any discrepancy between the drawings and the conditions at the site, or any error or omission in the drawings, or in the layout as given by stakes, points, or instructions, which he may discover in the course of the work. The Contractor will not be allowed to take advantage of any error or omission in the drawings or other contract documents that a reasonable inspection of them by Contractor would reveal. Full instructions will be furnished by the Engineer should such error or omission be discovered, and the Contractor shall carry out such instructions as if originally specified.

### **GC.12 Figured Dimensions to Govern**

Dimensions and elevations indicated on the drawings shall be accurately followed even though different from scaled measurements. No work indicated on the drawings, the dimensions of which are not indicated, shall be executed until necessary dimensions have been obtained from the Engineer.

### **GC.13 No Waiver of Rights**

Neither the inspection by the Purchaser or Engineer or any of their officials, employees, or agents, nor any order by the Purchaser or Engineer for payment of money, or any payment for, or acceptance of, the whole or any part of the work by the Purchaser or Engineer, nor any extension of time, nor any possession taken by the Purchaser or its employees, shall operate as a waiver of any provision of this Contract, or of any power herein reserved to the Purchaser, or any right to damages herein provided, nor shall any waiver of any breach in this Contract be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach.

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### **GC.14 Authority of the Engineer**

To prevent delays and disputes, and to discourage litigation, it is agreed by the parties to this Contract that the Engineer shall determine the quantities of work which are to be paid for under the contract and shall resolve all questions in relation to the work.

If, in the opinion of the Contractor or the Purchaser, a decision made by the Engineer is not in accordance with the meaning and intent of the contract, either party may file with the Engineer and the other party to the contract, within 30 days after receipt of the decision, a written objection to the decision. Failure to file an objection within the allotted time will be considered acceptance of the Engineer's decision and the decision shall become final and conclusive.

The Engineer's decision and the filing of the written objection thereto shall be a condition precedent to the right to request arbitration or to start action in court.

It is the intent of this agreement that there shall be no delay in the execution of the work and the decision of the Engineer as rendered shall be promptly observed.

### **GC.15 Engineering Inspection**

The Purchaser may appoint (either directly or through the Engineer) such inspectors as the Purchaser deems proper to inspect the work for compliance with the contract documents. The Contractor shall furnish all reasonable assistance required by the Engineer, or inspectors, for the proper inspection of the work. Should the Contractor object to any interpretation of the contract by an inspector, the Contractor may make written appeal to the Engineer for a decision.

Inspectors shall have the authority to reject work which is unsatisfactory, faulty, or defective or does not conform to the requirements of the contract documents. Inspection shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligation to construct the work strictly in accordance with the contract documents.

Upon the failure of the Contractor or its Subcontractors to comply with any of the requirements of this Contract (but not limited to quality or safety), the Purchaser shall have the authority to stop any portion of the work affected by such failure until such failure is remedied. If the Purchaser issues a Stop Work Order, the Purchaser shall not be liable for any costs or expenses claimed by Contractor arising out of such issuance. The construction schedule shall not be delayed or extended as a result of the Purchaser's issuance of a Stop Work Order.

### **GC.16 Contractor Default**

If the work to be done under this Contract is abandoned by the Contractor; or if this Contract is assigned by him without the written consent of the Purchaser; or if the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt; or if a general assignment of his assets is made for the benefit of his creditors; or if a receiver is appointed for the Contractor or any of his property; or if at any time the Engineer certifies in writing to the Purchaser that the performance of the work under this Contract is being unnecessarily delayed, that the Contractor is violating any of the

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conditions of this Contract, or that he is executing the same in bad faith or otherwise not in accordance with the terms of said contract; or if the work is not substantially completed within the time named for its completion or within the time to which such completion date may be extended; then the Purchaser may serve written notice upon the Contractor and his surety of the Purchaser's intention to terminate this Contract. Unless within 5 days after the serving of such notice, a satisfactory arrangement is made for continuance, this Contract shall terminate. In the event of such termination, the surety shall have the right to take over and complete the work, provided that if the surety does not commence performance within 30 days, the Purchaser may take over and prosecute the work to completion, by contract or otherwise. The Contractor and his surety shall be liable to the Purchaser for all excess cost sustained by the Purchaser by reason of such prosecution and completion. The Purchaser may take possession of, and utilize in completing the work, all materials, equipment, tools, and plant on the site of the work.

