



**SPECIAL PROVISIONS
FOR
WORK ON RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (BNSF RAILWAY)**

**Jefferson County
FM-CO51(83)--55-51**

**Effective Date
September 20, 2022**

THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, SERIES 2015, ARE AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS. THESE ARE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND THEY SHALL PREVAIL OVER THOSE PUBLISHED IN THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.

1.1. General

1.1.1. Contractor shall cooperate with the BNSF Railway Company, hereinafter referred to as "Railroad" where work is over, under, on, or adjacent to Railroad property, and/or right-of-way, hereafter referred to as Railroad property, during the work which shall not interfere with the movement of trains on Railroad property.

1.1.2. Contractor's right to enter Railroad's property is subject to the absolute right of the Railroad to cause the Contractor's work on Railroad's property to cease if, in the opinion of Railroad, Contractor's activities create a hazard to Railroad's property, employees, and/or operations.

1.1.3. Contractor shall notify the Engineer and the local BNSF Roadmaster Steve Pumphrey at (319) 758-5638 or by e-mail (Stephen.Pumphrey@bnsf.com) as well as the BNSF Public Projects Manager , Jacob.Rzewnicki@bnsf.com (682)216-1426 (cell) in advance of entry for each location and before you dig, call 1-800-533-2891. Please be advised when calling the dig # provided, that you must select options 7 and request to connect with the signal operation center.

1.1.4. Railroad will cooperate with Contractor such that the work may be handled and performed in an efficient manner.

1.2. Railroad Requirements

1.2.1. Contractor shall comply with the rules and regulations of Railroad and the instructions of the Railroad's representatives in relation to the proper manner of protecting the tracks and property of Railroad and the traffic moving on such tracks, as well as the wires, signals, and other property of Railroad, its tenants or licensees, at and in the vicinity of the work area during construction.

1.2.2. Contractor shall perform work in such manner and at such times that shall not endanger, delay, or interfere with the safe and timely operation of the tracks and property of Railroad and the traffic moving on such tracks, as well as the wires, signals, and other property of Railroad, its tenants, or licensees.

1.2.3. Contractor shall take protective measures as are necessary to keep railroad facilities, including track ballast, free of sand, debris, and other foreign objects and materials resulting from the construction operations. Any damage to Railroad facilities resulting from Contractor's operations will be repaired or replaced by Railroad and the cost of such repairs or replacement shall be paid by the Contractor.

1.3. RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY.

1.3.1. Contractor hereby waives, releases, indemnifies, defends and holds harmless Railway for all judgments, awards, claims, demands, and expenses (including attorney's fees), for injury or death to all persons, including Railway's and Contractor's officers and employees, and for loss and damage to property belonging to any person, arising in any manner from Contractor's or any of Contractor's subcontractors' acts or omissions or any work performed on or about Railway's property or right-of-way. The liability assumed by contractor shall not be affected by the fact, if it is a fact, that the destruction, damage, death, or injury was occasioned by or contributed to by the negligence of railway, its agents, servants, employees or otherwise, except to the extent that such claims are approximately caused by the intentional misconduct or gross negligence of railway.

1.3.2. The indemnification obligation assumed by contractor shall include any claims, suits or judgments brought against railway under the federal employee's liability act including claims for strict liability under the safety appliance act or the boiler inspection act, whenever so claimed.

1.3.3. Contractor further agrees, at its expense, in the name and on behalf of Railway, that it shall adjust and settle all claims made against Railway, and shall, at Railway's discretion, appear and defend any suits or actions of law or in equity brought against Railway on any claim or cause of action arising or growing out of or in any manner connected with any liability assumed by Contractor under this Agreement for which Railway is liable or is alleged to be liable. Railway shall give notice to Contractor, in writing, of the receipt or pendency of such claims and thereupon Contractor shall proceed to adjust and handle to a conclusion such claims, and in the event of a suit brought against Railway, Railway may forward summons and complaint or other process in connection therewith to Contractor, and Contractor, at Railway's discretion, shall defend, adjust, or settle such suits and protect, indemnify, and save harmless Railway from and against all damages, judgments, decrees, attorney's fees, costs, and expenses growing out of or resulting from or incident to any such claims or suits.

1.3.4. It is mutually understood and agreed that the assumption of liabilities and indemnification provided for in this Agreement shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

1.4. Insurance.

Before the contract is awarded, Contractor shall submit to the Department a certificate of insurance evidencing the coverage. The certificate shall identify the insurance company firm name and address, Contractor firm name, policy period, type of policy, limits of coverage, and scope of work covered (including project number). Policies shall provide no less than 30 calendar days prior written notice to Contracting Authority and Railroad of cancellation or material change in policies. Following award of the Contract, the Contractor shall submit a certificate of insurance evidencing the foregoing coverage to the Railroad and Contracting Authority (if other than the Department), and a certified, true, and complete copy of policy or policies to the Contracting Authority and Railroad. Upon request from either the Contracting Authority or Railroad, a certified duplicate

original of any required certificate or policy shall be furnished at no cost to the Contracting Authority or Railroad. The Contractor shall not begin work upon or over Railroad's ROW until the Railroad has notified the Engineer that such insurance provisions are in accordance with the contract documents. The insurance shall be kept in full force and effect during the performance of work and thereafter until the Contractor removes all tools, equipment, and material from Railroad's property and cleans the premises in a manner reasonably satisfactory to Railroad.

1.4.1 Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, procure and maintain from beginning to end of construction work on or about Railroad property, the following insurance coverage types and limits:

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance.** This insurance shall contain broad form contractual liability with a combined single limit of a minimum of \$2,000,000 each occurrence and an aggregate limit of at least \$ 4,000,000. Coverage must be purchased on a post 1998 ISO occurrence form or equivalent and include coverage for, but not limited to, the following:
- ◆ Bodily Injury and Property Damage
 - ◆ Personal Injury and Advertising Injury
 - ◆ Fire legal liability
 - ◆ Products and completed operations

This policy shall also contain the following endorsements, which shall be indicated on the certificate of insurance:

- ◆ It is agreed that any workers' compensation exclusion does not apply to **Railroad** payments related to the Federal Employers Liability Act or a **Railroad** Wage Continuation Program or similar programs and any payments made are deemed not to be either payments made or obligations assumed under any Workers Compensation, disability benefits, or unemployment compensation law or similar law.
 - ◆ The definition of insured contract shall be amended to remove any exclusion or other limitation for any work being done within 50 feet of railroad property.
 - ◆ Any exclusions related to the explosion, collapse and underground hazards shall be removed.
- No other endorsements limiting coverage as respects obligations under this Agreement may be included on the policy. -

- B. **Business Automobile Insurance.** This insurance shall contain a combined single limit of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and include coverage for, but not limited to the following:
- ◆ Bodily injury and property damage
 - ◆ Any and all vehicles owned, used or hired
- C. **Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance.** This insurance shall include coverage for, but not limited to:
- ◆ Contractor's statutory liability under the worker's compensation laws of the state(s) in which the work is to be performed. If optional under State law, the insurance must cover all employees anyway.
 - ◆ Employers' Liability (Part B) with limits of at least \$500,000 each accident, \$500,000 by disease policy limit, \$500,000 by disease each employee.
- D. **Railroad Protective Liability Insurance.**
Jefferson County has acquired Railroad Protective Liability Insurance for this project.
- E. Other Requirements:

Where allowable by law, all policies (applying to coverage listed above) shall contain no exclusion for punitive damages and certificates of insurance shall reflect that no exclusion exists.

Contractor agrees to waive its right of recovery against **Railroad** for all claims and suits against **Railroad**. In addition, its insurers, through the terms of the policy or policy endorsement, waive their right of subrogation against **Railroad** for all claims and suits. The certificate of insurance must reflect the waiver of subrogation endorsement. Contractor further waives its right of recovery, and its insurers also waive their right of subrogation against **Railroad** for loss of its owned or leased property or property under contractor's care, custody or control.

Contractor's insurance policies through policy endorsement, must include wording which states that the policy shall be primary and non-contributing with respect to any insurance carried by **Railroad**. The certificate of insurance must reflect that the above wording is included in evidenced policies.

All policy(ies) required above (excluding Workers Compensation) shall include a severability of interest endorsement and **Railroad** shall be named as an additional insured with respect to work performed under this agreement. Severability of interest and naming **Railroad** as additional insured shall be indicated on the certificate of insurance.

Contractor is not allowed to self-insure without the prior written consent of **Railroad**. If granted by **Railroad**, any deductible, self-insured retention or other financial responsibility for claims shall be covered directly by Contractor in lieu of insurance. Any and all **Railroad** liabilities that would otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this **specification**, be covered by contractor's insurance will be covered as if contractor elected not to include a deductible, self-insured retention or other financial responsibility for claims.

Any insurance policy shall be written by a reputable insurance company acceptable to **Railroad** or with a current Best's Guide Rating of A- and Class VII or better, and authorized to do business in the state(s) in which the service is to be provide.

Contractor represents that this **specification** has been thoroughly reviewed by contractor's insurance agent(s)/broker(s), who have been instructed by contractor to procure the insurance coverage required by this **specification**. Allocated Loss Expense shall be in addition to all policy limits for coverages referenced above.

Not more frequently than once every five years, **Railroad** may reasonably modify the required insurance coverage to reflect then-current risk management practices in the railroad industry and underwriting practices in the insurance industry.

If any portion of the operation is to be subcontracted by contractor, contractor shall require that the subcontractor shall provide and maintain insurance coverages as set forth herein, naming **Railroad** as an additional insured, and shall require that the subcontractor shall release, defend and indemnify **Railroad** to the same extent and under the same terms and conditions as contractor is required to release, defend and indemnify **Railroad** herein.

Failure to provide evidence as required by this section shall entitle, but not require, **Railroad** to shut down construction on this project immediately. Acceptance of a certificate that does not comply with this section shall not operate as a waiver of contractor's obligations hereunder.

The fact that insurance (including, without limitation, self-insurance) is obtained by contractor shall not be deemed to release or diminish the liability of contractor including, without limitation, liability under the indemnity provisions of this **specification**. Damages recoverable by **Railroad** shall not be limited by the amount of the required insurance coverage.

Prior to entering the Premises, Licensee shall and shall cause its contractor to comply with all Licensor's applicable safety rules and regulations. Prior to commencing any work on the Premises, Licensee shall complete and shall require its contractor to complete the safety- training

program at the following Internet Website "<http://www.contractororientation.com>". This training must be completed no more than one year in advance of Licensee's entry on the Premises.

For purposes of this section, **Railroad** shall mean "Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation", "BNSF Railway Company" and the subsidiaries, successors, assigns and affiliates of each.

1.5. Protection of Railway Facilities and Railway Flagger Services

- A. The Contractor shall give a minimum of at least 30 working days notice to Jefferson County prior to beginning work.
- B. The cost of flagger services provided by the Railway, when deemed necessary by the Railway's representative, will be borne by Jefferson County.

1.6. Independent Contractor

In the performance of the Work under this Agreement, Contractor will be considered as an independent contractor, neither Contractor nor any of its employees, subcontractors, agents or servants will be considered as employees of Railway in any respect. Contractor shall have the exclusive right and duty to control the work of its employees. All persons employed by Contractor or any of its subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement shall be the sole employees of Contractor or its subcontractors. Contractor will be given general directions and instructions regarding the Work to be rendered under this Agreement; however, direct supervision of Contractor's employees will be Contractor's responsibility and obligation.

1.7. Method of Measurement and Basis of Payment

Compliance with this special provision will be considered incidental to other work on the project.