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Bond No. 43BCSIF5237

DUPLICATE ORIGINAL

CONTRACT
BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
AND
ARC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.
BID PROPOSAL NO.: 506
TEMPORARY COURT FACILITY - VA CENTER

THIS CONTRACT is entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by LaToya Cantrell, Mayor (the “City”), and ARC Mechanical Contractors, Inc., represented by Chester A. Cabirac, President (the “Contractor”). The Agreement is effective as of the date of execution by the City (the “Effective Date”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the City issued an Invitation to Bid No. 506 and Addendum No. 1 dated April 6, 2020, Addendum No. 2 dated April 13, 2020, Addendum No. 3 dated April 17, 2020, Addendum No. 4 dated April 20, 2020, Addendum No. 5 dated April 22, 2020, and Addendum No. 6 dated April 28, 2020, seeking a contractor to provide services for the Temporary Court Facility – VA Center – Utilities Infrastructure/Interior Buildout (CJF052) (the “ITB”);

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid in response to the ITB; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to award the Contract to the Contractor.

NOW THEREFORE, the City grants and confirms to the Contractor the contract to provide services for the Temporary Court Facility – VA Center – Utilities Infrastructure/Interior Buildout (CJF052) to the City under the ITB, and the City and the Contractor, for good and valuable consideration, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - THE CONTRACTOR’S OBLIGATIONS

The Contractor will perform all obligations of the Contractor, and be subject to all terms and conditions set forth, in this Contract and in the following documents that are incorporated fully into this Contract: the ITB and the Contractor’s Bid dated May 1, 2020 (the “Bid”).

ARTICLE II - THE CITY’S OBLIGATIONS

The City will pay the Contractor at the rates set forth in the Contractor’s Bid for the satisfactory performance of this Contract and will perform all obligations of the City, and be subject to all terms and conditions set forth, in this Contract and any incorporated documents.

A.	Base Bid	\$3,570,000.00
B.	No Alternates	-
a.	Total Bid	<u>\$3,570,000.00</u>

ARTICLE III - THE SURETY'S OBLIGATIONS

A. Performance and Payment Bonds. Hartford Fire Insurance Company (the "Surety") intervenes in this Contract and binds itself as surety for:

1. for the faithful performance of all work required of the Contractor by this Contract in the full sum of \$3,570,000.00; and

2. The full payment by the Contractor of all payments to be made by the Contractor under this Contract the full sum of \$3,570,000.00.

Each of these bonds is to be considered separate and distinct, and no payment made by the Surety under either bond shall in any way reduce the obligations of the Surety under the other.

B. Acknowledgement of Contract. The Surety represents and warrants that it has fully read and understands the terms of this Contract, including all incorporated documents.

C. Survival and Validity of Bonds. The Surety's bonds shall remain in full force and effect, and shall survive the termination of this Contract, but shall become null and void if the Contractor: (1) well and faithfully performs all and singular the obligations assumed by the Contractor in this Contract; (2) promptly pays all wages of laborers, workmen, or mechanics to be employed by the Contractor for all work done or labor performed by the Contractor or by any sub-contractors; or furnished to sub-contractors, and used in the construction, erection, alteration, performance or repairs of the work required by the Contract; (3) promptly pays for all materials or supplies furnished to the Contractor, or by any subcontractor, or to any subcontractor, for the use in machines used in the construction, erection, alteration, performance or repair of the work required by the Contract; (4) fully secures and protects the City, its legal successor and representatives, from all loss or expense of any kind, including premises, including all costs of Court and attorneys' fees, made necessary or arising from the failure, refusal or neglect of the Contractor to comply with all of the obligations assumed by it; and (5) promptly delivers all the work required by the Contract to the City, free from any and all claims, liens and expenses. The obligations of the Surety will not be affected in any way by any modifications, omissions, or additions in or to the terms of this Contract, the plans or specifications, or in the manner and mode of payment.

ARTICLE IV – CONTRACT TIME

Construction duration for this Project is of 210 calendar days commencing from issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

ARTICLE V - COST RECOVERY

In accordance with Section 2-8.1 of the Municipal Code entitled "Cost recovery in contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, and grants," to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall reimburse the City or disgorge anything of value or economic benefit received from the City if the Contractor fails to meet its contractual obligations.

ARTICLE VI – LIVING WAGES

A. Definitions. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, Capitalized terms used but not defined herein, shall have the definition attributed to them in Article VIII, Section 70-802 of the City Code.

B. Compliance. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees to abide by City Code Sections 70-801, *et seq.*, which requires, in pertinent part, the following:

1. Payment of an hourly wage to Covered Employees equal to the amounts defined in the City Code (“**Living Wage**”);
2. Receipt of at least seven (7) days per year of compensated leave for Covered Employees, as required by Section 70-807 of the City Code; and
3. Post notice in a prominent place regarding the applicability of the Living Wage Ordinance in every workplace in which Covered Employees are working that is within the Covered Employer's custody and control, as required by Section 70-810 of the City Code.

C. Current Living Wage. In accordance with the Living Wage Ordinance, the current Living Wage per the Consumer Price Index data is equal to \$11.19. The Contractor shall be responsible for confirming the Current Living Wage by visiting <https://www.nola.gov/economic-development/workforce-development/>.

D. Adjusted Living Wage. In accordance with Section 70-806(2) of the City Code, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Living Wage may be increased during the term of the Agreement. Any City contract or City financial assistance agreement (a) extending from one calendar year into the next or (b) with a term of longer than one year, inclusive of any renewal terms or extensions, shall require the Covered Employer to pay the Covered Employee an Adjusted Living Wage, accounting for the annual Consumer Price Index adjustment. The indexing adjustment shall occur each year on July 1st using the Consumer Price Index figures provided for the calendar year ended December 31st of the preceding year, and thereafter on an annual basis.

