

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP-2026-JUD-1
VSS BID NO. 42600004**

**FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION
FOR THE GUMA' HUSTISIA, IIMWAL AWEEWE, HOUSE OF JUSTICE
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SECTION I. INTRODUCTION.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (“CNMI”) Judicial Branch (“Judiciary”) is accepting proposals from qualified, experienced individuals/firms to upgrade its fiber optic network backbone for its facilities at the Guma’ Hustisia and the Office of Adult Probation Supervision (“OAPS”) on Saipan.

This solicitation is made pursuant to NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement Rule 13 and is funded by the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program. This project is supported, in whole or in part, by award number 15PBJA-24-GG-00165-BRND and is awarded to the Judiciary.

SECTION II. INSTRUCTIONS.

- A. Proposal Package.** A copy of the Request for Proposals Package (“Package”) is available on the CNMI Government’s Vendor Self Service (“VSS”) portal, at <https://selfservice.dof.gov.mp/vss/default.aspx>. The Package may also be retrieved online at www.nmijudiciary.gov. You must register on the VSS to participate in this Request for Proposals (“RFP”). For registration instructions, please refer to: <https://www.finance.gov.mp/division-forms/oit/cnmi-vss-registration-instructions.pdf>.
- B. Mandatory Pre-Submission Conference.** A mandatory pre-submission conference (“Conference”) will be held on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., Chamorro Standard Time (“ChST”) at the Training Room of Guma’ Hustisia, in Susupe, Saipan.** Prospective proposers who are unable to attend the Conference may request to schedule a separate Conference between **Thursday, October 16, 2025 to Monday, October 20, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m., ChST.,** excluding weekends and observed holidays. Requests to schedule a separate Conference must be made in writing to the Procurement Officer at Procurement@NMIJudiciary.gov no later than **Wednesday, October 15, 2025, by 5:00 p.m., ChST.** Prospective proposers must have attended a Conference and visited the premises of the Guma’ Hustisia and OAPS to become fully aware of the scope of work the RFP intends. Prospective proposers shall be responsible for verifying all quantities and locations, determining cable routes and distances, and ensuring code compliance for all installations. **Failure to schedule and attend a Conference will result in the exclusion of the prospective proposer from further consideration.**
- C. Contact.** Questions regarding this RFP must be made in writing to the Procurement Officer at Procurement@NMIJudiciary.gov no later than **Wednesday, October 22, 2025, by 5:00 p.m., ChST.** Any clarification, response to request for information, or amendment related to the Package shall be made by addenda. Questions submitted after the deadline may not be answered.
- D. Receipt and Proposal Opening.**
 - 1. Sealed Proposals within the CNMI.** Sealed proposals must be submitted via the VSS portal no later than **Friday, November 7, 2025, by 3:00 p.m., ChST.**
 - 2. Sealed Proposals outside the CNMI.** Sealed proposals must be submitted via the VSS portal no later than **Friday, November 7, 2025 by 3:00 p.m., ChST.**
 - 3. Proposal Openings.** Proposals shall be opened so as to avoid disclosure of contents to competing offerors during the process of negotiation. A register of proposals shall be prepared and shall be open for public inspection after contract award.
 - 4. VSS Portal Errors.** In the event the VSS portal is unavailable prior to the proposal submission deadline, the prospective proposer must notify the Procurement Officer in writing of the technical issue to Procurement@NMIJudiciary.gov. The notification must include timestamped screenshots, photos, or other proof of the error. Provided that the prospective proposer has all required supporting documents to demonstrate that the proposal could not be uploaded or submitted through the VSS portal in a timely manner, submission via email shall

be permitted to Procurement@NMIJudiciary.gov on or before the submission deadline of **Friday, November 7, 2025, 3:00 p.m., ChST.**

SECTION III. REQUIREMENTS.

A. Scope of Work. The chosen proposer shall provide the needed goods/services to upgrade the Judiciary's fiber optic network.

1. Description. The chosen proposer must possess the specialized expertise for fiber optic network and shall upgrade the Judiciary's fiber network with the highest level of integrity for safety. The fiber optic network upgrade must accommodate 25 gigabit (Gb/s) speeds between the Guma' Hustisia server room and five (5) hub locations, which includes the Supreme Court, 1st and 2nd floors of the Superior Court, the Screening and Security Zone, and the OAPS. The upgrade must enhance the technological capabilities of the Judiciary's network by increasing the bandwidth speeds to support network-based security cameras and security door locking mechanisms.

a. Network Infrastructure Component Specifications. The chosen proposer shall supply the following products in accordance with the specifications outlined below:

1) Fiber Optic Cables.

- i.** Must be a twelve-strand single-mode fiber;
- ii.** Interior wiring must use plenum-rated cable (i.e., low-smoke, fire-retardant); and
- iii.** Exterior wiring must use outdoor-rated cable with water-blocking features and appropriate jacket material.

2) Terminations.

- i.** Terminations must be terminated with Lucent Connector (LC) Duplex connectors in compatibility with Small Form-Factor Pluggable (SFP) 28-25G-LR module.

3) Conduits.

- i.** Compatible microduct must be provided for the proposed fiber optic cable in all areas/locations with no existing conduits.

4) External Pull Boxes.

- i.** Must have security features that include, but are not limited to, weather-proof and tamper-resistant protections.

b. Replacement. The chosen proposer shall replace the network infrastructure components based on the specific needs of each listed location, as detailed below:

- 1)** Replace three (3) existing indoor fiber optic cables with new fiber optic cables. The fiber optic cables run from the Guma' Hustisia server room to three (3) separate hub rooms, which includes the Supreme Court and the 1st and 2nd floors of the Superior Court.
- 2)** Replace one (1) existing indoor Category 6 cable, which does not have an existing conduit, with new fiber optic cable and conduit. The fiber optic cable runs from the Guma' Hustisia server room to the Screening and Security Zone hub room.
- 3)** Replace one (1) existing outdoor fiber optic cable— currently running through a partial existing underground conduit that connects the Guma' Hustisia server room to the OAPS network cabinet— with new fiber optic cable. The replacement must include an extension of the fiber optic cable and conduit from the OAPS termination box to the OAPS network cabinet.
- 4)** Replace four (4) existing external pull boxes located in areas determined by the Judiciary.

- c. Installation and Testing.** The chosen proposer must install and test all network components in accordance with industry standards and location specific requirements. In addition, the chosen proposer must also ensure installation and testing conforms with the following:
- 1) All installation work must be performed by a Certified Fiber Optic Installer;
 - 2) All work must be conducted under the supervision of and certified by a Registered Communication Distributor Designer; and
 - 3) All fiber optic cables must be tested using a Level III Advanced Fiber Optic Testing. Testing must occur in the presence of the Judiciary's Systems Administrator for verification.
 - 4) Cable Infrastructure and Testing – The chosen proposer shall specify in their proposal the termination standard to be used (568A or 568B) and conduit types and materials for each application including indoor surface mount, outdoor/weather exposed areas, and underground burial if applicable, with minimum trade sizes for proper cable fill ratios. All Category 6 cabling shall be tested and certified to TIA/EIA-568 standards using a certified cable analyzer. Testing shall verify wire map/continuity, length, attenuation, NEXT (Near End Crosstalk), and return loss. The chosen proposer shall provide electronic test reports for each cable run prior to system acceptance, and any cable failing certification shall be replaced at the chosen proposer's expense.
- d. System Design.** The chosen proposer shall provide system design as part of the project deliverables. Design documents shall include network topology, equipment layout plans, single-line diagrams, and infrastructure requirements. All designs shall be submitted for the Judiciary's approval prior to equipment procurement and installation. The design shall identify all necessary components for a complete and operational system, including but not limited to switches, Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) systems, racks, patch panels, and surge protection devices.

B. Other Required Specifications.

1. **Compliance.** The chosen proposer must provide the goods/services in accordance with any and all applicable local and/or federal codes, rules, executive orders, and regulations; this includes assisting the Judiciary in obtaining any and all permits, if needed and not purchasing equipment or parts prohibited by the United States.
2. **Warranty.** The chosen proposer shall warrant the project to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for at least twelve (12) months from date of project acceptance.
3. **As-Built Drawings.** The chosen proposer shall prepare and submit complete as-built drawings. Drawings shall include floor plans with equipment locations, cable routing, network diagrams with IP addressing, and interconnection details, and proper port assignments upon project acceptance. The drawings must be delivered in both AutoCAD (.dwg) and PDF formats to the Procurement Officer at Procurement@NMIJudiciary.gov within thirty (30) days of substantial completion.
4. **Removal and Disposal of Materials.** The chosen proposer shall provide all labor, materials, and any other items/services necessary and incidental, for the removal and disposal of materials, wastes, and debris both directly and indirectly related to the project. These materials shall be removed from the premises and be properly disposed of by the chosen proposer in accordance with all the hazardous waste regulatory requirements and environmental standards of federal and local statutes and regulations, as applicable.

