

**CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT SAFETY**  
**[Minor Construction Category]**

**RFP Language**

**Contract Language**

1. Contractor recognizes the importance of performing the work in a safe and responsible manner to prevent damage, injury, or loss to individuals, the environment, and the work itself, including materials and equipment incorporated into the work or stored on-site or off-site. Contractor assumes responsibility for implementing and monitoring all Environment, Safety and Health (ESH) precautions and programs related to the performance of the work.

2. Contractor and Subcontractors shall comply with all legal and Owner-specific reporting requirements relating to ESH set forth in the Contract Documents. The Contractor will verbally notify of any injury, loss, damage, or accident arising from the work to Owner's Representative and to the Safety Point of Contact (POC), to the extent mandated by legal requirements, to all government or quasi-government authorities having jurisdiction over safety-related matters involving the Project or the work. All persons injured while working at the Sanford Lab will be immediately evaluated, and treated as necessary, by a medical professional before returning to work. Contractor and its Subcontractors will immediately report to the Owner's Representative all non-incidentals spills, and all other significant impacts to the environment (soil, water, air) in performance of the work. Contractor will also immediately notify the Owner of any failure to comply with state and federal environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

3. Contractor's responsibility for ESH under this Article is not intended in any way to relieve Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractors of their own contractual and legal obligations and responsibilities.

**ESH Requirements and Coordination**

4. Safety and protection of the environment are of the utmost concern on this Contract. Safety in this context refers to the health and safety of people and the protection of the environment. Nothing contained herein relieves the Contractor from complying with all applicable standards and regulations found in 29 CFR Part 1926 (the OSHA construction standard), 40 CFR Parts 261-265 (solid and hazardous waste management), 40 CFR Part 112 (oil pollution control), and ARSD 74:52:01 through 74:52:11 (storm water), as applicable. Site specific safety requirements are defined in the SURF ESH Manual under section 7000: Occupational and Subcontractor Safety located at: <https://www.sanfordlab.org/esh>. MHSA compliance may be acceptable, where applicable.

5. The Contractor will address the safety requirements defined herein and in the Owner's ESH Manual. Contractor costs associated with the implementation of the requirements will be borne by the Contractor. Safety deficiencies discovered after the award will be remedied at no cost to the Owner and may at the Owner's discretion be deducted from the Contract amount.

6. The Contractor shall have an ESH representative, approved by the Owner, present on the Project at all times when work is physically being performed. This ESH representative can be a supervisor or crew member. If shift work will be utilized, the Contractor must have an ESH representative for each shift. In the case of shift work, the Contractor will designate one ESH representative as the lead for the project. The training requirements for the second ESH representative are the same as the lead and are as follows:

- The ESH representative shall have the authority to stop work.
- The ESH representative is responsible for administering the Contractor's ESH program.
- In addition to routine daily inspections, the ESH representative will conduct a documented weekly ESH inspection of the work site.
- The ESH representative will escort the Owner's ESH staff on a monthly ESH inspection, conducted by the Owner's ESH staff.
- The Contractor will supply a weekly ESH report to the Owner, detailing any ESH related items, including OSHA recordable injuries, first aid cases, environmental releases, near misses, and a copy of the weekly ESH inspection.

7. The Contractor shall have at least one individual certified in CPR, AED and First Aid onsite at all times.

8. The Contractor must have an individual trained and qualified as a SURF Guide for each area that the contractor will be working. The Guide must be onsite with the workers at all times.

9. The Contractor must have a documented Site-Specific Contractor Environment, Health and Safety Program (CEHSP) in place and accepted by the Owner before work will be authorized to start. This program must be consistent with the requirements in the Owner's ESH Manual. This plan shall also incorporate the SURF *Special Conditions Supplement*. The CEHSP will be based on the hazards inherent to the Means and Methods adopted by the Contractor and its associated work environment. The scope of work will dictate the required program elements for this Contract. Program elements may include those listed on the ESH Manual of the SURF website at [www.sanfordlab.org/esh](http://www.sanfordlab.org/esh).

If the Contractor chooses to adopt one or more specific elements of the Owner's ESH program, it must adopt that element in its entirety.

10. The Contractor is expected to follow a Work Planning and Controls process that is aligned with the Owner (See SURF website ESH Manual at <http://sanfordlab.org>). The Work Planning and Controls process must be conducted and documented prior to the start of work in the form of a Job Hazards Analysis (JHA). A JHA, approved by the Project Manager and Safety POC, must be completed, and reviewed with the individual(s) expected to perform the work prior to work starting on a specified task. The ESH Representative is expected to review all JHAs. Copies of JHAs must be present at the location where work is being performed and accessible to the individuals performing the work and to Owner representatives.

11. The Contractor will conduct a crew work planning meeting (tailgate/toolbox talk), including, when necessary, Subcontractor employees, prior to the beginning of each shift. This talk will include the plan of work for the day, a review of hazards and potential regulatory issues, inspection/removal of loose puncture hazards as part of a general daily cleanup requirement of the work area, and the review of applicable JHAs.

12. The Contractor is responsible for identifying the need for Qualified and/or Competent Persons for specific tasks as defined in 29 CFR 1926.

13. Contractor shall provide all common Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for the work (hard hats, safety toe boots, safety glasses with side shields, hi-visibility clothing and required fall protection equipment as stated in the Scope of Work. **During the bid process, bidder shall include as a separate line item any PPE unique to the scope. Contractor included in its bid a separate line item for any**

**PPE unique to the scope.** Owner shall notify the Contractor in the Notice to Proceed of its intent to reduce the contract value if Owner elects to provide this PPE.

