

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**UTILITY WORK BY HIGHWAY CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT**  
(AT FDOT EXPENSE)

Form No. 710-010-21  
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<b>Financial Project ID: 434898-1-56-01</b>	<b>Federal Project ID: N/A</b>
<b>County: Lee</b>	<b>State Road No.: 867</b>
<b>District Document No: 1</b>	
<b>Utility Agency/Owner (UAO): Lee County</b>	

**THIS AGREEMENT**, entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, year of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between the **STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, hereinafter referred to as the "**FDOT**", and **Lee County**, hereinafter referred to as the "**UAO**";

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the **FDOT**, is constructing, reconstructing, or otherwise changing a portion of a public road or publicly owned rail corridor, said project being identified as SR 867 from Dean Way to River Palm Court Road, State Road No.: 867, hereinafter referred to as the "**Project**"; and

**WHEREAS**, the **UAO** owns or desires to install certain utility facilities which are located within the limits of the Project hereinafter referred to as the "**Facilities**" (said term shall be deemed to include utility facilities as the same may be relocated, adjusted, installed, or placed out of service pursuant to this Agreement); and

**WHEREAS**, the Project requires the location (vertically and/or horizontally), protection, relocation, adjustment or removal of the Facilities, or some combination thereof, hereinafter referred to as "**Utility Work**"; and

**WHEREAS**, the **FDOT** and the **UAO** desire to enter into a joint agreement pursuant to Section 337.403(1)(b), Florida Statutes for the Utility Work to be accomplished by the **FDOT's** contractor as part of the construction of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the **FDOT**, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof, will bear certain costs associated with the Utility Work;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the **FDOT** and the **UAO** hereby agree as follows:

**1. Design of Utility Work**

- a. **UAO** shall prepare a final engineering design, plans, technical special provisions, and a cost estimate for the Utility Work (hereinafter referred to as the Plans Package) on or before July 15, year of 2019.
- b. The Plans Package shall be in the same format as the **FDOT's** contract documents for the Project and shall be suitable for reproduction.
- c. Unless otherwise specifically directed in writing, the Plans Package shall include any and all activities and work effort required to perform the Utility Work, including, but not limited to, all clearing and grubbing, survey work, and shall include a traffic control plan.
- d. The Plans Package shall be prepared in compliance with the **FDOT's** Utility Accommodation Manual and the **FDOT's** Plans Preparation Manual in effect at the time the Plans Package is prepared, and the **FDOT's** contract documents for the Project. If the **FDOT's** Plans Preparation Manual is updated and conflicts with the **FDOT's** Utility Accommodation Manual, the Utility Accommodation Manual shall apply where such conflicts exist.
- e. The technical special provisions which are a part of the Plans Package shall be prepared in accordance with the **FDOT's** guidelines on preparation of technical special provisions and shall not duplicate or change the general contracting provisions of the **FDOT's** Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction and any Supplemental Specifications, Special Provisions, or Developmental

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Specifications of the **FDOT** for the Project.

- f. **UAO** shall provide a copy of the proposed Plans Package to the **FDOT**, and to such other right of way users as designated by the **FDOT**, for review at the following stages: Phase IIR, Phase IV & Final. Prior to submission of the proposed Plans Package for review at these stages, the **UAO** shall send the **FDOT** a work progress schedule explaining how the **UAO** will meet the **FDOT's** production schedule. The work progress schedule shall include the review stages, as well as other milestones necessary to complete the Plans Package within the time specified in Subparagraph a. above.
- g. In the event that the **FDOT** finds any deficiencies in the Plans Package during the reviews performed pursuant to Subparagraph f. above, the **FDOT** will notify the **UAO** in writing of the deficiencies and the **UAO** will correct the deficiencies and return corrected documents within the time stated in the notice. The **FDOT's** review and approval of the documents shall not relieve the **UAO** from responsibility for subsequently discovered errors or omissions.
- h. The **FDOT** shall furnish the **UAO** such information from the **FDOT's** files as requested by the **UAO**; however, the **UAO** shall at all time be and remain solely responsible for proper preparation of the Plans Package and for verifying all information necessary to properly prepare the Plans Package, including survey information as to the location (both vertical and horizontal) of the Facilities. The providing of information by the **FDOT** shall not relieve the **UAO** of this obligation nor transfer any of that responsibility to the **FDOT**.
- i. The Facilities and the Utility Work will include all utility facilities of the **UAO** which are located within the limits of the Project, except as generally summarized as follows: 434898-1-52-01. These exceptions shall be handled by separate arrangement.
- j. The **UAO** shall fully cooperate with all other right of way users in the preparation of the Plans Package. Any conflicts that cannot be resolved through cooperation shall be resolved in the manner determined by the **FDOT**.
- k. Upon completion of the Utility Work, the Facilities, shall be deemed to be located on the public road or publicly owned rail corridor under and pursuant to the Utility Permit Pending.  
(Note: It is the intent of this line to allow either attachment of or separate reference to the permit).
- l. The cost of any design work performed pursuant to this paragraph 1 shall be reimbursed by a separate agreement.
- m. As part of the final submittal of the Plans Package, the **UAO** shall also submit an estimate of the amount of the cost of the Utility Work that should be paid for by the **UAO**, hereinafter referred to as the **UAO Participating Amount**. The determination of that amount shall be based on the credit required for any increase in the value of the new Facility and for any salvage derived from the old Facility. These credits shall be determined as follows:
  - (1) Increase in value credit.
    - (a) Expired Service Life. If an entirely new Facility is constructed and the old Facility retired, credit for the normally-expected service life of the old Facility applies.
    - (b) Upgrading. A percentage of the total cost of the Relocation Work, based on the extent of the betterment obtained from the new Facilities will be applied.
  - (2) Salvage Value. The **FDOT** shall receive fair salvage value credit for any salvage which will become available to the **UAO** as a result of the Utility Work.

The submittal shall show the calculation of the **UAO Participating Amount** in detail for each of the credits required above. The **FDOT** shall review the calculations and advise the **UAO** of

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any objections. In the event that the parties cannot come to an agreement as to the **UAO** Participating Amount, the **FDOT's** determination of the amount shall prevail.

**2. Performance of Utility Work**

- a. The **FDOT** shall incorporate the Plans Package into its contract for construction of the Project.
- b. The **FDOT** shall procure a contract for construction of the Project in accordance with the **FDOT's** requirements.
- c. The **UAO** shall perform all engineering inspection, testing, and monitoring of the Utility Work to insure that it is properly performed in accordance with the Plans Package except for the following activities:  
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and will furnish the **FDOT** with daily diary records showing approved quantities and amounts for weekly, monthly, and final estimates in accordance with the format required by the **FDOT**.
- d. Except for the inspection, testing, monitoring and reporting to be performed by the **UAO** in accordance with Subparagraph 2. c., the **FDOT** will perform all contract administration for its construction contract.
- e. The **UAO** shall fully cooperate with the **FDOT** and the **FDOT's** contractor in all matters relating to the performance of the Utility Work.
- f. The **FDOT's** engineer has full authority over the Project and the **UAO** shall be responsible for coordinating and cooperating with the **FDOT's** engineer. In so doing, the **UAO** shall make such adjustments and changes in the Plans Package as the **FDOT's** engineer shall determine are necessary for the prosecution of the Project.
- g. The **UAO** shall not make any changes to the Plans Package after the date on which the **FDOT's** contract documents are mailed to Tallahassee for advertisement of the Project unless those changes fall within the categories of changes which are allowed by supplemental agreement to the **FDOT's** contract pursuant to Section 337.11, Florida Statutes. All changes, regardless of the nature of the change or the timing of the change, shall be subject to the prior approval of the **FDOT**.

