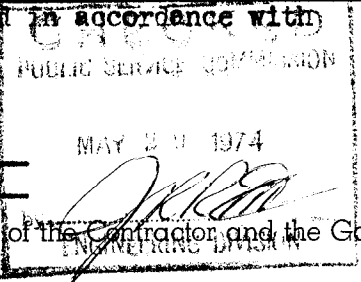


GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION UTILITIES CONTRACT	TYPE OF UTILITY SERVICE Gas Service	CONTRACT NUMBER GS-04B-16027
PREMISES TO BE SERVED Internal Revenue Service Center Bldg. Fourth and Russell Streets Covington, Kentucky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT-OWNED <input type="checkbox"/> LEASED	LEASE NUMBER
LESSOR		

The Contractor identified below agrees to sell and deliver to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the "Government," and the Government agrees to purchase and receive from the Contractor the services described below at the premises hereinabove specified, subject to the terms and conditions set forth on the face and reverse side of this page and on any continuation pages attached hereto, and the Government shall make payment to the Contractor for such services in accordance with the rates as hereinafter set forth.

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES: Interruptible gas service provided in accordance with provisions of attachment



Interruptible Gas Service Meter Number 126388
Regular Gas Service Meter Number 118486

The Contractor shall make and pay for all connections between the systems of the Contractor and the Government at the point of delivery.

2. RATES: Applicable rate schedule(s) Rate G-1, Exhibit "B" and "C" (are) attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Contractor hereby represents and warrants to the Government that the rate schedule(s) available hereunder is (are) not in excess of the lowest rate schedule(s) now available to present and prospective customers under like conditions of service and agrees that during the life of this contract the Government shall continue to have available to it the lowest applicable schedule under similar conditions of service.

3. CONTRACT PERIOD: The utilities services covered by this contract shall be furnished for a period of ~~xxxxxxx~~ 10 years, beginning with the 1st day of May, 19 73, and shall continue until further notice by the Government. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as binding the Government to expend in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of the appropriation made by Congress for that fiscal year in furtherance of the subject matter of this contract, or to involve the Government in any contract or other obligation for the future expenditure of money in excess of such appropriation. **Provided, however, that the overall term of this contract shall not exceed a period of ten (10) years.**

4. CHANGES OF RATE SCHEDULES AND RATES: The Government may upon request, in accordance with the Contractor's applicable rules and regulations, take service under any applicable rate schedule of the Contractor. Service under this contract shall be subject to regulation in the manner and to the extent prescribed by law by any Federal, State, or local regulatory commission having jurisdiction. If during the term of this contract the public regulatory commission having jurisdiction receives for file in an authorized manner rates that are different from those stipulated herein for like conditions of service, the Contractor agrees to continue the prescribed service and the Government agrees to pay for such service at the different rates from and after the effective date of such rates.

5. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: If there are any Special Terms and Conditions to this contract they are attached and identified as follows: Interruptible gas service contract, GSA Form 1685, Supplemental Provisions, Certificate (Price Stabilization), Listing of Employment Openings, Payment of Interest on contractors' claims, Utilization of Minority Business Enterprises

6. GENERAL: The provisions contained in the Addendum on the reverse hereof are incorporated herein and made a part hereof. To the extent of any inconsistency between the provisions of this contract and any schedule, rider, or exhibit incorporated in this contract by reference or otherwise, or any of the Contractor's rules and regulations, the provisions of this contract shall control.

EXECUTION BY CONTRACTOR (Date) November 26, 1973	EXECUTION BY GOVERNMENT (Date) April 17, 1974
NAME OF CONTRACTOR (Type or print) <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACQING THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF GENERAL SERVICES <i>Herman E. Poss</i> BY HERMAN E. POSS
ADDRESS Union Light Heat and Power Co. 107 Brent Spence Square Covington, Kentucky 41011	TITLE Acting Director, Buildings Management Division (Contracting Officer)
SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED <i>M. W. Miller</i> BY M. W. MILLER	THIS CONTRACT IS EXECUTED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ACT OF 1949, 63 STAT. 377, AS AMENDED.
TITLE Manager, Gas Commercial Department	ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA 4.256X.501.110.232.10085.122

INVOICE FOR PAYMENT SHOULD BE MAILED TO **in duplicate to General Services Administration, Buildings Manager, 4PB-KC, 4th and Russell Streets, Covington, KY 41011**

Copies, are included herein and made a part of this contract.

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS
(UTILITY SERVICE CONTRACT)
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

1. DEFINITIONS

As used throughout this contract, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

(a) The term "head of the agency" or "Secretary" as used herein means the Secretary, the Under Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or any other head or assistant head of the executive or military department or other Federal agency; and the term "his duly authorized representative" means any person or persons or board (other than the Contracting Officer) authorized to act for the head of the agency or the Secretary.

