VIRGINIA CLEAN WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND
2014 CONTRACT INSERT

The following document is to be inserted "verbatim" in all construction contracts funded by the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund. The contract insert contains ten subparts and nine attachments as follows:

1. Subpart A - containing the Federal/State Nondiscrimination Provisions for Equal Employment Opportunities applicable to all construction and service contracts.

2. Subpart B - containing the notice to the prime contractor relative to certification on nonsegregational facilities.

3. Subpart C - setting forth the affirmative action requirements for the contractors and subcontractors for work involving any construction trade in excess of $10,000.

4. Subpart D - containing the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

5. Subpart E - setting forth requirements of Age Discrimination of 1975, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Section 13 of PL 92-500, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

6. Subpart F - setting forth requirements under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act and Section 508 of the Clean Water Act for contracts and subcontracts in excess of $100,000.

7. Subpart G - procurement of goods and materials from Small Businesses in Rural Areas of the Commonwealth of Virginia wherever practical and feasible.

8. Subpart H – provides that a contractor maintains a drug-free workplace or subcontractor during the performance of contract duties for any wastewater revolving loan-assisted project.

9. Subpart I – requirements of Davis-Bacon Act for contracts and subcontracts in excess of $2,000, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (OSHA) for contracts and subcontracts in excess of $100,000.

10. Subpart J – setting forth requirements to only allow “American Iron and Steel” products to be used on projects funded by the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund.

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SUBPART A

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

1. Executive Order 11246 (Contracts/subcontracts above $10,000)

(a) During the performance of this contract, the contractor and all subcontractors agree as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or the other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the contractors' noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

SUBPART B

NOTICE TO PRIME CONTRACTOR OF REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

Bidders and offerors are cautioned as follows: By signing this bid or offer, the bidder or offeror will be deemed to have signed and agreed to the provisions of the "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" in this solicitation. The certification provides that the bidder or offeror does not maintain or provide for his employees facilities which are segregated on a basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, whether such facilities are segregated by directive or on a de factor basis. The certification also provides that he will not maintain such segregated facilities.

SUBPART C

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS

1. Whenever the Contractor, or any Subcontractor at any tier, subcontracts a portion of the work involving any construction trade, it shall physically include in each subcontract in excess of $10,000 the provisions of these specifications and the Notice which contains the affirmative action goals for minority and female participation and which is set forth in the solicitations from which this contract resulted.

2. The applicable Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)/Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) "fair share" goals and dollar objectives are established as follows:

	MBE%	WBE%
Construction	5.8	4.0
Equipment	4.1	4.2
Services	3.9	2.6
Supplies	1.5	1.6

3. The MBE/WBE goals set forth in this contract are shown in #2 above. The Contractor shall make every reasonable attempt to achieve the goals as stated. When so notified by the owner, the apparent low bidder shall provide a listing of MBE's and WBE's he proposes to use on this project. Should the bidder fail to meet the aforementioned objectives he shall provide complete documentation which demonstrates the positive efforts made. Failure to satisfy this requirement to the satisfaction of the owner shall constitute a nonresponsible bid and shall be cause for the owner to reject the bid.

4. The contractor shall implement the specific affirmative action steps as provided in Section B included in the Instruction to Bidders/Offerers section of these specifications.

5. The Contractor and all Subcontractors must maintain documentation and records of all solicitations of offers for subcontracts from minority and female construction contractors and suppliers, including circulation of solicitations to minority and female contractor associations and other business associations. Within 21 days of determination of the apparent low bidder, the contractor must furnish to the owner all pertinent documentation, which evidences or documents a good faith effort in MBE/WBE solicitation and projected utilization. Failure to comply with the submission of appropriate MBE/WBE documentation may result in the determination of a bidder as nonresponsible and shall cause the bid to be rejected.

6. Immediately following the award of contracts and continuing through the construction stage, all records of MBE/WBE utilization shall be maintained and reported in accordance with the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund MBE/ WBE Utilization Reporting Form. A MBE/WBE Utilization Reporting Form shall be completed and submitted to the owner on a calendar year quarterly basis during the construction period.

