

RETURN WITH BID**SCHEDULE OF PRICES**
Contract Bid Items

Project Name:

**Delta Coal Mining Company East
Tree Planting Project**

County:

Williamson

Project Number:

AML-GWmE-1405

#	BID ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1	Tree, Black Cherry, 3' Height, Bare Root	EACH	47		
2	Tree, Crab Apple, 3' Height, Bare Root	EACH	47		
3	Tree, Hazelnut, 3' Height, Bare Root	EACH	47		
4	Tree, Pin Oak, 3' Height, Bare Root	EACH	42		
5	Tree, Plum, 3' Height, Bare Root	EACH	47		
6	Tree, Northern Red Oak, 3' Height, Bare Root	EACH	42		
7	Tree, Sweet Gum, 3' Height, Bare Root	EACH	43		
8	Tree, Sycamore, 3' Height, Bare Root	EACH	42		
9	Tree, White Oak, 3' Height, Bare Root	EACH	43		
				BID TOTAL	

Bidder's (Firm) Name _____

Address _____ Telephone No. _____

Signed this _____ day of

By _____, 20_____.

(Title)

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF:
Delta Coal Mining Company East Tree Planting Project
Williamson County, Illinois
AML-GWmE-1405

The "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction," adopted January 1, 2012 by the Illinois Department of Transportation; as amended and supplemented by the "Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions," adopted January 1, 2014 (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Standard Specifications"), are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract for the Delta Coal Mining Company East Tree Planting Project, Williamson County, AML-GWmE-1405. (The Standard Specifications can be purchased from the Illinois Department of Transportation.)

The following Special Provisions supplement the Standard Specifications, and govern the construction of the Delta Coal Mining Company East Tree Planting Project. In the event of conflict between the Special Provisions and the Standard Specifications, the Special Provisions shall take precedence and govern.

In the application of the Standard Specifications to this Contract, references to the Department of Transportation shall be interpreted to mean the Department of Natural Resources; Office of Mines and Minerals; Division of Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation (Department).

The advertising for Bids, Prequalifications of Bidders, Issuance of Proposals, Proposal Guarantee, and Acceptance and Opening of Bids shall be in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Proposals, Schedule of Prices, Signature Sheet and other bidding or contract requirements as utilized by the Department of Natural Resources; Office of Mines and Minerals; Division of Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation (Department) shall apply to this contract.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

This tree planting project establishes trees at previously mined and reclaimed areas. This project consists of work items as described in detail herein, and within the Plans or Plan Documents.

LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

The Delta Coal Company East Tree Planting Project is located 4 miles Southeast of Crab Orchard in Section 34 of Township 9 South, Range 4 East and Section 3 of Township 10 South, Range 4 East in Williamson County, Illinois. This site can be accessed by traveling west on Miles Trail Road from Dykersburg Road.

ABILITY OF CONTRACTOR TO COMPLETE WORK

The Contractor shall be able to provide the necessary equipment and manpower to successfully complete all phases of the contract as described herein.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to visit the reclamation site in order to become fully acquainted with all the details pertaining to the project. The Contractor shall be responsible for ***obtaining*** any and all permits required ***by local ordinances, state and/or federal laws, and shall be required to become a party to the Department of Natural Resources; Office of Mines and Minerals; Division of Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation (Department) Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, as mandated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency***

General Permit for Storm Water Discharges. Consents for Right of Entry from property owners, *will be* obtained by the Department.

Any fees required for the procurement of other permits which may be necessary shall be at the expense of the Contractor, not to be reimbursed by the State, but to be considered incidental to the contract.

During the performance of this construction contract, the Contractor shall not enter into any agreement to provide additional work for or at the direction of the owner(s) of the property where the reclamation shall take place, or with the owner(s) of adjacent or nearby property, without the prior written approval of the Department. The Contractor agrees that any additional work to be performed for such owners, after approval by the Department, will not be permitted to interfere with the scheduled operations or planned reclamation results specified for the reclamation project. The Contractor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Department against any and all claims for personal injury or property damage arising out of or occasioned by the additional work.

STARTING DATE OF CONTRACT

Work on the project shall commence within 15 calendar days of the execution of the contract. The Contractor shall contact the Department within that 15 calendar day period to schedule a preconstruction conference prior to the beginning of actual construction operations. The start of work may be delayed only with written consent of the Engineer.

CONTRACT ENDING DATE

This Contract shall end on or before **December 31, 2015** (see also interim progress date below).

PROGRESS AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

All work shall proceed in accordance with a Progress Schedule as provided in Article 108.02 of the Standard Specifications.

Tree Planting must be performed within specified times for optimum chances of success. Failure to complete all contract work, except for Plant Care per Article 253.15 of the Standard Provisions, by **December 15, 2014** shall be considered a material breach of the Contract and the Department may assess liquidated damages immediately upon such failure, and until said work is completed, as provided in Failure to Complete the Work on Time per Article 108.09 of the Standard Specifications.

All remaining work, including final clean-up, removal of equipment, final inspection, any alterations, repair, remedial or holdover work, and submission of the final pay request shall be completed prior to the contract ending date.

EXISTING PAVEMENTS

Existing on-site roadways may be used for construction traffic. The Contractor shall provide temporary additional roads needed for required construction access, maintain existing roads throughout construction, and restore to original or better condition at completion of work.

BASE AND TOPPING MATERIALS

For temporary construction which will be removed when no longer needed for construction purposes, and all affected areas restored to original or better condition at the completion of work, the selection of these materials is at the Contractor's option, unless otherwise specified.

FIELD ENGINEERING

Requirements Included:

The Contractor shall provide and pay for all field engineering services required for the project, including:

1. Lay-out and field stake the project's construction limits, unless otherwise specified on the plans, to the satisfaction of the Engineer.
2. All survey work required in execution of the project.

Survey Reference Points:

Existing basic horizontal and vertical control points for the project are identified on the plans and will be identified by the Engineer for the Contractor's use. The Contractor shall locate and protect control points prior to starting site work, and preserve all permanent reference points during construction.

Project Survey Requirement:

The Contractor shall use established bench marks on-site as identified on the plans. The Contractor shall establish construction limits, lines and levels, locate and lay-out by instrumentation and similar appropriate means, all site improvements. From time to time, the Engineer shall verify layouts by same methods.

Initial, periodic and final cross-sectioning of borrow areas for payment will be performed by the Engineer.

Records:

The Contractor shall maintain complete, accurate records, computations and field books of all control and survey work as it progresses. These shall be kept on-site for use of and reference by the Engineer.

Submittal:

The Contractor shall submit name and address of surveyor or engineer to the Project Engineer.

OWNER OCCUPANCY

Owners will occupy premises during entire construction period for conduction of their normal operations. The Contractor shall cooperate with Owners in scheduling operations to minimize conflict and to facilitate Owner's usage.

TEMPORARY CONTROLS

A. Dust and Mud Control:

The Contractor shall provide positive methods and apply dust control materials to minimize raising dust from construction operations, and provide positive means to prevent air-borne dust from dispersing into the atmosphere.

B. Debris Control:

The Contractor shall initiate and maintain a specific program to prevent accumulation of debris at the construction site, storage and parking areas, or along access roads and haul roads.

C. Pollution Control:

The Contractor shall provide methods, means and facilities required to prevent contamination of soil, water or atmosphere by the discharge of noxious substances and sediments from construction operations. *All projects involving the disturbance of 1 or more acres are covered by NPDES General Permit Number ILR100000, issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for storm water discharges from construction site activities. The Contractor shall be required to comply with the provisions of the General Permit and must become a party to the Department of Natural Resources; Office of Mines and Minerals; Division of Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.*

The Contractor shall prevent harmful substances, such as acid water, from entering public or private waters. If treatment of acid water is determined necessary by the Engineer and it is not specified within these special provisions, any water treated will be paid for in accordance with Article 109.04 of the Standard Specifications. The Contractor is liable for restoration of water quality and aquatic life if adversely affected by his/her actions. The Contractor shall maintain all such systems throughout the duration of the project.

The Contractor shall provide systems for control of atmospheric pollutants to prevent toxic concentrations of chemicals; to prevent harmful dispersal of pollutants into the atmosphere; and to comply with all permit requirements that may apply.

The Contractor must notify the Engineer immediately if buried wastes, liquid waste vessels or other potentially harmful materials are encountered. Necessary precautions should be taken to safeguard the area and to protect workers and the public until further directions are provided by the Engineer.

End of SECTION 000

SECTION 100 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND COVENANTS

SECTION 101: DEFINITION OF TERMS - (revise and add the following articles as indicated)

Whenever in these specifications or in other contract documents the following terms or pronouns in place of them are used, the intent of meaning shall be interpreted as follows:

Article 101.03 Award - (revise as indicated)

The decision of the Department of Natural Resources; Office of Mines and Minerals; Division of Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation to accept the proposal of the lowest responsible bidder for the work, subject to the execution and approval of a satisfactory contract therefore and bond to secure the performance thereof, and to such other conditions as may be specified or otherwise required by law.

Article 101.14 Department - (revise as indicated)

The Department of Natural Resources of the State of Illinois with its principal offices of business at Springfield.

Article 101.16 Engineer - (revise as indicated)

The Director of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Illinois; or his authorized representative limited by the particular duties entrusted to him.

Article 101.35 Right of Way - (revise as indicated)

Right of way shall be replaced by construction limits, except when used in conjunction with right of way markers or highways.

Article 101.39 Roadway - (revise as indicated)

Roadway shall be replaced by site.

Article 101.47 Subgrade - (revise as indicated)

The top surface of the mine refuse upon which the cover soil is placed.

(Add the following section)

Article 101.56 Gob

Coarse textured mine waste material, generally acidic, from a coal cleaning process. This material is composed of rock, shale, pyritic material and varying amounts of coal. The material varies considerably in its moisture content, texture, stable angle of repose and bearing capacity.

(Add the following section)

Article 101.57 Mine Spoil

A mixture of various soil and rock material as a result of the removal of overburden to expose the coal in surface mining. The material varies considerably in its' moisture content, texture, stable angle of repose and bearing capacity.

(Add the following section)

Article 101.58 Slurry

A mixture of coal fines and fine coal waste material resulting from a coal cleaning process. This material is composed of water, silts, clays, pyritic material and coal. The material varies considerably in its' moisture content, stable angle of repose, shear strength and bearing capacity.