Unique PPE required for any underground work at a minimum includes:

- W65 Self Rescuers (must be maintained according to MSHA requirements) (always required when working underground)
- Gas Tester(s) (M40M or equivalent)
- Cap lamps

14. The Contractor is responsible for screening all Subcontractors with respect to safety and to adopt a safety selection process consistent with requirements defined herein. In addition, Contractor is responsible for flowing down all ESH requirements of the Contract to its Subcontractors, including monitoring and enforcing compliance.

15. The Contractor is responsible for assuring that all Contractor employee safety training is completed in compliance with Owner guidelines, chapters, and associated regulations. The following training is required for all Contractor personnel before they start work:

- Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) Surface and/or Underground Orientation Training or General Safety Basic Training, if onsite for more than 40 hours within a year.
- Any specific equipment training (eg: crane operator).
- Site specific training for environmental compliance (eg: spill prevention, Hazmat, storm water, etc.).

16. If the Owner perceives the Contractor has created or is exposed to an imminent danger, unacceptable risk or a non-compliance situation, the Owner will stop work until safe conditions are re-established. Such work stoppages will be at the expense of the Contractor and will not add time to the completion date of the Contract.

17. In the event of an incident, Contractor will notify the Project Manager and/or Safety POC immediately and never later than the end of shift on day of incident. Contractor shall complete the Owner's "First Report of Incident and Investigation" form and submit to the Project Manager or Safety POC. Contractor shall conduct an incident investigation in accordance with the Owner's policies. The investigation will include preparing a written report summarizing the results of the investigation, corrective actions taken to prevent a reoccurrence, and any lessons learned. The Owner may at its discretion participate in and facilitate the incident investigation. Time and expense incurred by Contractor performing an incident investigation will be at the Contractor's expense.

18. The Contractor may with the Owners written permission operate SURF owned equipment, the Incidental Operator must first meet SDSTA requirements for operation of said equipment. The Contractor shall regularly inspect, test, and calibrate as necessary all equipment, machinery, tools or other items furnished by the Owner that are employed in Contractor's work. Contractor shall take reasonable precautions to avoid damage to facility structures and utilities. If apparent defects are found in Owner-provided materials or equipment, defective equipment shall be taken out of service and Contractor shall promptly notify Owner of such defect(s) in writing. Contractor provided equipment shall be inspected and maintained prior to arriving on-site and before each use. Failure of Contractor provided equipment shall not be entitled to any compensation for downtime or delays or schedule extensions.

19. The Contractor shall manage all waste in performance of the work in compliance with Owner's Policies and Procedures and state and federal law. Further, the Contractor shall minimize the generation of all wastes and hazardous substances. All disposal and clean-up cost of spills of

hazardous/non-hazardous substances and hazardous/non-hazardous debris/waste generated by the Contractor in the performance of the work will be at the expense of the Contractor. The Contractor shall manage all Storm Water Management including obtaining any necessary permits

20. Flammables (defined in 30 CFR Part §57.4460 Storage of flammable liquids underground.) are not allowed underground. Flammables used on the surface are to be stored in engineered flammable cabinets or in containers with a minimum one-hour fire resistance.

- Combustibles in the underground work areas shall be managed as per 30 CFR Part 57.4104 -57.4531; as applicable.

21. All chemicals to be used at the Owner's facility must be pre-approved by the Owner and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) must be maintained by the Contractor and be readily available to workers on site.

22. Tier 4 engines are required on the Owner's site for underground use. Lower Tier 3 equipment may be allowed on site but only with Owner's permission. All underground diesel equipment must be approved by the Owner prior to usage. An equipment list with associated Tier designations and fuel types is to be was provided to the Owner in the bid package.

23. Smoking, use of tobacco products, including vapor, alcohol, controlled substance or weapons are not allowed within the boundaries of the Owner's facility. All property owned and operated by the SDSTA is designated as tobacco and vapor-free. This applies to all areas of the surface and the underground. The Contractor shall manage and maintain a drug and alcohol policy that aligns with that of the Owner's written policy and procedures. ESH department review of this document may be required.

24. Contractor acknowledges that periodic evacuation drills and exercises are required by Owner to validate the adequacy and effectiveness of Owner's Emergency Response Plan. Contractor also recognizes that such drills and exercises enhance its employees' understanding of Owner's Emergency Response Plan. Contractor agrees to participate in quarterly evacuation drills, which may or may not be scheduled in advance, during the term of this Contract. It is understood that Contractor will not be entitled to any additional compensation for participating in these evacuation drills or exercises.

25. Contractor agrees to assess whether Contractor's employees have the physical, mental, and emotional capacity to perform assigned tasks competently, and in a manner that does not unreasonably threaten safety, health, or property, including participation in emergency procedures applicable to Contractor's work location.

26. Owner reserves the right to restrict or deny access of any Contractor employee to the work location.

27. Contractor shall report the hours worked on site by Contractor's employees on a monthly basis to the ESH Construction Safety Coordinator Michelle Andresen ([mandresen@sanfordlab.org](mailto:mandresen@sanfordlab.org)) and to the SDSTA Representative named in the Contract. Hours shall be emailed to both Ms. Andresen and the SDSTA Representative no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the month for hours worked the previous month.