used therein, shall be subject to the inspection, tests and approval of the Owner and the Administrator, and the Bidder shall furnish all information required by the Owner or by the Administrator concerning the nature or source of any materials incorporated or to be incorporated in the Project. The Owner and the Administrator shall have the right to inspect all payrolls, invoices of materials, and other data and records of the Bidder and of any subcontractor, relevant to the construction of the Project. The Bidder shall provide all reasonable facilities necessary for such inspection and tests and shall maintain an office at the site of the Project, with telephone service where obtainable and at least one office employee to whom directions and instructions of the Owner may be delivered. Delivery of such directions or instructions in writing to the employee of the Bidder at such office shall constitute delivery to the Bidder. The Bidder shall have an authorized agent accompany the Engineer when final inspection is made and, if requested by the Owner, when any other inspection is made.

d. In the event that the Owner through its Engineer, or the Administrator, shall determine that the construction contains or may contain numerous defects, it shall be the duty of the Bidder and the Bidder's Surety or Sureties, if any, to have an inspection made by an engineer approved by the Owner and the Administrator for the purpose of determining the exact nature, extent and location of such defects.

e. The Engineer may recommend to the Owner that the Bidder suspend the work wholly or in part for such period or periods as the Engineer may deem necessary due to unsuitable weather or such other conditions as are considered unfavorable for the satisfactory prosecution of the work or because of the failure of the Bidder to comply with any of the provisions of the Contract: Provided, however, that the Bidder shall not suspend work pursuant to this provision without written authority from the Owner to do so. The time of completion hereinabove set forth shall be increased by the number of days of any such suspension, except when such suspension is due to the failure of the Bidder to comply with any of the provisions of this Contract. In the event that work is suspended by the Bidder with the consent of the Owner, the Bidder before resuming work shall give the Owner at least twenty-four (24) hours notice thereof in writing.

Section 6. Defective Materials and Workmanship.

a. The acceptance of any materials, equipment or any workmanship by the Owner or the Engineer shall not preclude the subsequent rejection thereof if such materials, equipment, or workmanship shall be found to be defective after delivery or installation, and any such materials, equipment or workmanship found defective before final acceptance of the construction shall be replaced or remedied, as the case may be, including the installation and removal thereof, by and at the expense of the Bidder. Any such condemned material or equipment shall be immediately removed from the site of the Project by the Bidder at the Bidder's expense. The Bidder shall not be entitled to any payment hereunder so long as any defective materials, equipment, or workmanship in respect to the Project, of which the Bidder shall have had notice, shall not have been replaced or remedied, as the case may be.

b. Notwithstanding the acceptance of workmanship, materials, supplies or equipment, or the giving of any certificate with respect to the completion of the work, if during the construction or within one year after such completion, or within such longer period as the Project or any part thereof may be guaranteed by other provisions of the Contract or the Specifications, the workmanship, materials, supplies or equipment shall be found to be defective or not in conformity with the requirements of the Specifications, the Bidder shall replace such defective materials or equipment or remedy any such defective workmanship within thirty (30) days after notice of the existence thereof shall have been given to the Bidder by the Owner. In event of failure by the Bidder to do so, the Owner may replace such defective materials or equipment or remedy such defective workmanship, as the case may be, and in such event the Bidder shall pay to the Owner the cost and expense thereof.

Article III—Payments and Release of Liens

Section 1. Payments to Bidder. a. Within the first fifteen (15) days of each calendar month, the Owner shall make partial payment to the Bidder for construction accomplished during the preceding calendar month on the basis of estimates thereof certified to by the Bidder, and approved by the Engineer and by the Owner solely for the purpose of payment: Provided, however, that such approval shall not be deemed approval of the workmanship or materials; and provided further, that in estimating the amount of construction accomplished, consideration shall be given only to equipment and materials incorporated into the Project and equipment and materials delivered to the site in accordance with approved shipping schedule. Only ninety percent (90%) of each such estimate approved during the construction of the Project shall be paid by the Owner to the Bidder prior to Completion of the Project. Upon completion by the Bidder of the construction of the Project, the Engineer shall inspect the work performed hereunder and if he shall find the work acceptable and all provisions hereunder fully performed, he shall so certify to the Owner and shall certify the balance found to be due the Bidder.

The Certificate of Completion, Contract Construction, RUS Form 187, a copy of which is attached hereto, after it has been signed by the Engineer and certified to by the Owner and the Bidder shall thereupon be submitted to the Administrator for his approval and when such approval has been given, the Owner shall make payment to the Bidder of all unpaid amounts to which the Bidder shall be entitled hereunder unless withheld because of the fault of the Bidder.

b. Interest at the rate of percent² $_{\%}$) per annum shall be paid by the Owner to the Bidder on all unpaid balances due the Bidder commencing fifteen (15) days after the due date: Provided that the delay in payment beyond the due date is not caused by any condition within the control of the Bidder. The due date for purposes of such monthly payment shall be the fifteenth day of each calendar month provided (1) the Bidder on or before the fifth day of such month shall have submitted its certification of construction completed during the preceding month, and (2) the Owner on or before the fifteenth day of such month shall have approved such certification. If, for any reasons not due to the Bidder's fault, such approval shall not have been given on or before the fifteenth day of such month, the due date for purposes of this subsection "b" shall be the fifteenth day of such month notwithstanding the absence of the approval of the certification.

c. No payments shall be due while the Bidder is in default in respect of any of the provisions of this Proposal and the Owner may withhold from the Bidder the amount of any claim by a third party against either the Bidder or the Owner based upon an alleged failure of the Bidder to perform the work hereunder in accordance with the provisions of this Proposal.

Section 2. Release of Liens and Certificate of Contractor. (See Sample RUS Form 224, Waiver and Release of Lien, and sample RUS Form 231, Certificate of Contractor.) Upon the completion by the Bidder of the construction of the Project but prior to the payment to the Bidder of any amount in excess of ninety percent (90%) of the total cost of construction, the Bidder shall deliver to the Owner, in duplicate, releases of all liens and of rights to claim any lien, in the form attached hereto, from all manufacturers, materialmen, and subcontractors furnishing services or materials for the Project and a certificate in the form attached hereto to the effect that all labor used on or for the project has been paid and that all such releases have been submitted to the Owner for approval.

Section 3. Payments to Materialmen and Subcontractors. The Bidder shall pay each materialman, and each subcontractor, if any, within five (5) days after receipt of any payment from the Owner, the amount thereof allowed the Bidder for and on account of materials furnished or construction performed by each materialman or each subcontractor.

Article IV—Particular Undertakings of the Bidder

Section 1. Protection to Persons and Property. The Bidder shall at all times exercise reasonable precautions for the safety of employees on the work and of the public, and shall comply with all applicable provisions of Federal, State and Municipal safety laws and building and construction codes. All machinery and equipment and other physical hazards shall be guarded in accordance with the "Manual of Accident

²The Owner shall insert a rate equal to the lowest "Prime Rate" listed in the "Money Rates" section of the Wall Street Journal on the date such invitation to bid is issued.