5. **Maintenance of Project Site.** The chosen proposer must maintain the project site, keeping it clean and orderly daily.
 6. **Time, Place, and Method of Delivery or Performance.** The chosen proposer must be ready to complete this project within three (3) months from the issuance of a Notice to Proceed letter. This project requires goods/services/work to be completed at the Guma' Hustisia and the OAPS. The chosen proposer must perform work during the Judiciary's normal business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and holidays. Should the chosen proposer plan to work outside of the regular schedule, they must make their request in writing to the Procurement Officer at least three (3) business days prior to the anticipated work date. The chosen proposer shall perform the contract deliverables in a professional manner to assure the integrity and confidentiality of sensitive court information that the chosen proposer's personnel may come across during the performance of the contract. For security reasons, the Judiciary may require the chosen proposer's employees to wear uniforms acceptable to the Judiciary during their presence in its facilities. In the event uniforms are required, such uniforms shall be provided by the chosen proposer.
- C. Proposal Submission Documents and Information.** Prospective proposers must include in their proposal submission the following:
1. **Submission Documents and Information.** The following documents/information must be included in the proposal submission:
 - a. Business name, contact person, and contact information;
 - b. Resume, qualifications, and relevant experience;
 - c. Cost and product information in sufficient detail to support and justify the scope of work;
 - d. Detailed project approach;
 - e. Particular goods/services offered and which will be excluded;
 - f. List of staff and sub-contractors, if any, or team members, each with their specialty and/or license for the completion of this project;
 - g. Project and payment schedules;
 - h. Any other information and/or documents to assist the Judiciary in understanding the proposer's capabilities and plans to fulfill this request for the proposal's scope of work;
 - i. Proposer's terms and conditions, if any;
 - j. Written warranty; and
 - k. Copy of a valid business license.
 2. **Forms.** The following forms must be included in the proposal submission. Each of the forms listed in the table below must be completed and submitted. Forms marked with an asterisk are included in the Package. Prospective proposers must use the provided forms. Deviation from the provided forms may be cause for rejection of proposal submissions. Forms not marked with an asterisk are not included in the Package. For submission of forms not included with the Package, prospective proposers shall contact each appropriate agency in the table below to obtain the required letter or certification for submission with the sealed proposals.

1.	RFP
2.	Proposal Form*
3.	Payment Bond*
4.	Performance Bond*
5.	Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities*
6.	Non-Collusion Affidavit*
7.	Equal Employment Opportunity*
8.	Previous Work Experience*

9.	Certification of Drug-Free Workplace*
10.	Certification of Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters*
11.	Certification of Prohibition Against Gratuities, Kickbacks, and Contingent Fees*
12.	Certificate of Compliance of Good Standing from the CNMI Department of Labor
13.	Certificate of Compliance for Workman's Compensation from the CNMI Department of Commerce
14.	Letter of Tax Compliance from the CNMI Division of Revenue and Taxation (Withholding, BGRT & Excise Taxes)
15.	Vendor Registration Form*

- a. Contract Security.** Payment and performance bonds are required if the cost estimate is \$25,000 and over.
- 1) The chosen proposer shall furnish the following bonds to the Judiciary at the time of contract execution:
 - i. Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%); and
 - ii. Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total proposal price.
 - 2) Payment and performance bonds must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. The Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the CNMI.
 - 3) Payment and performance bond forms are provided in advance and included with the Package. The chosen proposer shall use the provided forms when furnishing payment and performance bonds.
 - 4) The chosen proposer shall also submit the following documents during the same time that payment and performance bonds are furnished:
 - i. A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue bonds;
 - ii. A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond; and
 - iii. *Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC)* issued by the CNMI Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 5795 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, certifying that the insurance company is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

SECTION IV. EVALUATION FACTORS.

A. Evaluation Factors. All evaluation factors stated in the RFP shall be considered in determining proposals in the competitive range (i.e., those allowed to participate further in the selection process), and any subsequent evaluations (including evaluation of best and final offers from the competitive range offerors).

B. Evaluation Factors Are:

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| 1. Ability to commit to the scope of work over the course of the contract | 30 points |
| 2. Past experience or equivalent on similar projects | 30 points |
| 3. Project Approach | 20 points |
| 4. Price | 20 points |
- a. Proposals must contain a price schedule showing an offered price for each item and the quality of the product.

SECTION V. NOTICE.

A. Confidentiality. Until award of a contract is made, the content of any proposals submitted by the proposer shall be held in strictest confidence. Any information shared by the Judiciary to the vendor in relation to this RFP must be held strictly confidential.

- B. Costs.** All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this RFP and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer.
- C. Addenda.** Any changes or clarifications to the scope of work or project details will be made via addenda and emailed to all registered, potential proposers.
- D. Error in Proposals.** Each proposer must carefully examine his or her proposal prior to submission. Each proposer must comply with the requirements contained in the request for proposals. Failure to do so is at the proposer's risk. Deviation from the requirements may result in rejection of the proposal.
- E. Protection of the Public and of Work and Property.** The chosen proposer is responsible for the means, methods, sequences, techniques and procedures of safety programs associated with the work contemplated by this contract. The chosen proposer, its agents or sub-contractors, shall comply with the Judiciary's Standard Terms and Conditions, and to all other local, state and federal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations pertaining to safety of persons and property.
- F. Damage Claims.** The chosen proposer shall be held responsible for all damages to property of the Judiciary or others, caused by or resulting from the negligence of the chosen proposer, its employees, or agents or sub-contractors during the progress of or connected with the execution of the work, whether within the limits of the work or elsewhere on the Judiciary property.
- G. Right to Reject or Waive.** The Judiciary reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof. A proposal may be rejected for any of the following reasons:
1. Failure to conform to essential requirements of the RFP such as specifications or time of delivery;
 2. Imposition of conditions or restrictions in the proposal which modify requirements of the request or limit the proposer's liability to the Judiciary. For example, proposals shall be rejected in which the proposer:
 - a. Protects against future changes in conditions, such as increased costs;
 - b. Fails to state a price and indicates that price shall be the price in effect at the time of delivery;
 - c. States a price but qualifies it as subject to price in effect at time of delivery; or
 - d. Limits the rights of the Judiciary.
 3. Unreasonableness as to price;
 4. A proposal from a non-responsible proposer; or
 5. Failure to execute the contract or furnish the required bonds.
- H. Property of the Judiciary.** All proposals received shall become the property of the Judiciary and will not be returned to the proposer.

SECTION VI. AWARD.

- A. Prior to Award.** Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals in the competitive range for the purpose of clarification and ensuring a full understanding of, and responsiveness to, all solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

- B. Award.** Award shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the Judiciary taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation and the contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made. The Judiciary reserves the right to award only a portion of the request for proposal. **Depending on the number of proposal submissions and the Contractor's availability, the Judiciary reserves the right to reduce the scope of work prior to contract execution. The Judiciary also reserves the sole right to award more than one contractor, depending on the proposal submission and capability of contractors.**
- C. Contract Execution.** Upon receiving notification of an intent to award, the chosen proposer must enter into an agreement with the Judiciary within three (3) business days. The Judiciary reserves the right to withdraw its intent to award, should the proposer fail to execute an agreement. A sample contract and standard terms and conditions are attached with this RFP.

SECTION VII. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

- A.** The Contractor and subcontractors employed in the completion of the project shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and CNMI Laws.
- B.** In particular, the following Federal Laws, Executive Orders, and regulations issued there under may apply:
1. The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended (40 USC 327-332);
 2. The Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended 40 USC 3145; (18 USC 874);
 3. The Davis-Bacon and Related Acts;
 4. Federal Miller Act;
 5. Federal Prompt Payment Act;
 6. False Claims Act;
 7. **Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964**, as amended (42 USC 2000d-2000d-7) and Executive Order, 13169, as amended, and specifically to the following:
 - a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex, or national origin. The Contractor shall ensure the applicants are employed, and the employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, sex, or national origin. Such treatment shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
 - b. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, the notices required by federal law regarding non-discrimination in employment.
 - c. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.
 - d. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal anti-discrimination laws and regulations enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).
 8. **Non-Discrimination in Employment.** Contracts for work under this invitation for bids will obligate the Contractors and subcontractors not to discriminate in employment practices.
 - a. Bidders must, if requested, submit a compliance report concerning their employment practices and policies in order to maintain their eligibility to receive the award of the contract.
 - b. In the event of the Contractor's non-compliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this contract or with applicable rules, regulations or orders, this contract may be canceled.

9. Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement.
10. The Contractor must also comply with and sign the attached form for NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement Rules 69 and 70:

Rule 69. Gratuities and Kickbacks.

- a. **Gratuities.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or dispute or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement, or a contractor or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore.
- b. **Kickbacks.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

Rule 70. Prohibition Against Contingent Fees.

- a. **Contingent Fees.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure a Judiciary contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.
- b. **Representation of Contractor.** Every person, before being awarded a Judiciary contract, shall represent, in writing, that such person has not retained anyone in violation of Rule 70(a). Failure to do so constitutes a breach of ethical standards.



PROPOSAL FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Print the proposal price both in words and numerals on the appropriate lines below. A person authorized to bind the business entity submitting this proposal must sign and date this form. Print the name and title of the person signing this form. The proposer's business address must also be printed on the appropriate line below.

NOTICE: FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS PROPOSAL FORM WILL RESULT IN ITS REJECTION.

Description of Supplies or Services:

Project Name: FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION
Project Number: RFP-2026-JUD-1/VSS BID NO. 42600004
Project Location: GUMA' HUSTISIA, IIMWAL AWEEWE, HOUSE OF JUSTICE
Owner: NMI JUDICIARY

The undersigned proposer, having examined all pertinent documents relating to RFP-2026-JUD-1/VSS BID NO. 42600004, including, but not limited to, the scope of work and other requirements, understands and agrees to all of its terms and conditions, and offers to provide everything necessary and incidental to completing the project including, but not limited to, transportation, and communication device for the following total lump price*:

PRICE IN WORDS

\$ _____

Price in Numerals

The above amount is based on the following breakdown:

_____	\$.....
_____	\$.....
_____	\$.....
_____	\$.....
_____	\$.....
_____	\$.....
_____	\$.....
_____	\$.....
_____	\$.....
_____	\$.....

SUBCONTRACTORS, IF ANY,

The following companies shall execute subcontracts for the portion of the Work indicated:

_____:	_____
_____:	_____
_____:	_____
_____:	_____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

The undersigned Proposer acknowledges receipt of and use of the following Addenda in the preparation of this Proposal:

Addendum No. 1, dated _____.

Addendum No. 2, dated _____.

Addendum No. 3, dated _____.

Addendum No. 4, dated _____.