(b) The term "Contracting Officer" means the person executing this contract on behalf of the Government, and any other officer or civilian employee who is a properly designated Contracting Officer; and the term includes, except as otherwise provided in this contract, the authorized representative of a Contracting Officer acting within the limits of his authority.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the term "subcontracts" includes purchase orders under this contract.

**2. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS BY
COMPTROLLER GENERAL**

(a) This clause is applicable if the amount of this contract exceeds \$2,500 and was entered into by means of negotiation, including small business restricted advertising, but is not applicable if this contract was entered into by means of formal advertising.

(b) The Contractor agrees that the Comptroller General of the United States or any of his duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under this contract or such lesser time specified in either Appendix M of the Armed Services Procurement Regulation or the Federal Procurement Regulations Part 1-20, as appropriate, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor involving transactions related to this contract.

(c) The Contractor further agrees to include in all his subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the subcontractor agrees that the Comptroller General of the United States or any of his duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of 3 years after final payment under the subcontract or such lesser time specified in either Appendix M of the Armed Services Procurement Regulation or the Federal Procurement Regulations Part 1-20, as appropriate, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of such subcontractor, involving transactions related to the subcontract. The term "subcontract" as used in this clause excludes (1) purchase orders not exceeding \$2,500 and (2) subcontracts or purchase orders for public utility services at rates established for uniform applicability to the general public.

(d) The periods of access and examination described in (b) and (c), above, for records which relate to (1) appeals under the "Disputes" clause of this contract, (2) litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this contract, or (3) costs and expenses of this contract as to which exception has been taken by the Comptroller General or any of his duly authorized representatives, shall continue until such appeals, litigation, claims, or exceptions have been disposed of.

3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(a) 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 by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this Equal Opportunity clause.

(b) 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 consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(c) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency Contracting Officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this Equal Opportunity clause, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(d) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with

the Equal Opportunity clause 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 in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) 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 No. 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 contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: *Provided, however*, That in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

4. CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

The Contractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The Contractor certifies further that he will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The Contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants, and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin, because of habit, local customs, or otherwise. The Contractor further agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause; that he will retain such certifications in his files; and that he will forward the following notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods).

Notice to prospective subcontractors of requirement for certifications of nonsegregated facilities.

A Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities must be submitted prior to the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause. The certification may be sub-

mitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually). NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

5. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

No member of or delegate to Congress, or resident commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom; but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

6. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty the Government shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

7. CONVICT LABOR

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor agrees not to employ any person undergoing sentence of imprisonment at hard labor.

8. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT—OVERTIME COMPENSATION

This contract, to the extent that it is of a character specified in the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327—333), is subject to the following provisions and to all other applicable provisions and exceptions of such Act and the regulations of the Secretary of Labor thereunder.

(a) *Overtime requirements.* No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he is employed on such work to work in excess of eight hours in any calendar day or in excess of forty hours in such workweek on work subject to the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times his basic rate of pay for all such hours worked in excess of eight hours in any calendar day or in excess of forty hours in such workweek, whichever is the greater number of overtime hours.

(b) *Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.* In the event of any violation of the provisions of paragraph (a), the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable to any affected employee for his unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic employed in violation of the provisions of paragraph (a) in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such employee was required or permitted to be employed on such work in excess of eight hours or in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by paragraph (a).

(c) *Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated dam-*

ages. The Contracting Officer may withhold from the Government Prime Contractors, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor, such sums as may administratively be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the provisions of paragraph (b).

(d) *Subcontracts.* The Contractor shall insert paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause in all subcontracts, and shall require their inclusion in all subcontracts of any tier.

(e) *Records.* The Contractor shall maintain payroll records containing the information specified in 29 CFR 516.2(a). Such records shall be preserved for three years from the completion of the contract.

9. DISPUTES

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Contracting Officer, who shall reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. The decision of the Contracting Officer shall be final and conclusive unless within 30 days from the date of receipt of such copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes to the Contracting Officer a written appeal addressed to the Secretary. The decision of the Secretary or his duly authorized representative for the determination of such appeals shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, or capricious, or arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith, or not supported by substantial evidence. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this clause, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its appeal. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract and in accordance with the Contracting Officer's decision.

(b) This "Disputes" clause does not preclude consideration of law questions in connection with decisions provided for in paragraph (a) above: *Provided*, That nothing in this contract shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative official, representative, or board on a question of law.

10. GRATUITIES

(This clause is applicable when the contract is for utility services to be used wholly or partly by one or more installations of the armed services.)