### **GC.17 Beginning, Progress, and Completion of the Work**

The time of completion is a basic consideration of this Contract. Unless otherwise specified in these contract documents or advised by written order of the Purchaser, the Contractor shall begin work within 10 days after the date of contract. The work shall be prosecuted to completion in accordance with the specified schedule, subject to adjustment as provided in these contract documents.

A detailed construction schedule shall be prepared by the Contractor and submitted to the Purchaser for review. The schedule shall contain the various activities required to perform the work and the dates the activities will be started and completed in order to complete the work in accordance with the specified schedule requirements. The Contractor is responsible for determining the sequence and time estimates of the detailed construction activities. However, the Purchaser reserves the right to require the Contractor to modify any portion of the schedule the Purchaser determines to be impracticable or unreasonable; as required to coordinate the Contractor's activities with those of other contractors, if any, engaged in work for the Purchaser on the site; to avoid undue interference with the Purchaser's operations; and to assure completion of the work by the date or dates stipulated. Upon acceptance by the Purchaser of the Contractor's detailed construction schedule, the Contractor will be responsible for maintaining such schedule.

If at any time the Contractor's work is behind schedule, he shall immediately put into effect definite procedures for getting the work back on schedule. The procedures shall be subject to review and modification by the Purchaser.

### **GC.18 Hindrances and Delays**

The Contractor expressly agrees that in undertaking to complete the work within the time specified, he has made allowances for all hindrances and delays which might usually be expected to occur in performing the work. No claims shall be made by the Contractor for such hindrances and delays.

If the Contractor experiences hindrances and delays which, in his opinion, are not usually to be expected in the performance of the work and which affect the performance of the work, he may request a change in the contract. Such hindrances and delays may include, but not be

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limited to, acts or failure to act by the Purchaser or other contractors employed by the Purchaser, fires, floods, labor disputes, epidemics, or acts of God. Such hindrances and delays shall not include rain, snow, or other non-severe inclement weather. Claims by the Contractor for any change in the contract due to such hindrances and delays shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Article GC.22, CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT. The Contractor shall use all reasonable means to minimize the extent of the delay.

### **GC.19 Suspension of Work**

The Purchaser reserves the right to suspend and reinstate execution of the whole or any part of the work without invalidating the provisions of the contract. Suspension or reinstatement of the work will be by written notice to the Contractor from the Purchaser.

Suspension of work shall not automatically entitle the Contractor to additional compensation or a change in the contract time; however, the Contractor will be reimbursed for real and unavoidable direct costs incurred by him as a result of such suspension and/or the contract will be extended as required to compensate for any delay due to such suspension. Claims by the Contractor for change of contract time or an adjustment of the contract price, due to work suspensions ordered by the Purchaser shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Article GC.22, CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT. The Contractor shall use all reasonable means to minimize the consequences of such suspension.

### **GC.20 Cancellation of Work**

The Purchaser reserves the right to cancel the unshipped portion of the work by giving written notice to the Contractor. In the event of cancellation, the Purchaser will pay the Contractor reasonable and proper cancellation costs.

Cancellation of the work shall not constitute the basis for a claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits.

The Contractor shall, after consultation with the Purchaser, take all reasonable steps to minimize the costs related to cancellation. The Contractor shall provide the Purchaser with an accounting of costs claimed, including adequate supporting information, and the Purchaser may, at its expense, audit the claimed costs and supporting information.

### **GC.21 Modifications**

The Contractor shall modify the work whenever so ordered by the Purchaser and such modifications shall not affect the validity of the contract. Modifications may involve changes in the amount of the work to be performed or changes in the contract time for which appropriate changes to the contract will be made.

Contract changes due to modifications shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Article GC.22, CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT.

### **GC.22 Changes to the Contract**

The contract may be changed only by duly executed change orders issued by the Purchaser.

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If, in the opinion of the Purchaser or the Contractor, any event or action by the other party justifies a change in the contract, either party shall initiate with the other party, within 5 days after such event or action, a request for a change to the contract. All documentation required to substantiate the proposed change shall be submitted within a minimum reasonable time after initiating the request for change. Upon the parties reaching agreement regarding the proposed change, the Purchaser will issue a written change order therefor.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions requiring duly authorized change orders, in the event agreement has been reached between authorized representatives of the parties regarding the change in the contract pending processing of such change order, the Contractor shall proceed with the work on the basis of written interim authorization from the Purchaser.

If the Contractor claims that any instruction, request, drawing, specifications, or other directive or action of the Purchaser or the Engineer constitutes a change in the contract, but has not been authorized as such by a change order in writing by the Purchaser, the Contractor shall immediately request a written interim authorization and proceed without delay to perform the work in accordance with such authorization. The Contractor shall provide written notice of the claim or dispute to the Engineer and the Purchaser within 5 days of the request for interim authorization. The Contractor's failure to give said written notice within the 5 day period shall constitute a waiver and relinquishment of any such claim or dispute. The Purchaser's written interim authorization shall not constitute approval of the claim for increased or decreased work, but shall be a condition precedent to the Contractor's right to receive payment for such work and to the Contractor's right to prosecute or maintain any proceeding to recover for such work.

### **GC.22.1 Contract Price Changes**

The contract price may be changed due to modifications which involve extra work or decreased work; or due to work suspensions, hindrances, and delays over which the Contractor has no control. Claims for changes in the contract price shall conform to the requirements specified herein.

#### **GC.22.1.1 Increased Price**

If a change in the contract is required due to work suspensions or hindrances and delays, the contract price will be increased according to agreed lump sums, agreed acceleration costs, or other demonstrable costs submitted by the Contractor and substantiated to the satisfaction of the Purchaser.

If a change in the contract price is required due to a modification which increases the amount of the work, and the added work or any part thereof is of a type and character which can properly and fairly be classified under one or more unit price items of the contract, then the contract price will be increased according to the amount actually done and at the applicable unit price. Otherwise, such work shall be paid for as herein-after provided.

Contract price changes for modifications involving extra work will be based on agreed lump sums or on agreed unit prices whenever the Purchaser and the Contractor agree upon such prices before the extra work is started; otherwise, payments for extra work will be based on actual direct cost plus the specified percentage allowance.

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For the purpose of determining whether proposed extra work will be authorized, or for determining the payment method for extra work, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer, upon request, a detailed cost estimate for proposed extra work. The estimate shall indicate itemized quantities and charges for all elements of direct cost. Charges for the Contractor's and subcontractor's extra profit, extra general superintendence, extra field office expense, and extra overheads shall be indicated as a percentage addition to the total estimated direct cost. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Contractor and the Purchaser, such percentage additions shall be 15 percent for the extra work performed by the Contractor's own forces or 20 percent for extra work performed by a subcontractor.

When payment for extra work is based on actual direct cost, the Contractor will be paid the actual direct cost plus an allowance of 15 percent if the extra work is performed by the Contractor's own forces or 20 percent if the extra work is performed by a subcontractor. The allowance will be paid as full compensation for the Contractor's and sub-contractor's extra profit, extra general superintendence, extra field office expense, extra overheads, and all other elements of extra cost not defined herein as actual direct cost.

The actual direct cost shall include only those extra costs for labor and material expended in direct performance of the extra work and may include the following.

- a. The actual payroll cost of all workmen such as laborers, mechanics, craftsmen, and foremen.
- b. The Contractor's or subcontractor's net cost for materials and supplies.
- c. The rental charge for vehicles and construction equipment.
- d. The transportation charges for equipment.
- e. The charges for extra power, fuel, lubricants, water, and special services.
- f. The charges for extra payroll taxes, bond premiums, and insurance premiums.

The form in which actual direct cost records are kept, the construction methods, and the type and quantity of equipment used shall be acceptable to the Engineer.

Construction equipment which the Contractor has on the jobsite and which is of a type and size suitable for use in performing the extra work shall be used. The hourly rental charges for equipment shall not exceed 1/2 percent of the latest applicable monthly rental rates as published by Dataquest Incorporated in its "Rental Rate Blue Book" and shall apply to only the actual time the equipment is used in performing the extra work.

