

14.02 The CONTRACTOR shall pay taxes in full and on time and that failure to do so shall entitle PPA to suspend payment to the CONTRACTOR. Further, during the term of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall regularly present to PPA a tax clearance from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) as well as a copy of its income and business tax returns duly stamped and received by the BIR and duly validated with the tax payments made thereon.

ARTICLE XV

AGREEMENT MODIFICATION

15.01 No modification, alteration or waiver of any provision herein contained shall be binding on the Parties hereto unless evidenced by a written amendment signed by the parties hereof.

15.02 A variation order (change order/extra work order) may be issued by PPA under the conditions set forth in the applicable provisions of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9184:

15.03 The PPA may, at any time by written order and without notice to the Sureties, direct the CONTRACTOR to perform additional/extra work necessary to and within the General Scope of the project as bid and awarded. The CONTRACTOR shall be paid for additional/extra work items whose unit prices shall be derived based on the following:

- a. For additional/extra works duly covered by change orders involving work items which are exactly the same or similar to those in the original contract, the applicable unit prices of work items in the original contract shall be used.
- b. For additional/extra works duly covered by extra work orders involving new work items that are not in the original contract, the unit prices of the new work items shall be based on the direct unit costs used in the original contract (e.g. unit cost of cement, rebars, form lumber, labor rate, equipment rental, etc.). All new components of the new work item shall be fixed prices, provided the same is acceptable to both PPA and the CONTRACTOR, and provided further that the direct unit costs of new components shall be based on the CONTRACTOR's estimate as validated by PPA via documented canvass in accordance with existing rules and regulations. The direct cost of the new work item shall then be combined with the mark-up factor (i.e., taxes and profit) used by the contractor in his bid to determine the unit price of the new work item.

15.04 Request for payment by the CONTRACTOR for any extra work shall be accompanied by a statement, with the approved supporting forms, giving a detailed accounting and record of amount for which he claims payment. Said request for payment shall be included with the CONTRACTOR's statement of progress payment.

ARTICLE XVI

SUSPENSION OF WORK

16.01 The PPA or its duly authorized representative shall have the authority to suspend the work wholly or partly by written order for such period as may be deemed necessary, due to force majeure or any fortuitous events or for failure on the part of the CONTRACTOR to correct bad conditions which are unsafe for workers or for the general public to carry out valid orders given by the Government or to perform any provisions of the Contract, or due to adjustment of plans to suit field conditions as found necessary during construction. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately comply with such order to suspend the work wholly or partly.

In case of total suspension, or suspension of activities along the critical path, which is not due to any fault of the CONTRACTOR, the elapsed time between the effective order of suspending operation and the order to resume work shall be allowed the CONTRACTOR by adjusting the contract time accordingly.

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