ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF OFFERS FOR THE MATOC SEED PROJECT

DATE: AUGUST 30, 2019

Solicitation Number: 36C24419R0037

PROJECT NUMBER AND TITLE: 646-18-101 / Renovate Prosthetics at HZ

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction / NAICS 236220

Contractor shall completely prepare site for building operations, including demolition and removal of any existing structures; furnish labor and materials; and perform work to reconfigure the current prosthetic lab in B71 and install a new prosthetic lab in B49 at the HJ Heinz (HZ) Division of VAPHS, 1010 Delafield Road, Pittsburgh PA 15215 as required by drawings and specifications designed by GEO. BANCROFT ENGINEERING, LLC, Architect-Engineers, who will render certain technical services during construction.

The reconfigured B71 lab will increase the efficiency of the current space and give the staff new capabilities to better serve our veterans. The new lab in B49 will give us increased production and functionality that was not formerly available. This work includes but is not limited to electrical, mechanical, structural, civil, and architectural elements. All questions regarding this request must be submitted in writing via email to Angelamarie Scott at Angelamarie.Scott@va.gov

MAGNITUDE OF CONSTRUCTION: \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000

PERFORMANCE PERIOD: Reference contract clause 52.211-10, Commencement, Prosecution, and Completion of Work. The Contractor shall be required to (a) commence work under this contract will be determined on within a task order basis calendar days after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, (b) prosecute the work diligently, and (c) complete the entire work ready for use not later than 365 days after issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the seed project. All subsequent durations will be determined on an individual task order basis. The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.

BID / OFFER GUARANTEE BOND: A bid guarantee is required for the seed project solicitation. The amount of the bid guarantee shall be 20 percent of the bid price or \$3,000,000.00, whichever is less. The bid guarantee is to be executed on form SF 24. Failure to furnish the required bid guarantee on the proper form and in the required amount, by the time set for the proposal due date/time, will require rejection of the offer in all cases except those listed in FAR 28.101-4, and may be cause for rejection even then.

NOTE: The word "bid", as in "bid guarantee" is used synonymously with "offer guarantee", and the government is seeking proposal packages for this requirement.

PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BONDS: The bidder who is awarded the seed project will be required to furnish two (2) bonds, a Payment Bond to be executed on the form SF 25A and a Performance Bond to be executed on form SF 25, each in the penal sum as noted in the General Conditions of the Specification for the seed project. Copies of forms SF 25 and SF 25A can be obtained upon application to the issuing office or at https://www.gsa.gov/forms-library. Performance and Payment bonds must be furnished BEFORE the date of the Notice to Proceed.

WAGE DETERMINATION: The applicable Construction Wage Rate Determination is attached to this request. However, the current prevailing Wage Determination will be incorporated at time of award.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: Liquidated Damages ARE NOT included for the seed project

SITE VISIT: A pre-bid meeting will be held at TBD (notification will be issued as an amendment to this solicitation) at VAPHS University Drive. If a contractor is unable to have a representative from their firm in attendance, the contractor shall notify Angelamarie Scott, Contracting Officer (Angelamarie.Scott@va.gov) at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled time of the site visit to request an exemption. All questions, clarifications, and RFIs must be emailed to the Contracting Officer no later than COB on TBD (notification will be issued as an amendment to this solicitation)

AWARD OF CONTRACT: Offers for the seed project must be valid for 120 days after award.

SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS AND EXPERIENCE MODIFICATION RATE:

All Offerors must submit the following information pertaining to their past Safety and Environmental record. The information shall contain, at a minimum, a certification that the offeror has no more than three (3) serious, or one (1) repeat or one (1) willful OSHA or any EPA violation(s) in the past three years.

All Offerors shall submit information regarding their current Experience Modification Rate (EMR) equal to or less than 1.0.

This information shall be obtained from the offeror's insurance company and be furnished on the insurance carrier's letterhead.

Self-insured contractors or other contractors that cannot provide their EMR rating on insurance letterhead must obtain a rating from the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) by completing/submitting form ERM-6 and providing the rating on letterhead from NCCI. Note: Self-insured contractors or other contractors that cannot provide EMR rating on insurance letterhead from the states or territories of CA, DE, MI, NJ, ND, OH, PA, WA, WY, and PR shall obtain their EMR rating from their state run workers' compensation insurance rating bureau.

The Contractor Pre-Award OSHA Evaluation Form which is attached to this request must be submitted with all offers.

The information provided shall be used by the Government to determine responsibility for award.

