

Template T-EXH-9 SRC (rev 8/12/20 4/08/21)

1. PAYMENT METHOD

Payments under this Agreement will be made based on a Specific Rates of Compensation (SRC) payment method up to a maximum not-to-exceed amount. Consultant will be paid for acceptable actual services performed in accordance with Section 4. ALLOWABLE COSTS.

2. MAXIMUM AGREEMENT AMOUNTS

The following are the maximum amounts established in this Agreement for each category of cost. total agreement amount. Consultant shall not be paid for any cost that exceeds these amounts without prior written approval from State.

AMOUNT		CATEGORY
\$	XXXXX	for actual direct labor costs
<u>\$</u>	XXXXX	for direct expenses
\$	XXXXX	total agreement amount

3. SUBCONSULTANT OVER-RUNS AND UNDER-RUNS

Over-run: Consultant shall require all-of-its subconsultants to notify Consultant any time it has been determined that a subconsultant's costs will exceed its fee estimate (over-run). Consultant must provide an acceptable justification for the over-run and obtain State's written approval before incurring any cost over-run expenses. If approved by State, a supplemental agreement will be prepared to either shift funds from Consultant to its subconsultant(s) or increase the contract maximum. Contract increases will be considered when additional scope of services are required.

Under-run: If the amount of any subconsultant's cost is less than its fee estimate (under-run), Consultant understands that the amount of the under-run will be subtracted from the total compensation to be paid to Consultant under this Agreement, unless State gives prior written approval and, if necessary, approval from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). If Consultant wishes to shift the balance of subconsultant's fee to Consultant, justification must be provided to State. Shifting of funds may be approved by State with no increase to the fixed fee for profit unless additional scope of services is required by Consultant, and additional fee is necessary to complete the work under this Agreement.

4. ALLOWABLE COSTS

Allowable costs are direct labor costs, and direct non-labor costs as defined below which Consultant has incurred within 90 days before State has received Consultant's invoice. Costs that Consultant incurred to correct mistakes or errors attributable to Consultant's or Subconsultant's own actions are not allowable costs, even if those costs would not exceed the amounts listed in Section 2. MAXIMUM AGREEMENT AMOUNTS.

A. <u>Direct Labor Costs</u> are based on the specific rate of compensation (SRC or <u>billing rate</u>) Consultant will charge State for Consultant's employees' time working directly on this project. The direct labor costs are calculated by multiplying the SRC rate, as indicated on the Staffing Plan in Exhibit "<fee proposal>" Consultant's Fee Proposal, by the hours worked (in increments not less than one quarter hour).

The Staffing Plan must identify by name all employees of the Consultant who are reasonably expected to provide Services under this Agreement. For employees not listed on the Staffing Plan, the SRC rate for that employee shall be calculated in the same manner as employees listed on the staffing plan, using the same overhead and fee for profit rate, if applicable, and such calculation **must be shown on the first invoice that includes direct labor.** Reference the Staffing Plan Section of this Agreement regarding changes in personnel.

- <u>Time Reports</u>: All hours charged to the project must be documented on time distribution records. The records must clearly indicate the daily number of hours each employee worked on any project or activities for the entire pay period. Time reports must provide the employee's name and position, dates of service, and a clear, identifying link to the projects; such as project description, project number, control number, and pertinent work phase. Consultant must establish an adequate system of internal controls to ensure that time charged to projects are accurate and have appropriate supervisory approval.
- B. This section has intentionally been left blank.
- C. <u>Direct Non-Labor Costs (Direct Expenses)</u> are all necessary, actual, properly documented, and allowable costs related to the Consultant completing the Services. All costs must be supported by detailed receipts or invoices, <u>unless otherwise specified</u> <u>below</u>. Direct non-labor costs include, but are not limited to, the following:

Transportation, mileage, lodging, and meals, subject to limitations specified below; Communication costs; Reproduction and printing costs; Special equipment and materials required for the project and approved by State; Special insurance premiums if required solely for this Agreement; Subconsultant costs; Such other allowable items as approved by State.

