Exhibit 10-J Standard Contract Provisions for Subconsultant/DBE Participation

**1. Subconsultants**

A. Nothing contained in this Contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between the Agency and any subconsultants, and no subcontract shall relieve the Consultant of his/her responsibilities and obligations hereunder. The Consultant agrees to be as fully responsible to the Agency for the acts and omissions of its subconsultants and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the Consultant. The Consultant's obligation to pay its subconsultants is an independent obligation from the Agency's obligation to make payments to the Consultant.

B. Any subcontract in excess of $25,000, entered into as a result of this Contract, shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this Contract to be applicable to subconsultants.

C. Consultant shall pay its subconsultants within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of each payment made to the Consultant by the Agency.

D. Any substitution of subconsultants must be approved in writing by the Agency’s Contract Administrator in advance of assigning work to a substitute subconsultant.

**2**. **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation**

A. This Contract is subject to 49 CFR, Part 26 entitled “Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs”. Proposers who obtain DBE participation on this contract will assist Caltrans in meeting its federally mandated statewide overall DBE goal.

B. If the contract has a DBE goal, the Consultant must meet the goal by committing DBE participation or document a good faith effort to meet the goal. If a DBE subconsultant is unable to perform, the Consultant must make a good faith effort to replace him/her with another DBE subconsultant, if the goal is not otherwise met. A DBE is a firm meeting the definition of a DBE as specified in 49 CFR.

C. DBEs and other small businesses, as defined in 49 CFR, Part 26 are encouraged to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds. The Consultant or subconsultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The Consultant shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR, Part 26 in the award and administration of US DOT- assisted agreements. Failure by the Consultant to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the local agency deems appropriate.

D. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this Contract shall contain all of the provisions of this section.

E. A DBE may be terminated only with prior written approval from the local agency and only for the reasons specified in 49 CFR 26.53(f). Prior to requesting local agency consent for the termination, the prime consultant must meet the procedural requirements specified in 49 CFR 26.53(f).

**3. Performance of DBE Consultant and other DBE Subconsultants/Suppliers**

1. A DBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the Contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE must also be responsible with respect to materials and supplies used on the Contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether a DBE is performing a commercially useful function, evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices; whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the Contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing; and other relevant factors.
2. A DBE does not perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, Contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation. In determining whether a DBE is such an extra participant, examine similar transactions, particularly those in which DBEs do not participate.
3. If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least 30 percent of the total cost of its Contract with its own work force, or the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of the Contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, it will be presumed that it is not performing a commercially useful function.

**4. Prompt Payment of Funds Withheld to Subconsultants**

A. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this Contract shall contain all of the provisions of this section.

*(Local agency to include either B, C, or D below; delete the other two.)*

B. No retainage will be withheld by the Agency from progress payments due the prime Consultant. Retainage by the prime Consultant or subconsultants is prohibited, and no retainage will be held by the prime Consultant from progress due subconsultants. Any violation of this provision shall subject the violating prime Consultant or subconsultants to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the prime Consultant or subconsultant in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the prime Consultant or deficient subconsultant performance, or noncompliance by a subconsultant. This provision applies to both DBE and non-DBE prime Consultants and subconsultants.

C. No retainage will be held by the Agency from progress payments due the prime Consultant. Any retainage held by the prime Consultant or subconsultants from progress payments due subconsultants shall be promptly paid in full to subconsultants within 30 days after the subconsultant’s work is satisfactorily completed. Federal law (49 CFR26.29) requires that any delay or postponement of payment over the 30 days may take place only for good cause and with the Agency’s prior written approval. Any violation of this provision shall subject the violating prime Consultant or subconsultant to the penalties, sanctions and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the Business and Professions Code. These requirements shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the prime Consultant or subconsultant in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the prime consultant, deficient subconsultant performance, or noncompliance by a subconsultant. This provision applies to both DBE and non-DBE prime consultant and subconsultants.

D. The Agency shall hold retainage from the prime consultant and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by the Agency, of the contract work, and pay retainage to the prime consultant based on these acceptances. The prime consultant, or subconsultant, shall return all monies withheld in retention from a subconsultant within 30 days after receiving payment for work satisfactorily completed and accepted including incremental acceptances of portions of the contract work by the agency. Federal law (49 CFR26.29) requires that any delay or postponement of payment over 30 days may take place only for good cause and with the agency’s prior written approval. Any violation of this provision shall subject the violating prime consultant or subconsultant to the penalties, sanctions and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the Business and Professions Code. These requirements shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the prime consultant or subconsultant in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the prime Consultant, deficient subconsultant performance, or noncompliance by a subconsultant. This provision applies to both DBE and non-DBE prime consultant and subconsultants.

**5. DBE Records**

1. The Consultant shall maintain records of materials purchased or supplied from all subcontracts entered into with certified DBEs. The records shall show the name and business address of each DBE or vendor and the total dollar amount actually paid each DBE or vendor, regardless of tier. The records shall show the date of payment and the total dollar figure paid to all firms. DBE prime consultants shall also show the date of work performed by their own forces along with the corresponding dollar value of the work.

B. Upon completion of the Contract, a summary of these records shall be prepared and submitted on the form entitled, “Final Report-Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), First-Tier Subconsultants,” CEM-2402F (Exhibit 17-F, Chapter 17, of the LAPM), certified correct by the Consultant or the Consultant’s authorized representative and shall be furnished to the Contract Administrator with the final invoice. Failure to provide the summary of DBE payments with the final invoice will result in 25 percent of the dollar value of the invoice being withheld from payment until the form is submitted. The amount will be returned to the Consultant when a satisfactory “Final Report-Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), First-Tier Subconsultants” is submitted to the Contract Administrator.

**6. DBE Certification and Decertification Status**

If a DBE subconsultant is decertified during the life of the Contract, the decertified subconsultant shall notify the Consultant in writing with the date of decertification. If a subconsultant becomes a certified DBE during the life of the Contract, the subconsultant shall notify the Consultant in writing with the date of certification. Any changes should be reported to the Agency’s Contract Administrator within 30 days.