PRICING SCHEDULE

FOR MATOC SEED PROJECT "RENOVATE PROSTHETICS AT HZ"

This project includes the renovation of an existing prosthetics fabrication lab in building 71; and the renovation of an existing storage space in building 49 into a new prosthetics fabrication lab to improve work flow efficiencies and add fabrication capabilities. This lab will also provide for adjustments to prosthetics during the fitting process that takes place in adjacent exam rooms and the renovation of an existing storage space that currently houses materials for prosthetic fabrication in building 49. This space will allow for all fabrication processes at the existing lab in building 71, along with addition of a CAD/CAM room to facilitate computer aided prosthetic fabrication.

This work includes but is not limited to electrical, mechanical, structural, civil, and architectural elements as required by drawings and specifications designed by GEO. BANCROFT ENGINEERING, LLC, Architect-Engineers, who will render certain technical services during construction.

AMOUNT OF OFFER (NUMERICAL):	
AMOUNT OF OFFER (WRITTEN):	
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COMPANY NAME:	
CONTRACTORS SIGNATURE & DATE:	
TITLE:	
CONTRACTOR'S PRINTED NAME:	

COMPLETE & SUBMIT WITH OFFER

Contractor Pre-Award OSHA Evaluation Form

Company Name:				
Address:				
Telephone: Email:				
Contact:				
1. Utilizing your OSHA 300 Forms, please complete the following information	ation:			
Category	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of man hours (jobsite and office).				
Number of cases involving days away from work, restricted activity, or both (Column H and I of OSHA 300).				
Days away, restricted, or transferred rate (# of days away, restricted, or transferred cases x 200,000/# of man hours) (DART Rate).				
Number of serious, willful, or repeat violations from OSHA within the last 3 years. Please attach explanation for any violations. (Four serious, one repeat, or one willful disqualifies the Contractor.)				
Please attach copies of the following documents: OSHA 300 and 300a For OSHA publications search page: http://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/pu 2. Provide your six-digit North American Industrial Classification System	blication.h	<u>tml</u> .		C
3. Who administers your company's Safety and Health Program?				
4. Company's Insurance Experience Modification Rate (EMR) for the pa (an EMR of greater than 1.0 disqualifies the Contractor):				
Signature:				
Date:				
Printed Name and Title:				

"General Decision Number: PA20190001 08/16/2019 Superseded General Decision Number: PA20180001

State: Pennsylvania

Construction Type: Building

County: Allegheny County in Pennsylvania.

BUILDING ERECTION AND FOUNDATION EXCAVATION PROJECTS (does not include residential construction consisting of single family homes and apartments up to and including 4 stories) EXCLUDING SEWAGE AND TREATMENT PLANT PROJECTS

Note: Under Executive Order (EO) 13658, an hourly minimum wage of \$10.60 for calendar year 2019 applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.60 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in calendar year 2019. If this contract is covered by the EO and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must pay workers in that classification at least the wage rate determined through the conformance process set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(ii) (or the EO minimum wage rate, if it is higher than the conformed wage rate). The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Please note that this EO applies to the above-mentioned types of contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but it does not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60). Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Modification Number	Publication Date	
0	01/04/2019	
1	01/11/2019	
2	02/22/2019	
3	06/07/2019	
4	06/28/2019	
5	07/05/2019	
6	08/16/2019	
ASBE0002-001 08/01/2	2018	
	Rates	Fringes
Asbestos Workers/Insu Includes the app of all insulatin materials, prote coverings, coati	olication ng ective ngs and	
finishings to al	n types of ems\$ 40.21	24.72
BOIL0154-001 01/01/2		
	Rates	Fringes
	\$ 40.90	27.27
* BRPA0009-029 06/01/	′2019	
211110003 023 00,01,	Rates	Fringes
BRICKLAYER	\$ 32.75	22.51
BRPA0009-060 06/01/2		
	Rates	Fringes
MASON - STONE	\$ 33.72	21.80

* BRPA0009-061 06/01/2019

	Rates	Fringes
TILE SETTER	.\$ 31.47	19.88
CARP0142-001 06/01/2018		
	Rates	Fringes
Carpenter/Lather	.\$ 33.75	17.03
CARP1759-001 06/01/2018		
	Rates	Fringes
FLOOR LAYER: Carpet	.\$ 33.75	17.03
CARP2235-001 06/01/2018		
	Rates	Fringes
MILLWRIGHT		19.16
CARP2235-007 01/01/2019		
	Rates	Fringes
PILEDRIVERMAN	.\$ 34.30	19.30
ELEC0005-007 12/21/2018		
	Rates	Fringes
ELECTRICIAN	.\$ 40.76	26.34
ELEC0126-006 05/24/2019		
	Rates	Fringes
LINE CONSTRUCTION	Ċ 47 20	20 250.111 50
Cable Splicer		
GroundmenLineman		
Truck Driver		
Winch Truck Operator		

	Rates	Fringes
ELEVATOR MECHANIC	\$ 48.73	33.705+A+B

FOOTNOTE: A. Employer contributes 8% of regular hourly rate as vacation pay credit for employees with more than 5 years of service, and 6% for 6 months to 5 years of service.