- A non-labor cost charged as a direct cost cannot be included in Consultant's overhead rate. If, for reasons of practicality, Consultant does treat a direct non-labor cost category in its entirety as an overhead cost, then such costs are not eligible to be additionally billed as a direct expense to this project.
- 2) Costs for subconsultants may not exceed the amounts shown on the attached Consultant's Fee Proposal for each subconsultant unless agreed upon in writing by the Consultant and State. Consultant shall require subconsultant costs to have the same level of documentation as required of Consultant. Consultant must review subconsultants' invoices and progress reports to ensure they are accurate, includes only allowable costs, and has proper documentation before sending to State.
- The following direct non-labor costs (direct expenses) will be reimbursed at actual costs, not to exceed the rates as shown below.
 - (a) Field Expenses Consultant must provide a breakdown of miscellaneous and field expenses and, when applicable, provide receipts. Non-perishables such as personal toiletries, forks, plates, and such, are not reimbursable unless claimed under sections 4. C. 3) e) (x) and 4. C. 4).
 - (a) b)—TRANSPORTATION Automobile rentals, air fares, and taxi/shuttle transportation will be reimbursed at the actual, reasonable cost and, if discounts are applicable, the Consultant shall give State the benefit of all discounts. Itemized receipts must be submitted with invoices. A bank card receipt that displays only the total cost of the transportation expense is not sufficient documentation. <u>Tips must be included in the total fare amount claimed on the travel log form</u>. Tips for complimentary transportation are considered an incidental expense and cannot be claimed as a transportation-related expense.
 - (b) e)—MILEAGE The reimbursement for mileage associated with the use of company owned vehicles will be the prevailing standard rate as established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) through its Revenue Procedures. Reimbursement for mileage associated with the use of a privately-owned vehicle (POV), is limited to the lesser of:
 - The mileage rate that the Consultant reimbursed to the person who submitted the claim for POV use; or
 - (ii) The prevailing standard rate as established by the IRS.

NOTE: When Consultant is seeking only reimbursement for mileage, Consultant must itemize travel on NDOT's Travel Log, itemize on invoice, or include a

separate mileage log which includes the following information: employee name, vehicle identification, date of travel and miles driven, reimbursement rate and total expenses. The total expenses are to be shown on the invoice as a direct expense. NDOT's Travel log form is available on the State's website at http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/consultant/.

(c) d)—LODGING – The reimbursement for lodging rates will be limited to the prevailing standard rate as indicated on the U.S. General Services
 Administration's (GSA) website at <u>http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100120</u>.
 Consultant shall give State the benefit of all lodging discounts. Lodging receipts must be submitted with invoices.

e) MEALS -

- 4) ReimbursementMeal and incidental (M&I) expenses will be reimbursed on a per diem basis, not to exceed the rates as shown below. The incidental expenses portion of the per diem rate includes, but is not limited to, courtesy transportation related tips, such as hotel, park and ride, or airport shuttles; and fees and tips to porters, hotel employees, baggage carriers, and flight attendants.
 - (a) The State per diem rate for the destination of travel is 70% of the applicable Federal GSA per diem rate. The State per diem breakdown amounts for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and incidental expenses are 70% of the Federal GSA per diem breakdown amounts.
 - (b) The State per diem rate shall be reduced by the State meal breakdown amount(s) for any meal exceeding \$4.99 requires an itemized receipt showing all food and drink provided by others. Examples include:
 - (i) Meals included in a conference or event fee
 - (ii) Meals provided by lodging facility
 - (iii) Meals purchased for by 3rd Party
 - (iv) Meals charged directly to and paid for by the State
 - (c) MULTI-DAY TRAVEL Travel that meal. A bank card receipt that displays only the total cost of the meal is not sufficient documentation. If a meal receipt is submitted forincludes at least one overnight stay.