SUBPART D

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

The Contractor and any subcontractors shall not, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, or sex, exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination, any person under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

SUBPART E

SECTION 13 of PL 92-500; UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT; REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973; PL 93-112, AND AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975

The Contractor and any subcontractors shall not on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination any person under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with Federal funds. Any prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, or with respect to an otherwise qualified handicapped individual as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 shall also apply to any such program or activity.

SUBPART F

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 306 OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT AND SECTION 508 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF $100,000)

The Contractor agrees that:

1. Any facility to be utilized in the performance of this contract or any subcontract shall not be a facility listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.

2. The Contractor and Subcontractors will comply with all requirements of Section 306 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, and Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder.

3. The Contractor will promptly notify the loan recipient and Department of Environmental Quality of any notification received from the Director of the Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility utilized or to be utilized for the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

SUBPART G

UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES IN RURAL AREAS

The contractor and its subcontractors shall maintain a small business solicitation list and make appropriate attempts to procure needed equipment, supplies, and material from small businesses in rural areas of the Commonwealth of Virginia whenever they are a practical source for solicitation.

SUBPART H

TITLE 2.2, SECTION 2.2-4312, to CHAPTER 43 RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF ALL PUBLIC BODIES (DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE)

For every contract over $10,000, the contractor must maintain a drug-free workplace. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (I) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over $10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

SUBPART I

COMPLIANCE WITH DAVIS-BACON ACT PAYROLL REVIEW

The contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act and Related Acts. Federal minimum wage laws are applicable to all construction contracts in excess of $2,000. The Davis-Bacon Act stipulates that all laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or subcontractors on federally assisted projects shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the area as determined by the Secretary of Labor. The contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act generally applicable to any contracts in excess of $100,000. **Wage rates specified in the applicable wage determination (Attachment 4) for this construction trade and geographic area are required as part of this contract. The wage determination(s) must be posted at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place.** The contractor will also post the Department of Labor poster "Employee Rights under the Davis-Bacon Act" (www.wagehours.dol.gov).

The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontract the clauses included in 29 CFR 5.5 (a) (1) through (12) (Contract Provisions and Related Matters) including the applicable wage rates, and a clause requiring the subcontractor include these clauses in any lower tier subcontract. The prime contactor will be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 (see Department of Labor website or a Federal regulations website).

By entering into this contract the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm which has an interest in the contractor's firm is disbarred or suspended from bidding or working on a federally funded project. No part of this contract will be subcontracted to any person or firm who has been debarred or suspended from bidding or working on a federally funded project.

Any class of laborers or mechanics employed under the contract, which is not listed in the wage determination, shall be classified in conformance with the wage decision if possible. Additional classifications shall be requested from the Department of Labor as specified in 29 CFR 5.5 or as amended (see Department of Labor Website for forms and instructions). Upon issuance of an additional classification, the new wage rate including fringe benefits where appropriate shall be paid to all workers performing the work in the additional classification from the first day on which work is performed in the classification. The Department of Labor shall approve an additional classification and wage rate

and fringe benefits only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
(2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry: and
(3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

1) Payroll(s)

All mechanics and laborers employed upon the site of the work will be paid unconditionally and not less than once a week without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account the full amounts of wages and bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof except as provided for by Department of Labor regulations issued in accordance with provisions of the Copeland Act. The payment shall be computed at wage rates not less than those contained in the "wage determination" included in these specifications regardless of any contractual relationship alleged to exist between the contractor or its subcontractors and such laborers and mechanics.

Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish each week, in which any contract work is performed, to the loan recipient (owner) a payroll of wages paid to each of its employees engaged on work during the preceding weekly payroll period. The payroll submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained in the Records section below. Each payroll* submitted shall be accompanied by a Statement of Compliance* signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his/her agent who pays and supervises the payment of persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

1) that the payroll for the payroll period contains the information noted above and that such information is true and complete,
2) that such laborer or mechanic employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wage earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in federal regulation(s), and
3) that each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rate and fringe benefits or cash equivalent for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

*DOL WHD Form 347 (Attachment No. 5) is included as an example payroll and certification statement

Laborers and mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the actual time worked therein, provided, that the employee's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed.