Upon notification that a contract is ready for signing, the proposer agrees to enter and sign the contract within three (3) business days thereafter. After the contract bears all required signatures, the proposer will be notified that it is fully executed and ready for retrieval. When a written "Notice to Proceed" is issued, the proposer agrees to fully complete the project within the required timeline as stated in RFP-2026-JUD-1/VSS BID NO. 42600004 and as stipulated in the Contract Documents.

*The Judiciary reserves the right to not award a contract based on the availability of funds or in the best interest of the Judiciary. The Judiciary reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part and to waive any imperfections in the best interest of the Judiciary.

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

The undersigned further states that it is a duly licensed contractor, for the type of work proposed.

SUBMISSION OF BID

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Submitted By: _____
(Name of proposing firm or corporation)

Authorized Signature: _____
(Handwritten Signature)

Signed By: _____
(Type or print name)

Title: _____
(Owner/Partner/President/Vice President)

Complete Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

License No.: _____

(Affix Corporate Seal Here)



PAYMENT BOND

DATE BOND EXECUTED	
Principal (Legal name and business address)	TYPE OF ORGANIZATION ("X" one) ☐ Individual ☐ Joint Venture ☐ Corporation ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Partnership
	State or Territory of Incorporation
Surety (Name and business address)	

PENAL SUM OF BOND					CONTRACT IDENTIFICATION
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED					Contract Number:
Million(s)	Thousand(s)	Hundred(s)	Ten(s)	Cents	

OBLIGATION:

We, the Principal and Surety are firmly bound unto the Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, hereinafter called "the Judiciary," in the above penal sum. For payment of the penal sum, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and successors, jointly and severally.

CONDITIONS:

The Principal entered into a contract, with the above contract number, with the Judiciary.

THEREFORE:

If the Principal promptly makes payment to all persons for furnishing labor, materials, or both in the prosecution of the work provided for in the said contract, and any and all duly authorized modifications of said contract that may hereafter be made, a notice of those modifications to the Surety being hereby waived, then, this obligation to be void; otherwise, to remain in full force and effect.

WITNESS:

The Principal and Surety executed this payment bond and affixed their seals on the above date.

PRINCIPAL			
SIGNATURE(S)	1.	2.	3.
NAMES(S)	1.	2.	3.
Title(S)	1.	2.	3.
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS			

CERTIFICATE AS TO CORPORATE PRINCIPAL	
I, _____ certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as Principal in this bond; that _____ who signed the bond on behalf of the Principal was then _____ of said Corporation; that I know his/her signature, and his/her signature is genuine; and that said bond was duly signed and sealed for and behalf of said Corporation by authority of its governing body.	
Corporate Seal	

CORPORATE SURETY		CORPORATE SEAL
NAME		
ADDRESS		
SIGNATURE		
TITLE		



PERFORMANCE BOND FORM

DATE BOND EXECUTED	
Principal (Legal name and business address)	TYPE OF ORGANIZATION ("X" one) ☐ Individual ☐ Joint Venture ☐ Corporation ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Partnership
	State or Territory of Incorporation
Surety (Name and business address)	

PENAL SUM OF BOND					CONTRACT IDENTIFICATION
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED					Contract Number:
Million(s)	Thousand(s)	Hundred(s)	Ten(s)	Cents	

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CONDITIONS:

The Principal entered into a contract, with the above contract number, with the Judiciary.

THEREFORE:

If the Principal performs and fulfills all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions, and agreement of said contract during the original term of said contract and any extensions thereof that may be granted by the Judiciary, with or without notice to the Surety and during the life of any guaranty required under the contract; and performs and fulfills all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions and agreements of any and all duly authorized modifications of said contract that may hereafter be made, a notice of those modifications to the Surety being hereby waived, then the above obligation is void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

WITNESS:

The Principal and Surety executed this performance bond and affixed their seals on the above date.

PRINCIPAL			
SIGNATURE(S)	1.	2.	3.
NAMES(S)	1.	2.	3.
Title(S)	1.	2.	3.
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS			

CERTIFICATE AS TO CORPORATE PRINCIPAL
I , _____ certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as Principal in this bond; that _____ who signed the bond on behalf of the Principal was then _____ of said Corporation; that I know his/her signature, and his/her signature is genuine; and that said bond was duly signed and sealed for and behalf of said Corporation by authority of its governing body.
Corporate Seal

CORPORATE SURETY		CORPORATE SEAL
NAME		
ADDRESS		
SIGNATURE		
TITLE		

Bond Premium	RATE PER THOUSAND (\$)	TOTAL (\$)



CERTIFICATION OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

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The construction contractor certifies that they do not maintain or provide for their employees any segregated facilities at any of their establishments, and that they do not permit their employees to perform their services at any location, under their control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The construction contractor certifies further that they will not maintain or provide for their employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that they will not permit their employees to perform their services at any location, under their control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The construction contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term segregated facilities means "any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker room and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The construction contractor agrees that (except where they have obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods), it will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause, and that they will retain such certifications in his files.

Representative: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Title : _____

Company : _____

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.



NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS)
)
) SS
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS)

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
(Name)
that he/she is a _____

(A partner or officer in the firm of, etc.)
of the party making the foregoing proposal, that such proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham, that said proposer has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any proposer or person, to put in a sham proposal or to refrain from proposing, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the proposal price of affiance or of any other proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said proposal price, or of that of any other proposer, or to secure advantage against the Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal are true.

Signature of

Proposer, if the proposer is an individual;
Partner, if the proposer is a partnership;
Officer, if the proposer is a corporation;

Described and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Seal of Notary Public

My commission expires on _____, 20____.



EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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The undersigned proposer represents that they [] have, [] has not, participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the equal opportunity clause prescribed by Executive Orders 10925, 11114, or the Secretary of Labor; that they [] have, [] has not, filed all required compliance reports, and that representations indicating submission of required compliance reports, signed by proposed subcontractors, will be obtained prior to subcontractor awards.

Representative: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Title: _____

Company: _____

(The above representation need not be submitted in connection with contracts or subcontracts that are exempt from the clause).

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE FORM

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Proposers are required to identify all similar work within the past three (3) years in the sections below and provide the name and contact of the project's owner.

Project Title	
Project Description	
Project Owner's Name and Phone Number	

Project Title	
Project Description	
Project Owner's Name and Phone Number	

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Project Description	
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Project Title	
Project Description	
Project Owner's Name and Phone Number	



CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

PROJECT: RFP-2026-JUD-1/VSS BID NO. 42600004 - FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.

In addition, this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (“Judiciary”) determines to award the contract. If it is later determined that the contractor knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the Judiciary, in addition to any other remedies available, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

- A. The proposer certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:
1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited at the proposer’s workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 2. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace; and the proposer’s policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - b. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 3. Making it a requirement that such employee to be engaged in the performance of the work be given a copy of the statement required by Section A(1);
 4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by Section A(1) that, as a condition of employment under the contract, the employee will:
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement and notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction;
 5. Notifying the Judiciary within ten (10) days after receiving notice under Section A(4)(a), with respect to any employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;
 6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under Section A(4)(a) with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination; or requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily, complete a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of Section A(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6).

- B.** Insert in the space provided below, or include as a separate attachment, a list of the site(s) where the performance of work will be performed in connection with the specific project:

Place of Performance (Street, Road, Village, Island)	
Representative (Name and Signature)	
Title	
Company	



**CERTIFICATION ON DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

PROJECT: RFP-2026-JUD-1/VSS BID NO. 42600004 - FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION

- A. The undersigned proposer for the foregoing project certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief that its Principals:
1. Have not been convicted for commission of a criminal offense incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract;
 2. Have not been convicted under Commonwealth or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, violation of the Consumer Protection Act (4 CMC §§ 5101, et seq.), violation of any unfair business practices as prescribed by 4 CMC § 5202, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously, and directly affects its responsibility as a government contractor;
 3. Have not been convicted under Commonwealth or federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals such as in chapter 2 of division 5 of title 4 of the Commonwealth Code;
 4. Have not deliberately failed or without good cause to perform in accordance with the specifications or the time limits provided in a contract;
 5. Do not have a recent record of failure to perform or of unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor shall not be considered a basis for debarment;
 6. Have not violated any of the ethical standards set forth in the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement; and
 7. If the undersigned proposer cannot certify in the affirmative for any one or more of the above representations, then the proposer shall attach an explanation.

Signature of

Proposer, if the proposer is an individual;
Partner, if the proposer is a partnership;
Officer, if the proposer is a corporation;

Described and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Seal of Notary Public



**CERTIFICATION ON PROHIBITION OF GRATUITIES,
KICKBACKS, AND CONTINGENT FEES**

PROJECT: RFP-2026-JUD-1/VSS BID NO. 42600004 - FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION

The NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement prohibit gratuities, kickbacks, and contingent fees. All Contractors shall certify [under oath] that they have not in any way been involved in any gratuities, kickbacks, or contingent fees in connection with their selection or ultimate performance of this contract.

Rule 69. Gratuities and Kickbacks.

- (a) It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or dispute or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement, or a contractor or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore.
- (b) Kickbacks. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontractor or order.

Rule 70. Prohibition Against Contingent Fees.

- (a) Contingent Fees. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure a Judiciary contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.

I (name) _____, a representative of (company) _____

have read and understood the prohibition on gratuities, kickbacks, and contingent fees as set forth in NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement Rule 69 and Rule 70 above. I attest that I have not retained anyone in violation of these rules. I further agree to comply with the requirements set forth in Rules 69 and 70 and understand that failure to do so may result in rejection of the bid submission or termination of award of contract.