- (i) M&I reimbursement on the first and last day of travel will be reduced to 75% of the State per diem rate.
- (ii) Except for a meal provided by others (see 4)(b) above), all meals may be claimed on the first and last day of travel irrespective of the start and stop times for those days.
- (d) SAME DAY TRAVEL Travel that does not itemize all food and drink include an overnight stay.
 - (i) Employee shall not claim reimbursement for a meal that was purchased, Consultant may bill, and State will pay up to \$4.99. within 20 miles of the city or town of the employee's residence or primary work location.
 - (i) Consultant may submit only one receipt for each meal: breakfast, lunch, and dinner (except as provided below for groceries). State will reimburse no more than \$35.00 for any meal, including tax and tip.
 - (ii) State will not reimburse for any purchases that are not part of a meal, such as snacks, sodas, coffee, or water bottles; although, such purchases may be submitted as a meal, if all items are on a single receipt and the receipt indicates the purchases were as a meal.
 - (iii) Reimbursement for meal gratuities/tips will be whatever is usual or customary but should not exceed 20 percent.
 - (iv) Meals are not reimbursable if a meal was provided by a lodging facility or as part of a conference, official function, or event unless: 1) Consultant's employee leaves the lodging facility or conference/function for the worksite or home before the meal is served or 2) Consultant's employee has dietary restrictions or food allergies that prevent them from participating in the provided meal and must eat elsewhere; then Consultant may submit a meal receipt identifying the dietary restriction or food allergy.
 - (vi) Meals (including groceries as described below) and incidental expenses will be reimbursed at <u>actual</u> costs not to exceed the prevailing standard daily rate as indicated on the GSA website noted above. The costs are broken out in the GSA table by breakfast, lunch, and dinner. If a meal is not reimbursable in accordance with this Agreement, then Consultant must deduct the meal(s) before submitting the Travel log for reimbursement. Incidentals identified in GSA's chart are defined as fees and tips given to baggage carriers and hotel staff and included in daily allowance.

- (vii) Expenses for alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and related taxes are not reimbursable.
- (viii) Consultant will not be reimbursed for purchasing meals for State employees. State employees are responsible for their own meals.
- (ix) Consultant shall give State the benefit of all meal discounts.
- (x) Grocery Receipts: In lieu of eating at a restaurant, Consultant may be reimbursed for food and food service items purchased from a grocery store. Consultant shall provide the following supporting information/notes with the receipt: what items were consumed by an employee for which meal on what day. A unit price must be provided for items purchased in bulk so that Consultant can properly bill for only items that were used for meals. The dollar amounts on the receipts shall match the amounts shown on the Travel Log. These costs must be reasonable, and the State reserves the right to not reimburse if it is not deemed reasonable by State.
 Reimbursable grocery expenses do not include non-food items, except for paper/plastic plates and plastic utensils as needed to eat. Exceptions may be allowed if special living arrangements are preapproved by State, and, if applicable, outlined in this section accordingly.
- (ii) (xi) <u>M&I reimbursement for same day travel will be reduced to</u> 75% of the State per diem breakdown amounts.
- (ii) <u>(iii)</u> The following criteria must be met for Consultant and its employees to be eligible for the meal allowance, the following criteria must be met. <u>M&I reimbursement on same day travel.</u>

Breakfast:

- <u>-</u>Employee is required to depart<u>leaves for same day travel</u> at or before
 6:30 a.m., or <u>1-1/2 hours before the employee's shift begins, whichever</u> is earlier, the breakfast rate may be claimed.
 - Employee is on overnight travel.

<u>Lunch</u>:

- (2) Employee must be on overnight travel. No reimbursement will be made for same day travelis allowed.
 - Employee is required to leave for overnight travel at or before 11:00 a.m., or
 - <u>Dinner/Supper –</u> Employee returns from overnight travel at or after 2:00 p.m.

Dinner:

- Employee leaves for overnight travel at or before 5:00 p.m., or
- (3) Employee returns from overnightsame day travel or work location at or after 7:00 p.m., or 2 hours after the employee's shift ends, whichever is later, the evening meal rate may be claimed.

• Employee is on overnight travel.

- (4) (xii) Meals are not eligible for Incidental Expenses No reimbursement if is allowed unless the employee eats within 20 miles of is also approved for breakfast or dinner meal expenses.
- (4)(5) The time limitations set forth above do not include the headquarters town of time taken for the employee.meal.

5) 4) EXTENDED STAY/LONG TERM TRAVEL

USE WHEN THERE IS NO EXTENDED STAY ARRANGEMENTS (APARTMENTS) No extended stay arrangements, such as apartments or weekly/monthly meal reimbursement rates, have been approved. END NO EXTENDED STAY SITUATIONS

USE WHEN EXTENDED STAY ARRANGEMENTS ARE APPROVED Consultant is allowed to rent temporary housing in lieu of lodging near the project location (<location. i.e. Omaha, NE>) and to submit itemized grocery receipts in lieu of, or in addition to, meal receipts for accommodating staff temporary assigned construction engineering duties associated with the performance of this Agreement. Items such as alcohol and tobacco products are unallowable costs. Items which are commonly provided by motels, hotels and restaurants would be eligible for reimbursement. Consultant will be reimbursed up to \$xxxxx per month, and associated deposit, for long-term living arrangements (i.e. fully furnished apartment with all utilities/services). Reimbursable costs include utilities/services if separate from rental fee. Consultant shall submit lease documents, and, when applicable, utilities/services bill(s), with initial invoice showing actual lease cost, and, when applicable, utilities/services costs, to support the reimbursement amount. Refer to Section 4. C. 3) e) regarding meals and grocery allowances. END APPROVED EXTENDED STAY ARRANGEMENTS

5. INELIGIBLE COSTS

State will not pay for costs incurred prior to the Notice to Proceed date or after the completion deadline date set out in the <u>NOTICE TO PROCEED AND COMPLETION SCHEDULE</u> Section

of this Agreement or as, unless approved in writing by State. Per Section 4. ALLOWABLE COSTS, State will not pay for costs incurred, but not submitted to State within 90 days of the date incurred. Consultant (including its employees) is assumed to have incurred travel costs on the day travel occurred. Consultant is assumed to have incurred costs from a Subconsultant on the same day the Subconsultant incurred the cost.

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7. INVOICES AND PROGRESS REPORTS

- A. Consultant shall promptly submit invoices to State based on Consultant's billing period but shall not submit more than one invoice per month. Invoices must include all allowable costs for services provided during the billing period. Invoices may also include a request for services provided or costs incurred during a prior billing period, including subconsultant costs, with an explanation for why those costs were not previously included in an invoice, so long as those costs were incurred no more than 90 days prior to State's receipt of the invoice. Accordingly, State retains the sole discretion to not pay for costs incurred that have not been invoiced as provided above.
- B. In the event Consultant has incurred otherwise allowable costs, and such costs would exceed the maximum direct labor costs or total agreement amount listed in Section 2. MAXIMUM AGREEMENT AMOUNTS, Consultant shall list such costs on the invoice, but they must be subtracted from the total invoice amount submitted to State for payment.
- C. Content of Invoice Package (Presented in this order)
 - 1) Consultant's Invoice:
 - (a) The first page of an invoice must identify the company's name and address, invoice number, invoice date, invoicing period (beginning and ending dates of services), and agreement or task order number.
 - (b) The invoice and, when applicable, accompanying supporting documentation must identify each employee by name and classification, the hours worked, and the specific rate of compensation (billing rate) for each employee. For employees not listed on the Staffing Plan, the SRC rate for that employee shall be calculated in the same manner as employees listed on the staffing plan, using the same overhead and fee for profit rate, if applicable, and such calculation **must be shown on the first invoice that includes direct labor.**
 - (c) Direct non-labor expenses:

- Direct non-labor expenses, other than travel-related expenses, must be itemized and provide a complete description of each item billed along with supporting receipts or invoices.
- (ii) Travel-related expenses must be summarized and submitted on NDOT Form 163 (see <u>paragraph 7.C.4</u>) below). Supporting receipts must be submitted with NDOT Form 163 when invoicing for these expenses.
- (iii) All supporting receipts must be kept as required in Section 18.CONSULTANT COST RECORD RETENTION.
- (d) Time Records, as outlined in <u>Section paragraph</u> 4.A.1).
- (e) Subconsultant Services: Consultant shall require subconsultants to provide the same supporting documentation, invoices, and receipts as Consultant is required to submit and retain.
- 2) <u>Progress Report:</u> A progress report must accompany the invoice package documenting Consultant's work during the service period. If an invoice is not submitted monthly, then a progress report must be submitted at least quarterly via email to State's Project Coordinator. All progress reports must include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) A description of the Services completed for the service period to substantiate the invoiced amount.
 - (b) A description of the Services anticipated for the next service period
 - (c) A list of information Consultant needs from State
 - (d) Percent of Services completed to date

NOTE: State's Project Coordinator may request more specific information or detail be included in Progress Reports.

- 3) <u>Cost Breakdown Form</u>: Each invoice package must include a current and completed "Cost Breakdown Form" (NDOT Form 162a). This form is available on the State's website at <u>http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/consultant/</u>. Utilizing the Cost Breakdown Form helps reduce errors in calculating previously billed amounts and limitations on eligible costs billed.
- 4) <u>Travel Log:</u> If an invoice contains any travel-related expenses, then a current and completed "Invoice Travel Log" (NDOT Form 163) must be included with the invoice package. This form is available on the State's website at <u>http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/consultant/</u>. Upon pre-approval by State, Consultant may use a substitute Invoice Travel Log provided it documents

substantially the same information as the current NDOT Form 163. The Travel Log must document the employee's name, vehicle identification (if applicable), date/time of departure to the project, date/time of return to the headquarters town, locations traveled, and expenses for transportation, meals, and lodging.

- 5) <u>Mileage Log</u> (when applicable): When Consultant is seeking reimbursement for mileage only, Consultant must itemize travel on NDOT's Travel Log, itemize on invoice, or include a separate mileage log which includes the following: employee name, vehicle identification, date of travel and miles driven, reimbursement rate and total expenses. The total expenses are to be shown on the invoice as a direct expense.
- D. All invoice packages (invoice, progress report, required NDOT Forms, supporting material) must be submitted electronically through State's OnBase Invoice Workflow System for review, approval, and payment. The user guide for the OnBase Invoice Workflow system, along with training videos can be found at http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/consultant/onbase-help/.
- E. Notice of Public Record: Documents submitted to State, including invoices, supporting documentation, and other information are subject to disclosure by State pursuant to the Nebraska Public Records Act found at Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712 et.seq. <u>ACCORDINGLY, CONSULTANT SHALL REDACT OR NOT SUBMIT TO STATE INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUCH AS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, TAX ID NUMBERS, OR BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS.</u> Consultant understands that State does not have sufficient resources to review and redact confidential information submitted by Consultant. If such confidential information is submitted, Consultant shall have no right of action of any kind against State for the disclosure of such information.

8. PAYMENTS

State will pay Consultant after receipt of Consultant's invoice and determination by State that the invoice and progress report adequately substantiate the Services provided, and the Services were completed in accordance with this Agreement. Payments will not be made if the progress report does not provide adequate substantiation for the Services, or State determines that the Services have not been properly completed. State will make a reasonable effort to pay Consultant within 30 days of receipt of Consultant's invoices.

9. PROMPT PAYMENT CLAUSE

Consultant shall include a "Prompt Payment Clause" as a part of every subcontract for work, including all lower tier subcontracts. The "Prompt Payment Clause" will require progress payments to all subconsultants for all work completed, within twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of progress payments from the State for said work. If Consultant fails to carry out the requirements of the "Prompt Payment Clause" without just cause, it will be considered a material breach of this Agreement. In such situation, State may withhold any payment due to Consultant until all delinquent payments have been made (no interest will be paid for the period that payment was withheld), terminate this Agreement, or any other such remedy as State deems appropriate. Consultant may withhold payment to a subcontractor only for just cause and must notify the State in writing of its intent to withhold payment before actually withholding payment. Consultant shall not withhold, delay, or postpone payment without first receiving written approval from the State.

10. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS

When work is suspended on this project, payments shall be suspended until the work resumes or this Agreement is terminated. Consultant shall not be compensated for any work completed or costs incurred on the project after the date of suspension. When work is suspended for convenience, Consultant shall be compensated for work completed, or costs incurred prior to the date of suspension. When work is suspended for cause, payments shall be withheld until all remedial action is completed by Consultant to the satisfaction of State, at Consultant's sole cost.

11. This section has intentionally been left blank.

12. FINAL INVOICE AND PAYMENT

- A. Upon completion of the Services under this Agreement, Consultant shall submit their final invoice to include all labor and expenses. After receipt of final invoice and State has determined that the final invoice and Progress Report adequately substantiate the Services provided and that the Services were completed in accordance with this Agreement, State will pay Consultant.
- B. Acceptance of the final payment by Consultant will constitute and operate as a release to State for all claims and liability to Consultant, its representatives, and assigns, for any and

all things done, furnished, or relating to the Services rendered by or in connection with this Agreement or any part thereof.