(a) The Government may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this contract if it is found, after notice and hearing, by the Secretary or his duly authorized representative, that gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise) were offered or given by the Contractor, or any agent or representative of the Contractor, to any officer or employee of the Government with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to the performing of such contract: *Provided*, That the existence of the facts upon which the Secretary or his duly authorized representative makes such findings shall be in issue and may be reviewed in any competent court.

(b) In the event this contract is terminated as provided in paragraph (a) hereof, the Government shall be entitled

(i) to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of a breach of the contract by the Contractor, and (ii) as a penalty in addition to any other damages to which it may be entitled by law, to exemplary damages in an amount (as determined by the Secretary or his duly authorized representative) which shall be not less than three nor more than ten times the costs incurred by the Contractor in providing any such gratuities to any such officer or employee.

(c) The rights and remedies of the Government provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

11. CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

(This certification on the offer form is not applicable to a foreign offeror submitting an offer for a contract which requires performance or delivery outside the United States, its possessions, and Puerto Rico.

An offer will not be considered for award where (a) (1), (a) (3), or (b) of the certification has been deleted or modified. When (a) (2) of the certification has been deleted or modified, the offer will not be considered for award unless the offeror furnishes with the offer a signed statement which sets forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure and the head of the agency, or his designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.)

(a) By submission of this offer, the offeror certifies, and in the case of a joint offer, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other offeror or with any competitor;

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed by the offeror and will not knowingly be disclosed by the offeror prior to opening in the case of an advertised procurement, or prior to award in the case of a negotiated procurement, directly or indirectly to any other offeror or to any competitor; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each person signing this offer certifies that:

(1) He is the person in the offeror's organization responsible within that organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein and that he has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a) (1) through (a) (3) above; or

(2) (i) He is not the person in the offeror's organization responsible within that organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein but that he has been authorized in writing to act as agent for the persons responsible for such decision in certifying that such persons have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (a) (1) through (a) (3) above, and as their agent does hereby so certify; and (ii) he has not participated, and will not par-

ticipate, in any action contrary to (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

12. CONFLICTS

To the extent of any inconsistency between the provisions of this contract, and any schedule, rider, or exhibit incorporated in this contract by reference or otherwise, or any of

the Contractor's rules and regulations, the provisions of this contract shall control.

13. PARTIES OF INTEREST

This contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors, legal representatives, and assignees of the respective parties hereto.

PRICE STABILIZATION CERTIFICATION

The bidder or offeror (contractor) certifies that he is in compliance with the price stabilization requirements of Executive Order 11723, dated June 13, 1973, and amendments thereof, and the regulations of the Cost of Living Council as set forth in title 6, Code of Federal Regulations, part 140, or any additions or revisions to title 6.

LISTING OF EMPLOYMENT OPENINGS

(This clause is applicable pursuant to 41 CFR 50-250 if this contract is for \$2,500 or more).

(a) The contractor agrees, in order to provide special emphasis to the employment of qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era, that all suitable employment openings of the contractor which exist at the time of the execution of this contract and those which occur during the performance of this contract, including those not generated by this contract and including those occurring at an establishment other than the one wherein the contract is being performed but excluding those of independently operated corporate affiliates, shall be offered for listing at an appropriate local office of the State employment service system wherein the opening occurs and to provide such reports to such local office regarding employment openings and hires as may be required; Provided, that if this contract is for less than \$10,000 or if it is with a State or local government the reports set forth in paragraphs (c) and (d) are not required.

(b) Listing of employment openings with the employment service system pursuant to this clause shall be made at least concurrently with the use of any other recruitment service or effort and shall involve the normal obligations which attach to the placing of a bona fide job order, including the acceptance of referrals of veterans and nonveterans. This listing of employment openings does not require the hiring of any particular job applicant or from any particular group of job applicants, and nothing herein is intended to relieve the contractor from any requirements in any statutes, Executive orders, or regulations regarding non-discrimination in employment.

(c) The reports required by paragraph (a) of this clause shall include, but not be limited to, periodic reports which shall be filed at least quarterly with the appropriate local office or, where the contractor has more than one establishment in a State, with the central office of the State employment service. Such reports shall indicate for each establishment (i) the number of individuals who were hired during the reporting period, (ii) the number of those hired who were disabled veterans, and (iii) the number of those hired who were non-disabled veterans of the Vietnam era. The contractor shall submit a report within 30 days after the end of each reporting period wherein any performance is made under this contract. The contractor shall maintain copies of the reports submitted until the expiration of one year after final payment under the contract, during which time they shall be made available, upon request, for examination by any authorized representatives of the contracting officer or of the Secretary of Labor.

(d) Whenever the contractor becomes contractually bound by the listing provisions of this clause, he shall advise the employment service system in each State wherein he has establishments of the name and location of each such establishment in the State. As long as the contractor is contractually bound to these provisions and has so advised the State

employment system, there is no need to advise the State system of subsequent contracts. The contractor may advise the State system when it is no longer bound by this contract clause.

(e) This clause does not apply to the listing of employment openings which occur and are filed outside of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

(f) This clause does not apply to openings which the contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization or to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement. This exclusion does not apply to a particular opening once an employer decides to consider applicants outside of his own organization or employer-union arrangement for that opening.

(g) As used in this clause:

(1) "All suitable employment openings" includes, but is not limited to, openings which occur in the following job categories; Production and nonproduction; plant and office; laborers and mechanics; supervisory and nonsupervisory; technical; and executive, administrative, and professional openings which are compensated on a salary basis of less than \$18,000 per year. The term includes full-time employment, temporary employment of more than 3 days' duration, and part-time employment. It does not include openings which the contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization or to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement.

(2) "Appropriate office of the State employment service system" means the local office of the Federal-State national system of public employment offices with assigned responsibility for serving the area of the establishment where the employment opening is to be filled, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

(3) "Openings which the contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization" means employment openings for which no consideration will be given to persons outside the contractor's own organization (including any affiliates, subsidiaries, and parent companies), and includes any openings which the contractor proposes to fill from regularly established "recall" or "rehire" lists.

(4) "Openings which the contractor proposes * * * to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement" means employment openings for which no consideration will be given to persons outside of a special hiring arrangement, including openings which the contractor proposes to fill from union halls, which is part of the customary and traditional hiring relationship which exists between the contractor and representatives of his employees.

(5) "Disabled veteran" means a person entitled to disability compensation under laws administered by the Veterans Administration for a disability rated at 30 percentum or more, or a person whose discharge or release from active duty was for a disability incurred or aggravated in line of duty.

(6) "Veteran of the Vietnam era" means a person (A) who (i) served on active duty with the Armed Forces for a period of more than 180 days, any part of which occurred after August 5, 1964, and was discharged or released therefrom with other than a dishonorable discharge, or (ii) was discharged or released from active duty for service-connected disability if any part of such duty was performed after August 5, 1964, and (B) who was so discharged or released within the 48 months preceding his application for employment covered by this clause.

(h) If any disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era believes that the contractor (or any first-tier subcontractor) has failed or refuses to comply with the provisions of this contract clause relating to giving special emphasis in employment to veterans, such veteran may file a complaint with the veterans' employment representative at a local State employment service office who will attempt to informally resolve the complaint and then refer the complaint with a report on the attempt to resolve the matter to the State office of the Veterans' Employment Service of the Department of Labor. Such complaint shall then be promptly referred through the Regional Manpower Administrator to the Secretary of Labor who shall investigate such complaint and shall take such action thereon as the facts and circumstances warrant consistent with the terms of this contract and the laws and regulations applicable thereto.

(i) The contractor agrees to place this clause (excluding this paragraph (i)) in any subcontract directly under this contract.

Payment of Interest on Contractors' Claims

(a) If an appeal is filed by the contractor from a final decision of the contracting officer under the disputes clause of this contract, denying a claim arising under the contract, simple interest on the amount of the claim finally determined owed by the Government shall be payable to the contractor. Such interest shall be at the rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to Public Law 92-41, 85 Stat. 97, from the date the contractor furnishes to the contracting officer his written appeal under the disputes clause of this contract, to the date of (1) a final judgement by a court of competent jurisdiction, or (2) mailing to the contractor of a supplemental agreement for execution either confirming completed negotiations between the parties or carrying out a decision of a board of contract appeals.

(b) Notwithstanding (a), above, (1) interest shall be applied only from the date payment was due, if such date is later than the filing of appeal, and (2) interest shall not be paid for any period of time that the contracting officer determines the contractor has unduly delayed in pursuing his remedies before a board of contract appeals or a court of competent jurisdiction."

UTILIZATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

- (a) It is the policy of the Government that minority business enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of Government contracts.
- (b) The Contractor agrees to use his best efforts to carry out this policy in the award of his subcontracts to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient performance of this contract. As used in this contract, the term "minority business enterprise" means a business, at least 50 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in case of publicly owned businesses, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members. For the purposes of this definition, minority group members are Negroes, Spanish-speaking American persons, American-Orientals, American-Indians, American-Eskimos, and American Aleuts. Contractors may rely on written representations by subcontractors regarding their status as minority enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation.