STANDARD HIGHWAY LEASE

SPECIFICATIONS & COVENANTS: NON-GOVERNMENTAL

OVER $50,000

Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Engineering and Construction
Division of Rights of Way
Leasing Section

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Definitions:

The following Definitions shall apply to this Standard Highway Lease Specifications and Covenants:

"Claims" means all actions, suits, claims, demands, investigations and proceedings of any kind, open, pending or threatened, whether mature, unmatured, contingent, known or unknown, at law or in equity, in any forum.

"Records" means all working papers and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the Second Party in performing the Agreement, including but not limited to, documents, data, plans, books, computations, drawings, specifications, notes, reports, records, estimates, summaries, memoranda and correspondence, kept or stored in any form.

"State" means the State of Connecticut, including the Department of Transportation ("Department"), and any office, department, board, council, commission, institution or other agency or entity of the State.

"Second Party Parties" means a Second Party's members, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, managers, principal officers, representatives, agents, servants, consultants, employees or any one of them or any other person or entity with whom the Second Party is in privity of oral or written contract and the Second Party intends for such other person or entity to perform under the Agreement in any capacity.

(1) The Second Party shall pay the costs of all water, electricity and other public utilities, if any, supplied to the Second Party under this Agreement, unless otherwise specified in the Agreement.

(2) The Second Party hereby assumes all taxes, if any, levied or to be levied on the Premises for the tax period coincident with the duration of this Agreement. A grant-in-lieu of taxes (under Section 12-19a of the General Statutes of Connecticut as the same may be amended) shall be assumed by the Second Party for the period coincident with the duration of this Agreement, if such a grant-in-lieu of taxes concerning the Premises is required of the State.

(3) The Second Party agrees to maintain the Premises in a clean condition, to the satisfaction of the State and to arrange for the orderly use of the Premises. The Second Party further agrees that it shall not permit hazardous or highly inflammable, volatile, or explosive substances to be placed on, under, or over the Premises or permit unreasonably objectionable smoke, fumes, vapors, or odors to arise above the surface of the Premises and that no accumulation of boxes, barrels, packages, waste paper or other articles shall be permitted in or upon the Premises. Ice and snow control of the sidewalks, if any, abutting the Premises shall be the obligation of the Second Party.

(4) The Second Party agrees that no junk shall be permitted to be stored on the Premises. The term "junk" shall mean old or scrap paper, copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubber debris, waste or junked, dismantled, or wrecked automobiles, parts thereof, iron, steel and other old or scrap ferrous or non-ferrous materials.

The Second Party shall not allow any unregistered or abandoned motor vehicles to remain on the Premises and shall cause the same to be removed. The Second Party shall not allow any boats to be stored on the Premises.
(5) The Second Party shall not sublet or assign the Premises or any part thereof without receipt of prior written approval of the State and the Federal Highway Administration, if required.

(6) Indemnification.

(a) The Second Party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State and its officers, representatives, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all (1) Claims arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with the Agreement, including the acts of commission or omission (collectively, the "Acts") of the Second Party or Second Party Parties; and (2) liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, attorneys' and other professionals' fees, arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with Claims, Acts or the Agreement. The Second Party shall use counsel reasonably acceptable to the State in carrying out its obligations under this section. The Second Party's obligations under this section to indemnify, defend and hold harmless against Claims includes Claims concerning confidentiality of any part of or all of the Second Party's bid, proposal or any Records, any intellectual property rights, other proprietary rights of any person or entity, copyrighted or uncopyrighted compositions, secret processes, patented or unpatented inventions, articles or appliances furnished or used in the performance.

(b) The Second Party shall not be responsible for indemnifying or holding the State harmless from any liability arising due to the negligence of the State or any third party acting under the direct control or supervision of the State.

(c) The Second Party shall reimburse the State for any and all damages to the real or personal property of the State caused by the Acts of the Second Party or any Second Party Parties. The State shall give the Second Party reasonable notice of any such Claims.

(d) The Second Party's duties under this section shall remain fully in effect and binding in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, without being lessened or compromised in any way, even where the Second Party is alleged or is found to have merely contributed in part to the Acts giving rise to the Claims and/or where the State is alleged or is found to have contributed to the Acts giving rise to the Claims.

(e) The Second Party shall carry and maintain at all times during the term of the Agreement, and during the time that any provisions survive the term of the Agreement, sufficient general liability insurance to satisfy its obligations under this Agreement. The Second Party shall name the State as an additional insured on the policy. The State of Connecticut shall be entitled to recover

under the insurance policy even if a body of competent jurisdiction determines that the Department or the State is contributorily negligent.

(f) This section shall survive the termination of the Agreement and shall not be limited by reason of any insurance coverage.

(7) The Second Party agrees to secure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement, including any supplements thereto and all renewals thereof, if any, with the State being named as an additional insured party, the following minimum liability insurance coverage or coverages regarding the Premises at no cost to the State. In the event the Second Party secures excess/umbrella liability insurance to meet the minimum requirements specified below, the State shall be named as an additional insured.

Commercial General Liability Insurance, including Contractual Liability Insurance, providing for a total limit of not less than One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to or death of all persons in any one accident or occurrence, and for all damages arising out of injury to or destruction of property in any one accident or occurrence, and, subject to that limit per accident, a total (or aggregate) limit of Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to or death of all persons in all accidents or occurrences and out of injury to or destruction of property during the policy period.

In conjunction with the above, the Second Party agrees to furnish to the State a Certificate of Insurance on a form acceptable to the State, fully executed by an insurance company or companies satisfactory to the State, for the insurance policy or policies required hereinabove, which policy or policies shall be in accordance with the terms of said Certificate of Insurance.

The Second Party shall produce, within five (5) business days, a copy or copies of all applicable insurance policies when requested by the State. In providing said policies, the Second Party may redact provisions of the policy that are proprietary. This provision shall survive the suspension, expiration or termination of this Agreement.

(8) The State and the Federal Highway Administration, if appropriate, shall have the right to inspect the Premises at any time, and to repair, maintain, improve or reconstruct any State facility and/or its appurtenances. The State shall notify the Second Party by letter of its intention, if possible, stating the time when such work is to be performed. However, if any emergency arises, a telephone call from the State shall suffice. The Second Party agrees that upon being notified by the State, the Second Party shall take steps as necessary to have the Premises closed to all persons and cleared of all vehicles.

(9) The Second Party agrees to enhance the aesthetic appearance of the Premises at its own expense, if required by the State, either by the creation of grassed areas and suitable plantings or by some artificial means to beautify said Premises, subject in either case to written approval of the State. If the Second Party elects to utilize the former course of action, the work shall be completed within the next following "planting season."

(10) The Second Party shall not erect signs, displays, or devices on the Premises, unless otherwise specifically allowed in this Agreement, except those signs necessary for the proper control and maintenance of the Premises. However, no signs may be erected until written permission is first received from the State.

(11) If deemed necessary by the State, the Second Party agrees to surface and grade the Premises, as may be required by the State for the maintenance of the hereinabove specified use, at no expense to the State for the duration of this Agreement, as approved by the State in writing.

(12) If deemed necessary by the State, the Second Party agrees to install and maintain, at its own expense, fencing or another device suitable to the State around the Premises, so as to control the ingress and egress of vehicles and persons to and from the Premises.

(13) If deemed necessary by the State, the Second Party agrees to install and maintain, at its own expense, a suitable electrical system for the lighting of the Premises. Such electrical system and the Second Party's installation and maintenance, thereof, shall not interfere with or damage any of the State facility and/or its appurtenances or impede the operation and maintenance thereof.

(14) If deemed necessary by the State, the Second Party agrees to install and maintain for the duration of this Agreement, suitable devices approved by the State for the protection of all piers or pier columns and appurtenances, if any, located on the Premises, at no expense to the State.

(15) If deemed necessary by the State, the Second Party agrees to install and maintain, at its own expense, a suitable drainage system for the purpose of draining surface water from the Premises. Such drainage system or the Second Party's installation and maintenance thereof shall not interfere with or damage any portion of the State facility and/or its appurtenances or impede the operation and maintenance thereof.

