MULTI-PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT (COOK COUNTY)

With

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

CONTAINS:

1) MPLA - EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 6, 2017
2) CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE
MULTI-PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT

The following is a brief summary of a Bidder's responsibilities under the MPLA. Please refer to the terms of the MPLA for a full and complete statement of its requirements.

Your firm is required to complete the Certificate of Compliance indicating that your firm intends to comply with the Multi-Project Labor Agreement. The Certificate of Compliance must be signed by an authorized Officer of the firm. This may be submitted with the bid or prior to award of contract. To be eligible for award, your firm must comply with the Multi-Project Labor Agreement and sign the certificate. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the MPLA will result in a rejection of the bid, and possible retention of the bid deposit. Compliance with the MPLA, is as follows:

If the Bidder or any other entity performing work under the contract is not already signatory to a current collective bargaining agreement with a union or labor organization affiliated with the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department and the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council, or their affiliates which have jurisdiction over the work to be performed pursuant to this Contract, (hereafter referred to as a "participating trade group") it must become a member.

Note: The MPLA is not applicable when the performance of work is outside Cook County, Illinois, or if repair and maintenance work on equipment is performed at a Bidder's facility.

Revised October 2017
This Multi-Project Labor Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago ("MWRD" or "District"), a public body, as Owner, in its proper capacity, on behalf of itself and each of its contractors and subcontractors of whatever tier ("Contractors") and shall be applicable to Construction Work on Covered Projects, both defined herein, to be performed by the District's Contractors along with each of the undersigned labor organizations signatory to the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council and, as appropriate, the Teamsters Joint Council No. 25, or their affiliates who become signatory hereto (collectively "Union(s)").

This Agreement is entered into in accordance with all applicable local state and federal laws. The District recognizes the public interest in timely construction and labor stability.

WHEREAS, MWRD is responsible for the actual construction, demolition, rehabilitation, deconstruction, and/or renovation work ("Construction Work") of projects overseen by MWRD in the geographical boundaries of Cook County. All of the District's Construction Work within those boundaries ("Covered Projects") will be recognized as covered under the terms of this Agreement regardless of the source of the Funds for the Project. Due to the size, scope, cost, timing, and duration of the multitude of Covered Projects traditionally performed by MWRD, the Parties to this Agreement have determined that it is in their interests to have these Covered Projects completed in the most productive, economical, and orderly manner possible and without labor disruptions of any kind that might interfere with, or delay, any of said Covered Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that it is desirable to eliminate the potential for friction and disruption of these Covered Projects by using their best efforts to ensure that all Construction Work is performed by the Unions that are signatory hereto and which have traditionally performed and have trade and geographic jurisdiction over such work regardless of the source of the Funds for the Project. Experience has proven the value of such cooperation and mutual undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that the District is not to be considered an employer of any employee of any Contractor covered under this Agreement, and the District acknowledges that it has a serious and ongoing concern regarding labor relations associated with its Covered Projects, irrespective of the existence of a collective bargaining relationship with any of the signatory Unions.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to further these goals and objectives and to maintain a spirit of harmony, labor-management cooperation, and stability, the Parties agree as follows:

1. During the term of this Agreement, MWRD shall neither contract, nor permit any other person, firm, company, or entity to contract or subcontract for any Construction Work on any Covered Project under this Agreement, unless such work is performed by a person, firm, or company signatory, or willing to become signatory, to the current applicable area-wide collective bargaining agreement(s) with the appropriate trade/craft Union(s) affiliated with the Chicago & Cook County Building & Construction Trades Council or, as appropriate, the Teamsters' Joint Council No. 25. Copies of all applicable, current collective bargaining agreements constitute Appendix A of this Agreement, attached hereto and made an integral part hereof, and as may be modified from time to time during the term of this Agreement.
Said provisions of this Agreement shall be included in all advertised contracts, excluding non-Construction Work, and shall be explicitly included in all contracts or subcontracts of whatsoever tier by all Contractors on Covered Projects.

a. The Parties agree that the repair of heavy equipment, thermographic inspection, and landscaping shall be defined and/or designated as Construction Work on all Covered Projects.

b. The Unions acknowledge that some preassembled or prefabricated equipment and material will be used on Covered Projects. To the extent consistent with existing collective bargaining agreements and applicable law, there will be no refusal by the Unions to handle, transport, install, or connect such equipment or materials. Further, equipment and material procured from sources outside of the geographic boundaries of Cook County may be delivered by independent cargo, haulers, rail, ship and/or truck drivers and such delivery will be made without any disruption as the District will request its Contractors to request Union-affiliate employees to make deliveries to the Covered Project sites.

c. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the terms of this Agreement shall not apply to work performed at the Contractor’s facility for repair and maintenance of equipment or where repair, maintenance, or inspection services are done by highly-skilled technicians trained in servicing equipment, unless otherwise provided by the relevant collective bargaining agreement.

d. Nothing herein shall prohibit or otherwise affect the District’s right to cancel or otherwise terminate a contract.