When extra work requires the use of equipment which the Contractor does not have on the jobsite, the Contractor shall obtain the concurrence of the Engineer before renting or otherwise acquiring additional equipment. The rental charges for the additional equipment shall not exceed the latest applicable "Rental Rate Blue Book" published rental rates.

### **GC.22.1.2 Decreased Price**

If a change in the contract price is required due to a modification which decreases the amount of work, such decrease shall not constitute the basis for a claim for damages or anticipated

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profits on work affected by such decrease. Where the value of omitted work is not covered by applicable unit prices, the Engineer shall determine, on an equitable basis, the amount of:

- a. Credit due the Purchaser for contract work deleted as a result of an authorized change,
- b. Allowance to the Contractor for any actual loss incurred in connection with the purchase, delivery, and subsequent disposal of materials or equipment required for use on the work as planned and which could not be used in any part of the work as actually built, and
- c. Any other adjustment of the contract amount where the method to be used in making such adjustment is not clearly defined in the contract documents.

Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Purchaser and the Contractor, the credit due the Purchaser for reductions in the amount of work to be done shall be the estimated direct cost of the deleted work plus an overhead allowance of the following.

- 10 percent of the estimated direct cost if the work was to have been done by the Contractor's own forces, or
- 15 percent of the estimated direct cost if the work was to have been done by a subcontractor.

Direct cost referred to above shall include the category of costs listed as actual direct costs, Items (a) to (f) inclusive of the article entitled Increased Price.

### **GC.22.2 Contract Time Changes**

The contract time may be changed due to work modifications, hindrances and delays, and work suspensions over which the Contractor has no control.

Contract time will not be changed for delays caused by unfavorable weather or unsuitable ground conditions normally incident to the work, inadequate construction force, failure to place timely orders for equipment and materials, or other causes within the control of the Contractor.

### **GC.23 Step Dispute Resolution**

In the event of any controversy, claim or dispute between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including its enforcement, such controversy, claim or dispute, including disputes regarded as such by only one of the Parties, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to resolve such dispute, including third party mediation, if the Parties so agree.

If no settlement is achieved, either Party may pursue a claim in a federal or state court with competent jurisdiction.

### **GC.24 Laws and Regulations**

The Contractor shall observe and comply with all ordinances, laws, and regulations, and shall protect and indemnify the Purchaser and the Purchaser's officers and agents, including the Engineer, against any claim or liability arising from or based on any violation of the same.

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### **GC.25 Taxes, Permits, and Licenses**

The Contractor shall pay all sales, use, and other taxes that are lawfully assessed against the Purchaser or Contractor in connection with the work and shall obtain and pay for all required licenses, permits, and inspections.

The Contractor will be compensated for any increase in tax rates, license fees, and permit fees or any new taxes, licenses, or permits imposed after the date of the Proposal; provided, however, that this provision shall be limited to sales, use, and excise taxes assessed against the completed work and to licenses and permits required specifically for the proposed work.

### **GC.26 Patents**

Royalties and fees for patents covering materials, articles, apparatus, devices, equipment, or processes used in the work shall be included in the contract amount. The Contractor shall satisfy all demands that may be made at any time for such royalties or fees and he shall be liable for any damages or claims for patent infringements. The Contractor shall, at his own cost and expense, defend all suits or proceedings that may be instituted against the Purchaser for alleged infringement of any patents involved in the work and, in case of an award of damages, the Contractor shall pay such award. Final payment to the Contractor by the Purchaser will not be made while any such suit or claim remains unsettled.

### **GC.27 Materials and Equipment**

Unless specifically provided otherwise in each case, all materials and equipment furnished for permanent installation in the work shall conform to applicable standard specifications and shall be new, unused, and undamaged when installed or otherwise incorporated in the work. No such material or equipment shall be used by the Contractor for any purpose other than that intended or specified, unless such use is specifically authorized by the Purchaser in each case.

All required tests in connection with acceptance of source of materials shall be made at the Contractor's expense by a properly equipped laboratory of established reputation whose work and testing facilities are acceptable to the Purchaser. Any change in origin or method of preparation or manufacture of a material being routinely tested will require new tests. Reports of all tests shall be furnished to the Engineer or Purchaser in as many copies as required.

### **GC.28 Guarantee**

The Contractor guarantees that the work herein contracted will be as specified and will be free from defects in design, workmanship, and materials. Contractor does not guarantee or warrant parts subject to normal wear and tear during operation. If within the guarantee period the work fails to meet the provisions of this guarantee, the Contractor shall promptly correct any defects, including nonconformance with the contract documents by adjustment, repair, or replacement of all defective parts or materials at the Contractor's option and expense, after consulting with the Purchaser on the proposed remedy plans.

Except as otherwise prescribed by the terms of any special guarantees required by the contract documents, the guarantee period shall begin on the date of final payment and shall end 12 months later.

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The cost of all materials, parts, labor, transportation, supervision, special tools, and supplies required for replacement or repair of parts and for correction of defects shall be paid by the Contractor or by the surety.

This guarantee shall be extended to cover all repairs and replacements furnished under the guarantee and the period of the guarantee for each such repair or replacement shall be 1 year after correction of the defect except as otherwise prescribed by the terms of any special guarantees required by the contract documents.

The Contractor will be given an opportunity to confirm the existence of the defect, but he shall not delay the correction while making such determination.

If within 10 days after the Purchaser has notified the Contractor of a defect, failure, or abnormality in the work, the Contractor has not started to make the necessary repairs or adjustments, the Purchaser is hereby authorized to make the repairs or adjustments or to order the work to be done by a third party; the cost of the work to be paid by the Contractor.

In the event of an emergency where, in the judgment of the Purchaser, delay would cause serious loss or damage, repairs or adjustments may be made by the Purchaser or a third party chosen by the Purchaser without advance notice to the Contractor and the cost of the work shall be paid by the Contractor or by the surety.

### **GC.29 Contractor's Insurance Coverage**

The Contractor shall not commence work under this Contract until Contractor has obtained all the insurance required under this article. Furthermore, the Contractor shall not allow any sub-contractor to commence work under this Contract until the sub-contractor has obtained the same insurance as is required of the Contractor. The sub-contractor alone shall be responsible for the sufficiency of its own insurance program.

#### **GC.29.1 Certificates of Insurance**

Certificates of Insurance acceptable to the Purchaser shall be filed with the Purchaser prior to commencement of the work. All insurance carried shall conform to the relevant provisions of the respective Project Documents and be with insurance companies which are rated "A, X" or better by Best's Insurance Guide, or other insurance companies of recognized responsibility satisfactory to the Purchaser.

#### **GC.29.2 Proof of Carriage of Insurance.**

Satisfactory certificates of insurance shall be filed with the Purchaser prior to starting any construction work on this contract. The parties agree that the requirements with respect to requirements to procure and maintain insurance under this Section is a material part of this Agreement.

#### **GC.29.3 Additional Insureds**

Insurance coverages furnished under this Contract, with the exception of Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability, shall include the City of Hastings and their members, directors, officers, agents, and employees as named Additional Insureds on a primary and noncontributory basis, and shall include Products and completed operations with respect to the activities of the

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Contractor and shall be maintained for the full duration of the project including for a period after completion to include the statute of repose.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these policies, the insurance afforded shall apply separately to each insured, with respect to any claim, suit, or judgment made or brought by or for any other insured, as though a separate policy had been issued to each, except the insurer's liability shall not be increased beyond the amount or amounts for which the insurer would have been liable had only one insured been named.

The Purchaser shall not by reason of their inclusion under these policies incur liability to the insurance carrier for payment of premium for these policies.

### **GC.29.4 Waiver of Subrogation**

To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Contractor and their sub-contractor shall require their insurance carriers, with respect to all insurance policies, to waive all rights of subrogation against the Purchaser their partners, directors, officers, agents, and employees.

### **GC.29.5 Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance**

The Contractor shall procure, and shall maintain during the life of this Contract, Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by workers' compensation laws of the State of Nebraska and also of the state in which the sub-contractor is domiciled.

The Contractor shall also be protected against claims for injury, disease, or death of employees which, for any reason, may not fall within the provisions of a workers' compensation law. The Employer's Liability Insurance shall contain the following limits of liability:

Bodily Injury by Accident	\$500,000 each accident
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$500,000 each employee
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$500,000 policy limit

### **GC.29.6 General Liability Insurance**

This insurance shall be written per project on an "occurrence" policy form, including coverage for premises/operations, products/completed operations, blanket contractual liability, independent contractors and personal injury, with no exclusions for explosion, sudden and accidental pollution or an absolute or total pollution exclusion, collapse and underground perils. The commercial general liability policy shall also include a severability of interest clause and a cross liability clause in the event more than one entity is "named insured" or "named additional insured" under the liability policy.

Limits of Insurance shall be as follows:

Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000,000
Products/Completed Operations	\$2,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000



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transit to jobsite, and until equipment or materials have been installed or received by Purchaser.

### **GC.29.14 Property Insurance A.K.A. Builder's Risk – If Applicable**

Not Applicable

### **GC.30 Indemnification**

To the fullest extent permitted by laws and regulations, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Purchaser, their officers, directors, members, consultants, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, direct, indirect, or consequential (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and court and arbitration costs) arising out of or resulting from the negligent, wrongful, or defective performance of the work by the Contractor, any sub-contractor, any person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder or arises by or is imposed by law and regulations regardless of the negligence of any such party.

In any and all claims against the Purchaser, or of any of their officers, directors, members, consultants, agents, or employees by any employee of the Contractor, any sub-contractor, any person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, this indemnification obligation shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any such sub-contractor or other person or organization under workers' or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts, nor shall this indemnification obligation be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of insurance coverage provided by the Purchaser, the Contractor, or any of their sub-contractors.

### **GC.31 Release of Liability**

Acceptance by the Contractor of the last payment shall be a release to the Purchaser and every officer and agent thereof, from all claims and liability hereunder for anything done or furnished for, or relating to the work, or for any act or neglect of the Purchaser or of any person relating to or affecting the work.

### **GC.32 Claims for Labor and Materials**

The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Purchaser from all claims for labor and materials furnished under this Contract. When requested by the Purchaser, the Contractor shall submit satisfactory evidence that all persons, firms, or corporations who have done work or furnished materials under this Contract, for which the Purchaser may become legally liable, have been fully paid or satisfactorily secured. In case such evidence is not furnished or is not satisfactory, an amount will be retained from money due the Contractor which, in addition to any other sums that may be retained, will be sufficient, in the opinion of the Purchaser, to liquidate all such claims. Such sum will be retained until the claims as aforesaid are fully settled or satisfactorily secured.

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Before final acceptance of the work by the Purchaser, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer in duplicate a notarized affidavit stating that all subcontractors, vendors, persons, or firms who have furnished labor or materials for the work have been fully paid and that all taxes have been paid. If a performance bond has been executed, a statement from the surety shall also be submitted consenting to the making of the final payment.

### **GC.33 Final Inspection**

When the work has been substantially completed and at a time mutually agreeable to the Purchaser and Contractor, the Purchaser will make a final inspection of the work as to the acceptability and completeness of the work.

### **GC.34 Payments**

Payment will be based on the Contractor's progress payment which he will submit to the Purchaser for approval. The Purchaser will retain 5% of the total contract amount for all work.

### **GC.35 Hazardous Materials**

As required under Federal Hazardous Communications Standards and certain state and local laws, the Contractor shall provide Material Safety Data Sheets covering all hazardous materials furnished under or otherwise associated with the work under this Contract. The Contractor shall provide the Purchaser with either copies of the applicable Material Safety Data Sheets or copies of a document certifying that no Material Safety Data Sheets are required under any federal, state, or local law, regulation, statute, or ordinance in effect at the jobsite.

Hazardous materials are defined in the applicable statute which may use the terminology "toxic substances" instead of "hazardous materials." The Contractor is responsible for determining if any substance or material furnished, used, applied, or stored under this Contract is within the provisions of any applicable statute.

If the work under this Contract includes onsite construction or erection, the Contractor shall provide written notice of the presence of hazardous materials to local fire, medical, and law enforcement agencies as required with a copy of such notice to the Purchaser.

The Contractor shall provide labeling of hazardous materials and training of employees in the safe usage of such materials as required under any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, statute, or ordinance.

### **GC.36 Liquidated Damages**

Time is a material provision of this Agreement. If the Contractor is unable to meet the agreed upon completion dates, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Purchaser and confirm the notice in writing within ten (10) business days of the delaying event. The notice shall contain detailed information of the delay including Contractor's estimate of the duration of the delay, Contractor's estimate of the delay's impact to Contractor's schedule and Contractor's plan to mitigate the effects of the delay.

Contractor shall be excused for delays in completion of the work only in accordance with GC.18. In the event of any such delay, Contractor shall only be allowed an extension of the

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date of completion for a period of time reasonably necessary to overcome the effect of the delay. Contractor shall not be entitled to any extra compensation for such delay. Contractor shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing, with confirmation receipt of notification,

The liquidated damages amount per calendar day specified in the proposal form will be assessed, not as a penalty but as predetermined and agreed liquidated damages. The Purchaser and Contractor specifically agree the per calendar day amount to be assessed as liquidated damages is fair and reasonable and not excessive. The parties further agree that said per calendar day amount accurately reflect the anticipated loss and inconvenience to the public and lost revenue to or use by the Purchaser due to the project not being completed by the end of the project period or the end of the contract completion date.

The Purchaser shall have the right to deduct liquidated damages from any money in its hands, otherwise due, or to become due, to the Contractor; to submit invoice for payment; or to sue for and recover compensation for damages for nonperformance of this Contract within the time stipulated.

The Liquidated Damages amount for this project is shown on the Proposal page.

### **GC.37 Consequential Damages**

Except for Supplier's third party obligations arising out of or liability for breach of Articles GC.26 and/or GC.30, Purchaser and Supplier will not be liable to each other for loss of profits, loss of use, loss of contracts, or consequential damages arising out of this Contract. This Section will not relieve Supplier of any obligation under GC.36.

### **GC.38 Limitation of Liability**

With the exception of (a) indemnification stated in Article GC.30 and (b) the insurance coverages and limits set forth in Article GC.29, Supplier's total limit of liability on any claim, whether for breach of Contract, breach of warranty, tort, negligence, strict liability, or any other legal theory, for any loss or damage arising out of or connected to, or resulting from this Contract, shall be limited to the purchase price to be paid by Purchaser.

### **GC.39 Confidentiality**

"Confidential Information" means the confidential or proprietary designs, know-how, processes, trade secrets, and other information owned or controlled by Purchaser, Engineer, or Supplier respectively. Supplier agrees to hold any Confidential Information received in the strictest confidence, shall only use the Confidential Information as necessary to perform the work. Purchaser agrees to hold any Confidential Information received in the strictest confidence and shall only use the confidential information as necessary for engineering, construction, start-up, commissioning, maintenance, or other purposes related to the project. Each party shall use the same degree of care as is used for its own information of similar importance, but no less than reasonable care.

### **GC.40 Work Eligibility Status**

The Contractor is required and hereby agrees to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic

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verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee.

### **GC.41 Fair Labor Standards**

The Contractor agrees to comply with all current applicable State, Federal, and City fair labor standards in the execution of the contract. Pursuant to the Title VI Non-Discrimination Program of the City of Hastings, Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions set forth by CITY's Title VI Non-discrimination Program, if applicable. A copy of said provisions are as follows:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

- (1) **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor shall comply with the Regulation relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "DOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, and the Federal Highway Administration (hereinafter "FHWA") Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200 as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
- (2) **Nondiscrimination:** The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, sex, age, and disability/handicap in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by 49 CFR, section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- (3) **Solicitations for Subcontractors, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, sex, age, and disability/handicap.
- (4) **Information and Reports:** The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the (Recipient) or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the contractor shall so certify to the (Recipient), or the FHWA as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

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- (5) Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the (Recipient) shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
- (a.) Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies, and/or
  - (b.) Cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
- (6) Incorporation of Provisions: The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (6) in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto.

The contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the (Recipient) or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance: Provided, however, that, in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the (Recipient) to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the (Recipient), and, in addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

**SECTION 3 – SCOPE OF WORK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

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**3.1 General**

The City of Hastings (“Hastings”) is accepting bids for the removal of existing 480V switchgear and installation of replacement switchgear for the North Denver Generator #5 in Hastings, Nebraska.

The Bidder is **REQUIRED** to visit the site prior to submitting a bid to ensure that the bidder can complete the switchgear replacement within the outage dates. The Bidder shall inform himself of all conditions and factors which would affect the execution of the work. No claims for financial compensation or time extension, based on the lack of such prior information (or its effect on the cost of the work) will be permitted by the Owner. Please contact Nathan Bren, Electrical Engineer, at 402-462-3652 if you have any questions about this project or to set up a visit.

The Owner is recommending that the Bidder provide plenty of time for the bid packages to arrive. There have been multiple bids recently that were not delivered on time due to the shipping companies’ delays. Please ensure the bids are mailed with adequate time. They will be promptly opened at 1:30pm on the bid opening day, and late bids cannot be considered.

**3.2 Schedule**

This shall include the completion of various activities in accordance with the milestone time periods and dates listed. The Contractor shall submit a preliminary project schedule including existing switchgear removal, new switchgear installation, and electrical connections.

Major Milestone Schedule:

Activity	Schedule
Bid Opening	Friday, December 12, 2025
Contract Award Date	Anticipated – December 19, 2025
Outage Start Date – Start of Work	January 4, 2026
Eaton Switchgear Testing – Electrical Connections Due	January 27, 2026
Outage End Date – Completion Due	January 31, 2026

**3.3 Site Description**

The new switchgear will occupy the same footprint as the existing switchgear, located in the basement of the North Denver Station (NDS) plant, located adjacent to the City of Hastings office buildings at 1228 N. Denver Ave.

**3.4 Scope of Work/Technical Specification**

**3.4.1 Remove Existing Switchgear**

- Remove existing gear while preserving all existing cables.
- Modification of cable trays, conduit, and power cables may be necessary.

- COH can provide assistance by operating overhead crane to lift switchgear from basement to ground floor if necessary.
- COH will provide a trailer for the switchgear to be placed on. COH will handle disposal.
- COH will de-energize gear and provide a spot for Contractor to place a lock for LOTO. Some control wiring may still be energized.

#### **3.4.2 Move New Gear**

- Lower new switchgear from ground floor to basement. COH will remove piping and steel that is blocking the path.
- COH can provide assistance by operating overhead crane to lower switchgear to basement. Contractor will be responsible for rigging switchgear sections for lifting.
- Move new switchgear into place.
- Contractor will supply any other equipment required to move switchgear sections.

#### **3.4.3 Install New Switchgear (Eaton Magnum PXR UL switchgear, split in 3 sections)**

- See attached document (NDS 5 Eaton Switchgear Drawings - Final 2025-10-20.pdf)
- Provide all equipment and materials necessary for installation.
- Perform all necessary steps to fasten switchgears sections together
- Note from Eaton: Contractor may need to drill the mounting holes during the SWGR installation.
- Connect new switchgear bus to existing transformers. Eaton placed a small cutout in the side sheet for the transformer connections to go through, Contractor will have to drill bolt holes for the connection.
- COH will perform necessary concrete work before work is scheduled to begin. This includes adding to base due to increased switchgear size and removing section of berm to allow easier access to switchgear.

#### **3.4.4 Reconnect existing cables**

- Provide and perform all necessary raceway and conduit modification.
- Reconnect existing cables to new breakers.

#### **3.4.5 Installed equipment must meet NFPA 70 - National Electric Code (NEC) and all other applicable codes and standards.**

#### **3.4.6 Examination of Sites**

Each respondent is considered to have examined the work site to fully acquaint itself with the exact existing conditions relating to the work and to fully understand the work involved and the difficulties and restrictions regarding the proposed work. The submission of a bid will be considered as conclusive evidence that the respondent has made such examination.

### **3.5 Work Not Included Under These Specifications**

#### **3.5.1 Switchgear procurement**

#### **3.5.2 Concrete work**

#### **3.5.3 Old Switchgear Disposal**

#### **3.5.4 Commissioning Testing – To be done by Eaton in last 3 or 4 days of outage.**

### **3.6 Attachments**

- NDS 5 Eaton Switchgear Drawings - Final 2025-10-20.pdf