Whenever the minimum rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination classification or pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof. If the contractor does not make payment to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, that the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program. Contributions made or cost reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions above as well as regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period.

2) Records

Payrolls and basic records shall be maintained by the contractor and each subcontractor for a period covering three years from the date of completion of the contract for all laborers, mechanics, apprentices, trainees, watchmen, helpers, and guards working at the site of the work. Payrolls will include the name; his or her correct classification; hourly rates paid as wages paid including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalent thereof the types described in Section 1(b) (2) (B) of the Davis-Bacon Act; daily and weekly number of hours worked; deductions made; and actual wages paid.

Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (iv) that wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in Section 1 (b) (2) (B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, **that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected**, and records show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

3) Penalties and Withholding

Falsification of a payroll certification may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of Title 18 and section 231 of Title 31 of the United States code. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency or delegated agent may after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guaranteed of funds.

The contractor or subcontractor shall make the payroll records required available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the owner, DEQ, EPA, or the Department of Labor and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. Failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CR 5.12.

A breach of the these contract clauses or the clauses continued in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

The governing body, shall upon its own actions or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold from the contractor under this contract or any other federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics including apprentices, trainees, and helpers employed by the contractor and subcontractor, the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or a mechanic including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work all or part of the wages required by the contract, the State or the Department of Labor may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guaranteed of funds.

SUBPART J

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL REQUIREMENTS

Use of iron and steel products that are produced in the United States (US) is required for this construction. The prime contractor must provide documentation that all iron and steel products which are permanently incorporated as part of the project meet the specification of American Iron and Steel (AIS) per the definitions contained in section "1" below. Production in the US of the iron or steel products requires that all manufacturing processes must take place in the United States, except metallurgical processes involving refinement of steel additives. The prime contractor must certify, section "2" below, that the contractor understands all iron and steel products permanently incorporated as part of the project must satisfy AIS requirements except those waivered by EPA (Attachment 6), section "3", or those included as De Minimis components, section "4". The prime contractor must submit to the owner AIS certifications for individual components supplied or installed by the prime contractor as well as components supplied or installed by all subcontractors, section "5". The contractor must include the AIS requirements in any subcontract or purchase agreement made by the prime contractor (Attachment 6) and require subcontractors or suppliers of AIS products to also require their subcontractors or suppliers to include AIS requirements in any subcontracts or purchase agreements they enter into. The owner may refuse payment on any AIS component for which a satisfactory AIS certification has not been submitted.

1. Definition of American Iron and Steel

Iron or steel products mean the following products made primarily (greater than 50% measured by material cost) of iron or steel that are permanently incorporated into the project and are listed below, paragraphs a-d. **Products not listed below do not have to satisfy the AIS requirement.** In addition, iron and steel products used on the construction site temporarily (for example, trench boxes, scaffolding, or equipment used on site which will be removed before completion of the project) are not subject to the AIS requirements.

a. Lined or unlined pipes or fittings, manhole covers, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, and reinforced precast concrete. Rebar and wire in reinforced precast products must be produced in the US and the casting of the concrete product must take place in the US. Cement and other raw materials used in production of reinforced precast concrete products do not have to be of domestic origin.

b. Municipal castings are cast iron or steel infrastructure products that are melted and cast. They typically provide access, protection, or housing for components incorporated into utility owned drinking water, storm water, wastewater, and surface infrastructure. They are typically made of grey or ductile iron, or steel. Examples of municipal castings are: access hatches, ballast screen, benches (iron or steel), bollards (excluding any fill material), cast bases, cast iron hinged hatches (square and rectangular), cast iron riser rings, catch basin inlets, cleanout/monument boxes, construction covers and frames, curb and corner guards, curb openings, detectable warning plates, downspout shoes (boot and inlet), drainage grates, frames and curb inlets, inlets, junction boxes, lampposts, manhole covers (rings and frames), risers, meter boxes, service boxes, steel hinged hatches (square and rectangular), steel riser rings, trash receptacles, tree grates, tree guards, trench grates, and valve boxes (covers and risers).