e. A pre-construction meeting attended by representatives of the District, the Contractors, and Unions shall be scheduled for a date prior to commencement of a Covered Project. The nature of the project, the May 15, 2017 Covered Construction Work, the work assignments, and any other matters of mutual interest will be discussed. All parties participating in the pre-job conferences shall sign a pre-job-sign-in sheet. During the pre-job conference, or shortly thereafter, and before the commencement of the project, the contractor or subcontractor shall ensure that there has been submitted to the District a letter of good standing for the applicable trades explaining that the contractor or subcontractor is not delinquent with respect to any dues owed to the appropriate labor organization or with respect to any fringe contributions owed to the appropriate fringe benefit fund(s). If a union or fringe benefit fund does not produce a letter of good standing within seven (7) days after a request is made no such letter of good standing shall be required for that particular trade.

f. The Unions agree to reasonably cooperate with the MWRD and Contractors in order to assist them in achieving the Worker Percentage Participation goals as defined in subsection (1) and (2) below. The Worker Percentage Participation goals are governed by federal requirements regarding federal construction contracts. To the extent these federal worker percentage participation goals are modified in the future, such modifications will automatically apply:

(1) 19.6% of the total aggregate of construction hours worked by employees of contractors and their subcontractors will be performed by African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-Pacific, and Subcontinent Asian American workers.

(2) 6.9% of the total aggregate of construction hours worked by employees of the contractors and their subcontractors will be performed by female workers.
2. A contractor or subcontractor which is a successful bidder with respect to Covered Projects, but which is not signatory to the applicable area-wide collective bargaining agreements incorporated herein, shall be required to execute such applicable area-wide collective bargaining agreements within seven (7) days of being designated a successful bidder. If such an agreement is not executed within that time period, said contractor or subcontractor will be disqualified. In no event shall a contractor or subcontractor be required to sign any of the applicable agreements constituting Appendix A if the contractor or subcontractor does not employ the trade covered by the applicable Appendix A contract.

3. During the term of this Agreement, no Union signatory hereto nor any of its members, officers, stewards, agents, representatives, nor any employee, shall instigate, authorize, support, sanction, maintain, or participate in any strike walkout, work stoppage, work slowdown, work curtailment, cessation, or interruption of production, or in any picketing of any Covered Project site covered by this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, the expiration of any collective bargaining agreement referred to in Appendix A, a dispute between the Parties and any Union or employee, or as a show of support or sympathy for any other Union employee or any other group. In the event of an economic strike or other job action upon the termination of an existing collective bargaining agreement, no adverse job action shall be directed against any Covered Project sites. All provisions of any subsequently negotiated collective bargaining agreement shall be retroactive for all employees working on the Covered Project.

4. Each Union signatory hereto agrees that it will use its best efforts to prevent any of the acts forbidden in Paragraph 4, and that in the event any such act takes place or is engaged in by any employee or group of employees, each Union signatory hereto further agrees that it will use its best efforts (including its full disciplinary power under its Constitution and/or By-Laws) to cause an immediate cessation thereof. Each union also agrees that if any union, individual or group of employees on covered projects engages in any handbilling, picketing, strike, walkout, work stoppage, work slowdown, work curtailment, cessation or interruption, the other unions will consider such picketing or other work action as unauthorized and will refuse to honor any picket line established and the unions further agree to instruct their members to cross such unauthorized lines. Failure of any union or groups of employees to cross such unauthorized picket lines on any covered project shall be a violation of this agreement.

5. Any Contractor signatory or otherwise bound, stipulated to, or required to abide by any provisions of this Agreement may implement reasonable project rules and regulations, and these rules and regulations shall be distributed to all employees on the Covered Project. Provided, however, that such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement or any applicable area-wide collective bargaining agreement. Any Contractor shall have the right to discharge or discipline its Union employees who violate the provisions of this Agreement or any Covered Project's rules and regulations. Such discharge or discipline by a Contractor shall be subject to the Grievance/Arbitration procedure of the applicable area-wide collective bargaining agreement only as to the fact of such employee's violation of this Agreement. If such fact is established, the penalty imposed shall not be subject to review or disturbed. Construction Work at any Covered Project site under this Agreement shall continue without disruption or hindrance of any kind during any Grievance/Arbitration procedure.
6. The Unions understand and acknowledge that the District's Contractors are responsible to perform Construction Work as required by the District. The Contractors have complete authority to do the following, subject to District approval, if required, and if consistent with the terms of the collective bargaining agreements attached hereto:

a. Plan, direct, and control the operations of all work;
b. Hire and lay off employees as the Contractor deems appropriate to meet work requirements;
c. Determine work methods and procedures;
d. Determine the need and number of foremen;
e. Require all employees to observe Contractor and/or District rules and regulations;
f. Require all employees to work safely and observe all safety regulations prescribed by the Contractor and/or the District;
g. Discharge, suspend, or discipline employees for proper cause.
h. Abide by the rules set forth in each respective Trade Unions’ Collectively Bargained Agreement pertaining to apprentice to journeymen ratios.

7. Nothing in the foregoing shall prohibit or restrict any Party from otherwise judicially enforcing any provision of its collective bargaining agreement between any Union and a Contractor with whom it has a collective bargaining relationship.

8. This Agreement shall be incorporated into all advertised contract documents after the Board of Commissioners adopts and ratifies this Agreement.

9. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years and shall be automatically extended from year to year unless the District or the Council issues a written notice to terminate prior to ninety (90) days in advance of any expiration. Any Covered Project commenced during and/or covered by the terms of this Agreement shall continue to be covered by its terms until the final completion and acceptance of the Covered Project by the District.

10. In the event a dispute shall arise between a contractor or subcontractor any signatory union and/or fringe benefit fund as to the obligation and/or payment of fringe benefits provided for under the appropriate Collective Bargaining Agreement, upon notice to the District by the appropriate union signatory hereto of a claim for such benefits, the District shall forward such notification to the surety upon the contract, and to the general contractor.

11. In the event of a jurisdictional dispute by and between any Unions, such Unions shall take all steps necessary to promptly resolve the dispute. In the event of a dispute relating to trade or work jurisdiction, Parties, including Contractors, consent to and agree that a final and binding resolution of the dispute shall be achieved in accordance with the terms of paragraph nine of the Joint Conference Board Standard Agreement between the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades Council and the Construction Employers’ Association, attached hereto as Appendix B, and as may be modified from time to time during the term of this Agreement.
12. This Agreement shall be incorporated into and become a part of the collective bargaining agreements between the Unions signatory hereto and Contractors and their subcontractors. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and any collective bargaining agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall supersede and prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and any collective bargaining agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall supersede and prevail except for all work performed under the NTP Articles of Agreement, the National Stack/Chimney Agreement, the National Cooling Tower Agreement, all instruction calibration work and loop checking shall be performed under the terms of the UA/IBEW Joint National Agreement for Instrument and Control systems Technicians, and the National Agreement of the International Union of Elevator Contractors with the exception of the content and subject matter of Article V, VI, and VII of the AFL-CIO's Building & Construction Trades Department model Project Labor Agreement.

13. The Parties agree that in the implementation and administration of this Agreement, it is vitally necessary to maintain effective and immediate communication so as to minimize the potential of labor relations disputes arising out of this Agreement. To that end, each Party hereto agrees to designate, in writing, a representative to whom problems which arise during the term of this Agreement may be directed. Within forty-eight (48) hours after notice of the existence of any problem, a representative of each Party shall meet to discuss and, where possible, resolve such problems. The representative of the Unions shall be President of the Chicago & Cook County Building & Construction Trades Council or his/her designee. The representative of MWRD shall be the District's Assistant Director of Engineering, Construction Division or his/her designee.

14. The District and the Contractors agree that the applicable substance abuse policy (i.e., drug, alcohol, etc.) on any Covered Project shall be that as contained or otherwise provided for in the relevant area-wide collective bargaining agreements attached as Appendix A to this Agreement. Nothing in the foregoing shall limit the District and/or Contractors from initiating their own substance abuse policy governing other employees performing work on a project not otherwise covered under this Agreement. In the event there is no substance abuse policy in the applicable collective bargaining agreements, the policy adopted by the District and/or Contractor may apply. The District is not responsible for administering any substance abuse policy for non-District employees.

15. The Parties recognize a desire to facilitate the entry into the building and construction trades of veterans who are interested in careers in the building and construction industry. The Contractors and Unions agree to utilize the services of the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment and Veterans Employment ("Center"), the Center's Helmets to Hardhats program, and the Veteran's In Piping (V.I.P) program (this only pertains to the United Association Pipefitter's Local 597, Plumbers Local 130, and Sprinkler Fitter's Local 281), to serve as a resource for preliminary orientation, assessment of construction aptitude, and referral to apprenticeship programs or hiring halls, counseling and mentoring, support network, employment opportunities, and other needs as identified by the Parties. The Contractors and Unions also agree to coordinate with the Center to create and maintain an integrated database of veterans interested in working on Covered Projects, including apprenticeship and employment opportunities on such projects. To the extent permitted by law, the Parties will give
appropriate credit to such veterans for bona fide, provable past experience in the building and construction industry.

16. The Parties agree that Contractors working under the terms of this Agreement shall be required to utilize the maximum number of apprentices on Covered Projects as permitted under the applicable area-wide collective bargaining agreements contained in Appendix A, where feasible and practical.

17. Neither the District, the Contractors, nor the Unions shall discriminate against any employees of a protected class, including but not limited to on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, or sex, in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

18. If any provision or other portion of this Agreement shall be determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in whole or in part, and such determination shall become final, it shall be deemed to be severed or limited, but only to the extent required to render the remaining provisions and portions of this Agreement enforceable. This Agreement, as amended, shall be enforced so as to give effect to the intent of the Parties insofar as possible.

19. Under this Agreement, any liability of the Parties shall be several and not joint. The District shall not be liable for any violations of this Agreement by any Contractor or Union, and any Contractor or Union shall not be liable for any violations of this Agreement by the District, any other Contractor, or any other Union. In the event any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable as specified in Paragraph 18, neither the District, nor any Contractor or Union, shall be liable for any action taken or not taken to comply with any court order.

20. The Parties are mutually committed to promoting a safe working environment for all personnel at the job site. It shall be the responsibility of each employer to which this Agreement applies to provide a work environment free of illegal drugs and any concealed weapons, to maintain safe working conditions for its employees, and to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local health and safety laws and regulations.

21. The use or furnishing of alcohol, weapons, or illegal drugs and the conduct of any other illegal activities at the job site is strictly prohibited. The Parties shall take every practical measure consistent with the terms of the applicable area-wide collective bargaining agreement to ensure that the job site is free of weapons, alcohol, and illegal drugs.

22. Each Union representing workers engaged in Construction Work on a Covered Project is bound to this Agreement with full authority to negotiate and sign this Agreement with the District.

23. All Parties represent that they have the full legal authority to enter into this Agreement.

24. This document, with the attached Appendices, constitutes the entire Agreement of the Parties and may not be modified or changed except by subsequent written agreement of the Parties.
25. Having been adopted by the Board of Commissioners on August 3, 2017, and ratified and effective as of the last date on the signature page, this agreement supersedes any other Multi-Project Labor Agreement previously entered into by the parties as of the date of ratification.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.]
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, hereby agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this 6TH day of OCTOBER, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

David St. Pierre
Executive Director
Management

Approved as to Form and Legality

Helen Shields-Wright
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Chairman of Finance

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Darlene A. LoCasco
Director of Procurement and Materials

Jacqueline Torres
Director of Finance/Clerk

Mariyana T. Spyropoulos
Chairman, Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 6th day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: Teamsters Local Union No. 731
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]

Its Duty Authorized Officer  Terrence J. Hancock, President
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 13th day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A.
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

As Duty Authorized Officer
Dennis J. Fleming, Business Manager
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12th day of Sept, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: SMART Loc. # 25
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Its Duly Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12th day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: **Roufers & WaterProofer #11**

Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]

Its Duly Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12 day of Sept., 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: Plumbers Local 1904A
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

James F. Casey
Its duly Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 13th day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: Pipefitters Local 591
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Its Duty Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereeto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 6th day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: Painters/Glazers Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Duly Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the ___ day of SEPT. 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: OPERATING ENGINEER USO
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Its Duty Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12 day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: **Machinists Local 126**
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Its Duty Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12th day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Duly Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the [redacted] day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: RIGGER LOCAL 136
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Its Duty Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12th day of Sept., 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: Free Workers #63
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]

Its Duly Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 6th day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: Iron Workers
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

Its Duly Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12th day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of Heat & Frost Insulators Local #17
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Its Duty Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12th day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: DUEC LOCAL 2
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Its Duty Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 6th day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of:  Local 134  IBEW
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Its Duly Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12 day of Sept, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: GMTI Masons' Plasterers' Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]

Its Duty Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12th day of September 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of Carpenters Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Its Duly Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 12 day of September, 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: PLUMBERS AND ALLIED WORKERS
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Its Duty Authorized Officer
The undersigned, as a Party hereto, agrees to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Dated this the 18th day of September 2017 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

On behalf of: International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 700
Labor Organization

APPROVED:

[Signature]

Its Duly Authorized Officer
APPENDIX A

For copies of Collective Bargaining Agreements, please go to the MWRD Website and click on:

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APPENDIX B
JOINT CONFERENCE BOARD
STANDARD AGREEMENT
6/1/15 – 5/31/20

Construction Employers’ Association
And
Chicago & Cook County Building &
Construction Trades Council
The Standard Agreement
between
The Construction Employers’ Association
and
The Chicago & Cook County
Building & Construction Trades Council
Establishing
The Joint Conference Board
CHRONOLOGY

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into to prevent strikes and lockouts and to facilitate peaceful adjustment of jurisdictional disputes in the building and construction industry and to prevent waste and unnecessary avoidable delays and expense, and for the further purpose of at all times securing for the employer sufficient skilled workers and so far as possible to provide for labor continuous employment, such employment to be in accordance with the conditions and at the wages agreed upon, in the particular trade or craft, that stable conditions may prevail in the construction industry, that costs may be as low as possible consistent with fair wages and conditions and further to establish the necessary procedure by which these ends may be accomplished.

This Standard Agreement shall be considered and shall constitute a part of all agreements between Employers and Labor Unions, members of the Construction Employers' Association, herein called the Association, and the Chicago & Cook County Building & Construction Trades Council, herein called the Council, as containing within its terms the necessary protection of and assuring undisturbed conditions in the industry. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and any collective bargaining agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall supersede and prevail except for all work performed under the NT Articles of Agreement, the National Stack/Chimney Agreement, the National Cooling Tower Agreement, all instrument calibration work and loop checking shall be performed under the terms of the UA/IBEW Joint National Agreement for instrument and Control Systems Technicians, and the National Agreement of the International Union of Elevator Constructors with the exception of the content and subject matter of Articles V, VI and VII of the AFL-CIO's Building & Construction Trades Department model Project Labor Agreement.
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

The Principles contained herein are fundamental, and no articles or section in this Agreement or in the collective bargaining agreement pertaining to a specific trade or craft shall be construed as being in conflict with these principles. In the event any conflict exists between this Agreement and any collective bargaining agreement subject to the Provisions of this Agreement and the dispute resolution provisions contained hereunder, and pertaining to a specific trade or craft concerning the resolution of jurisdictional disputes, the parties specifically agree that the terms of this Agreement are exclusive and supersede any other provisions or procedures relating to the settlement of jurisdictional disputes contained in such collective bargaining agreement.

I. There shall be no limitation as to the amount of work a worker shall perform during the work day.

II. There shall be no restriction on the use of machinery, tools or appliances.

III. There shall be no restriction on the use of any raw or manufactured material, except prison made.

IV. No person shall have the right to interfere with workers during working hours.

V. The use of apprentices shall not be prohibited.

VI. The foreman shall be the agent of the employer.

VII. The worker is at liberty to work for whomever he or she sees fit but such worker shall demand and receive the wages agreed upon in the collective bargaining agreement covering the particular trade or craft under any circumstances.

VIII. The employer is at liberty to employ and discharge for just cause whomever the employer sees fit.
ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

ARTICLE I

Therefore, with the Preamble and Declaration of Principles as part of and fundamental to this Agreement, the parties hereto hereby agree that there shall be no lockout by any employer, or strikes, stoppage, or the abandonment of work either individually or collectively, by concerted or separate action by any union without arbitration of any jurisdictional dispute as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE II

The parties hereto hereby agree that in the manner herein set forth, they and the parties whom they represent will submit to arbitration all jurisdictional disputes that may arise between them and any misunderstanding as to the meaning or intent of all, or any part, of this Agreement, and they further agree that work will go on undisturbed during such arbitration, and that the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties hereto as provided in Article VI.

ARTICLE III

Paragraph 1. Should a Union affiliated with the Council abandon its work without first submitting any jurisdictional dispute to arbitration as provided herein, or should any employees whom it represents individually or collectively, or by separate or concerted action, leave the work, the employer shall have the right to fill the places of such workers with workers who will agree to work for the employer, and the Union shall not have the right to strike, or abandon the work, because of the employment of such workers.

Paragraph 2. The Union shall have the right to take the employees whom it represents from the work for the purpose of collecting wages and fringe benefits due, but such matter shall immediately be referred to arbitration. Should there be a dispute as to the amount due, the matter shall be first referred to arbitration as herein set forth.

Paragraph 3. The parties recognize the importance of having all work performed in a satisfactory manner by competent craftsmen. Because the unions affiliated with the Council have through apprenticeship and other training programs consistently striven to create an adequate supply of such skilled workers, and because it is desirable that the unions continue to do so, the Association, for itself and for each employer whom it represents agrees, to the extent permitted by law, that it will contract or subcontract any work to be done at the site of the construction, alteration, painting, or repair of a building, structure, or other work, only with or to a contractor who is a party to a collective bargaining agreement with a union affiliated with the Council and, accordingly, is bound by all the terms and provisions of this Standard Agreement.
ARTICLE IV

The parties recognize the importance of having available and furnishing at all times during the life of this Agreement sufficient skilled workers, capable of performing the work of their trade, and to constantly endeavor to improve the ability of such workers and further to have in the making, through apprenticeship training, workers who can enter the trade properly equipped to perform the work, and to the extent possible, the parties agree to do everything within their power to cooperate in carrying out these purposes. Joint apprenticeship committees shall have the right to maintain schools for the training of apprentices registered under the terms of the particular collective bargaining agreement involved and such apprentices shall be considered skilled and qualified journeymen when adjudged competent by a committee composed of the members of the parties to the particular collective bargaining agreement involved. However, this article shall not be construed to disturb present systems wherein the labor organization which is a party to the particular collective bargaining agreement involved compels apprentices to attend trade school.

ARTICLE V

A Joint Conference Board is hereby created by agreement between the Association and the Council, which shall be binding upon the members and affiliates of each, and it is hereby agreed by the parties hereto, together with their members and affiliates, that they will recognize the authority of said Joint Conference Board and that its decisions shall be final and binding upon them as provided in Article VI. The administration of the Joint Conference Board shall be executed by the Secretary of the Board. All normal operating and all extraordinary expenses shall be borne equally.

ARTICLE VI

The Joint Conference Board shall be responsible for the administration of this Agreement. The primary concern of the Joint Conference Board shall be the adjustment of jurisdictional disputes by arbitrators selected by the Board. Decisions rendered by any arbitrator under this Agreement appointed by the Joint Conference Board relating to jurisdictional disputes shall be only for the specific job under consideration and shall become effective immediately and complied with by all parties. In rendering a decision, the Arbitrator shall determine:

a) First whether a previous Agreement of Record or applicable agreement, including a disclaimer agreement, between the National or International Unions to the dispute governs.

b) Only if the Arbitrator finds that the dispute is not covered by an appropriate or applicable Agreement of Record or agreement between the National or International Unions to the dispute, he shall then consider the established trade practice in the industry and prevailing practice in the locality. Where there is a
previous Decision of Record governing the case, the Arbitrator shall give equal
weight to such Decision of Record, unless the prevailing practice in the locality in
the past ten years favors one craft. In that case, the Arbitrator shall base his
decision on the prevailing practice in the locality. Except, that if the Arbitrator
finds that a craft has improperly obtained the prevailing practice in the locality
through raiding, the undercutting of wages or by the use of vertical agreements,
the Arbitrator shall rely on the Decision of Record and established trade practice
in the industry rather than the prevailing practice in the locality.

c) In order to determine the established trade practice in the industry and prevailing
practice in the locality, the Arbitrator may rely on applicable agreements between
the Local Unions involved in the dispute, prior decisions of the Joint Conference
Board for specific jobs, decisions of the National Plan and the National Labor
Relations Board or other jurisdictional dispute decisions, along with any other
relevant evidence or testimony presented by those participating in the hearing.

d) Only if none of the above criteria is found to exist, the Arbitrator shall then
consider that because efficiency, cost or continuity and good management are
essential to the well being of the industry, the interests of the consumer or the past
practices of the employer shall not be ignored.

Agreements of Record are those agreements between National and International Unions
that have been "attested" by the predecessor of the National Plan and approved by the
AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department and are contained in the Green
Book. Such Agreements of Record are binding on employers stipulated to the Plan for
the Settlement or Jurisdictional Disputes in the Construction Industry (the "National
Plan"), the National Plan's predecessor joint boards or stipulated to the Joint Conference
Board. Agreements of Record are applicable only to the crafts signatory to such
agreements. Decisions of Record are decisions by the National Arbitration Panel or its
predecessors and recognized under the provisions of the Constitution of the AFL-CIO
Building and Construction Trades Department and the National Plan. Decisions of
Record are applicable to all crafts.

The Arbitrator shall set forth the basis for his decision and shall explain his findings
regarding the applicability of the above criteria. If lower-ranked criteria are relied upon,
the Arbitrator shall explain why the higher-ranked criteria were not deemed applicable.
The Arbitrator's decision shall only apply to the job in dispute. Such decisions of the
Arbitrator shall be final and binding subject only to an appeal, if such an appeal is
available under conditions determined by the Building and Construction Trades
Department of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial
Organizations under the National Plan or any successor plan for the settlement of
jurisdictional disputes.
ARTICLE VII

This is an arbitration agreement and the intent of this agreement is that all unresolved jurisdictional disputes must be arbitrated under the authority of the Joint Conference Board and that the decisions, subject to the right of appeal provided in Article VI, shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto and upon their affiliates and the members of such affiliates, and that there shall be no abandonment of the work during such arbitration or in violation of the arbitration decision. The Joint Conference Board shall administer the neutral arbitration system of this agreement. Any party bound to this Agreement through a collective bargaining agreement with any Local Union affiliated with the Council shall be bound to this Agreement for all jurisdictional disputes that may arise between any Local Unions affiliated with the Council. Employers bound to this Agreement shall require that this Agreement be a part of all agreements with contractors or subcontractors covering work performed by any trade or craft affiliated with the Council. All parties to this Agreement release the Board from any liability arising from its action or inaction and covenant not to sue the Board. Any damages incurred by the Board for any breach of this covenant shall include, but are not limited to, the Board’s costs, expenses and attorneys fees incurred as a result of said legal proceedings.

Paragraph 1 - The annual meeting of the Joint Conference Board shall be held in June, unless another date is agreed upon by the parties.

Paragraph 2 - The parties hereto shall designate an equal number of members who shall serve upon the Joint Conference Board. The members of the Board shall annually be certified by the Association and the Council in written communications addressed to the Board by the President and Secretary of the respective organizations. Each year the Joint Conference Board shall select a Chairman from among its members. The Joint Conference Board shall also select from among its members a Vice Chairman. The Board shall also select a Secretary. All members shall serve for one year or until their successors have been selected.

Paragraph 3 - At the annual meeting, the Association and Council shall each name at least five and up to ten impartial arbitrators.

Paragraph 4 - In the event the Chairman or Vice-Chairman is unable to serve by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, a successor may be selected for the remainder of the term by the party which made the original selection. Should a member of the Joint Conference Board be unable to serve, because of resignation, death or any other reason, the successor shall be selected by the Association or Council respectively in which such member holds membership.

Paragraph 5 - Should any member of the Board for any reason be unable to attend any meeting of the Board, the President of his respective organization shall be empowered to name a substitute for each absentee for that meeting.
Paragraph 6 - Meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the Chairman, Secretary or three members of the Board. Seventy-two hours written notice of such meeting must be given to each member of the Board.

Paragraph 7 - Twelve members of the Board, six from each of the parties, present at the executive session, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, when presiding, shall not be counted for the purpose of determining a quorum. Whenever the number of members present from each party at the executive session are unequal, the party with the fewer members present shall be entitled to cast a total number of votes equal to the number of the present members of the other party with the additional votes of said party being cast in accordance with the vote of the majority of its members who are present.

Paragraph 8 - If it is brought to the attention of the Chairman that any member (other than the Chairman) is not impartial with respect to a particular matter before the Board, the Chairman may excuse such member from the executive session if the Chairman concludes that such member has a conflict of interest with respect to such matter.

Paragraph 9 - Should a jurisdictional dispute arise between the parties hereto, among or between any members or affiliates of the parties hereto, or among or between any members or affiliates of the parties hereto and some other body of employers or employees, the disposition of such dispute shall be as follows:

a) The crafts involved shall meet on the jobsite or a mutually agreed location to resolve the jurisdictional dispute.

b) If the said dispute is not settled it shall be submitted immediately in writing to the Secretary of the Joint Conference Board. Unless agreed to in writing (correspondence, email, etc.) by the trades involved in the dispute, the trades and contractors shall make themselves available to meet within 72 hours at a neutral site with representatives of the Chicago & Cook County Building & Construction Trades Council and the Construction Employers' Association to resolve this jurisdictional issue.

c) Failure to meet within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving written notice or e-mail to the meetings contemplated in “a” or “b” above will automatically advance the case to the next level of adjudication.

d) Should this jurisdictional issue be unresolved, the matter shall, within 72 hours not counting Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, hereafter, be referred to an Arbitrator for adjudication if requested in writing by any party. The Arbitrator shall hear the evidence and render a prompt decision within forty-eight (48 hours) of the conclusion of the hearing based on the criteria in Article VI. The arbitrator chosen shall be randomly selected based on availability from the list.
submitted in Article VII Paragraph 3. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be subject to appeal only under the terms of Article VI. The written decision shall be final and binding upon all parties to the dispute and may be a short form decision. The fees and costs of the arbitrator shall be divided evenly between the contesting parties except that any party wishing a full opinion and decision beyond the short form decision shall bear the reasonable fees and costs of such full opinion.

e) Should said dispute not be so referred by either or both of the parties, the Joint Conference Board may, upon its own initiative, or at the request of others interested, take up and decide such dispute, and its decision shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto and upon their members and affiliates as provided for in Article VI.