(16) The Second Party agrees to comply with and conform to all the laws of the State of Connecticut, and the ordinances and zoning regulations of the town(s) in which the Premises is located, regarding health, nuisance, fire, highway, and sidewalks, so far as the Premises is or may be concerned.

(17) "Environmental Laws" shall mean and include any federal, state or local statute, law, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, order, or decree regulating or relating to the protection of human health or the environment, or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning any hazardous, toxic, or waste substance, element, compound, mixture or material, as now or at any time hereafter in effect, including, without limitation, the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. section 9601 et seq., the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 U.S.C. section 2701, et seq., the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. section

2601 et seq., the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. section 6901 et seq., the Federal Hazardous Material Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. section 1801 et seq., the Federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. section 7401 et seq., the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. section 1251 et seq., the River and Harbors Act of 1899, 33 U.S.C. section 401 et seq., and all rules and regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or any other state, local or federal agency or entity having jurisdiction over environmental or health and safety matters, as such may have been amended.

"Hazardous Substances" shall mean any and all materials, chemicals, or other substances that are hazardous or toxic or otherwise regulated or controlled pursuant to any of the Environmental Laws.

The Second Party shall comply strictly and in all respects with the requirements of the Environmental Laws. Furthermore, the Second Party shall not store, generate or use any Hazardous Substances at, on, or under the leased property.

(18) All the Second Party's obligations hereunder shall survive this Lease or any other agreement or action, including, without limitation, any consent decree, or order, between the Second Party and the government of the United States or any department or agency thereof, the State and/or the Municipality.

(19) In addition to Item (6) hereinabove, the Second Party hereby agrees as follows:

> The Second Party shall or if the Second Party is one of several lessees, the Second Party and the lessees shall jointly and severally, protect, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and any of its officers, employees and agents and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, from and against any and all loss, damage, costs, charge, lien, debt, fine, penalty, injunctive relief, claim, demand, expense, suit, order, judgment, adjudication, liability, or injury to person, property or natural resources, including attorneys' fees and consultants' fees (any of the foregoing being referred to in this Agreement as a "Claim") arising out of, attributable to, which may accrue out of, or which may result from (i) any violation or alleged violation of the Environmental Laws by any person or entity or other source whether related or unrelated to the Second Party, or (ii) the disposal or alleged disposal of Hazardous Substances (whether intentional or unintentional, direct or indirect, foreseeable or unforeseeable) by any person or entity or other source, whether related or unrelated to the Second Party.

(20) The Second Party agrees that no improvements as hereinbefore mentioned or other improvements shall be undertaken until written approval is received from the State and the Federal Highway Administration, if appropriate. The Second Party agrees that as an integral part of the process of obtaining the above-mentioned written approval, the Second Party shall apply for, receive and comply with, a Permit or Permits issued by the State in conformance with all pertinent provisions of the current Encroachment Permit Regulations, including amendments thereto. The Second Party shall comply with the applicable provisions of 23 C.F.R., Section 710, Subpart D, which is hereby made a part hereof by reference thereto.

The State and the Federal Highway Administration, if appropriate, reserves the right to review and approve all plans prior to any and all construction and site improvements at the aforementioned Premises. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, any and all permanent or temporary structures, roadways, site grading, drainage, and landscaping. No such construction or site improvement shall commence unless and until the State provides its written approval for same. The State shall neither unreasonably delay its decision nor shall it unreasonably withhold its approval.

The State reserves mining and excavating rights. The Second Party shall not remove sand, gravel or other fill material from the Premises.

(21) Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, the Second Party will vacate the Premises, remove all of its personal property from the Premises at its own expense, leaving the Premises in as good or better condition as when it took occupancy, reasonable use expected, and hereby agrees that no relocation benefits of any kind will be paid to the Second Party by the State, time shall be of the essence.

(22) It is further agreed that at the termination of this Agreement for any reason, improvements (including, but not limited to signs, lighting, fences, pier protection devices, paved areas or sidewalks) shall not be removed from the Premises, and shall be the property of the State, or at the State's option, the Second Party shall restore the Premises to the same physical condition existing immediately before the execution of this Agreement, at no expense to the State. In the event the Second Party shall not fulfill this obligation within a reasonable time when requested by the State, the State shall at its option arrange to have the work done and shall bill the Second Party for all expenses incurred. The Second Party shall promptly pay when billed without recourse.

(23) The Second Party may record this Agreement, including any supplements hereto and all renewals thereof, if any, in the land records of the town(s) in which the Premises exists, at no expense to the State.

(24) It is further mutually understood and agreed by the parties hereto that this Agreement shall not be effective until said Agreement has been approved by the Secretary, Office of Policy and Management, by the Attorney General and by the State Properties Review Board of the State of Connecticut, where appropriate.

(25) The Connecticut Secretary of the State (including any successor thereto) is hereby appointed by the Second Party as its agent for service of process for any action arising out of or as a result of this Agreement, such appointment to be in effect throughout the life of this Agreement including any supplements hereto and all renewals thereof, if any, and six (6) years thereafter, except as otherwise provided by Statute.

(26) The Second Party shall make all payments to the State by check, made payable to "The Treasurer, State of Connecticut" and addressed to the "Accounts Receivable Unit, Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546."

(27) As a condition to receiving federal financial assistance under the Agreement, if any, the Second Party shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§2000d-2000d-7), all requirements imposed by the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation (49 CFR Part 21) issued in implementation thereof, and the Title VI Assurances for Deeds, Licenses, Leases, Permits or Similar Instruments attached hereto, all of which are hereby made a part of this Agreement.

(27) Non-discrimination. References in this section to "contract" shall mean this Agreement and references to "contractor" shall mean the Second Party.

(a) For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:

i. "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;
ii. "Contract" and "contract" include any extension or modification of the Contract or contract;
iii. "Contractor" and "contractor" include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor;
iv. "gender identity or expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose.
v. "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;
vi. "good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements;
vii. "marital status" means being single, married as recognized by the state of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced;
viii. "mental disability" means one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", or a record of or regarding a person as having one or more such disorders;
ix. "minority business enterprise" means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons: (1) who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise, (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise, and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes § 32-9n; and
x. "public works contract" means any agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.

For purposes of this Section, the terms "Contract" and "contract" do not include a contract where each contractor is (1) a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, a municipality, (2) a quasi-public agency, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-120, (3) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-267, (4) the federal government, (5) a foreign government, or (6) an agency of a subdivision, agency, state or government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5).

(b) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works projects.

(c) Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The

Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.

(d) The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.

(e) The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56; provided if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

(f) The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Contract and any amendments thereto.

(g) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (2) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (3) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; and (4) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.

(h) The Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; provided, if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter."

The Nondiscrimination Certifications can be found at the Office of Policy and Management website.

http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&Q=390928

(29) The Second Party hereby acknowledges and agrees to comply with the CONNECTICUT REQUIRED CONTRACT/AGREEMENT PROVISIONS entitled "Specific Equal Employment Opportunity Responsibilities," dated March 3, 2009, as may be amended from time to time, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(30) The Second Party hereby acknowledges and agrees to comply with the policies enumerated in "Connecticut Department of Transportation Policy Statement, Policy No. F&A-10, SUBJECT: Code of Ethics Policy," June 1, 2007, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(31) Any official notice from one such party to the other such party (or parties), in order for such notice to be binding thereon, shall:

(a) Be in writing (hardcopy) addressed to:

(i) When the State is to receive such notice-

Commissioner of Transportation
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
P.O. Box 317546
Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546

(ii) When the Second Party is to receive such notice:

(The person(s) acting herein as signatory for the Second Party)

(b) Be delivered in person with acknowledgement of receipt or be mailed by the United States Postal Service – "Certified Mail" to the address recited herein as being the address of the party(ies) to receive such notice; and

(c) Contain complete and accurate information in sufficient detail to properly and adequately identify and describe the subject matter thereof.

The term "Official Notice" as used herein, shall be construed to include but not be limited to any request, demand, authorization, direction, waiver, and/or consent of the party(ies) as well as any document(s), including any electronically produced versions, provided, permitted, or required for the making or ratification of any change, revision, addition to or deletion from the document, contract, or agreement in which this "Official Notice" specification is contained.

Further, it is understood and agreed that nothing hereinabove contained shall preclude the parties from subsequently agreeing, in writing, to designate alternate persons (by name, title, and affiliation) to which such notice(s) is (are) to be addressed; alternate means of conveying such notice(s) to the particular party(ies); and/or alternate locations to which the delivery of such notice(s) is (are) to be made, provided such subsequent agreement(s) is (are) concluded pursuant to the adherence to this specification.

(32) It is mutually understood and agreed by the parties hereto that any right of extension of the terms of this Agreement specifically granted herein by the State to the Second Party, if any, shall only be exercised by the Second Party by causing notice in the form and manner herein specified, to be received by the State not less than sixty (60) days nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the effective date of such extension.

(33) Suspended or debarred second parties, suppliers, materialmen, lessors or other vendors may not submit proposals for a State contract or subcontract during the period of suspension or debarment regardless of their anticipated status at the time of contract award or commencement of work.

(a) The signature on the Agreement by the Second Party shall constitute certification that to the best of its knowledge and belief the Second Party or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal investigator, project director, manager, auditor or any position involving the administration of Federal or State funds:

(i) Is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(ii) Has not within the prescribed statutory time period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against him/her for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(iii) Is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a) (ii) of this certification; and

(iv) Has not within a five-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(b) Where the Second Party is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Second Party shall attach an explanation to this Agreement.

The Second Party agrees to insure that the following certification be included in each subcontract Agreement to which it is a party, and further, to require said certification to be included in any subcontracts, sub-subcontracts and purchase orders:

(i) The prospective subcontractor, sub-subcontractors, participant(s) certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(ii) Where the prospective subcontractor, sub-subcontractors, participant(s) is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant(s) shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

(34) The Second Party shall comply with the provisions contained in Section 1-86e of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides as follows:

(a) No person hired by the state as a consultant or independent contractor shall:

(1) Use the authority provided to the person under the contract, or any confidential information acquired in the performance of the contract, to obtain financial gain for the person, an employee of the person or a member of the immediate family of any such person or employee;

(2) Accept another state contract which would impair the independent judgment of the person in the performance of the existing contract; or

(3) Accept anything of value based on an understanding that the actions of the person on behalf of the State would be influenced.

(b) No person shall give anything of value to a person hired by the state as a consultant or independent contractor based on an understanding that the actions of the consultant or independent contractor on behalf of the state would be influenced.

(35) This clause applies to those Second Parties who are or will be responsible for compliance with the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("Act"), Public Law 101-336, during the term of the Agreement. The Second Party represents that it is familiar with the terms of this Act and that it is in compliance with the Act. Failure of the Second Party to satisfy this standard as the same applies to performance under this Agreement, either now or during the term of the Agreement as it may be amended, will render the Agreement voidable at the option of the State upon notice to the Second Party. The Second Party warrants that it will hold the State harmless and indemnify the State from any liability which may be imposed upon the State as a result of any failure of the Second Party to be in compliance with this Act, as the same applies to performance under this Agreement.

(36) The parties deem the Agreement to have been made in the City of Hartford,
State of Connecticut. Both parties agree that it is fair and reasonable for the validity and construction of the Agreement to be, and it shall be, governed by the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut, without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. To the extent that any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut do not bar an action against the State, and to the extent that these courts are courts of competent jurisdiction, for the purpose of venue, the complaint shall be made returnable to the Judicial District of Hartford only or shall be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut only, and shall not be transferred to any other court, provided, however, that nothing here constitutes a waiver or compromise of the sovereign immunity of the State of Connecticut. The Second Party waives any objection which it may now have or will have to the laying of venue of any Claims in any forum and further irrevocably submits to such jurisdiction in any suit, action or proceeding.

(37) The parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in the Agreement shall be construed as a modification, compromise or waiver by the State of any rights or defenses of any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut to the State or any of its officers and employees, which they may have had, now have or will have with respect to all matters arising out of the Agreement. To the extent that this section conflicts with any other section, this section shall govern.