c. Structural steel is rolled flanged shapes, having at least one dimension of their cross-section three inches or greater, which are used in the construction of bridges, buildings, ships, railroad rolling stock, and for numerous other constructional purposes. Such shapes are designated as wide-flange shapes, standard I-beams, channels, angles, tees and zees. Other shapes include H-piles, sheet piling, tie plates, cross ties, and those for other special purposes.

d. Construction materials are those articles, materials, or supplies made primarily (greater than 50% materials cost) of iron and steel, that are permanently incorporated into the project, not including mechanical and/or electrical components, equipment and systems (discussed below). Some of these products may overlap with what is also considered "structural steel". This includes, but is not limited to, the following products: wire rod, bar, angles, concrete reinforcing bar, wire, wire cloth, wire rope and cables, tubing, framing, joists, trusses, fasteners (i.e., nuts and bolts), welding rods, decking, grating, railings, stairs, access ramps, fire escapes, ladders, wall panels, dome structures, roofing, ductwork, surface drains, cable hanging systems, manhole steps, fencing and fence tubing, guardrails, doors, and stationary screens.

Mechanical and electrical components, equipment and systems are not considered construction materials and do not have to meet the AIS requirements. Mechanical equipment is typically that which has motorized parts and/or is powered by a motor. Electrical equipment is typically any machine powered by electricity and includes components that are part of the electrical distribution system. The following examples (including appurtenances necessary for their intended use and operation) are NOT considered construction materials and do not have to meet the AIS requirements: pumps, motors, gear reducers, drives (including variable frequency drives (VFDs)), electric/pneumatic/manual accessories used to operate valves (such as electric valve actuators), mixers, gates, motorized screens (such as traveling screens), blowers/aeration equipment, compressors, meters, sensors, controls and switches, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA), membrane bioreactor systems, membrane filtration systems, filters, clarifiers and clarifier mechanisms, rakes, grinders, disinfection systems, presses (including belt presses), conveyors, cranes, HVAC (excluding ductwork), water heaters, heat exchangers, generators, cabinetry and housings (such as electrical boxes/enclosures), lighting fixtures, electrical conduit, emergency life systems, metal office furniture, shelving, laboratory equipment, analytical instrumentation, and dewatering equipment.

2. Certification(s)

Within no more than 21 days of determination of the apparent low bidder, the selected contractor must submit to the owner the certification included as Attachment No. 6. At the conclusion of the project the contractor must certify with their final payment request that all iron and steel products permanently incorporated into the project satisfy the AIS requirements and no changes or substitutions to the products for which individual certifications were submitted to the owner have been made (Attachment 9).

3. EPA Waiver

EPA has sole authority to approve waivers to the AIS provisions. The owner may seek a waiver at any point before, during, or after the bid process if one or a combination of the three conditions below are met. The prime contractor may suggest to the owner waivers not listed in the bid document. The owner has sole discretion to decide whether or not to request a suggested waiver. The waiver request(s) must satisfy one of the following conditions and be approved by EPA:

a. Iron and steel products are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality;
b. Inclusion of iron and steel products produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent; or
c. Applying the requirements of Section 436 would be inconsistent with the public interest.

The waiver request must include proper and sufficient documentation to support the request. Attachment No. 7 is a sample Waiver Request Form. A "Review Checklist for Waiver Review" is provided as Attachment No. 8 to assist the owner in preparation of a waiver request. The information outlined therein must be included with the waiver request letter. Upon approval of the waiver request, EPA will notify the owner directly.

4. De Minimis Materials

The EPA has granted a nationwide waiver of the AIS requirements for de minimis incidental components of eligible infrastructure projects. For many of these incidental components, the country of manufacture and the availability of alternatives is not always readily or reasonably identifiable prior to procurement in the normal course of business; for other incidental components, the country of manufacture may be known but the miscellaneous character in conjunction with the low cost, individually and (in total) as typically procured in bulk, mark them as properly incidental. Examples of incidental components could include small washers, screws, fasteners (i.e., nuts and bolts), miscellaneous wire, corner bead, ancillary tube, etc. Examples of items that are clearly not incidental include significant process fittings (i.e., tees, elbows, flanges, and brackets), distribution system fittings and valves, force main valves, pipes for sewer collection and/or water distribution, treatment and storage tanks, large structural support structures, etc.