13. AGREEMENT CLOSE-OUT

Upon submitting its final invoice, the Consultant <u>must</u> complete and submit to State a Notification of Completion Form (NDOT Form 39). The form is generated and submitted electronically through State's OnBase Invoice Workflow System. Instructions for generating and submitting the NDOT Form 39 are available on the State's website at <u>http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/consultant/</u>. Consultant shall submit NDOT 39 Form within 90 days of completion of the work under this Agreement, and if such Form is not timely submitted, State may audit and close the Agreement without accepting any further invoices from Consultant.

14. FEDERAL COST PRINCIPLES

For performance of Services as specified in this Agreement, State will pay Consultant subject to the terms of this Agreement and all requirements and limitations of the federal cost principles contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulations <u>48 CFR 31 (Contract Cost</u> <u>Principles and Procedures)</u>.

15. OUT-OF-SCOPE SERVICES AND CONSULTANT WORK ORDERS

State may request that Consultant provide services that, in the opinion of Consultant, are in addition to or different from those set out in the Scope of Services. When State decides that these out-of-scope services may require an adjustment in costs, Consultant shall provide in writing:

- A. A description of the out-of-scope services,
- B. An explanation of why Consultant believes that the out-of-scope services are not within the original Scope of Services and additional work effort is required,
- C. An estimate of the cost to complete the out-of-scope services. Consultant must receive written approval from State before proceeding with the out-of-scope services. Before written approval will be given by State, State must determine that the situation meets the following criteria:
 - The out-of-scope services are not within the original Scope of Services and additional work effort is required;

- 2) The out-of-scope services are within the basic scope of services under which Consultant was selected and Agreement entered; and
- 3) It is in the best interest of State that the out-of-scope services be performed under this Agreement.

Once the need for a modification to the Agreement has been established, the State will prepare a supplemental agreement. If the additional work requires the Consultant to incur costs prior to execution of a supplemental agreement, the State may issue a written notice to proceed prior to completing the supplemental agreement (for non-Federal aid projects) or shall use the process set out below (for Federal aid PE projects):

The Consultant Work Order (CWO) – NDOT Form 251 shall be used to describe and provide necessary justification for the additional scope of services, effort, the deliverables, modification of schedule, and to document the cost of additional services. The CWO form is available on the State's website at http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/consultant/. The CWO must be executed to provide authorization for the additional work and to specify when that work may begin. The agreement will be supplemented after one or more CWOs have been authorized and approved for funding.

16. TERMINATION COST ADJUSTMENT

If the Agreement is terminated prior to project completion, State will compare the percentage of work actually completed by Consultant, to the total amount of work contemplated by this Agreement. This comparison will result in a payment by the State for any underpayment, no adjustment, or a billing to Consultant for overpayment. The State's final audit may result in an additional cost adjustment.

17. AUDIT AND FINAL COST ADJUSTMENT

Upon State's determination that Consultant has completed Services under this Agreement, State, or its authorized representative, may complete an audit review of the payments made under this Agreement. The Parties understand that the audit may require an adjustment of the payments made under this Agreement. Consultant agrees to reimburse State for any overpayments identified in the audit review, and State agrees to pay Consultant for any identified underpayments.

18. CONSULTANT COST RECORD RETENTION

Consultant, and all its subconsultants or subcontractors, shall maintain originals or copies of any document required to be completed in this Agreement, that substantiate any expense incurred, or changes any legal obligations for three (3) years from the date of WHEN FEDERAL FUNDS USED IN PE final cost settlement by FHWA and END USE WHEN FEDERAL FUNDS USED IN PE project closeout by the State.

Documents include, but are not limited to: written approvals; time reports; detailed receipts; invoices; transportation costs; mileage; lodging costs; cost of meals; all NDOT forms including NDOT cost breakdown form and NDOT travel form; books; papers; electronic mail; letters; accounting records; supplemental agreements; work change orders; or other evidence pertaining to any cost incurred.

Such materials will be available for inspection by the State, FHWA, or any authorized representative of the federal government, and copies of any document(s) will be furnished when requested.