B. Eight Paid Holidays (provided employee has worked 5 consecutive days before and the working day after the holiday): New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Veteran's Day; Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

* ENGI0066-001 06/01/2019

	Rates	Fringes
Power equipment operators:		
CLASS 1	\$ 35.69	21.75
CLASS 2	\$ 30.22	21.75
CLASS 3	\$ 27.67	21.75

POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS CLASSIFICATIONS CLASS I

Asphalt Paver, Asphalt Roller, Asphalt Plant Operator, Athey Loader, Auger (Truck or Tractor Mounted), Auto Grader (C.M.I. and similar), Backhoe (180' and 360' swing), Back-Filling Machine, Batch Plant, Bulldozer, Cable Layer, Cableway, Caisson Drill, Central Mix Plant, Compactor with Blade, Concrete Pump (all types), Over-Head Crane, Crane (Crawler or Truck Mounted)*, Tower Crane (Stationary or Climbing Type), Rough Terrain Crane**, Wagon Crane, Crushing and/or Screening Plant, Derrick Traveler, Derrick (all types) (when assistance is needed it will be an oiler or apprentice), Derrick Boats, Dragline, Drill (Davey or similar), Dredge, Drill (Well and Core) (Truck or Skid Mounted), Elevator, Excavating Equipment (all other), Fork Lift (Lull or similar), Franki Pile Machine (or similar), Guard Post Driver, Gradall (all types), Grader, Elevating

Grader, Equipment Greaser, Helicopter, Helicopter Hoist
Operators, Front End Loader, Hoist, Hydraulic Boom Truck,
Jumbo Operator, Kocal, Koehring Scooper, Locomotive, Metro
Chip Harvester (or similar), Mix Mobile, Mixer - Paver,
Mucking Machine, Multiple Bowl Machines, Pile Driver (Sonic
or similar), Scrapers, Shovels (powered), Slip Form Paver
(C.M.I. and similar), Spreader (Concrete, Asphalt, or
Stone), Tire Repairman (when assigned to a jobsite), Tower
Mobile, Tractors (all types), Trencher, Tug Boat, Vermeer
Saw, Welder (repairman), Whirley

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** Rough Terrain Cranes with Boom or Mast length (including jib) 101 ft or over shall be paid an Additional \$.50 per hour for each 50-foot increment of additional boom and/or jib length)

Note: An additional \$1.25 per hour (not counting boom pay) shall be paid for any crane (excluding overhead cranes) rated 100 ton or over.

CLASS II

Ballast Regulator, Boat (material or personnel) (powered), Boiler, Boring Machine, Compressor (combined with Air Tugger, Air Pump, Gunite Machine, or Sand Blaster), Concrete Belt Placer, Concrete Saw, Conveyor, Carry Crane, Crushing/Screening Plants, Curb Builder (self-propelled), Forklifts (ridden or self-propelled), Form Line Machine, Generator (over 5KW), Grout Pump, Heaters, Hoist (monorail, roof, one drum-regardless of power used), Huck Machine (or similar), Hydraulic Jack (single or multiple) (power driven), Ladavator, Mortar Mixer, Mulching Machine, Pavement Breaker (self-propelled or ridden), Pin Puller (powered), Pipe Cleaning Machine, Pipe Dream, Power Broom (except push type), Pulverizer, Pumps (regardless of power used), Roller/Compactor (Dirt), Refrigeration Plant, Ross Carrier (or similar), Seeding Machine, Skid Steer Loader (or similar), Slab Lifting Machine (hydraulic), Soil Stabilizer (pump type), Spray Cure Machine (power driven), Side Delivery Shoulder Spreader (attachment), Steam Jenny (or similar), Stone Crusher, Stone Spreader (self-propelled), Siphon (steam or air), Tie Tamper (multiple heads), Tractor (when used for landscaping, snaking, or hauling), Truck (Winch) (when hoisting and placing), Tube Finisher (C.M.I. and similar), Tugger, Water Blaster, Welding Machine, Well Point System

CLASS III

Brakeman, Deck Hand, Helicopter Signalman, Oiler*, Elevator (Alterations & Remodeling Commercial Buildings),

* Oilers on Truck Cranes: less than 50 ton shall receive \$.10 over the Class III base rate; 50 ton up to 100 ton rated capacity shall be paid an additional \$.25 per hour over the Class III base rate; 100 ton and over shall be paid an additional \$1.00 per hour over the Class III base rate.

General Note: Hazardous Material Sites Level C & D receive \$1.00 per hour premium for all classifications and Levels A & B receive \$2.50 premium for all classifications

IRON0003-002 06/01/2019		
	Rates	Fringes
IRONWORKER	\$ 35.49	31.84
LABO0613-002 01/01/2019		
	Rates	Fringes
Laborers:		
GROUP 1	\$ 22.37	17.60
GROUP 2	\$ 22.52	17.60
GROUP 3	\$ 22.65	17.60
GROUP 4	\$ 23.12	17.60

LABORERS CLASSIFICATIONS

GROUP 1: COMMON LABORER - Building laborer; Brick removal for alterations; Carryable pumps; West brick buggy or similar; Walk behind forklift or similar (non self-propelled); Stripper and mover of forms; Toolroom man; all material conveyors (regardless of power used, including starting and stopping); Pouring of mortar or aggregate into blocks of voids

GROUP 2: SKILLED LABORER - West brick buggy or similar (self propelled); Power wheelbarrows and buggies; walk behind forklift or similar (self-propelled); Drill runner; All operators of compacting equipment; Pipe layer; Burner; Jackhammer man - concrete buster; Vibrator operator; Clay spade and/or similar; Gunnite nozzleman; Blaster; Concrete saw operator; Hod carrier; Scaffold builder; Air track operator; Bell and Bottom Man on furnace and stacks; Grout machine feeder and pump operator; Gunnite machine operator or similar; Gunnite machine potman or similar; Mortar Mixer; Mortar mixer machine (regardless of power used, including starting and stopping); Wagon drill operator; Laser cleaner; Lancer

GROUP 3: Asbestos removal or abatement laborer

GROUP 4: Toxic or Hazardous waste handling laborer

LABO0952-004 01/01/2019

	Rates	Fringes	
Landscaping			
GROUP 1.	\$ 21.02	16.08	
GROUP 2.	\$ 21.44	16.08	
GROUP 3.	\$ 21.74	16.08	

LANDSCAPING CLASSIFICATIONS

GROUP 1: Landscape laborer to include general landscaping work and the driving of trucks for the distribution of materials on the job site but not to include trucks used to transport supplies to the job

GROUP 2: Skilled Landscape Laborer to plant all types of trees and shrubs without direct supervision.

GROUP 3 - Landscape tractor operator to operate small industrial rubber tire tractor equipped with front end loader and backhoe attachment or a skid loader with landscape attachments used for the sole purpose of landscape work including soil spreading, unloading and loading of materials and such other landscaping work but not for heavy and highway construction work

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PAIN0057-003 06/01/2019

PAIN0057-003 06/01/2019		
	Rates	Fringes
PAINTER		
Brush & Roller	\$ 28.50	19.82
PAIN0057-005 06/01/2019		
	Rates	Fringes
DRYWALL FINISHER/TAPER	\$ 29.10	20.10
PAIN0751-001 09/01/2018		
	Rates	Fringes
GLAZIER	\$ 29.50	22.96
PLAS0031-014 06/01/2015		
	Rates	Fringes
PLASTERER		14.26
PLAS0526-007 06/01/2019		
	Rates	Fringes
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER.	\$ 31.27	19.39

	Rates	Fringes
PLUMBER	\$ 42.30	22.47
PLUM0449-001 06/01/2019		
	Rates	Fringes
PIPEFITTER	\$ 41.50	23.57
ROOF0037-001 06/01/2019		
	Rates	Fringes
ROOFER	\$ 31.62	17.05
SFPA0542-001 07/01/2017		
	Rates	Fringes
SPRINKLER FITTER	\$ 37.17	19.52
SHEE0012-002 07/01/2018		
	Rates	Fringes
SHEET METAL WORKER		27.54
TEAM0040-002 01/01/2017		
	Rates	Fringes
Truck drivers: GROUP 1	\$ 28.24	17.42 17.50 17.80
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FOOTNOTES:

- A. Hazardous/toxic waste material/work level A & B receive additional \$2.50 per hour above classification rate
- B. Hazardous/toxic waste materials/Work level C & D receive
 \$1.00 per hour above classification

TRUCK DRIVERS CLASSIFICATIONS

GROUP 1 - Single Axle (2 axles including steering axle); Includes partsman and warehoueman

GROUP 2 - Tandem - Tri-Axle - Semi-Tractor Trailer (combination) (3 axles or more including steering axle)

GROUP 3 - Specialty Vehicles; Heavy equipment whose capacity exceeds that for which state licenses are issued specifically refers to units in excess of eight (8) feet width (such as Euclids, Atley Wagon, Payloder, Tournawagons, and similar equipment when not self loaded); Tar and Asphalt Distributors Trucks, Heavy Duty Trailer, such as Low Boy, High Boy

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours

they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year. Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of ""identifiers"" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than ""SU"" or ""UAVG"" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this

classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the ""SU"" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010

08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

- 1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:
- * an existing published wage determination
- * a survey underlying a wage determination
- * a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- * a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour Regional Office for the area in which the survey was conducted because those Regional Offices have responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
Wage and Hour Division
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

END OF GENERAL DECISION"