(38) The Second Party agrees that the sole and exclusive means for the presentation of any claim against the State arising from or in connection with this Agreement shall be in accordance with Chapter 53 of the Connecticut General Statutes (Claims against the State) and the Second Party further agrees not to initiate legal proceedings in any State or Federal Court in addition to, or in lieu of, said Chapter 53 proceedings.

(39) This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings, and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland, promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of the Agreement as if they had been fully set forth in it. The Agreement may also be subject to the applicable parts of Executive Order No. 7C of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated July 13, 2006, concerning contracting reforms and Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services, in accordance with their respective terms and conditions. If Executive Orders 7C and 14 are applicable, they are deemed to be incorporated into and are made a part of the Agreement as if they had been fully set forth in it. At the Second Party's request, the Department shall provide a copy of these orders to the Second Party.

(40) For all State contracts as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-612(g)(1) having a value in a calendar year of $50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of $100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this Agreement expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice, as set forth in "Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations", a co py of which is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this Agreement.

(41) The Agreement, when fully executed by both parties and this "Standard Highway Lease Specifications & Covenants, Connecticut Department of Transportation" together constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto and shall supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either oral or written, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof; and no agreement or understanding varying or extending the same shall be binding upon either party hereto unless in writing signed by both parties hereto; and nothing contained in the terms or provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as waiving any of the rights of the State under the laws of the State of Connecticut.

(42) Audit and Inspection of Plants, Places of Business and Records

(a) The State and its agents, including, but not limited to, the Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts, Attorney General and State's Attorney and their respective agents, may, at reasonable hours, inspect and examine all of the parts of the Second Parties and Second Party Parties' plants and places of business which, in any way, are related to, or involved in, the performance of this Agreement.

(b) The Second Party shall maintain, and shall require each of the Second Party Parties to maintain, accurate and complete Records. The Second Party shall make all of its' and the Second Party Parties' Records available at all reasonable hours for audit and inspection by the State and its agents.

(c) The State shall make all requests for any audit or inspection in writing and shall provide the Second Party with at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice prior to the requested audit and inspection date. If the State suspects fraud or other abuse, or in the event of an emergency, the State is not obligated to provide any prior notice.

(d) The Second Party shall keep and preserve or cause to be kept and preserved all of its and the Second Party Parties' Records until three (3) years after the latter of (i) final payment under this Agreement, or (ii) the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, as the same may be modified for any reason. The State may request an audit or inspection at any time during this period. If any Claim or audit is started before the expiration of this period, the Second Party shall retain or cause to be retained all Records until all Claims or audit findings have been resolved.

(e) The Second Party shall cooperate fully with the State and its agents in connection with an audit or inspection. Following any audit or inspection, the State may conduct and the Second Party shall cooperate with an exit conference.

(f) The Second Party shall incorporate this entire Section verbatim into any contract or other agreement that it enters into with any Second Party party.

(43) For purposes of this paragraph, the term "State" shall mean the agency through which this Agreement was entered into on behalf of the State of Connecticut. The Second Party, for a period of ten (10) years following the date of termination of this Agreement, shall maintain copies of all records required by law to be generated by it with respect to environmental conditions on the Premises which are the subject of this Agreement, and of all incidents impacting same ("Event"). For purposes of this Agreement, an Event shall include, but not be limited to, the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage, or infiltration, of oil, or petroleum, or chemical liquids or solid, gaseous products, or hazardous waste, or waste regulated under state or federal law. Within twenty-four (24) hours following the occurrence of any Event, the Second Party shall notify the State of same in writing. Said notification to the State shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any and all other record keeping and reporting requirements imposed upon the Second Party by law. Upon written request by the State, the Second Party shall permit the State to inspect the Premises any and all records required to be maintained hereunder, and promptly shall provide the State with such copies of same as the State may request in writing, at no cost to the State. The Second Party hereby waives any claim of privilege that may attach to said records.

(44) It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that the Second Party shall not use the defense of Sovereign Immunity in the adjustment of claims or in the defense of any suit between the State and the Second Party, unless requested to do so by the State.