

**GENERAL
PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

1-1 GENERAL

Whenever the following terms, titles, or abbreviations are used in these Specifications, or in any document or instrument where these Specifications govern, the intent and meaning shall be as herein defined. Working titles having a masculine gender, such as "workman" and "journeyman" and the pronoun "he", are utilized in the specifications for the sake of brevity, and are intended to refer to persons of either gender.

1-2 ABBREVIATIONS

AAN	American Association of Nurserymen
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
AC	Asphalt Concrete
ACI	American Concrete Institute
AISC	American Institute of Steel Construction
AISI	American Iron and Steel Institute
APA	American Plywood Association
ASA	American Standards Association
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
AWG	American Wire Gage
AWS	American Welding Society
AWWA	American Water Works Association
Cal-OSHA	California Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CL	Centerline
CSI	Construction Specifications Institute
CY	Cubic Yards
DI	Drop Inlet
EA	Each
EP	Edge of Pavement
FS	Federal Specifications
Inv	Invert
ISA	International Society of Arboriculture
LB	Pound
LF	Linear Feet
LS	Lump Sum

NBFU	National Board of Fire Underwriters
NEC	National Electrical Code
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NSF	National Sanitation Foundation
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Act
PCC	Portland Cement Concrete
SD	Storm Drain
SF	Square Foot/Feet
SS	Sanitary Sewer
STA	Station
Title 8	Title 8 (Construction Safety Orders) of the California Code of Regulations
Title 19	Title 19 (Public Safety) of the California Code of Regulations
Title 24	Title 24 (Building Standards) of the California Code of Regulations
TOC	Top of Curb
Typ.	Typical
UL	Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.
UBC	Uniform Building Code (latest edition adopted by Agency)
USBR	United States Bureau of Reclamation
UMC	Uniform Mechanical Code (latest edition adopted by Agency)
UPC	Uniform Plumbing Code (latest edition adopted by Agency)
WCLA	West Coast Lumbermen's Association
WIC	Woodwork Institute of California

1-3 DEFINITIONS

Agency -- Shall mean the County of Sacramento, or another agency or district that may adopt these Specifications, acting through its authorized representatives.

Allowance -- An amount of money set aside under the Contract for a special purpose identified in the Contract.

Architect and/or Consulting Engineer-- A person or persons, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or combination thereof or authorized representative thereof, acting in the capacity of consultant to the Agency. The Architect or Consulting Engineer shall issue directions to the Contractor only through the Agency. When the Specifications require that approval be obtained from the Architect or Consulting Engineer, such approval shall be requested from and be given by the Agency.

As Shown, Etc. -- Where "as shown", "as latest indicated", "as detailed", or words of similar import are used, the reference is to the Contract unless specifically stated otherwise. Where "as directed", "as permitted", "approved", or words of similar import are used, they shall mean the direction, permission, or approval of the Agency.

Bid -- When submitted on the prescribed bid form, properly signed and guaranteed, the Bid constitutes the offer of the Bidder to complete the Work at the price shown on the Bidder's bid form.

Bidder -- Any person, persons, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or combination thereof, submitting a Bid for the Work, acting directly or through a duly authorized representative.

Bid Documents -- The sum of the documents that comprise the Bid by a Bidder to perform the Work.

Bid Opening -- The event conducted by the Agency during which the sealed Proposals submitted by Bidders to perform the Work are opened and publicly read.

Board Of Supervisors -- The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, a political subdivision of the State of California. Also referred to as "Board".

Board of Directors -- The Board of Directors of the special district or agency named in the Notice to Contractors. Also referred to as "Board".

Calendar Day -- Every day shown on the calendar. When the Contract Time is stated in Calendar Days, every day will be charged toward the Contract Time.

Contract -- The written agreement signed by the Agency and the Contractor covering the Work and the furnishing of labor, materials, tools, and equipment in the construction of the Work. The Contract shall include the Notice to Contractors, Bid, Plans, Specifications, Special Provisions, contract bonds, and any project-specific specifications or documents; also any and all supplemental agreements amending or extending the Work contemplated and which may be required to complete the Work in a substantial and acceptable manner. Supplemental agreements are written agreements covering alterations, amendments, or extensions to the Contract and include Contract Change Orders.

Contract Change Order -- A Contract amendment approved by the Agency or by the Board that includes, but is not limited to, alterations, deviations, additions to, or deletions from, the Contract which are required for the proper completion of the Work.

Contractor -- The person or persons, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or combination thereof, private or municipal, who (that) has (have) entered into a Contract, as defined in these Specifications, with the Agency.

Contract Time -- The time stated in the Contract for completion of the Work. The Contract Time may be a single allotment of time, a group of times specific to portions of the Work, or a combination of the two.

County -- The County of Sacramento, a political subdivision of the State of California.

- Engineer** -- The County Engineer of Sacramento County, or Agency Engineer of the district or agency for which work will be done under these Specifications, acting personally or through agents or assistants duly authorized by the Engineer.
- Estimated Quantities** -- The list of items of work and the estimated quantities associated with the Work. The Estimated Quantities provide the basis for the Bid.
- Inspector** -- The person or persons authorized to act as agent(s) for the Agency in the inspection of the Work.
- Notice To Contractors** -- The written notice whereby interested parties are informed of the date, location, and time of the Bid Opening of a proposed Agency Project and the terms and conditions of submitting Bids to perform the Work.
- Notice To Proceed** -- The written authorization by the Agency to the Contractor specifying the date the Work may begin and any conditions regarding the beginning of the Work.
- Plans** -- The plans, drawings, profiles, cross sections, Working Drawings, and Supplemental Drawings, or reproductions thereof, approved by the Agency, which show the locations, character, dimensions, and details of the Work.
- Project** -- Shall mean the Work.
- Proposal** -- Shall mean "Bid".
- Record Drawings** -- Drawings prepared by the Contractor that document changes to, additions to, or deductions from the Plans, and which represent the Work as constructed.
- Schedule of Values** -- A statement furnished by the Contractor to the Agency reflecting the portions of the Total Contract Price allotted for the various parts of the Work for each work activity contained on the project schedule. Unless otherwise indicated in the Specifications, the total of the Schedule of Values shall equal the full cost of the Work, including all labor, material, equipment, overhead, and profit. For lump sum contracts, the Schedule of Values is the basis for reviewing the Contractor's application for progress payments.
- Special Provisions** -- The Special Provisions are specific clauses setting forth conditions or requirements peculiar to the Work and supplementary to these Standard Construction Specifications.
- Standard Construction Specifications** -- The directions, provisions, and requirements contained herein. When the term "Standard Specifications" or "these Specifications" is used, it means the provisions as set forth herein, together with any amendments or revisions that may be set forth in the Special Provisions. The Standard Specifications are comprised of "General Provisions" and "Technical Provisions".
- Standard Drawings** -- The Standard Drawings of the Agency, which are incorporated into the Standard Construction Specifications, and made a part of the Plans by reference to one or more specific Standard Drawings.
- State** -- The State of California.
- State Specifications** -- The version of the Standard Specifications of the State of California, Department of Transportation, in effect at the time of Notice to Contractors.
- State Plans** -- The version of the Standard Plans of the State of California, Department of Transportation, in effect at the time of Notice to Contractors.
- Subcontractor** -- A properly licensed party under contract to and responsible to the Contractor for performing a specified part of the Work; or a properly licensed party under contract and responsible to a Subcontractor of the Contractor.
- Supplemental Drawing** -- Supplemental Drawings define the Plans or Specifications in greater detail by providing additional information that may have not been specifically or clearly shown or called out on the Plans or in the Specifications.
- Technical Provisions** -- The provisions of the Standard Construction Specifications that describe the technical aspects of the Work.

Total Contract Price – The total price for the Work as bid by the Contractor, including any additions or subtractions made via Contract Change Orders.

Work -- All actions which the Contractor is contractually required to do as specified, indicated, shown, contemplated, or implied in the Contract to construct the Work, including all alterations, amendments, or extensions made by Contract Change Order or other written orders or directives of the Agency. Unless specified otherwise in the Contract, the Work includes furnishing all materials, supplies, equipment, tools, labor, transportation, supervision, and all incidentals necessary to complete the Work.

Working Day -- Any day except: (a) Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; (b) days on which the Contractor is specifically required by the Special Provisions or by law to suspend construction operations; or (c) days on which the Contractor is prevented from proceeding with the current controlling operation or operations of the Work for at least five (5) hours per day due to inclement weather, or conditions resulting immediately therefrom.

Working Drawing -- Working Drawings detail a particular item of work and the manner in which it is to be accomplished or performed. Working Drawings are prepared by the Contractor as a submittal or a portion of a submittal and may be specifically requested by the Agency or required in the Contract or a Field Instruction or other written directive.