Name and Signature

Date



VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

(Instructions on reverse)

SUPPLIER ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

1. COMPANY NAME			2. TAXPAYER ID NUMBER (TIN)		3. IS THIS TIN AN SSN?					
4. MAIN PHONE		5. MAIN FAX		6. MAIN EMAIL ADDRESS		7. WEBSITE				
8. MAILING ADDRESS			9. CITY		10. STATE		11. POSTAL CODE		12. COUNTRY	

POINT OF CONTACT

13. NAME			14. TITLE			
15. PHONE		16. ALTERNATE PHONE		17. EMAIL ADDRESS		

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THE FORM

18. NAME			19. TITLE			
20. PHONE		21. ALTERNATE PHONE		22. EMAIL ADDRESS		
23. SIGNATURE			24. DATE			

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF
JUD PROC. FORM 3**

General.

The JUD PROC. FORM 3, Vendor Registration Form, must be completed to register as a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary ("Judiciary") vendor. The Judiciary reserves the right to approve or disapprove the registration request at their discretion.

Please email the completed form, accompanied with a copy of your Business License and document showing proof of your TIN (i.e. W2), to procurement@nmijudiciary.com.

Instructions for completing the form.

1. Enter the company name as identified in the company Business License.
2. Enter the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
3. Answer "Yes" only if the TIN in Item 2 is a Social Security Number issued by the Social Security Administration. Otherwise, answer "No."
4. Enter the company's main phone number.
5. Enter the company's main fax number.
6. Enter the company's main email address.
7. Enter the company's website address.
8. Enter the company's mailing address.
9. Enter the company's city address.
10. Enter the company's state address.
11. Enter the company's postal address zip code.
12. Enter the company's country address.
13. Enter the name of the person who can be contacted regarding procurement, billing, etc.
14. Enter the title of the person listed in Item 13.
15. Enter the contact number of the person listed in Item 13.
16. Enter an alternate contact number of the person listed in Item 13.
17. Enter the email address of the person listed in Item 13.
18. Enter the name of the person responsible for preparing the form.
19. Enter the title of the person listed in Item 18.
20. Enter the contact number of the person listed in Item 18.
21. Enter an alternate contact number of the person listed in Item 18.
22. Enter the email address of the person listed in Item 18.
23. The person listed on Item 18 must sign the form.
24. Enter the date on which the form was signed and completed.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS JUDICIARY
CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF SERVICES

I. PARTIES

This Contract No. is between the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary and referred to herein as “the Judiciary,” and [CONTRACTOR NAME]. [CONTRACTOR NAME] is referred to in this contract as the “Contractor.”

Contractor is a [CORPORATION, NON PROFIT CORPORATION, UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT AGENCY, ETC].

Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro is the Expenditure Authority for the Judiciary. Any reference to the expenditure authority in this contract is a reference to Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro. The Expenditure Authority may take any action on behalf of the Judiciary provided for by this contract or by law.

II. NOTICE

All notices and communications required by this contract shall be in written form and shall be delivered to the following addresses:

Attn: Christine D. Aninzo
Procurement Officer
Office of Procurement
Commonwealth Judiciary
Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice
P.O. Box 502165
Saipan, MP 96950
Procurement@NMIJudiciary.gov
(670) 236-9791

[CONTRACTOR NAME]
[CONTRACTOR MAILING ADDRESS]

III. COMMUNICATION

The Contractor shall maintain communications with the Judiciary at all stages of the Contractor’s work. The Contractor will submit any questions it may have to the Judiciary regarding the performance of the contract.

IV. GENERAL PURPOSE

The purpose of this contract is for the Judiciary to procure from the Contractor the services described in this contract and in the attached exhibits and to enjoy any warranty or other goods provided for by this contract. The services being procured are described as follows:

[DESCRIBE THE SERVICES BEING PURCHASED IN DETAIL. FOR EXAMPLE: The Contractor will provide lawn mowing services for the Department of Public Lands. The area of lawn to be mowed is approximately 2 acres and is located at the 2112 Beach Road. The contractor

will mow the lawn on Mondays and Thursdays between the hours of either 6AM-8AM or 5PM to 7PM.]

The services being purchased by this contract are further described in [EXHIBIT X]. If the description of the services in [EXHIBIT X] conflict with the description of the services in this contract, then the description in this contract will control.

The services will be provided on the island of _____ at [ENTER ADDRESS OR APPROXIMATE LOCATION].

The services will be performed [DURING NORMAL WORK DAYS AND HOURS OR SPECIFY THE TIME YOU WANT THE SERVICES PERFORMED].

V. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT

The Contractor will provide all equipment and personnel necessary to complete this contract.

VI. WARRANTY

[Choose one: The services being purchased by this contract are covered by a warranty, in addition to the warranties provided by law, which is described as follows: [describe the warranty in detail and reference any warranty documents attached to this contract] [OR The services purchased by this contract are subject the warranties provided for by law.]

VII. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The following instruments shown in the table below, constitute the contract documents (“Contract Documents”) and are incorporated as part of the Contract thereof. If any of the attached documents conflict with this contract, then the language of this contract will control.

EXHIBIT	NAME OF DOCUMENT
A	Standard Terms and Conditions

VIII. CONSIDERATION AND SCOPE OF WORK

Contractor agrees to perform the services described in this contract and the documents attached and incorporated into this contract. The Judiciary agrees to pay [INSERT TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID FOR THE ENTIRE CONTRACT] in exchange for the services, and goods if any. In addition, the consideration for this agreement is in the mutual covenants and stipulations hereby agreed to by the parties and set out in the following paragraphs.

IX. DURATION OF CONTRACT

The Contractor will begin its performance on [ENTER DATE THAT THE CONTRACTOR BEGINS WORKING] or upon receipt of a Notice to Proceed by the Judiciary.

This contract will remain in effect until [NORMALLY: (1) one year after this contract becomes effective.]

X. INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE BUT NOT ATTACHED

This contract incorporates the following documents and laws that are not attached to this contract:

1. All Commonwealth laws, regulations, or rules applicable to the purchase of goods in the Commonwealth; and
2. All applicable federal laws and regulations.

XI. CONTRACT EXTENSION

[IF YOU DO NOT WANT AN EXTENSION OPTION, THEN DELETE THIS SECTION. REMEMBER, CHANGE ORDERS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR EXTENSION UNDER MOST CIRCUMSTANCES, SO KEEP THIS SECTION IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE THAT YOU WILL WANT AN EXTENSION.]. [USE THIS IF YOU WANT AN EXTENSION OPTION: The Judiciary may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor 30 days before the contract expires. This extension provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance may not exceed six (6) months. If the Judiciary exercises its option to extend this contract, then the contract will continue without any change in the terms and conditions of this contract.]

XII. DELIVERY AND PAYMENT

1. [YOUR CONTRACT MAY REQUIRE A DIFFERENT PAYMENT SCHEDULE. IF YOU AMEND THIS PAYMENT SCHEDULE, THEN MAKE SURE THAT YOU CLEARLY DESCRIBE WHEN AND HOW OFTEN THE JUDICIARY MUST PAY FOR THE SERVICES BEING RENDERED]. The Contractor agrees to begin, and to continue for as long as this contract provides, to perform the services on the island of [STATE THE ISLAND OF DELIVERY]. The Contractor will invoice the Judiciary and will be paid according to the following schedule:

DATE THE JUDICIARY RECEIVES INVOICE	INVOICE AMOUNT	PAYMENT DUE DATE
[Example: 1/1/16]	[Example: \$500]	[Example: 4/1/16]

2. If the notice to proceed is issued after a date identified in the above-schedule, then the Contractor will invoice the Judiciary on the next date identified in the above-schedule. Thereafter, invoices will be issued in accordance with the above-schedule and will continue to be issued until the contract is completed.
3. Payment by the Judiciary shall be made only upon Contractor's submission of evidence to the Expenditure Authority that the Contractor has delivered the services and has adhered to all contract terms and specifications.

4. If the Contractor fails to invoice the Judiciary according to the above schedule, then the Judiciary, at its sole discretion, may refuse to pay the untimely invoice. If the Judiciary exercises its right to refuse payment under this subsection, neither party will be relieved of its obligation to perform under this contract.

XIII. SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

No Contract can be formed prior to the approval of all required signatories, as evidenced by the signature affixed below of each of them, made in the order listed. The Contract shall become effective upon certification of contract completion by the Procurement Officer.

XIV. ADJUSTMENTS OF TIME FOR PERFORMANCE

The Expenditure Authority may grant the Contractor up to 30 additional days to complete the delivery of the services required by this contract. A grant of additional time will only be effective if it is placed in writing and signed by the Expenditure Authority.

The Contractor may grant the Judiciary additional time, as necessary, to complete the payment for the services. A grant of additional time will only be effective if it is placed in writing and signed by an agent of the Contractor.

XV. SIGNATURES

1. Procurement Officer

I declare that I have complied with the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement; that this contract is for a public purpose; and that the contract does not waste or abuse public funds. I declare that I, personally, have the authority to obligate the expenditure of funds for this contract. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed this day in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Christine D. Aninzo
Procurement Officer

Date

2. Budget and Finance Director

I hereby certify that the funds identified below are available and have been committed for funding of this Contract:

Account: _____

Amount: _____

John T. Villagomez
Budget and Finance Director

Date:

3. Legal Counsel

I hereby certify that this contract has been numbered, reviewed and approved as to form and legal capacity.

Hyun Jae Lee
General Counsel

Date:

4. Chief Justice

Alexandro C. Castro
Chief Justice

Date:

5. Contractor – [NAME OF CONTRACTOR]:

On behalf of the Contractor, I represent that I am authorized to bind the Contractor to the terms of this Contract, and by my signature I do hereby accept and bind the Contractor to the terms of this Contract. I further represent for the Contractor that no person associated with the Contractor has retained any person in violation of the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement.

PRINTED NAME OF SIGNING AUTHORITY

TITLE

SIGNATURE OF SIGNING AUTHORITY

Date

6. CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACT COMPLETION

I hereby certify that this contract bears all signatures and is therefore complete.