E. Subcontract Requirements. As required by Section 70-804 of the City Code, the Contractor, beneficiary, or other Covered Employer, prior to entering into a subcontract, shall notify subcontractors in writing of the requirements and applicability of Article VIII – The Living Wage Ordinance (“**Article**”). City contractors and beneficiaries shall be deemed responsible for violations of this Article by their subcontractors.

F. Reporting. On or before January 31st and upon request by the City, the Contractor shall identify (a) the hourly wage earned by the lowest paid Covered Employee and (b) the number of days of compensated leave received by Covered Employees earning less than 130% of the then-prevailing wage during the current term of the Agreement, and provide the identified information to the following:

Office of Workforce Development
Living Wage - Compliance
1340 Poydras Street – Suite 1800
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

G. Compliance Monitoring. Covered Employers under this Agreement are subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement of the Living Wage requirements by the Office of Workforce Development (the “OWD”) and/or the Chief Administrative Office (“CAO”). Covered Employers will cooperate fully with the OWD and/or the CAO and other City employees and agents authorized to assist in the administration and enforcement of the Living Wage requirements. Steps and actions include, but are not limited to, requirements that: (i) the Contractor will cooperate fully with the OWD and the CAO and other City employees and agents authorized to assist in the administration and enforcement of the Living Wage requirements; (ii) the Contractor agrees that the OWD and the CAO and their designees, in the performance of their duties, shall have the right to engage in random inspections of job sites and to have access to the employees of the Contractor, payroll records and employee paychecks; and (ii) that the City may audit such records of the Contractor as he or she reasonably deems necessary to determine compliance with the Living Wage standards.

H. Remedies. If the Contractor fails to comply with the Living Wage requirements during the term of the Agreement, said failure may result in termination of the Agreement or the pursuit of other remedies by the City, including, but not limited to, the penalties and enforcement mechanisms set forth in Section 70-811 of the City Code.

ARTICLE VII - ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. Convicted Felon Statement. The Contractor complies with City Code § 2-8(c) and no principal, member, or officer of the Contractor has, within the preceding 5 years, been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony under state or federal statutes for embezzlement, theft of public funds, bribery, or falsification or destruction of public records.

B. Non-Solicitation Statement. The Contractor has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, to solicit or secure this Contract. The Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any person, other than a bona fide employee working for it, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from this Contract.

C. Non-Waiver. The failure of either party to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Contract, to enforce any right or to seek any remedy upon discovery of any default or breach of the other party at such time as the initial discovery of the existence of such noncompliance, right, default or breach shall not affect or constitute a waiver of either party’s right to insist upon such compliance, exercise such right or seek such remedy with respect to that default or breach or any prior contemporaneous or subsequent default or breach.

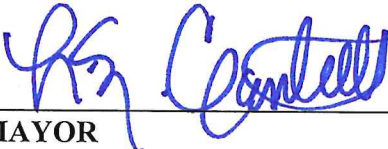
D. Entire Agreement. This Contract, including all incorporated documents, constitutes the final and complete agreement and understanding between the parties. All prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, whether oral or written, are superseded by this Contract and are without effect to vary or alter any terms or conditions of this Contract.

[SIGNATURES CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGE]

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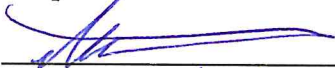
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City, the Contractor, and the Surety, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Contract.

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BY: 
LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR

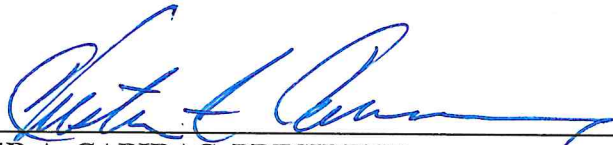
Executed on this 6TH of August, 2020

FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:
Law Department

By: 

Printed Name: Andran Gregorian

ARC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

BY: 
CHESTER A. CABIRAC, PRESIDENT


FEDERAL TAX I.D.

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

BY: 
NORMA TOUPS, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

**[ORIGINAL POWER OF ATTORNEY
MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS CONTRACT]**

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Direct Inquiries/Claims to:

THE HARTFORD
BOND, T-12
One Hartford Plaza
Hartford, Connecticut 06155
Bond.Claims@thehartford.com
call: 888-266-3488 or fax: 860-757-5835

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

Agency Name: ELLSWORTH CORPORATION
Agency Code: 43-480815

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| ☒ | Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut |
| ☒ | Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana |
| ☒ | Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut |
| ☐ | Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut |
| ☐ | Twin City Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana |
| ☐ | Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois |
| ☐ | Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana |
| ☐ | Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida |

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, **up to the amount of Unlimited :**

Charles F. Cowand, Anthony Currera, Alexander J. Ellsworth, William H. Ellsworth, Ralph J. LeBlanc, Kathryn Moore, Norma Toups of METAIRIE, Louisiana

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by ☒, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on May 6, 2015 the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



John Gray

John Gray, Assistant Secretary

M. Ross Fisher

M. Ross Fisher, Senior Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ss. Hartford

COUNTY OF HARTFORD

On this 5th day of January, 2018, before me personally came M. Ross Fisher, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hartford, State of Connecticut; that he is the Senior Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.



CERTIFICATE

Kathleen T. Maynard

Kathleen T. Maynard
Notary Public

My Commission Expires July 31, 2021

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of
Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford.



Kevin Heckman

Kevin Heckman, Assistant Vice President