SECTION J

NON-DISCRIMINATION 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, creed, color, or national origin, and will take affirmative action to insure that they are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin. Such action shall be taken with reference, but not limited to: recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training or retraining, including apprenticeship and on-the-job training.
- B. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understand, a notice, to be provided by the Commission of Human Rights, advising such labor union or representative of the Contractor's agreement under clauses "a" through "h" hereinafter called "non-discrimination clauses", and requesting such labor union or representative to agree in writing, whether in such collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding or otherwise, that such labor union or representative will not discriminate against any member or applicant for membership because of race, creed, color, or national origin, and will take affirmative action to insure that they are afforded equal membership opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin. Such action shall be taken with reference, but not be limited to: recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of pay, or other forms of compensation, and selection for training or retraining including apprenticeship and on-the-job training. Such notice shall be given by the Contractor, and such written agreement shall be made by such labor union or representative, prior to the commencement of performances of this contract. If such labor union or representative fails or refuses so to agree in writing, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Commission for Human Rights of such failure or refusal.
- C. The Contractor will post and keep posted in conspicuous places, available to employee and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Commission for Human Rights setting forth the substance of the provisions of clauses "a" and "b" and such provisions of the State's Laws against discrimination as the Commission for Human Rights shall determine.
- D. The Contractor will state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, that all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin.
- E. The Contractor will comply with the provision of Sections 291-299 of the Executive Law and the Civil Rights Law, will furnish all information and reports deemed necessary by the Commission for Human Rights under these non-discrimination clauses and such sections of the Executive Law, and will, permit access to books, records, and accounts by the Commission for Human Rights, and Owner representatives/counsel clauses and such sections of the Executive Law and Civil Rights Law.

- F. This Contract may be forthwith canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, by the Contracting agency upon the basis of a finding made by the Commission of Human Rights that the Contractor has not complied with these non-discrimination clauses, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for future contracts made by or on behalf of the Owner/Contracting Agency until it has satisfied the Commission for Human Rights that it has established and is carrying out a program in conformity with the provisions of these non-discrimination clauses. Such finding shall be made by the Commission for Human Rights after conciliation efforts by the Commission have failed to achieve compliance with these non-discrimination clauses and after a verified complaint has been filed with the Commission, notice thereof has been given to the Contractor and an opportunity has been afforded to be heard publicly before three members of the Commission. Such sanctions may be imposed and remedies otherwise provided by law.
- G. If this Contract is canceled or terminated under clause "f", in addition to other rights of the Owner provided in this contract upon its breach by the Contractor, the Contractor will hold the Owner harmless against any additional expenses or costs incurred by the Owner in completing the work or in purchasing the services, materials, equipment, or supplies contemplated by this contract, and the Owner may withhold payments from the Contractor in an amount sufficient for this purpose and recourse may be held against the surety on the performance bond if necessary.
- H. The Contractor will include the provision of clauses "a", through "g" in every subcontract or purchase order in such a manner that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor as to operations to be performed within jurisdictional locale of the Project being contracted by the Owner. The Contractor will take such action in enforcing such provisions of such subcontract or purchases the Owner/Contracting Agency may direct, including sanctions or remedies for non-compliance. If the Contractor becomes involved in or is threatened with litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Contracting Agency/Owner, the Contractor shall promptly so notify the Owner's Representatives/Counsel, requesting intervention and protect the interests of the Owner (Contracting Agency's jurisdictional area).