Christine D. Aninzo
Procurement Officer

Date

XVI. END OF CONTRACT DOCUMENT

Procurement Information

(For government purposes only)

Method of Procurement (Check one only)

- ☐ Competitive Sealed Bids
- ☐ Competitive Sealed Proposal
- ☐ Small Purchase
- ☐ Sole Source
- ☐ Emergency
- ☐ Expedited

Type of Procurement (Check one only)

- ☐ Initial procurement
- ☐ Subsequent procurement –
- ☐ Following Bid Protest
- ☐ Government's Option
- ☐ Replacement for Defaulted Contractor

Government contract numbers of all related contracts with the Vendor:

Insert Contract Numbers, or NONE

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STADARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

With respect to the subject matter of the Contract, as expressed in the Contract Documents, represents the entire agreement between the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary (“Judiciary”), Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro as Expenditure Authority (“Expenditure Authority”), and the Contractor, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings. No revision to the express terms of the contract shall be implied, except as required by law.

2. CONTRACT SUBJECT TO FUNDING

Continued funding of this Contract beyond the present fiscal year is contingent on availability of funding in future years. In the event that such funding does not become available, the Judiciary may terminate the contract without any further liability.

3. SEVERABILITY

If any part of the contract is declared unenforceable or invalid, the remainder of this contract will continue to be valid and enforceable.

4. CONTRACT NOT ASSIGNABLE

The Contract and all of its covenants shall inure to the benefit of and be binding respectively upon the Judiciary and the Contractor and its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives. The Contractor may not assign, transfer, encumber, or sublet its interest or obligations under the Contract without written consent of the Judiciary. No mechanic, subcontractor, supplier, or other person shall be permitted to contract for or in any other manner have or acquire any lien upon the services covered by the Contract, or the construction to which the services pertain, or the land upon which the construction is situated.

5. INTERPRETATION AND VALIDITY

(a) This contract shall be interpreted under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(b) All provisions of this Contract shall, to the extent practical, be interpreted to be consistent with the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement. In the event of an unresolvable conflict between any provision of the contract and the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement, the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement shall govern the Contract.

(c) In the event of a conflict between any provision of the Contract and Contract Documents and these Standard Terms and Conditions, the Contract and Contract Documents shall govern the Contract.

(d) If the Contract Documents include a “Special Conditions” document, that document shall be interpreted to supplement these Standard Terms and Conditions and shall prevail in the event of a conflict.

(e) In the event the contract or the procurement action resulting in the contract is found to be in violation of the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement, then the Contract will not be valid under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and may be found to be legally voidable. The Judiciary will seek to have any liability asserted against it by a contractor which directly results from improper acts of a government employee to be determined judicially to be the individual liability of the employee who committed the wrongful acts.

6. LAWS TO BE OBSERVED

(a) The Contractor is assumed to be familiar with all federal and local laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations which, in any manner, affect those engaged or employed in the work or the material or equipment used in or upon the site, or in any way affect the conduct of the work. No pleas of misunderstanding or ignorance on the part of the Contractor will, in any way, serve to modify the provisions of the contract.

(b) The Contractor, at all times, shall observe and comply with all Federal and local laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations in any manner affecting the conduct of the work, and the Contractor and their surety shall indemnify and save harmless the Judiciary and all its officers, agents and servants any claim or liability arising from or based on the violation of any such law, code, ordinance, regulation, order, or decree, whether by themselves or their employees.

(c) The Contractor shall be responsible for reporting to the Commonwealth Historical Preservation Office for verification and determination any discovery encountered during execution of this contract bearing archaeological, cultural, or historical content.

7. REGULATIONS CONTROLLING

This contract is void if either the procurement processes or contract execution fails to comply with the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement. Any procurement action of a Judiciary official or employee in violation of said rules is not authorized by the Judiciary and is an act for which the Judiciary will not take responsibility or be liable for in any manner. The Contractor and the Judiciary Procurement Officer hereby certify that they have both read and understand said procurement rules and have complied with all such regulations.

8. NO WAIVER BY JUDICIARY

The failure of the Judiciary in any one or more instances to insist upon strict performance of any of the items of the Contract, or to exercise any option herein conferred, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment, to any extent, of the right to assert or rely upon any such terms or options on any future occasion.

9. LITIGATION

If the Judiciary, without any fault on its own part, becomes a party to any litigation by or against the Contractor in connection with this contract, the Contractor shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Judiciary, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

10. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

(a) For purposes of the application of Article 11, "Ethics in Public Contracting" of the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement, the Contractor and its employees, agents, subcontractors, and representatives shall be considered employees of the Judiciary, as provided by NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement Rules 65 through 74.

(b) Except as stated in the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement authorized in writing by the Procurement Officer and only under the terms so stated or authorized, neither the Contractor nor its employees or subcontractors shall act for, represent, or bind the Judiciary in any capacity or manner whatsoever, or be deemed or considered an employee, agent, or representative of the

Judiciary, or be deemed to have any relationship with the Judiciary other than that of independent contractor.

11. AUTHORITIES AND LIMITATIONS

(a) All work under the Contract shall be performed under the general direction of the Procurement Officer, who alone shall have the power to bind the Judiciary and to exercise the rights, responsibilities, authorities and functions vested in them by the contract documents, except that they shall have the right to designate authorized representatives to act for them. The authorized representatives are responsible for guiding the technical aspects of the project and for general surveillance of the work performed. The authorized representatives shall not make any commitments or authorize any changes which constitute work not within the general scope of the Contract, change the expressed terms and conditions hereof or specifications incorporated or included herein, or by any act or omission authorize expressly or otherwise, a basis for any increase in the contract price or time for performance, unless permitted by the Contract or these Standard Terms and Conditions. Whenever any provisions in the Contract specify an individual (such as, but not limited to, Construction Engineer, Inspector, or Custodian) or an organization (whether government or private) to perform any act on behalf of, or in the interest of the Judiciary, that individual or organization shall be deemed to be the Procurement Officer's authorized representative under the Contract but only to the extent so specified. A copy of each document vesting authority in an authorized representative or designating an additional authorized representative shall be furnished to the Contractor.

(b) The Contractor shall perform the Contract in accordance with any order (including but not limited to instruction, direction, interpretation or determination issued by an authorized representative in accordance with their authority to act for the Procurement Officer; but the Contractor assumes all the risks and consequences of performing the contract in accordance with any order (including but not limited to, instruction, direction, interpretation, or determination) of anyone not authorized to issue such order.

(c) The work of the Contractor is subject to inspection to ensure strict compliance with the terms of the Contract. No inspector is authorized to change any provision of the specifications without the written authority of the Procurement Officer, nor shall the presence or absence of an inspector relieve the Contractor from any requirements of the work.

12. SATISFACTION OF EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY REQUIRED

The Contractor agrees to complete the contract according to the terms of the contract and to the full satisfaction of the Expenditure Authority.

13. DISPUTES AND REMEDIES

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, before the Contractor may bring any action at law or equity relating to any dispute relating to the Contract, including but not limited to claims for wrongful termination or breach, the Contractor must first submit the dispute to administrative resolution and appeal as provided by the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement.

(b) The Judiciary will not be held liable for interest on any judgment taken as a result of any legal action in connection with this contract.

(c) The Judiciary will not be held liable for any punitive damages as a result of any legal action in connection with this contract.

(d) Nothing in this clause shall serve to limit any remedies at law or equity available to the Judiciary.

14. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES [AS APPLICABLE]

(a) The amount per day of liquidated damages, as referred to in these Standard Terms and Conditions, is the sum stated as “Liquidated Damages” in the Contract and Agreement document, or, if no amount is stated in the Contract and Agreement, then in any document in the bid package, or, if no amount is stated in these documents, then in the Proposal, if any. In the event no amount for liquidated damages may be determined from the application of the first sentence of this paragraph, then the daily amount of liquidated damages shall be the greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by the number of calendar days of the contract time, the contract time and contract price being determined at the time of the assessment of liquidated damages. This amount is considered to be liquidated damages to reimburse the Judiciary for loss and damages suffered by the Judiciary and is in no case a penalty.

(b) In the event the Contractor shall fail fully to perform and complete the work in conformity with the Contract within the contract time, the Contractor shall pay to the Judiciary for each and every day of the additional time in excess of the contract time liquidated damages as specified in paragraph (a) of this clause.

(c) Liquidated damages may also be assessed against the Contractor under other provisions of the Contract, and shall be determined in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) The Judiciary may recover the amount of liquidated damages by deducting the amount thereof out of any monies which may be due or become due the Contractor under the Contract or under any other existing or future contract between the Judiciary and the Contractor, or by an action at law against the Contractor or their surety, or by any or all of these methods.

15. SUSPENSION OF WORK

(a) The Procurement Officer may order the Contractor in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work for such period of time as they may determine to be appropriate for the convenience of the Judiciary including, but not limited to suspensions for unfavorable weather or other essential conditions, failure on the part of the Contractor to prosecute properly the work in accordance with the contract, or failure of the Contractor to carry out orders or to remove defective materials or work.

(b) In the event of a suspension of work by the Procurement Officer under paragraph (a) of this clause for any reason over which the Contractor has or had no control, the Contractor may be reimbursed for actual money expended on the job during the period of suspension. No allowance will be made for anticipated profits. The period of suspension shall be computed from the date set out in written order for work to cease until the date of the order for work to resume.

(c) Claims for such compensation shall be filed with the Procurement Officer within 10 days after the date of the order to resume work, or such claim will not be considered. The Contractor shall submit with its claim substantiating papers covering the entire amount shown on the claim. The Procurement Officer shall take the claim under consideration, and may make such investigations as are deemed necessary, and shall be the sole judge as to the equitability of such claim and such decision shall be final.