In either circumstance all of the parties are committed to a case until it is finalized, even if there is an appeal. However, in cases of jurisdictional or other disputes between a union and another union, which is a member of the same International Union, the matter in dispute shall be settled in the manner set forth by their International Constitution, but there shall be no abandonment of the work pending such settlement.

Paragraph 10 - All interested parties shall be entitled to make presentations to the Arbitrator. Any interested party present at the hearing, whether making a presentation or not, by such presence shall be deemed to accept the jurisdiction of the arbitrator and to agree to be bound by its decision and further agrees to be bound by the Standard Agreement, for that case only if not otherwise so bound.

Paragraph 11 - Upon approval of the Arbitrator other parties not directly involved in the dispute may be invited to be present during the presentation and discussion portions of an arbitration hearing. Attorneys shall not be permitted to attend or participate in any portion of a hearing.

Paragraph 12 - At no time shall any party to a pending dispute unilaterally or independently contact the Arbitrator assigned to hear the case. All inquiries must be submitted to the Secretary of the Joint Conference Board.

Paragraph 13 - The Joint Conference Board may also serve as a board of arbitration in other disputes, including wages, but only when requested to do so by all parties involved in the particular dispute or controversy. It is not the intention of this Agreement that the Joint Conference Board shall take part in such disputes except by mutual consent of all parties involved.

ARTICLE VIII

Paragraph 1 - The duly authorized representatives of members of affiliates of either party hereto, if having in their possession proper credentials, shall be permitted to visit jobs
during working hours, to interview the contractor or the workers, but they shall in no way interfere with the progress of the work.

Paragraph 2 - The handling of tools, machinery and appliances necessary in the performance of the work covered by a particular collective bargaining agreement, shall be done by journeymen covered by such agreement and by helpers and apprentices in that trade, but similar tools, machinery and appliances used by other trades in the performance of their work shall be handled in accordance with the particular collective bargaining agreement of that trade.

Paragraph 3 - In the interest of the public economy and at the discretion of the employer or foreman, all small tasks covered by a particular collective bargaining agreement may be done by workers or laborers of other trades, if mechanics or laborers of this trade are not on the building or job, but same are not to be of longer duration than one-half hour in any one day. The Joint Conference Board may render a decision involving a composite crew.

Paragraph 4 - It is fundamental to the Standard Agreement that all members and affiliates of the parties to this Agreement be stipulated to the Standard Agreement and the Joint Conference Board. All current members of the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council, and their affiliates, by this Agreement are stipulated to the Standard Agreement and Joint Conference Board for the term of the current Standard Agreement. The area labor agreements of the members and affiliates of the parties setting forth language stipulating those parties to the Standard Agreement and Joint Conference Board shall be filed with the Secretary of the Joint Conference Board annually, at the time of the Joint Conference Board appointments. Current trade or craft agreements will prevail as interim agreements in the event labor negotiations are incomplete or in process at the time of the annual meeting.

Paragraph 5 - All members and affiliates of the parties with labor agreements containing language stipulating those parties to the Standard Agreement and Joint Conference Board shall remain stipulated for the term of the current Standard Agreement. Any members or affiliates of the parties who negotiate language stipulating the parties to the Standard Agreement and/or the Joint Conference Board in their area labor agreement shall remain stipulated for the term of the current Standard Agreement. Any Association that incorporates Standard Agreement and/or Joint Conference Board stipulation language into their collective bargaining agreement will automatically have representation on the Joint Conference Board.

Paragraph 6 - Only those crafts with stipulation language in their area labor agreements will be allowed to bring jurisdictional dispute cases to the Joint Conference Board. Those crafts without stipulation language in their area labor agreements will be allowed to participate if a jurisdictional dispute case is brought against their craft and will have the right to appeal any decision, if such an appeal is available, as provided in Article VI of this Agreement.
Paragraph 7 - This agreement applies only to work performed within Cook County, Illinois.

Paragraph 8 - As herein before provided in Article VII, decisions or awards as to jurisdictional claims and decisions determining whether or not said decisions or awards have been violated rendered by the Joint Conference Board shall be final, binding and conclusive on all the parties hereto, on all of their members and affiliates, and on all employers subject only to the right of appeal herein provided for in Article VI.

Paragraph 9 - To further implement the decision of the Joint Conference Board, it is agreed that any party hereto, any of their members or affiliates, and any employer may at any time file a Verified Complaint in writing with the Joint Conference Board alleging a violation of a decision or award previously made. The Board shall thereupon set a hearing, to be held within three days of receipt of the Verified Complaint with respect to the alleged violation, and shall notify all interested parties of the time and place thereof. An Arbitrator selected pursuant to Article VII, Paragraph 9(c) shall conduct a hearing at the time and place specified in its notice. All parties shall be given an opportunity to testify and to present documentary evidence relating to the subject matter of the hearing within forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion thereof, the Arbitrator shall render a written decision in the matter and shall state whether or not there has been a violation of its prior decision or award. Copies of the decision shall be served, by certified mail or by personal service, upon all parties hereto.

Paragraph 10 - Should the Arbitrator determine that there has been a violation of the Board’s prior decision or award, the Arbitrator shall order immediate compliance by the offending party or parties. The Arbitrator may take one or more of the following courses of action in order to enforce compliance with the Board’s decision:

a) The Arbitrator may assess liquidated damages not to exceed $5,000 for each violation by individual members of, or employees represented by the parties hereto, and may assess liquidated damages not to exceed $10,000 for each violation by either party hereto, or any of its officers or representatives. If a fine is rendered by the Arbitrator, it should be commensurate with the seriousness of the violation having a relationship to lost hours for the Unions and lost efficiency for the employer. Each of the parties hereto hereby agrees for itself, and its members, to pay to the other party within thirty days any sum, or sums, so assessed because of violations of a decision or award by itself, its officers, or representatives, or its member or members. Should either party to this agreement, or any of its members fail to pay the amount so assessed within thirty days of its assessment, the party or member so failing to pay shall be deprived of all the benefits of this agreement until such time as the matter is adjusted to the satisfaction of the Arbitrator.
b) It may order cessation of all work by the employers and the employees on the job or project involved.

Paragraph 11 - All Notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by the Administrator of the Joint Conference Board via facsimile or email. For all notifications to affiliates of the Chicago & Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council, the Administrator may rely on the facsimile numbers, addresses and email addresses in the current directory of the Council. For notifications to all contractors and subcontractors, the Administrator may rely on corporate information on the Illinois Secretary of State website or other appropriate databases. Original Notices of all Joint Conference Board decisions will be sent to each of the parties involved via certified mail. The notice provisions shall not include Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays.

Paragraph 12 - The following days shall be recognized as legal holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Paragraph 13 - The Board shall have no authority to undertake any action to enforce its decision after a hearing beyond informing the affected parties of its decision. Rather, it shall be the responsibility of the prevailing party to seek appropriate enforcement of a decision, including findings, orders or awards of the Board determining non-compliance with a prior award or decision. The prevailing party in any enforcement proceeding shall be entitled to recover its costs and attorneys fees from the non-prevailing party. In the event the Board is made a party to, or is otherwise required to participate in any such enforcement proceeding for whatever reason, the non-prevailing party shall bear all costs, attorneys fees, and any other expenses incurred by the Board in those proceedings.

Paragraph 14 - In establishing the jurisdiction of the Joint Conference Board over all parties to the dispute, the primary responsibility for the judicial determination of the arbitrability of a dispute and the jurisdiction of the Joint Conference Board shall be borne by the party requesting the Board to hear the underlying jurisdictional dispute. If all of the parties to the dispute do not attend the arbitration hearing or otherwise agree in writing that the parties are stipulated to the Joint Conference Board and Standard Agreement, the affected party or parties may proceed at the Joint Conference Board even in the absence of one or more parties to the dispute. In such instances, the issue of jurisdiction is an additional item that must be determined in the first instance by the Arbitrator who shall set forth basis of his determination in his decision. The Joint Conference Board may participate in any proceedings seeking a declaration or determination that the underlying dispute is subject to the jurisdiction and process of the Joint Conference Board. In any such proceedings, the non-prevailing party and/or the party challenging the Jurisdiction of the Joint Conference Board shall bear all the costs, expenses and attorneys fees incurred by the Board in establishing its jurisdiction. The provision of Paragraph 13 regarding obtaining attorney fees shall apply.
Paragraph 15 - It is agreed by the parties hereto that this agreement shall remain in full force and effect until June 1, 2020 unless otherwise amended by agreement of parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this document to be executed at Chicago, Illinois this 28th day of May, 2015.

CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BY Charles M. Usher

CHICAGO & COOK COUNTY BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

BY Thomas Villanova
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
WITH MULTI-PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT (MPLA)

I/WE ___________________ hereby acknowledge that I/WE
(Name of company)

have read the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Multi-Project Labor Agreement. I/WE and all my/our subcontractors certify that we are in compliance with the Agreement in that I/WE and all my/our subcontractors have agreed to be bound by and operate under a current collective bargaining agreement with a union or labor organization affiliated with the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department and the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council, or their affiliates which have jurisdiction over the work to be performed pursuant to this Contract, (hereafter referred to as a “participating trade group”).

State the name of the participating trade group(s) that your firm is currently signatory with in order to comply with the MPLA: (e.g.: Operating Engineers 150).

(Identify all such participating unions or labor organizations. Attach a separate sheet if necessary);

If your firm is not currently signatory with a participating union or labor organization, complete the following:

I intend to comply with the MPLA by:

Entering into a collective bargaining agreement with the following participating trade group(s): __________________________________________

(Identify all such participating unions or labor organizations. Attach a separate sheet if necessary);

________________________________________________________
Name of Company or Corporation

By: ________________________________
Signature of Authorized Officer

Attest: ______________________________
Secretary

Dated: ________________________________

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