**3. Cost of Utility Work**

- a. Except as otherwise provided herein, the **FDOT** shall be responsible for all costs of the Utility Work and all costs associated with any adjustments or changes to the Utility Work determined by the **FDOT's** engineer to be necessary, including, but not limited to the cost of changing the Plans Package and the increase in the cost of performing the Utility Work, unless the adjustments or changes are necessitated by an error or omission of the **UAO**. The **FDOT** shall not be responsible for the cost of delays caused by such adjustments or changes to the extent they are attributable to the **UAO** pursuant to Subparagraph 4.a.
- b. At such time as the **FDOT** prepares its official estimate, the **FDOT** shall notify the **UAO** of the **UAO** Participating Amount, determined in accordance with Subparagraph 1.m. hereof.
- c. At least Thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the **FDOT** advertises the Project for bids, the **UAO** will pay to the **FDOT** the **UAO** Participating Amount.
- d. If the **UAO's** percentage contribution to the portion of the bid of the contractor selected by the **FDOT** which is for performance of the Utility Work (calculated by dividing the **UAO's** Participating Amount by the amount of the **FDOT's** official estimate) exceeds the amount of the deposit made pursuant to Subparagraph c. above, then the **UAO** shall, within fourteen (14) calendar days from notification from the **FDOT**, or prior to posting of the accepted bid, whichever is earlier, pay an additional amount to

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the **FDOT** to bring the total amount paid to the total percentage contribution of the **UAO**. If said portion of the bid is less than the amount on deposit, the excess deposit shall be returned to the **UAO** in accordance with Section 215.422, Florida Statutes.

- e. The **FDOT** may use the funds paid by the **UAO** for payment of the cost of the Utility Work.
- f. Payment of the funds pursuant to this paragraph will be made (choose one):
  - ☐ directly to the **FDOT** for deposit into the State Transportation Trust Fund.
  - ☐ as provided in the attached Three Party Escrow Agreement between the **UAO**, the **FDOT**, and the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, Division of Treasury. Deposits of less than \$100,000.00 must be pre-approved by the Department of Financial Services and **FDOT** Comptroller's Office prior to execution of this agreement.
- g. Upon final payment to the contractor, the **FDOT** intends to have its final and complete billing of all costs incurred in connection with the Utility Work within three hundred sixty (360) days. All cost records and accounts shall be subject to audit by a representative of the **UAO** within three (3) years after final close out of the Project.

#### 4. Claims Against UAO

- a. The **UAO** shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of any delay to the **FDOT** or its contractors caused by errors or omissions in the Plans Package (including inaccurate location of the Facilities) or by failure of the **UAO** to properly perform its obligations under this Agreement in a timely manner.
- b. In the event the **FDOT's** contractor provides a notice of intent to make a claim against the **FDOT** relating to the Utility Work, the **FDOT** will notify the **UAO** of the notice of intent and the **UAO** will thereafter keep and maintain daily field reports and all other records relating to the intended claim.
- c. In the event the **FDOT's** contractor makes any claim against the **FDOT** relating to the Utility Work, the **FDOT** will notify the **UAO** of the claim and the **UAO** will cooperate with the **FDOT** in analyzing and resolving the claim within a reasonable time. Any resolution of any portion of the claim directly between the **UAO** and the **FDOT's** contractor shall be in writing, shall be subject to written **FDOT** concurrence and shall specify the extent to which it resolves the claim against the **FDOT**.

#### 5. Out of Service Facilities

No Facilities shall be placed out of service unless specifically identified as such in the Plans Package. The following terms and conditions shall apply to Facilities placed Out-of-Service:

- a. The **UAO** acknowledges its present and continuing ownership of and responsibility for out of service Facilities.
- b. The **FDOT** agrees to allow the **UAO** to leave the Facilities within the right of way subject to the continuing satisfactory performance of the conditions of this Agreement by **UAO**. In the event of a breach of this Agreement by **UAO**, the Facilities shall be removed upon demand from the **FDOT** in accordance with the provisions of Subparagraph e. below.
- c. The **UAO** shall take such steps to secure the Facilities and otherwise make the Facilities safe in accordance with any and all applicable local, state or federal laws and regulations and in accordance with the legal duty of the **UAO** to use due care in its dealings with others. The **UAO** shall be solely responsible for gathering all information necessary to meet these obligations.

