CONTRACTS WITH THIRD PARTIES

(a) The Contractor shall advertise each construction (as “construction” is defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) at 48 C.F.R. § 2.101), equipment, or supply contract exceeding $25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) for competitive bidding. Any action proposed by the Contractor other than making the award to the lowest responsible bidder shall be subject to the Contracting Officer’s approval.

(b) For all construction contracts exceeding $100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars), the Contractor shall require construction contractors to furnish performance and payment bonds, each in amounts equal to at least 100 percent of the contract price. For construction contracts exceeding $30,000 (thirty thousand dollars), but not exceeding $100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars), the Contracting Officer shall select at least two of the payment protections set forth in the FAR at **48 C.F.R. § 28.102-1(b)(1), and** **the** Contractor shall require the construction contractor to secure one of the selected protections. Supply and equipment contractors may be required to furnish performance bonds on supply or equipment contracts exceeding $100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) when the contract calls for substantial progress payments before delivery of end items.

(c) The United States shall not be a party to or obligated in any manner by contracts entered into between the Contractor and other parties pursuant to this contract.