Funds used for such de minimis incidental components cumulatively may comprise no more than a total of 5 percent of the total cost of the total materials incorporated into the project; the cost of an individual item may not exceed 1 percent of the total cost of the total materials incorporated into the project. Contractors who wish to use this waiver should determine the costs of all items installed or supplied for the project. The contractor must retain relevant documentation (i.e., invoices) for each of these items in their project files, and must summarize in reports to the owner: the total cost of all materials, the total cost of "incidental" materials, and the calculations by which they determined the percentage of incidental products installed or supplied for the project.

5. Individual Products Certification Documentation

The prime contractor must provide individual certification(s) to the owner for each iron and steel product purchased for incorporation into the project certifying that the product purchased satisfies the AIS requirements. The prime contractor is responsible for gathering all certifications for all products supplied or installed by suppliers and subcontractors, and for submitting these to the owner. As noted above, the contractor must also provide a final certification statement with their final payment request attesting that all American Iron and Steel requirements of this subpart have been met and there have been no changes or substitutions to the products individually certified.

ATTACHMENT #1

Minority Business and Women's Business
Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Requirements of 40 CFR 33.240

Bidder/Offerer Responsibilities

A. Affirmative Steps: Activities during preparation of bids and offers. Bidders/offerers shall take affirmative steps in compliance with the regulations, prior to submission of bids or closing data for receipt of initial offers, to encourage participation in projects by MBE and WBE firms. Such efforts include:

1. Establish and maintain a current solicitation list of minority and female recruitment sources, and assure MBE and WBE firms are solicited once they are identified.

2. When feasible, segmenting total work requirements to permit maximum MBE/WBE participation and establish delivery schedules to encourage MBE/WBE participation.

3. Assuring that MBE and WBE firms are solicited whenever they are potential sources of goods and services. This step may include:

   a. Sending letters or making other personal contact with MBE and WBE firms, private agencies and state associations (e.g., whose names appear on lists prepared by EPA or the recipient and other MBE/WBE known to the bidder/offerer). MBE and WBE firms should be contacted when other potential subcontractors are contacted, within reasonable time prior to bid submission or closing date for receipt of initial offers. Those letters or other contacts should communicate the following:

   (i) Specific description of the work to be contracted;

   (ii) How and where to obtain a copy of plans and specifications or other detailed information needed to prepare a detailed price quotation;

   (iii) Date the quotation is due to the bidder/offerer;

   (iv) Name, address, and phone number of the person in the bidder/offerer's firm whom the prospective MBE/WBE subcontractor should contact for additional information.

   b. Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and the Office of Minority Business Enterprises of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

B. Bidders/offerers must demonstrate compliance with MBE/WBE requirements to be deemed responsible. Demonstration of compliance may include the following information; however, the recipient may specify other methods of demonstrating compliance:

   1. Names, addresses and phone numbers of MBE/WBE firms expected to perform work;

   2. Work to be performed by the MBE and WBE firms;

   3. Aggregate dollar amount of work to be performed by MBE and WBE firms, showing aggregate to MBE's and aggregate to WBE's separately;

4. Description of contacts to MBE and WBE organizations, agencies and associations which service MBE/WBE firms, including names of organizations, agencies and associations and dates of contacts;

5. Descriptions of contacts to MBE and WBE firms, including number of contacts, fields (i.e., equipment or material supplier, excavators, transport services, electrical subcontractors, plumbers, etc.) and dates of contacts.

C. Successful bidders/offerers should take reasonable affirmative steps to subcontract with MBE and WBE firms whenever additional subcontracting opportunities arise during the performance of the contract.

ATTACHMENT #2

BIDDER COMPLIANCE STATEMENT/CERTIFICATION REGARDING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Applicability: Bid exceeding ten thousand dollars for construction contract/subcontract of unlimited amount and non-construction contract/subcontract of less than one million dollars.

This statement relates to a proposed contract between_____ and Public Body or
(contractor)

subcontract between_____and_____to be
(subcontractor) (contractor)

funded under a federally assisted project. Pursuant to Executive Order 11246 and its implementing regulations at 41 CFR 60-1.7(b) (1), as the undersigned bidder, I certify that:

1) Bidder has participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity Clause.

Yes No

2) Bidder has developed and has on file at each establishment affirmative action programs pursuant to 41 CFR 60-2 (applies only to non-construction contractor).

Yes No

3) Bidder has filed with the Joint Reporting Committee, the Director (Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor), and agency, or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, all reports due under the applicable filing requirements.

Yes No

I understand that if I have failed to file any compliance reports which have been required of me, or have failed to develop and have on file at each establishment affirmative action programs pursuant to 41 CFR 60-2, when required, I am not eligible to have my bid or proposal considered, or to enter into the proposed contact.

I further understand that if awarded the proposed contract, and the contract for the FIRST time brings me under the filing requirements or the written affirmative action programs that I will, as applicable: (a) within 30 days file with the Public Body Standard Form 100 (EEO-1); and (b) within 120 days from the commencement of the contract develop and submit to the Director of OFCCP for approval a Written Affirmative Action Plan.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIDDER (Include ZIP Code):

NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Please Type or Print):

SIGNATURE: DATE:

ATTACHMENT #3

VIRGINIA CLEAN WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND

PART I - MBE/WBE UTILIZATION REPORTING

Send completed form to: Department of Environmental Quality
Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program
P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23218.
Reporting contact is Ken Savko; phone number is (804) 698-4141 - kenneth.savko@deq.virginia.gov
Fax Number (804) -698-4032

Year 20__

Reporting Quarter: (check one)

1st (Oct.-Dec.) ____ 2nd (Jan.-Mar.) ____
3rd (Apr.-Jun.) ____ 4th (Jul.-Sept.) ____

Name of Loan Recipient:

VCWRLF Loan Recipient Project No.: **C-515** _____

Prime Contractor:

Contract Number:

Date for Start of Construction:

Is the Prime Contractor an MBE or WBE? Yes No

Have you subcontracted with an MBE or WBE firm in this quarter?

Yes No

Please sign and date below.

And, if you answered yes to subcontracting with an MBE or WBE firm please provide information on Part II.

_____

Contractor's Signature (or Recipient's signature if prime contractor is MBE\WBE firm)

_____ _____ _____

Date **Fax Number** **Email Address**

If an MBE/WBE subcontract is rescinded, please give name of firm, date of rescission and amount of rescission.

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PART II - MBE/WBE UTILIZATION REPORTING

Project No**. C-515** _____Year_____ Quarter____

Business Enterprise		Dollar Value of Procurement	Date of Award (mm/dd/yy)	Type of Product or Service[1]	Name and Address of MBE/WBE Contractor or Vendor
Minority	Women				

[1] Type of product or use service code below:

1=Agriculture
2=Mining
3=Construction
4=Manufacturing

5=Transportation
6=Wholesale Trade
7=Retail Trade
8=Finance, Insurance, Real Estate

9=Services
a=Business Services
b=Professional Services
c=Repair Services
d=Personal Services

10=Other

ATTACHMENT #4

Insert

Wage Determination(s)

(For Contractor's Optional Use; See Instructions at www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm)

U.S. Department of Labor

Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division

PAYROLL

PAYROLL NO. LO CATION FOR WEEK ENDING CONTRACT NO.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR ADDRESS PROJECT

(1) NAME AND INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING NUMBER (e.g., LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER) OF WORKER (2)	NO. OF WITHHOLDING EXEMPTIONS	(3) WORK CLASSIFICATION	OT. OR ST.	(4) DAY AND DATE / HOURS WORKED EACH DAY							(5) TOTAL HOURS	(6) RATE OF PAY	(7) GROSS AMOUNT EARNED	(8) DEDUCTIONS FICA	WITH-HOLDING TAX			OTHER	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	(9) NET WAGES PAID FOR WEEK
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While completion of Form WH-347 is optional, it is mandatory for covered contractors and subcontractors performing work on Federally financed or assisted construction contracts to respond to the information collection contained in 29 C.F.R. §§ 3.3, 5.5(a). The Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145) contractors and subcontractors performing work on Federally financed or assisted construction contracts to "furnish weekly a statement with respect to the wages paid each employee during the preceding week." U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) regulations at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a)(3)(ii) require contractors to submit weekly a copy of all payrolls to the Federal agency contracting for or financing the construction project, accompanied by a signed "Statement of Compliance" indicating that the payrolls are correct and complete and that each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the proper Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rate for the work performed. DOL and federal contracting agencies receiving this information review the information to determine that employees have received legally required wages and fringe benefits.

Public Burden Statement

We estimate that is will take an average of 55 minutes to complete this collection, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspect of this collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, send them to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, ESA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S3502, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210

Date _____

I, _____ _____
(Name of Signatory Party) (Title)

do hereby state:

(1) That I pay or supervise the payment of the persons employed by

_____ on the
(Contractor or Subcontractor)

_____; that during the payroll period commencing on the
(Building or Work)

_____,

_____ day of_____, _____ , and ending the day of _____ , _____ ,

all persons employed on said project have been paid the full weekly wages earned, that no rebates have been or will be made either directly or indirectly to or on behalf of said

_____from the full
(Contractor or Subcontractor)

weekly wages earned by any person and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned by any person, other than permissible deductions as defined in Regulations, Part 3 (29 C.F.R. Subtitle A), issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act, as amended (48 Stat. 948, 63 Start. 108, 72 Stat. 967; 76 Stat. 357; 40 U.S.C. § 3145), and described below:

(2) That any payrolls otherwise under this contract required to be submitted for the above period are correct and complete; that the wage rates for laborers or mechanics contained therein are not less than the applicable wage rates contained in any wage determination incorporated into the contract; that the classifications set forth therein for each laborer or mechanic conform with the work he performed.

(3) That any apprentices employed in the above period are duly registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States Department of Labor, or if no such recognized agency exists in a State, are registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States Department of Labor.

(4) That:

(a) WHERE FRINGE BENEFITS ARE PAID TO APPROVED PLANS, FUNDS, OR PROGRAMS

– in addition to the basic hourly wage rates paid to each laborer or mechanic listed in the above referenced payroll, payments of fringe benefits as listed in the contract have been or will be made to appropriate programs for the benefit of such employees, except as noted in section 4(c) below.

(b) WHERE FRINGE BENEFITS ARE PAID IN CASH

– Each laborer or mechanic listed in the above referenced payroll has been paid, as indicated on the payroll, an amount not less than the basic hourly wage rate plus the amount of the required fringe benefits as listed in the contract, except as noted in section 4(c) below.

(c) EXCEPTIONS

EXCEPTION (CRAFT)	EXPLANATION

REMARKS:	
NAME AND TITLE	SIGNATURE

THE WILLFUL FALSIFICATION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS MAY SUBJECT THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. SEE SECTION 1001 OF TITLE 18 AND SECTION 231 OF TITLE 31 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

ATTACHMENT #6

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL (AIS) CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Upon execution of this certification, the selected Contractor acknowledges to and for the benefit of the _____ ("Owner") and the State of Virginia that it understands the goods and services under this Agreement are being funded with monies made available by the Virginia Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund and that statutory requirements require that all of the iron and steel products used in the project must be produced in the United States in accordance with "Subpart J – American Iron and Steel Requirements" of these inserts . The Contractor hereby represents and warrants to and for the benefit of the Owner and the State that (a) the Contractor has reviewed and understands the American Iron and Steel Requirement, (b) all of the iron and steel products used in the project will be and/or have been produced in the United States in a manner that complies with the American Iron and Steel Requirement, unless a waiver of the requirement is approved or the product is incidental as described the De Minimis section of Subpart J, (c) the Contractor will provide verified information, product certifications, or assurance of compliance with this paragraph as requested by the Owner, and (d) information necessary to support a waiver of the American Iron and Steel Requirement, as may be requested by the Owner or the State. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any failure to comply with this paragraph by the Contractor shall permit the Owner or State to recover damages from the Contractor for any loss, expense, or cost (including without limitation attorney's fees) incurred by the Owner or State resulting from any such failure (including without limitation any impairment or loss of funding, whether in whole or in part, from the State or any damages owed to the State by the Owner).