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- d. The **UAO** shall keep and preserve all records relating to the Facilities, including, but not limited to, records of the location, nature of, and steps taken to safely secure the Facilities and shall promptly respond to information requests of the **FDOT** or other permittees using or seeking use of the right of way.
- e. The **UAO** shall remove the Facilities at the request of the **FDOT** in the event that the **FDOT** determines that removal is necessary for **FDOT** use of the right of way or in the event that the **FDOT** determines that use of the right of way is needed for other active utilities that cannot be otherwise accommodated in the right of way. In the event that the out of service Facilities would have qualified for reimbursement only under Section 337.403(1)(a), Florida Statutes, removal shall be at the sole cost and expense of the **UAO** and without any right of the **UAO** to object or make any claim of any nature whatsoever with regard thereto. In the event that the out of service Facilities would have qualified for reimbursement for other reasons, removal of the out of service Facilities shall be reimbursed by the **FDOT** as though it had not been placed out of service. Removal shall be completed within the time specified in the **FDOT's** notice to remove. In the event that the **UAO** fails to perform the removal properly within the specified time, the **FDOT** may proceed to perform the removal at the **UAO's** expense pursuant to the provisions of Sections 337.403 and 337.404, Florida Statutes.
- f. Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraph e. above, the **UAO** agrees that the Facilities shall forever remain the legal and financial responsibility of the **UAO**. The **UAO** shall reimburse the **FDOT** for any and all costs of any nature whatsoever resulting from the presence of the Facilities within the right of way. Said costs shall include, but shall not be limited to, charges or expenses which may result from the future need to remove the Facilities or from the presence of any hazardous substance or material in or discharging from the Facilities. Nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to require the **UAO** to indemnify the **FDOT** for the **FDOT's** own negligence; however, it is the intent that all other costs and expenses of any nature be the responsibility of the **UAO**.

**6. Default**

- a. In the event that the **UAO** breaches any provision of this Agreement, then in addition to any other remedies which are otherwise provided for in this Agreement, the **FDOT** may exercise one or more of the following options, provided that at no time shall the **FDOT** be entitled to receive double recovery of damages:
  - (1) Terminate this Agreement if the breach is material and has not been cured within sixty (60) days from written notice thereof from **FDOT**.
  - (2) Pursue a claim for damages suffered by the **FDOT**.
  - (3) If the Utility Work is reimbursable under this Agreement, withhold reimbursement payments until the breach is cured. The right to withhold shall be limited to actual claim payments made by **FDOT** to third parties.
  - (4) If the Utility Work is reimbursable under this Agreement, offset any damages suffered by the **FDOT** or the public against payments due under this Agreement for the same Project. The right to offset shall be limited to actual claim payments made by **FDOT** to third parties.
  - (5) Suspend the issuance of further permits to the **UAO** for the placement of Facilities on **FDOT** property if the breach is material and has not been cured within sixty (60) days from written notice thereof from **FDOT** until such time as the breach is cured.
  - (6) Pursue any other remedies legally available.



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- (7) Perform any work with its own forces or through contractors and seek repayment for the cost thereof under Section 337.403(3), Florida Statutes.
- b. In the event that the **FDOT** breaches any provision of this Agreement, then in addition to any other remedies which are otherwise provided for in the Agreement, the **UAO** may exercise one or more of the following options:
  - (1) Terminate this Agreement if the breach is material and has not been cured within sixty (60) days from written notice thereof from the **UAO**.
  - (2) If the breach is a failure to pay an invoice for Utility Work which is reimbursable under this Agreement, pursue any statutory remedies that the **UAO** may have for failure to pay invoices.
  - (3) Pursue any other remedies legally available.
- c. Termination of this Agreement shall not relieve either party from any obligations it has pursuant to other agreements between the parties nor from any statutory obligations that either party may have with regard to the subject matter hereof.

**7. Force Majeure**

Neither the **UAO** nor the **FDOT** shall be liable to the other for any failure to perform under this Agreement to the extent such performance is prevented by an act of God, war, riots, natural catastrophe, or other event beyond the control of the non-performing party and which could not have been avoided or overcome by the exercise of due diligence; provided that the party claiming the excuse from performance has (a) promptly notified the other party of the occurrence and its estimated duration, (b) promptly remedied or mitigated the effect of the occurrence to the extent possible, and (c) resumed performance as soon as possible.

**8. Indemnification**

**FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED UTILITIES,**

To the extent provided by law, the **UAO** shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the **FDOT** and all of its officers, agents, and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge, or expense arising out of any acts, action, error, neglect, or omission by the **UAO**, its agents, employees, or contractors during the performance of the Agreement, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which **FDOT** or said parties may be subject, except that neither the **UAO**, its agents, employees, or contractors will be liable under this section for damages arising out of the injury or damage to persons or property directly caused by or resulting from the negligence of the **FDOT** or any of its officers, agents, or employees during the performance of this Agreement.

When the **FDOT** receives a notice of claim for damages that may have been caused by the **UAO** in the performance of services required under this Agreement, the **FDOT** will immediately forward the claim to the **UAO**. The **UAO** and the **FDOT** will evaluate the claim and report their findings to each other within fourteen (14) working days and will jointly discuss options in defending the claim. After reviewing the claim, the **FDOT** will determine whether to require the participation of the **UAO** in the defense of the claim or to require the **UAO** to defend the **FDOT** in such claim as described in this section. The **FDOT's** failure to notify the **UAO** of a claim shall not release the **UAO** from any of the requirements of this section. The **FDOT** and the **UAO** will pay their own costs for the evaluation, settlement negotiations, and trial, if any. However, if only one party participates in the defense of the claim at trial, that party is responsible for all costs.

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**FOR NON-GOVERNMENT-OWNED UTILITIES,**

The **UAO** shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the **FDOT** and all of its officers, agents, and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge, or expense arising out of any acts, action, error, neglect, or omission by the **UAO**, its agents, employees, or contractors during the performance of the Agreement, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which **FDOT** or said parties may be subject, except that neither the **UAO**, its agents, employees, or contractors will be liable under this section for damages arising out of the injury or damage to persons or property directly caused by or resulting from the negligence of the **FDOT** or any of its officers, agents, or employees during the performance of this Agreement.

The **UAO's** obligation to indemnify, defend, and pay for the defense or at the **FDOT's** option, to participate and associate with the **FDOT** in the defense and trial of any damage claim or suit and any related settlement negotiations, shall arise within fourteen (14) days of receipt by the **UAO** of the **FDOT's** notice of claim for indemnification to the **UAO**. The notice of claim for indemnification shall be served by certified mail. The **UAO's** obligation to defend and indemnify within fourteen (14) days of such notice shall not be excused because of the **UAO's** inability to evaluate liability or because the **UAO** evaluates liability and determines the **UAO** is not liable or determines the **FDOT** is solely negligent. Only a final adjudication or judgment finding the **FDOT** solely negligent shall excuse performance of this provision by the **UAO**. The **UAO** shall pay all costs and fees related to this obligation and its enforcement by the **FDOT**. The **FDOT's** delay in notifying the **UAO** of a claim shall not release **UAO** of the above duty to defend.

**9. Miscellaneous**

- a. Time is of essence in the performance of all obligations under this Agreement.
- b. The Facilities shall at all times remain the property of and be properly protected and maintained by the **UAO** in accordance with the current Utility Accommodation Manual in effect at the time the Plans Package is prepared and the current utility permit for the Facilities; provided, however, that the **UAO** shall not be obligated to protect or maintain any of the Facilities to the extent the **FDOT's** contractor has that obligation as part of the Utility Work pursuant to the **FDOT's** specifications.
- c. The **FDOT** may unilaterally cancel this Agreement for refusal by the **UAO** to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the **UAO** in conjunction with this Agreement.
- d. This Agreement constitutes the complete and final expression of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, or negotiations with respect thereto, except that the parties understand and agree that the **FDOT** has manuals and written policies and procedures which may be applicable at the time of the Project and the relocation of the Facilities.
- e. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any provision hereof found to be unlawful or unenforceable shall be severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.
- f. All notices required pursuant to the terms hereof may be sent by first class United States Mail, facsimile transmission, hand delivery, or express mail and shall be deemed to have been received by the end of five business days from the proper sending thereof unless proof of prior actual receipt is provided. The **UAO** shall have a continuing obligation to notify each District of the **FDOT** of the appropriate persons for notices to be sent pursuant to this Agreement. Unless otherwise notified in writing, notices shall be sent to the following addresses:

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If to the **UAO**:

Ms. Tayla Mayer

1500 Monroe St

Ft. Myers, FL 33901

If to the **FDOT**:

Mr. M. Wayne Shelton, FDOT D-1 District Utility Administrator

801 N. Broadway Ave (MS 1-11

Bartow, FL 33830

**10. Certification**

This document is a printout of an **FDOT** form maintained in an electronic format and all revisions thereto by the **UAO** in the form of additions, deletions, or substitutions are reflected only in an Appendix entitled Changes To Form Document and no change is made in the text of the document itself. Hand notations on affected portions of this document may refer to changes reflected in the above-named Appendix but are for reference purposes only and do not change the terms of the document. By signing this document, the **UAO** hereby represents that no change has been made to the text of this document except through the terms of the appendix entitled Changes To Form Document."

You **MUST** signify by selecting or checking which of the following applies:

- ☐ No changes have been made to this Form Document and no Appendix entitled "Changes to Form Document" is attached.
- ☒ No changes have been made to this Form Document, but changes are included on the attached Appendix entitled "Changes to Form Document."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective the day and year first written.

**UTILITY: Lee County**

**BY: (Signature)** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

(Typed Title: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Recommend Approval by the District Utility Office**

**BY: (Signature)** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



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BY: (Signature)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

District Counsel

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BY: (Signature)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Typed Name: John M. Kubler)

(Typed Title: Director of Transportation Development)

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (if applicable)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

(Typed Title: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Pursuant to numbered paragraph 10 (Certification) of the above referenced agreement, this Appendix entitled "Changes to Form Document" is attached and incorporated by reference into this agreement. The following changes are hereby made in the Utility Work Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Transportation (the "FDOT") and Lee County Utilities (the "UAO") for the above referenced agreement:

1. The following requirement is added in full to the above referenced project:

#### "Buy America" Appendix

(Applies to Materials Supplied by the UAO)

"Buy America" Material Certification Requirements: The UAO will only use steel and iron produced in the United States, in accordance with the Buy America provisions of 23 CFR 635.410, as amended. The UAO will ensure that all manufacturing processes for this material occur in the United States. As used in this provision, a manufacturing process is any process that modifies the chemical content, physical shape or size, or final finish of a product, beginning with the initial melding and mixing and continuing through the bending and coating stages. A manufactured steel or iron product is complete only when all grinding, drilling, welding, finishing and coating have been completed. If a domestic product is taken outside the United States for any process, it becomes foreign source material. These requirements are applicable to all steel and iron materials incorporated into the finished work, but are not applicable to steel and iron items that are not incorporated into the finished work. The UAO will provide a certification from the producer of steel or iron, or any product containing steel or iron as a component, stating that all steel or iron furnished or incorporated into the furnished product was manufactured in the United States in accordance with the requirements of this specification and the Buy America provisions of 23 CFR 635.410, as amended. Such certification shall also include a statement that the product was produced entirely within the United States. The UAO will furnish each such certification to the Florida Department of Transportation prior to incorporating the material into the project.

2. Delete the first two paragraphs in Paragraph 8 Indemnification For Government-Owned Utilities on page 6 in its entirety and replace with the following:

To the extent provided by law, and without waiving any entitlement to sovereign immunity protection under Florida Statutes Sec. 768.28 (2018), the **UAO** shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the **FDOT** and all of its officers, agents, and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge, or expense arising out of any acts, action, error, neglect, or omission, negligence or intentional misconduct by the **UAO**, its agents, employees, or contractors during the performance of the Agreement, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which **FDOT** or said parties may be subject, except that neither the **UAO**, its agents, employees, or contractors will be liable under this section for damages arising out of the injury or damage to persons or property directly caused by or resulting from the negligence of the **FDOT** or any of its officers, agents, or employees during the performance of this Agreement.

When the **FDOT** receives a notice of claim for damages that may have been caused by any acts, action, error, neglect, or omission, negligence or intentional misconduct of the **UAO** in the performance of services required under this Agreement, the **FDOT** will immediately forward the claim to the **UAO**. The **UAO** and the **FDOT** will evaluate the claim and report their findings to each other within fourteen (14) working days and will jointly discuss options in defending the claim. After reviewing the claim, the **FDOT** will determine whether to require the participation of the **UAO** in the defense of the claim or to require the **UAO** to defend the

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**FDOT** in such claim as described in this section. The **FDOT's** failure to notify the **UAO** of a claim shall not release the **UAO** from any of the requirements of this section. The **FDOT** and the **UAO** will pay their own costs for the evaluation, settlement negotiations, and trial, if any. However, if only one party participates in the defense of the claim at trial, that party is responsible for all costs.