End of Revisions to SECTION 101: DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 102: ADVERTISEMENT, BIDDING, AWARD, AND CONTRACT EXECUTION - (revise the following article as indicated)

Article 102.01 - (add the following)

When the plans or Special Provisions include information pertaining to subsurface exploration, borings, test pits and other preliminary investigation, such information represents only the best knowledge of the Department of Natural Resources as to the location, character or quantity of the materials encountered and is only included for the convenience of the bidder. The Department of Natural Resources assumes no responsibility whatever in respect to the sufficiency or accuracy of the information, and there is no guaranty, either expressed or implied, that the conditions indicated are representative of those existing throughout the work, or that unanticipated developments may not occur. All soil information upon which the design was prepared is available for examination by all prospective bidders at the Department of Natural Resources's Springfield or Benton office.

The topographical land features of abandoned coal mine sites have typically been altered or impacted by the mining operations. When mine refuse covers those features, it may be difficult or impossible to discover or estimate the full extent of impacts to the ground surface. The depths and composition of mine refuse, as well as corresponding ground surface characteristics as represented in the Plans, are based upon available information and extrapolations from surrounding land features and deductive reasoning as to the probable techniques employed by the mining operation. The Plan lines that indicate existing conditions do not purport to fully represent minor variations in refuse depth or thickness, or small, hidden pockets of mine refuse. Such conditions encountered, shall not constitute a basis for unit price adjustment or extra compensation.

Article 102.02 Proposal Guaranty (add this section)

A proposal guaranty or bid bond is not required for this project.

End of Revisions to SECTION 102: ADVERTISEMENT, BIDDING, AWARD, AND CONTRACT EXECUTION

SECTION 107: LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC - (revise and add the following articles as indicated)

Article 107.11 Insurance Requirements for Railroad - Highway Crossing - (add the following)

When work is to be performed within the right-of-way of an active railroad, the Contractor shall provide the following insurance requirements.

Article 107.19 Unexpected Regulated Substances - (revise as indicated)

Delete references to the Response Action Contractor Indemnification Act found in Article 107.19, 6th paragraph. Said Act is not applicable to federally funded abandoned mine reclamation projects. All other provisions of Article 107.19 shall remain in full force and effect.

Article 107.20 Protection and Restoration of Property - (add the following)

If any damages are incurred from the Contractor's operations to any properties outside of the construction limits as shown on the plans, the Contractor shall be responsible for all repairs required to restore the damaged areas to their original condition regardless of the property involved. Any deviations from the limits of the construction area or requirements specified herein shall only be done with written approval of the Engineer pursuant to the following:

1. Written request from the Contractor, due to the limitations of the construction area as it affects his efficiency to complete the contract.
2. If the Engineer deems it necessary to deviate from the construction limits, as provided herein, to improve the work ability of the contract.

Article 107.22 Approval of Proposed Borrow Areas, Use Areas, and/or Waste Areas. (delete section and replace with the following section)

Proposed borrow areas are to be designated by the Contractor to the Engineer and approved prior to their use. A map showing the location and approximate size limits of the borrow area shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval. The Engineer will consult with the Department to determine if potentially significant cultural and /or biological resources may be present at the site. If the Department determines that potentially significant cultural and/or biological resources may be present, the Contractor shall have the option of choosing another site or paying for additional surveys and testing. Results of the additional surveying and testing will determine if the site may be used or if the Contractor must provide another site. The borrow area shall not be disturbed until the Department has given approval.

Article 107.27 Insurance - (delete and replace with the following)

The Contractor, prior to execution of the contract, shall obtain and thereafter keep in force the following insurance coverage provided by insurance companies acceptable to the Department and authorized to transact business under the laws of the State of Illinois. Insurance protection shall be provided against claims which may arise out of or result from the Contractor's performance and furnishing of the work and Contractor's other obligations under the contract, whether the work or obligation is to be performed or furnished by the Contractor, any subcontractor or supplier, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the work, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. The Department and all property owner(s) of the site where the work is to be performed shall be listed as additional

insurers on the Contractor's General Liability Policy. Coverage to the Department shall be in the name of "The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals, Division of Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation, to its officers, agents and employees." When work is to be performed within railroad right-of-ways, the requirements of Article 107.11 of the Standard Specifications will also apply.

Article 107.32 Furnishing Right of Way - (change to)

The Department shall secure and provide permission from the property owners for reclamation to be performed.

(Add the following section)

Article 107.42 Limitation on Mechanics Liens

The owners and tenants of private property involved in Abandoned Mined Land (AML) projects are not responsible to the Contractor, nor to any Sub-Contractor, material supplier, operator or laborer for any of the costs or expenses of the reclamation work. AML projects are undertaken pursuant to the Abandoned Mined Lands and Water Reclamation Act for the protection of the public health and safety and/or protection of the environment. Project design, contracting, and payment are the sole responsibility of the Department.

In the event of a contract dispute, the Contractor's remedies shall be limited to those provided in the Contract and to claims or actions to be brought against the Department in the Illinois Court of Claims, pursuant to the Court of Claims Act (Illinois. Rev. Stat 1991, ch. 37, par. 439.1 et. seq.). The Contractor shall not place any mechanics liens against any private property involved in the reclamation project.

Sub-Contractors, material suppliers, operators, and laborers remedies for non-payment include all legal actions against the Contractor, claims and actions brought against the Contractor's surety under the contract performance and payment bond, and claims for "Liens Against Public Funds" as provided in paragraph 23(c) of the Mechanics Lien Act. Sub-Contractors, material suppliers, operators, and laborers shall have no rights in regard to liens against private property.

The Contractor shall cause the terms of this Special Provision to be included in all subcontracts.

End of Revisions to SECTION 107: LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC

SECTION 108: PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS - (revise the following articles as indicated)

Article 108.07 Suspension of Work - (add the following)

The Department hereby makes express provision for any suspensions which may result from disputes with property owners. The Engineer may suspend work for up to ten working days during the contract period without additional compensation to the Contractor, when such suspension is necessary to resolve disputes or problems with property owners. Multiple suspensions, less than ten working days each, shall not exceed ten working days total, without additional compensation.

End of Revisions to SECTION 108: PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS

SECTION 109: MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT - (revise the following articles as indicated)

Article 109.07 Partial Payments (Add the following after the first paragraph of 109.07(a))

The State will deduct from the amount so determined for the first 50 percent of the completed work a sum of ten percent to be retained until after the completion of the entire work to the satisfaction of the Engineer. After 50 percent or more of the work is completed, the Engineer may, at his/her discretion, certify the remaining partial payments without any further retention, provided that satisfactory progress is being made, and provided that the amount retained is not less than five percent of the total adjusted contract price. When the principal items of the work have been satisfactorily completed, a semi-final estimate may be made with the consent of the surety. Payment to the Contractor under such an estimate shall not exceed 90 percent of the amount retained after making partial payments, but in no event shall the amount retained after making the semi-final payment be less than one percent of the adjusted contract price, nor less than \$500.00.

At the request of the Contractor, with approval of the Department, the retainage of the contract set forth in this Article may be deposited under a trust agreement with an Illinois Financial Institution of the Contractor's choice and subject to the approval of the Department. The Contractor shall receive any interest thereon. Pursuant to application by the Contractor, a trust agreement by an Illinois Financial Institution and the Department shall contain, as a minimum, the amount to be deposited subject to the trust, the terms and conditions of payment in case of default of the Contractor, and the termination of the trust agreement upon completion of the contract.

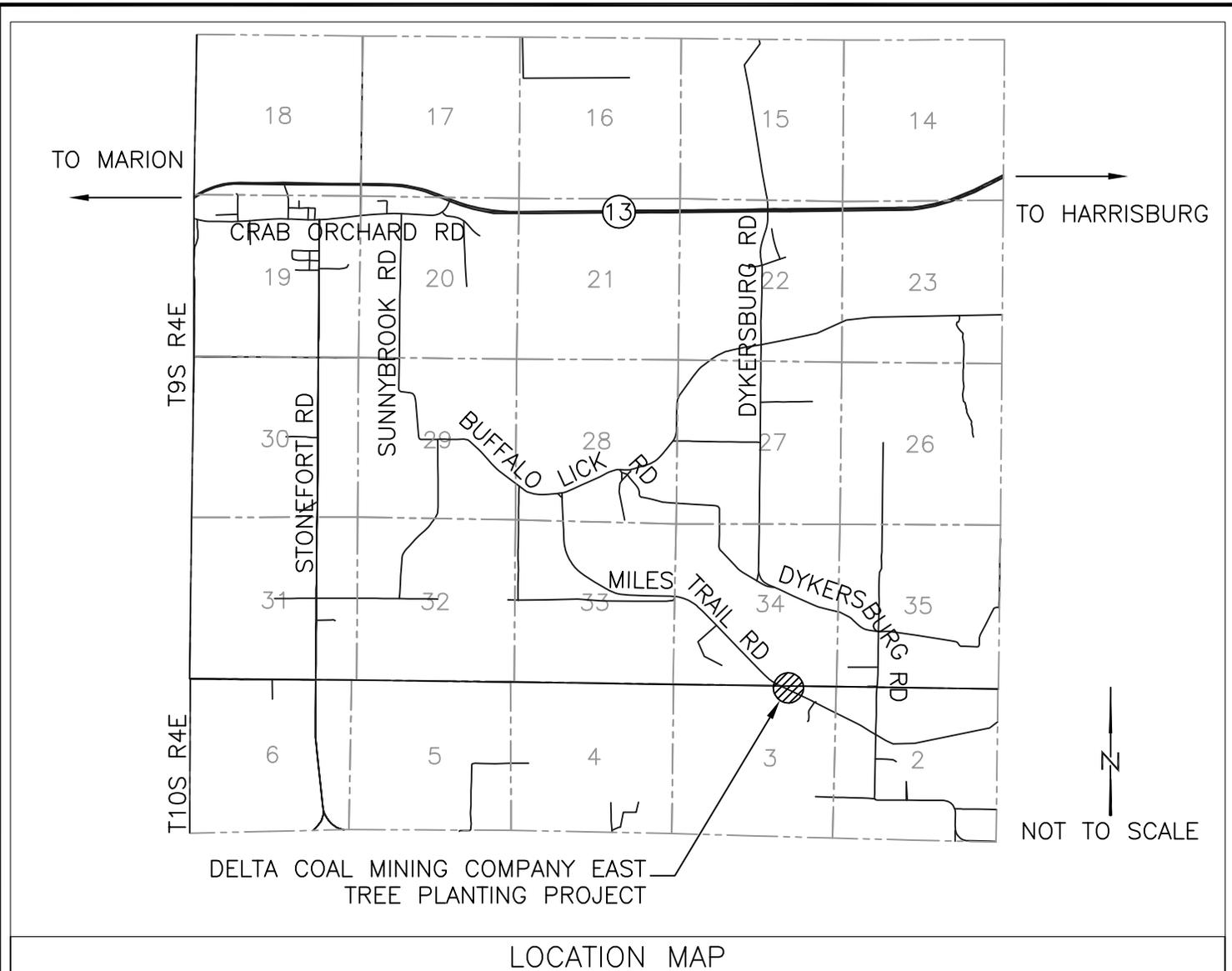
The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the written consent of an Illinois Financial Institution trustee and any costs or service fees shall be borne by the Contractor. The trust agreement may, at the discretion of the Department and upon request of the Contractor, become operative at the time of the first partial payment according to existing statutes and Department procedures.

As soon as possible after final inspection, the Department will submit final quantities to the Contractor, will request material certification information from the Contractor, and will act on any time extension requests. At the end of 21 days from such action, if the Contractor has not agreed to final quantities or liquidated damages, or submitted required documentation, the Department may withdraw retained funds from the financial institution. At the end of three months, the Department may proceed with final payment on the basis of measured quantities.

End of Revisions to SECTION 109: MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

End of Revisions to SECTION 100: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND COVENANTS

End of SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR: Delta Coal Mining Company East Tree Planting
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Williamson County, Illinois



GENERAL NOTES

The contractor is responsible for visiting the site and familiarizing himself with the existing conditions and the proposed reclamation work prior to submitting a bid.

The contractor shall provide and pay for all field engineering services to execute the project as specified in the Field Engineering section of the Special Provisions.

The contractor is responsible for locating and protecting all existing utility lines pertaining to the work.

Unless noted on the plans, all onsite access roads may be used for construction and must be maintained during construction and restored to original or better condition at the completion of work by the contractor. Access roads to the site as designated in the plans are to be maintained to the satisfaction of the engineer.

The construction limits will be staked by the contractor prior to construction. The contractor is responsible for the repair and/or restitution at his own expense for all damages done to any area outside the construction limits.

Summary of Quantities

#	Item	Section	Quantity				Unit
			Loc A	Loc B	Loc C	Total	
1	Tree, Black Cherry, 3' Height, Bare Root	IDOT 253	25	–	22	47	EACH
2	Tree, Crab Apple, 3' Height, Bare Root	IDOT 253	25	–	22	47	EACH
3	Tree, Hazelnut, 3' Height, Bare Root	IDOT 253	25	–	22	47	EACH
4	Tree, Pin Oak, 3' Height, Bare Root	IDOT 253	–	20	22	42	EACH
5	Tree, Plum, 3' Height, Bare Root	IDOT 253	25	–	22	47	EACH
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9	Tree, White Oak, 3' Height, Bare Root	IDOT 253	–	20	23	43	EACH

PROJECT NOTES

Tree planting and associated care shall be in accordance with the IDOT Standard Specification 253 – Planting Woody Plants.

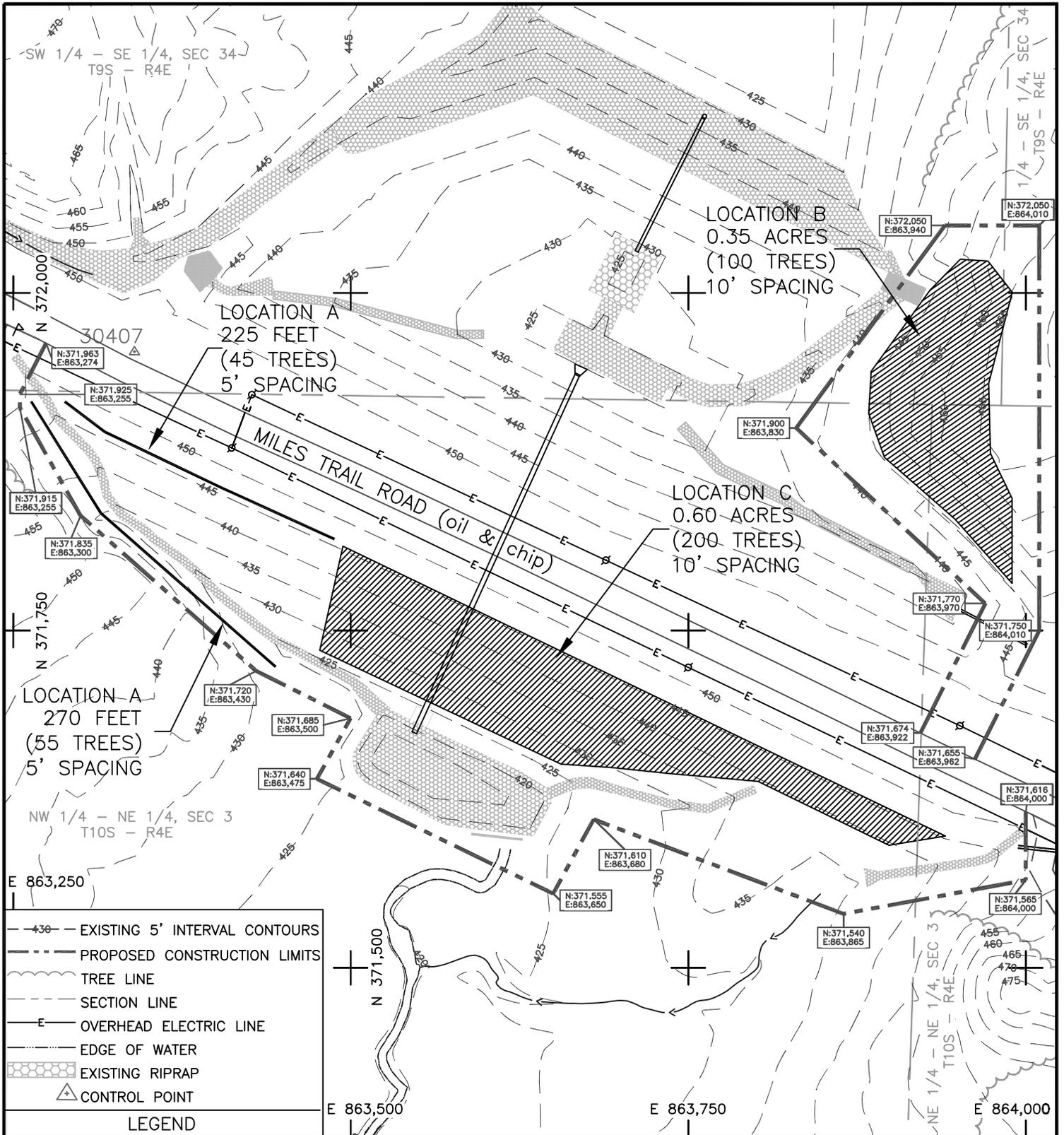
The Contractor shall notify the Engineer of the watering schedule. On-site water bodies may be used for watering the trees.