(d) If the performance of all or any part of the work, for an unreasonable period of time, is suspended, delayed, or interrupted by an act of the Procurement Officer in the administration of the Contract, or by their failure to act within the time specified in the Contract (or if no time is

specified, within a reasonable time), an adjustment shall be made for any increase in the cost of performance of the Contract (excluding anticipated profit) necessarily caused by such unreasonable suspension, delay, or interruption, and the contract shall be modified in writing accordingly. However, no adjustment shall be made under this clause for any suspension, delay, or interruption to the extent: (1) that performance would have been so suspended, delayed, or interrupted by any other cause, including the fault or negligence of the Contractor; or (2) for which an equitable adjustment is provided for or excluded under any other provision of the Contract.

(e) No claim under paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause shall be allowed: (1) for any costs incurred more than twenty (20) days before the Contractor shall have notified the Procurement Officer in writing of the act or failure to act involved (but this requirement shall not apply as to a claim resulting from a suspension order); and (2) unless the claim, in an amount stated, is asserted in writing as soon as practicable after the termination of such suspension, delay, or interruption, but not later than the date of final payment under the contract.

(f) The Contractor shall not suspend the work without written approval by the Procurement Officer, and prior to resuming work shall give the Procurement Officer forty-eight (48) hours' notice to afford opportunity to re-establish inspection.

(g) No provision of this clause shall be construed as entitling the Contractor to compensation for delays due to inclement weather, delays due to failure for surety, for suspensions made at the request of the Contractor, or for any other delay provided for in the contract documents, including all amendments, addenda, and change orders.

16. VARIATION IN ESTIMATED QUANTITY

If the quantity of a unit-priced item in this contract is an estimated quantity and the actual quantity of the unit-priced item varies more than 15 percent above or below the estimated quantity, an equitable adjustment in the contract price shall be made upon demand of either party. The equitable adjustment shall be based upon any increase or decrease in costs due solely to the variation above 115 percent or below 85 percent of the estimated quantity. If the quantity variation is such as to cause an increase in the time necessary for completion, the Contractor may request, in writing, an extension of time, to be received by the Procurement Officer within 10 calendar days from the beginning of the delay, or within such further period as may be granted by the Procurement Officer before the date of final settlement of the contract. Upon the receipt of a written request for an extension, the Procurement Officer shall ascertain the facts and make an adjustment for extending the completion date as, in the judgement of the Procurement Officer, is justified.

17. CHANGES

(a) The Procurement Officer may, at any time and without notice to the sureties, by written order designated or indicated to be a change order, make any change in the work within the general scope of the contract, including but not limited to changes in:

- (i) The specifications (including drawings and designs);
- (ii) The method or manner of performance of the work;
- (iii) The Judiciary-furnished facilities, equipment, materials, services, or site;
- (iv) The directing of acceleration in performance of the work;
- (v) Place of delivery;
- (vi) Time of performance; or
- (vii) Description of services to be performed.

(b) Any other written order or an order (which terms as used in this paragraph shall include direction, instruction, interpretation, or determination) from the Procurement Officer, which causes any such change, shall be treated as a change order under this clause, provided that the Contractor gives the Procurement Officer written notice stating the date, circumstances, and source of the order and that the Contractor regards the order as a change order.

(c) Except as herein provided, no order, statement, or conduct of the Judiciary shall be treated as a change under this clause or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment hereunder.

(d) If any change under this clause causes an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work under the Contract, whether or not changed by any order, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly; provided, however, that except for claims based on defective specifications, no claim for any change under (b) above shall be allowed for any costs incurred more than twenty (20) days before the Contractor gives written notice as therein required: and provided further, that in the case of defective specifications for which the Judiciary is responsible, the equitable adjustment shall include any increased cost reasonably incurred by the Contractor in attempting to comply with such defective specifications.

(e) If the Contractor intends to assert a claim for an equitable adjustment under this clause, they must, within thirty (30) days after receipt of a written change order under paragraph (a) of this clause, or the furnishing of a written notice under paragraph (b) of this clause, submit to the Procurement Officer a written statement setting forth the general nature and monetary extent of such claim, unless this period is extended by the Procurement Officer. The statement of claim hereunder may be included in the notice under paragraph (b) of this clause.

(f) No claim by the Contractor for an equitable adjustment under this clause shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this contract.

(g) Additional performance and payment bond protection shall be furnished by the Contractor in connection with any modification affecting an increase in the price under the Contract if:

- (i) The modification is for new or additional work which is beyond the scope of the existing contract; or
- (ii) The modification is pursuant to an existing provision of the Contract and increases the contract price by \$5,000 or twenty five percent (25%) of the basic contract price whichever is less.

18. EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENT

(a) The Contractor's written statement of the monetary extent of a claim for equitable adjustment shall be submitted in the form of a lump sum proposal (unless otherwise requested by the Procurement Officer) with an itemized breakdown of all increases or decreases in the cost of the Contractor's and all subcontractors' work, in at least the following detail:

- (i) Material quantities and unit costs,
- (ii) Labor costs (identified with specific item of material to be placed or operation to be performed),
- (iii) Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability Insurance overhead, and
- (iv) Employment taxes under FICA, FUTA, and CNMI Social Security System.

(b) The percentage for overhead, profit, and commission shall be negotiated and may vary according to the nature, extent, and complexity of the work involved, but in no case shall exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the estimated cost of the work, and shall be considered to include, but is not limited to, insurance other than that mentioned in this clause, bonds, use of small tools,

incidental job burdens, and general office expense. No percentages for overhead, profit or commission, will be allowed on employment taxes under FICA, FUTA, and CNMI Social Security System.

(c) The Contractor shall submit with the proposal, any request for time extension related to the claim for equitable adjustment.

(d) In considering a proposal, the Procurement Officer will make check estimates in detail, utilizing unit prices where specified or agreed upon, with a view to arriving at an equitable adjustment.

(e) After receipt of a proposal with a detailed breakdown, the Procurement Officer shall act promptly thereon. Provided, however, that when the necessity to proceed with a change does not allow sufficient time to properly check a proposal, or in the event of failure to reach an agreement on a proposal, the Procurement Officer may order the Contractor to proceed on the basis of price to be determined at the earliest practicable date but not to be more than the increase or less than the decrease proposed.

(f) Except in unusual cases where neither the Contractor nor the Judiciary can ascertain the full extent of the work which will be required pursuant to a change until the work involved therein has been substantially completed, final agreement on a proposal shall be effected no later than the time when the work involved is estimated by the Procurement Officer to be 50% complete; in the event final agreement cannot be reached by that time, the Procurement Officer shall issue a unilateral determination as to the equitable adjustment of the contract price and the time required for performance.

19. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

(a) If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work, or any separable part thereof, with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the contract time, or fails to complete said work within the contract time, the Judiciary may, by written notice to the Contractor from the Procurement Officer, terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the work or such part of the work as to which there has been delay, after providing ten (10) day's written notice and an opportunity to the Contractor to show cause why such action should not be taken. In the event of a termination for default under this clause, the Judiciary may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and utilize in completing the work such materials, appliances, and plans as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefor. Whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated, the Contractor and their sureties shall be liable for any damage to the Judiciary resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within the contract time.

(b) The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be so terminated nor the Contractor charged with resulting damage if:

(i) The delay in the completion of the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted to acts of nature, acts of the public enemy, acts of the Commonwealth or the Judiciary in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the Government, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, unusually severe weather, or delays of subcontractors or suppliers of any tier arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of both the Contractor and such subcontractors or suppliers; and

(ii) The Contractor, within ten (10) days from the beginning of any such delay (unless the Procurement Officer grants a further period of time before the date of final payment under the

contract), notify the Procurement Officer in writing of the cause of delay. The Procurement Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay and extend the time for completing the work when, in their judgement, the findings of fact justify such an extension and his findings shall be final, subject only to appeal as provided in the “Disputes and Remedies” clause.

(c) If the Judiciary terminates the Contractor's right to proceed under paragraph (a), the resulting damage will consist of liquidated damages until such reasonable time as may be required for final completion of the work, together with any increased costs occasioned the Judiciary in completing the work.

(d) If the Contractor is in default under paragraph (a), but the Judiciary does not terminate the Contractor's right to proceed, the resulting damage will consist of applicable liquidated damages until the work is completed or accepted.

(e) The Contractor shall be in default of the Contract, and the Procurement Officer may immediately and without other notice, terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the Contract through written notice to the Contractor of default termination, upon a determination by the Procurement Officer that, related to this particular contract, any of the following has occurred—

(i) The Contractor has committed any breach of ethical standards as defined in the Contract Documents, the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement, or other applicable law.

(ii) The Contractor has participated in any violation of the rules in the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement to the disadvantage of the Judiciary.

(iii) The Contractor has colluded with other potential awardees of the Contract or with government employees to the disadvantage of the Judiciary.

(iv) The Contractor knowingly requests and/or receives payment to which it is not entitled under the specific terms of the Contract.

(v) The Contractor accepts payment with knowledge that government employees or officials authorizing the payment have not complied with the terms of the Contract or applicable law.

(f) If, after notice of termination of the contractor's right to proceed under any of the provisions of this clause, it is subsequently determined by the Procurement Officer (or, upon review of the Procurement Officer's decision, by an authorized administrative or judicial body) that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, or that the delay was excusable under the provisions of this clause, then the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to the “Termination for the Convenience of the Judiciary” clause. This paragraph shall provide the exclusive remedy for a wrongful termination for default.

(g) Any disagreement of the Contractor to any action taken by the Judiciary under this clause shall be a dispute within the meaning of the "Disputes and Remedies" clause.

(h) The rights and remedies of the Judiciary provided in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

20. TERMINATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE JUDICIARY

(a) Termination. The Procurement Officer may, when the interests of the Judiciary so require, terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the Judiciary. The Procurement Officer shall give written notice of the termination to the Contractor specifying the part of the contract terminated and when the termination becomes effective.

(b) Contractor's Obligations. The Contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and, on the date set in the notice of termination, the Contractor will stop work to the extent specified. The Contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as

they relate to the terminated work. The Contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The Procurement Officer may direct the Contractor to assign the Contractor's right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the Judiciary. The Contractor must still complete the work not terminated by the notice of termination and incur obligations as are necessary to do so.

(c) Right to Supplies. The Procurement Officer may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the Judiciary in the manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer:

- (i) Any completed supplies; and
- (ii) Such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the Contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of the Contract.

(d) The Contractor shall, upon direction of the Procurement Officer, protect and preserve property in the possession of the Contractor in which the Judiciary has an interest. If the Procurement Officer does not exercise the right specified in paragraph (c), the Contractor shall use their best efforts to sell such supplies and manufacturing materials in accordance with the standards of the Uniform Commercial Code of the Northern Mariana Islands, 5 CMC § 2706. Utilization of this procedure in no way implies that the Judiciary has breached the contract by exercise of the "Termination for Convenience of the Judiciary" clause.

(e) Compensation. The Contractor shall submit to the Procurement Officer a termination claim specifying the amount due because of the Termination for Convenience together with cost and pricing data to the extent required. If the Contractor fails to file a termination claim within one (1) year from the effective date of the termination, the Procurement Officer may pay the Contractor, if at all, an amount set in accordance with paragraph (g).

(f) The Procurement Officer and the Contractor may agree to a settlement provided the Contractor has filed a termination claim and that the settlement does not exceed the total contract price plus settlement costs reduced by payments previously made by the Judiciary, the proceeds of any sales and supplies and manufacturing materials under paragraph (d) and the contract price of the work not terminated.

(g) Absent complete agreement under paragraph (f), the Procurement Officer shall pay the Contractor the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under paragraph (f) shall not duplicate payments under this paragraph:

- (i) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract.
- (ii) costs incurred in preparing to perform and performing the terminated portion of the work plus a fair and reasonable profit on such portion of the work (such profit shall not include anticipatory profit or consequential damages) less amounts paid or to be paid for accepted supplies or services; provided, however, that if it appears that the Contractor would have sustained a loss if completed, no profit shall be allowed or included and the amount of compensation shall be reduced to reflect the anticipated rate of loss.
- (iii) cost of settling and paying claims arising out of termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to paragraph (f). These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with subparagraph (g)(ii).
- (iv) the reasonable settlement costs of the Contractor including accounting, legal, clerical, and other expenses reasonably necessary for the preparation of settlement claims and supporting data with respect to the terminated portion of the contract for the termination and settlement of the contracts thereunder, together with reasonable storage, transportation, and other costs incurred in

connection with the protection or disposition of property allocable to the terminated portion of the Contract. The total sum to be paid the Contractor under this subparagraph shall not exceed the total contract price plus reasonable settlement costs of the Contractor reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made from the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under paragraph (d), and the contract price of work not terminated.

21. RIGHTS-OF-WAY

(a) The Judiciary will furnish all lands, easements, and rights-of-way required for completion of the work. In acquiring easements or rights-of-way the Judiciary will proceed as expeditiously as possible, but in the event all rights-of-way or easements are not acquired prior to the beginning of construction, the Contractor shall begin work on such lands and rights-of-way as have been acquired. No claim for damage will be allowed by reason of the Judiciary's delay in obtaining lands, easements, or rights-of-way. In the event of litigation or other delays in acquiring rights-of-way, the time allowed herein for completion of the work will be extended to compensate the Contractor for time actually lost by such delay.

22. APPROPRIATENESS OF EQUIPMENT

The Contractor shall furnish such equipment as is considered necessary for the prosecution of the work in an acceptable manner and at a satisfactory rate of progress. All equipment, tools, and machinery used for handling materials and executing any part of the work may be subject to the approval of the Procurement Officer and may be maintained in a satisfactory working condition. Equipment used on any portion of the work shall be such that no injury to the work, roadways, adjacent property, or other objects will result from its use. The contract may be terminated if the Contractor fails to provide adequate and proper equipment for the work.

23. SITE INVESTIGATION

(a) The Contractor acknowledges that they have investigated and satisfied themselves as to the conditions affecting the work, including but not restricted to those bearing upon transportation, disposal, handling and storage of materials, availability of labor, water, electric power, roads and uncertainties of weather, river stages, tides, or similar physical conditions at the site, the conformations and conditions of the ground, the character of equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during prosecution of the work. The Contractor further acknowledges that they have satisfied themselves as to the character, quality and quantity of surface and subsurface materials or obstacles to be encountered insofar as this information is reasonably ascertainable from an inspection of the site, including all exploratory work done by the Judiciary, as well as from information presented by the drawings and specifications made as part of this contract. Any failure by the Contractor to acquaint himself with the available information will not relieve him from responsibility for estimating properly the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the work. The Judiciary assumes no responsibility for any conclusions or interpretations made by the Contractor on the basis of the information made available by the Judiciary.

24. DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS

(a) The Contractor shall promptly, and before such conditions are disturbed, notify the Procurement Officer in writing of:

(i) Subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing materially from those indicated in the Contract, or;

- (ii) Unknown physical conditions at the site, of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered, and generally recognized as hindering work of the character provided for in the Contract.
- (b) The Procurement Officer shall promptly investigate the conditions, and if they find that such conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for performance of, any part of the work under the Contract, whether or not changed as a result of such conditions, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly.
- (c) No claim by the Contractor under this clause shall be allowed unless the Contractor has given notice required in (a) above; provided, however, the time prescribed therefore may be extended by the Judiciary.
- (d) No claim by the Contractor for an equitable adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this contract.
- (e) The Contractor shall submit all claims for equitable adjustment in accordance with, and subject to the requirements and limitations set out in the "Equitable Adjustment" clause.
- (f) Upon written request by the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall submit a proposal, in accordance with the requirements and limitations set out in the "Equitable Adjustment" clause, for work involving contemplated changes covered by the request, within the time limit indicated in the request or any extension of such limit as may be subsequently granted. If, within a reasonable time after receipt of such a proposal, the Procurement Officer orders the Contractor to proceed with the performance of the work contemplated, the proposal submitted prior to the order shall constitute the Contractor's statement of the monetary extent of claim for equitable adjustment.

25. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, inspection and test by the Judiciary of material and workmanship required by the Contract shall be made at reasonable times and at the site of the work, unless the Judiciary determines that such inspection or test of material which is to be incorporated in the work shall be made at the place of production, manufacture, or shipment of such material. To the extent specified by the Judiciary, at the time of determining to make off-site inspection or test, such inspection or test shall be conclusive as to whether the material involved conforms to the contract requirements. Such off-site inspection or test shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for damage to or loss of the material prior to acceptance, nor in any way affect the continuing rights of the Judiciary after acceptance of the completed work under the terms of paragraph (b) of this clause, except as provided in this paragraph.
- (b) The Contractor shall, without charge, replace any materials or correct any workmanship found by the Judiciary not to conform to the contract requirements unless, in the public interest, the Judiciary consents to accept such material or workmanship with an appropriate adjustment in contract price. The Contractor shall promptly segregate and remove rejected material from the premises.
- (c) If the Contractor does not promptly replace such material or correct such workmanship, the Judiciary may: (1) by contract or otherwise, replace such material or correct such workmanship and charge the cost thereof to the Contractor; or (2) terminate the Contractor's right to proceed in accordance with the "Disputes and Remedies" clause.
- (d) The Contractor shall furnish promptly, without additional charge, all facilities, labor and material reasonably needed for performing the safe and convenient inspection and test as may be required by the Judiciary. All inspection and testing by the Judiciary shall be performed in such

manner so as to not delay the work unnecessarily. Special, full size, and performance tests shall be performed as described in the Contract. The Contractor shall be charged with any additional cost of inspection when material and workmanship are not ready at the time specified by the Contractor for its inspection.

(e) Should it be considered necessary or advisable by the Judiciary, at any time before acceptance of the entire work, to make an examination of work already completed, by removing or tearing out same, the Contractor shall, on request, promptly furnish all necessary facilities, labor, and material. If such work is found to be defective or nonconforming in any material respect, due to the fault of the Contractor or their subcontractors, they shall defray all the expenses of such examination and of satisfactory reconstruction. If, however, such work is found to meet the requirements of the contract, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the contract price to compensate the Contractor for the additional services involved in such examination and reconstruction and, if completion of the work has been delayed thereby, they shall, in addition, be granted a suitable extension of time.

(f) Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, acceptance by the Judiciary shall be made as promptly as practicable after completion and inspection of all work required by the Contract. Acceptance shall be final and conclusive except as regards latent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as may amount to fraud, or as regards the Judiciary's right under any warranty or guarantee.

(g) The Contractor shall give the Judiciary at least 10 days advance written notice of the date the work will be fully complete and ready for final inspection and tests will be started within 10 days from the date specified in the aforesaid notice unless the Judiciary determines that the work is not ready for final inspection and so informs the Contractor.

(h) The Contractor shall submit to the Judiciary, in writing, a letter request for a pre-final inspection not less than 72 hours (3 days) prior to the date of the requested inspection. The Contractor should provide a copy of this letter to the Judiciary or their designee with a date stamp mark affixed by the NMI Judiciary Office of Procurement.

26. MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP

(a) Unless otherwise specifically provided in the Contract, all equipment, material, and articles incorporated in the work covered by the Contract are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Unless otherwise specially provided in the Contract, reference to any equipment, material, article, or patented process, by trade name, make or catalog number, shall not be construed as limiting competition, and the Contractor may, at their option, use any equipment, material, article or process which, in the judgment of the Procurement Officer, is equal to that named. The Contractor shall furnish to the Procurement Officer for their approval the name of the manufacturer, the model number, and other identifying data and information respecting the performance, capacity, nature, and rating of the machinery and mechanical and other equipment which the Contractor contemplates incorporating in the work. When so directed, samples shall be submitted for approval at the Contractor's expense, with all shipping charges prepaid. Machinery, equipment, material, and articles installed or used without required approval shall be at the risk of subsequent rejection.

(b) All work under the Contract shall be performed in a skillful and workmanlike manner. The Procurement Officer may, in writing, require the Contractor to remove from the work any employee the Procurement Officer deems incompetent, careless, or otherwise objectionable.

27. OTHER CONTRACTS

(a) The Judiciary may undertake or award other contracts for additional work, and the Contractor shall fully cooperate with such other contractors and Judiciary employees and carefully fit his own work to such additional work as may be directed by the Judiciary. The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act which will interfere with the performance of work by any other Contractor, or with the performance of work by any Judiciary employee.

28. SUBCONTRACTS

(a) Nothing contained in this contract shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the Judiciary. The divisions or sections of the specifications are not intended to direct the Contractor in dividing the work among subcontractors, or to limit the work performed by any trade.

(b) Within ten (10) days after award of any subcontract by either the Contractor or any of their subcontractors, the Contractor shall deliver to the Judiciary a statement setting forth the name and address of the subcontractor and a summary description of the work subcontracted.

(c) The Contractor shall be responsible to the Judiciary for acts and omissions of their own employees and of subcontractors and their employees. They shall also be responsible for the coordination of the work of the trades, subcontractors, and suppliers.

(d) The Judiciary will not undertake to settle any differences between or among the contractor, subcontractors, and suppliers.

29. JUDICIARY OCCUPANCY

(a) The Procurement Officer reserves the right of partial occupancy or use of facilities, services, and utilities, prior to final acceptance, without implying compliance or acceptance of any part of the project by the Judiciary. Prior to such occupancy or use, the Judiciary shall furnish the Contractor with an itemized list of work remaining to be performed or corrected.

(b) Costs incurred as a result of such partial occupancy or use of facilities, services and utilities are subject to equitable adjustment under the provisions of the "Changes" and the "Equitable Adjustment" clauses.

(c) Necessary restoration and repair of damage resulting from partial occupancy or use shall not be at the expense of the Contractor.

30. PERMITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Unless otherwise agreed, the Contractor shall, without additional expense to the Judiciary, be responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses and permits and for complying with all applicable Federal, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and municipal codes and regulations in connection with prosecution of the work. The Contractor shall take proper safety and health precautions to protect the work, the workers, the public, and the property of others. The Contractor shall be responsible for all materials delivered and work performed until completion and acceptance of the entire construction work, except for any completed unit of construction thereof which therefore has been accepted.

31. CONVICT LABOR

In connection with the performance of work under the Contract, the Contractor agrees not to employ any person undergoing sentence of imprisonment at hard labor.

32. DEBRIS AND CLEANING

(a) The Contractor shall, during the progress of the work, remove and dispose of the resultant dirt and debris and keep the job site clean.

(b) Upon completion of the work, the Contractor shall remove from the vicinity of the work all plant, buildings, rubbish, unused materials, concrete forms and other like material and construction equipment belonging to him/her or used under their direction during construction, except as otherwise directed, and in the event of their failure to do so to the satisfaction of the Judiciary, the same may be removed by the Judiciary or otherwise, at the expense of the Contractor, and their surety or sureties shall be liable therefore.

33. SANITATION

Adequate sanitary conveniences of an approved type for the use of persons employed on the work, and properly secluded from public observation, shall be provided and maintained by the Contractor in such a manner and at such points as shall be required or approved by the Judiciary. These conveniences shall be maintained at all times without nuisance, and this shall be strictly enforced. Upon completion of the work, they shall be removed from the premises, leaving the premises clean and free from nuisance.

34. FAILURE TO FURNISH INFORMATION AND RECORDS

(a) If the Contractor or any subcontractor or the officers or agents of the Contractor or any subcontractor shall refuse or have refused, except as provided otherwise by the terms Contract, to furnish to any Commonwealth agency, or any establishment in the legislative or judicial branch of the Commonwealth, information or records reasonably pertinent to the Contract or any other Judiciary contract in connection with which the Contractor or any such subcontractors has or shall have performed work or furnished materials or supplies or undertaken so to do, the following action may be taken:

(b) In the case of a refusal by the Contractor, its officers or agents, the Judiciary may, after affording an opportunity to explain or justify such refusal, terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the work under the Contract and thereupon the Judiciary may avail itself of the rights and remedies provided in the "Termination for Default" clause, in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

(c) In the case of a refusal by a subcontractor, its officers or agents, the Judiciary may, after affording an opportunity to explain or justify such refusal, require the Contractor to terminate the subcontract without cost to the Judiciary, or if the Contractor fails or refuses to effect such termination, the Judiciary may terminate the Contractor's right to proceed with the work under the Contract and thereupon the Judiciary may avail itself of the rights and remedies referred to in the "Termination for Default" clause.

35. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Any contract funded with federal funds is required to comply with all applicable federal laws, executive orders, policies regulations, and standards applicable to the specific project and provide federal agencies with access to Contractor records. Contractors have a duty to clarify applicable requirements prior to entering into the contract and by signature agree to comply with all applicable federal requirements. Federal requirements include but are not limited to the following:

(a) Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324 -7328);

- (b) OMB Circular A-133, Part 3;
- (c) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, (40 USCA § 3701 et seq.) If the Contract is in excess of \$100,000 and involves the employment of mechanics or laborers, Contractor shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, Contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1½ times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence;
- (d) Clean Air Act, (42 USCA § 7606 et seq.); and
- (e) Federal Water Pollution Control Act, (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) If the Contract is in excess of \$150,000 Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401—7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251—1387). Violations shall be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);
- (f) Davis-Bacon Act, (40 U.S.C. 276a – 276a-7) If the Contract is in excess of \$2000 and pertains to construction or repair, and further, if required by Federal program legislation, Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141—3148) and as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). Under this Act, the Contractor is required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the minimum wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, the Contractor shall be required to pay wages not less than once a week;
- (g) Copeland Anti-Kickback Act (18 USC § 874 et seq.) If the Order is in excess of \$2000 and pertains to construction or repair, Contractor shall comply with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides in part that Contractor shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which it is otherwise entitled;
- (h) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333);
- (i) Equal Employment opportunity compliance including Federal statutes relating to discrimination including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352; Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1683, 1685 - 1686), (42 USCA § 2001 et seq.);
 - (i) Equal Employment Opportunity. For all Contracts that qualify as “federally assisted construction contracts” as defined in 41 CFR Part 60–1.3, Contractor agrees to comply with E.O. 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity,” as amended by E.O. 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of

Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

- (ii) Additional Equal Employment Opportunity Clause. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Procurement Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (j) Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4801 et seq.) Legal citations provided above are not meant as limiting Contractor to specified sections of federal requirements, and are only provided to assist the contractor in identifying some pertinent sections of law;
- (k) Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201) – Contractor agrees to comply with all mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201);
- (l) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) – If the Contract is for \$100,000 or more, Contractor and its subcontractors shall file the certification required by this statute and associated regulations. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the Commonwealth;
- (m) Debarment and Suspension (E.O.s 12549 and 12689) – Contractor represents and warrants that it is not listed on the governmentwide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM) in accordance with OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement E.O.s 12549 and 12689, “Debarment and Suspension.” This list contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, and contractors declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549;
- (n) The Contractor certifies compliance with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. In particular, the requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000.
- (o) If applicable, the Contractor certifies compliance with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act by procuring

solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery.

- (p) If the contracting agency is an EPA financial assistance agreement recipient, then the contract agrees that it shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor further agrees that it shall carry out the applicable requirements of 40 CFR part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under EPA financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract which may result in the termination of this contract or other legally available remedies. The contractor understands that it bears the final responsibility for determining whether the contracting agency is an EPA financial assistance agreement recipient.

36. TAXES, INSURANCE, AND PERMITS

The Contractor is responsible for all applicable Commonwealth or federal taxes and fees which may become due and owing by the Contractor by reason of this contract. The Contractor is also responsible for obtaining all insurance, licenses, permits, and certificates that may be required in order to perform this contract.

37. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATION OF PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS

If the contract is in violation of the NMI Judiciary Rules of Procurement, then the Contractor may be subject to debarment or suspension from government contracting. Any person found to be violating the procurement rules may be personally liable for any damages incurred, in addition to other penalties provided for by law or rules.

38. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

No member of Congress of the United States, member of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature or the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall be admitted to any share of the Contract, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom; but this provision shall not be construed to extend to the Contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

39. GRATUITIES

It shall be a breach of contract for the Contractor to offer, give, or agree to give a gratuity or an offer of employment to any employee or former employee in connection with the execution of this contract. It shall be a breach of contract for any government employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from the contractor, a gratuity, or an offer of employment in connection with the execution of this contract.

40. KICKBACKS PROHIBITED

It shall be a breach of contract for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

41. CONTINGENT FEES

The Contractor hereby represents that it has not retained any person to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission percentage, brokerage or contingent

fee except for the retention of a bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.

42. RIGHT TO AUDIT

The Contractor and subcontractor or grantee and sub-grantee at all levels shall provide the Public Auditor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with access to and the right to examine and copy any records, data or papers relevant to this contract or grant until three (3) years have passed since the final payment pursuant to this contract or grant.

43. RIGHT TO INSPECT PLANT OR PLACE OF BUSINESS [AS APPLICABLE]

The Judiciary may, at reasonable times, inspect the part of the plant or place of business of a contractor or any subcontractor which is related to the performance of the Contract.