This statement relates to a proposed contract between _____and _____
(owner) (contractor)

in conjunction with _____ to be funded with monies made available by the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund.
(project name)

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_____
Signature Date

_____
Name and Title of Signer (Please type or print)

ATTACHMENT #7

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL (AIS) WAIVER REQUEST

A waiver from the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (CAA) is requested for the following reason(s):

_____(1) Applying the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of the CAA would be inconsistent with the public interest;

_____(2) Iron, steel, and relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or

_____(3) Inclusion of iron and steel products produced on the United Sates will increase cost of the overall project by more than 25%.

Relevant documentation to this request is enclosed. No materials will be installed prior to approval of this waiver request by EPA.

_____Additional sheets attached

This waiver request relates to a proposed contract between _____ and _____
(contractor) (owner)

in conjunction with _____ to be funded with monies made available by the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan
(project name)
Fund.

_____
Signature Date

_____
Name and Title of Signer (Please type or print)

Review Checklist for Waiver Request

Review Items	Yes	Comments
• Waiver request includes the following information: – Description of the foreign and domestic construction materials – Unit of measure – Quantity – Price – Time of delivery or availability – Location of the construction project – Name and address of the proposed supplier – A detailed justification for the use of foreign construction materials • Waiver request was submitted according to the State's instructions to SRF assistance recipients • Assistance recipient (owner) made a good faith effort to solicit bids for domestic iron and steel products, as demonstrated by language in requests for proposals, contracts, and communications with the prime contractor		
Cost Waiver Requests • Waiver request includes the following information: – Comparison of overall cost of project with domestic iron and steel products to overall cost of project with foreign iron and steel products (Price Comparison Worksheet - Page 2). – Relevant excerpts from the bid documents used by the prime contractor to complete the Price Comparison Worksheet – Supporting documentation indicating that the contractor made a reasonable survey of the market, such as a description of the process for identifying suppliers and a list of contacted suppliers		
Availability Waiver Requests • Waiver request includes the following supporting documentation necessary to demonstrate the availability, quantity, and/or quality of the materials for which the waiver is requested: – Supplier information or pricing information from a reasonable number of domestic suppliers indicating availability/delivery date for construction materials – Documentation of the assistance recipient's (owner's) efforts to find available domestic sources, such as a description of the process for identifying suppliers and a list of contacted suppliers. – Project schedule – Relevant excerpts from project plans, specifications, and permits indicating the required quantity and quality of construction materials • Waiver request includes a statement from the prime contractor confirming the non-availability of the domestic construction materials for which the waiver is sought		
• Has the State received other waiver requests for the materials described in this waiver request, for comparable projects?		

American Iron and Steel (AIS) Price Comparison Worksheet

Instructions: To be completed by the prime contractor. In column (a), enter all iron and steel products required to build the project as designed. In column (b) enter the cost estimate for each component as supplied by domestic sources. In column (c) enter the cost estimate for each component for which waivers are requested, as supplied by foreign sources.

(a) Iron and Steel Product	Unit of Measure	Quantity	(b) Price – Domestic Material*	(c) Price – Foreign Material*
			(d) Total Domestic Project Cost:	(e) Total Foreign Project Cost:

*Include all delivery costs to the construction site

ATTACHMENT #9

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL (AIS) FINAL CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Upon execution of this certification the Contractor hereby certifies that all of the iron and steel products used in this project were produced in the United States except those for which an appropriate waiver(s) has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and that no changes or substitutions to the individual certifications provided by the contractor have been made.

This statement relates to a proposed contract between _____ and _____
(owner) (contractor)

in conjunction with _____ funded with monies made available by the Virginia Clean
(project name)

Water Revolving Loan Fund.

_____
Signature Date

_____
Name and Title of Signer (Please type or print)