No grading work is required in the areas for the tree planting operation.

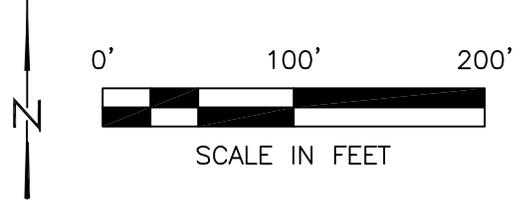
Per Article 253.07 of the Standard Specifications, the Contractor shall furnish all marking flags for locating the trees and shall mark the common name of the plants. The Engineer shall place the marking flags.

Per Article 253.11 of the Standard Specifications, within 30 days after planting, weed barrier fabric shall be placed around all plants and covered with mulch in the entire mulched bed area. Mulch shall be in accordance with Article 1081.06(b) of the Standard Specifications except that herbicides will be used in combination with mulch placement or herbicide-treated mulch will be used.

Per Section 253.14 of the Standard Specifications, the plants shall endure a period of establishment prior to being accepted. This period shall begin in June and end in September of the same year.



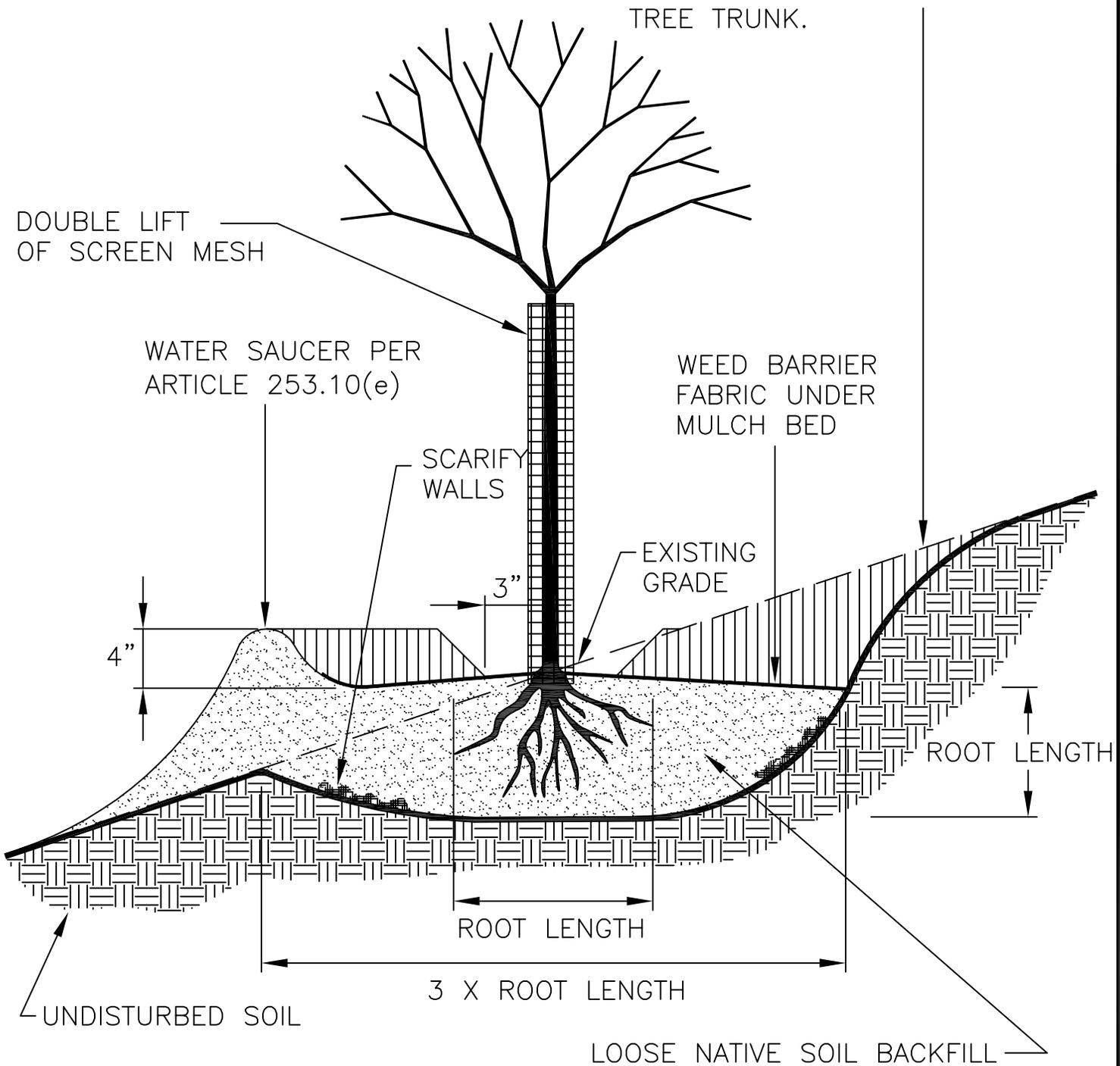
CP#	ELEV.	NORTHING	EASTING	DESCRIPTION
30405	469.95	370,742.58	866,598.25	PK NAIL SET IN ROAD
30407	453.49	371,956.60	863,339.87	IRON PIN WITH RED CAP
30408	452.46	373,520.42	861,701.42	IRON PIN WITH RED CAP



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Existing and Proposed Conditions

4" COVER OF HERBICIDE-TREATED MULCH. DO NOT PLACE MULCH IN CONTACT WITH TREE TRUNK.



TREE PLANTING DETAIL

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Office of Mines and Minerals
Division of Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation

SAFETY FACT SHEET

The purpose of this fact sheet is to alert contractors, consulting engineers, landowners and the general public to the safety hazards which abandoned mine sites pose. While not intended to be a comprehensive safety manual, this document will provide some general guidelines for working or living near abandoned mines.

Mine Openings

Open mine shafts or other portals to underground mines are a problem commonly found at abandoned sites. In addition to the obvious hazard that an open, vertical shaft presents, seemingly sound shafts may, in fact, contain unstable fill material or be covered by poorly-constructed, deteriorated caps or seals. Such seals can fail without notice and extreme care should be taken to avoid unnecessary ground disturbance around old shafts.

Horizontal shafts, often called drifts or adits, can provide easy access to underground mines and, because there is no vertical drop, may seem harmless. However, abandoned mines frequently contain heavy concentrations of harmful gases and may be severely deficient in oxygen. They may also contain other physical hazards such as flooded rooms or fractured and falling roofs, and may house a variety of vermin.

Mine Gas

Underground mine atmospheres frequently contain explosive or toxic gases such as methane and hydrogen sulfide. These gases can make their way to the surface either through shafts, fissures, or in the case of a very shallow mine, directly through the ground. A mere 5-15 percent concentration of methane escaping to the surface is highly combustible and explosive under certain conditions. Consequently, smoking or use of any open flame near a mine opening of any type must be avoided. While methane is both flammable and an asphyxiant, hydrogen sulfide is poisonous and quite deadly at significantly lower concentrations. For this reason alone, abandoned underground coal mines should never be entered.

Mine Refuse

"Gob" refers to the coarse refuse, usually deposited in large, steep piles, stemming from the coal sorting process. "Slurry" is defined as the fine, silty refuse which remains after the coal washing process is completed. Both types of refuse have the potential to ignite and burn slowly for long periods of time due to their coal content. While some burning refuse areas are easily identified by smoke, ash or burned coal particles, other areas may be burning below the surface and exhibit no visible signs. As a result, extreme caution should be exercised when walking or driving on or near gob piles or slurry impoundments.

Highwalls

Surface mining for coal often results in a final cut pit with steep, sheer walls surrounding a flooded impoundment. These walls pose a unique hazard because of their vertical height above the water level, and because of their erosive nature resulting from their unstable slopes. Drownings have occurred when individuals slipped into the pits and were unable to climb out. In some areas, final cuts do not fill with water, presenting a hazard due to the vertical drop.

Mine Buildings

Many abandoned mines include old machinery, buildings and equipment referred to collectively as the "tipple area". Abandoned mine structures are frequently quite deteriorated and subject to collapse. Coal hoppers, auger pits and underground steam ducts can also be found at most tipple sites and are sometimes obscured by vegetative growth or rubble accumulation, creating a trap-like situation.

Toxic Substances

Industrial chemicals and other harmful substances occasionally have been found at abandoned mine sites. Coal oil, abandoned transformers containing PCB's and asbestos insulation in tipple buildings are not uncommon. Abandoned mine sites also attract illegal dumping of other substances not related to the mining operation, but equally as dangerous. Workers should consider any unknown substance to be potentially harmful until determined to be otherwise.

Safety Precautions

As with any construction site, standard safety precautions required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) should be strictly followed when performing reclamation work. These include, but are not limited to, wearing hard hats, safety glasses and steel-toed boots. Be aware of any electrical or other cables on site and always take the necessary water safety precautions when working around water impoundments. Always contact J.U.L.I.E. before excavating.

The reclamation of abandoned mines sometimes involves the use of chemicals such as alkali materials and chemical grouts. Always follow the directions provided in the Manufacturer's Safety Data Sheet when handling these and other materials.

Finally, abandoned mine reclamation generally requires the use of bulldozers, pan scrapers, large backhoes, heavy-duty trucks and other heavy equipment. Individual pieces must meet all OSHA standards and must never be operated in a negligent or reckless manner. Individuals on the construction site, whether on foot or in a road vehicle, should always give the heavy equipment operator the right-of-way since visibility is often quite limited.

REQUIRED FEDERAL AID CONTRACT PROVISIONS

The Illinois Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation program is federally funded through grants made to the State of Illinois, Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation, by the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. The following Required Contract Provisions are applicable to the construction contract for this reclamation project.

I. GENERAL

1. These contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.
2. Except as otherwise provided for in each section, the contractor shall insert in each subcontract all of the stipulations contained in the Required Contract Provisions, and further require their inclusion in any lower tier subcontract or purchase order that may in turn be made. The Required Contract Provisions shall not be incorporated by reference in any case. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the Required Contract Provisions.
3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions shall be sufficient grounds for termination of the contract.

II. NONDISCRIMINATION

(Applicable to Federal-aid construction contracts and related subcontracts and purchase orders exceeding \$10,000.)

1. Selection of Labor: During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not:
 - a. discriminate against labor from any other State, possession, or territory of the United States, or
 - b. employ convict labor for any purpose within the limits of the project unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation.
2. Employment Practices:
 - a. The Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Notice set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.2 and the Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3 are incorporated by reference in this contract.
 - b. Regulation 41 CFR 60-4.2 requires goals and timetables for minority and female participation expressed in percentage terms for the contractor's aggregate work force in each trade on all construction work in the covered area. The goals for this contract are stated elsewhere in the bidding documents and in the construction contract.
 - c. Regulation 41 CFR 60-4.3 provides specific affirmative action standards the contractor shall implement to ensure equal employment opportunity in achieving the minority and female participation goals set forth in paragraph 2b of this Section.

3. Equal Opportunity Clause: During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
- a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, 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, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoffs 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 setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - b. 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, religion, sex, or national origin.
 - c. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this Section II, paragraph 3.
 - d. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity, dated September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations (41 CFR Part 60), and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
 - e. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation and the U.S. Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
 - f. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Section II, paragraph 3, or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part. The contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally-assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 or by rule, regulations, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
 - g. The contractor will include the provisions of this Section II, paragraph 3 in every subcontract or purchase order so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor, unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order 11246. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation (AMLRC) and the U.S. Secretary of Labor may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. In the event a contractor becomes a party to litigation by a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the AMLRC to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the State. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

4. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials, and Leasing of Equipment:

- a. The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. In all solicitations made by the contractor each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
- b. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Section II, paragraph 4, this contract may be subject to sanctions including but not limited to the withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies and/or cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract in whole or in part.
- c. The contractor shall include the provisions of this paragraph 4 in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor or procurement as the AMLRC or U.S. Secretary of Labor may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. In the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation by a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the AMLRC to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

(Applicable to Federal-aid construction contracts and related subcontracts exceeding \$10,000.)

1. By submission of this bid, the execution of this contract or subcontract, or the consummation of this material supply agreement or purchase order, as appropriate, the bidder, Federal-aid construction contractor, subcontractor, material supplier, or vendor, as appropriate, certifies that the firm does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that the firm does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The firm agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause in this contract. The firm further certifies that no employee will be denied access to adequate facilities on the basis of sex.
2. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, timeclocks, locker rooms, 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, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.
3. The contractor agrees that it has obtained or will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors or material suppliers prior to award of subcontracts or consummation of material supply agreements exceeding \$10,000 and that it will retain such certifications in its files.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

(Applicable to Federal-aid construction contracts and related subcontracts exceeding \$100,000.)

By submission of this bid, or the execution of this contract or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, Federal-aid construction contractor, or subcontractor, as appropriate, will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

1. That any facility that is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract, unless such contract is exempt under the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857 et seq., as amended by Pub. L. 91-604), and under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq., as amended by Pub. L. 92-500), Executive Order 11738, and regulations in implementation thereof (40 CFR Part 15) is not listed, on the date of contract award, on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List of Violating Facilities pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.
2. That the firm agrees to comply and remain in compliance with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and all regulations and guidelines listed thereunder.
3. That the firm shall promptly notify the AMLRC of the receipt of any communication from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility that is or will be utilized for the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.
4. That the firm agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraphs 1 through 4 of this Section IV in every nonexempt subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the government may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

V. COMPLIANCE WITH COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT

The contractor and any and all subcontractors shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR, Part 3), which prohibits contractors or subcontractors from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of a public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is entitled.

VI. INTERPRETATION OF FEDERAL AID PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Federal Aid Proposal Notice which is included in the bidding documents further illustrates the required federal-aid contract provisions. Whenever in said Notice the following terms or pronouns in place of them are used, they shall be interpreted as follows:

"U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)" shall be interpreted to mean U.S. Department of the Interior.

"Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)" shall be interpreted to mean the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

"State highway agency (SHA)" shall be interpreted to mean the Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation .