# Chris-TeleSCOPE 

Systematic Corporate Operational Procedures Education
Your guide to contract knowledge, operational procedures, corporate policies and general firm information

## Why the Tele-SCOPE?



CHRIS-TEL HISTORY, PRINCIPLES, VALUES AND BRANDING


OPERATIONAL KNOWLEDGE


INTERNAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## Building, Restoring and Preserving Since 1989

Chris-Tel Construction is one of the premier Construction Management firms in Florida, building some of the most iconic projects in the state. Our firm's longevity, financial strength and long standing relationships with members of the community have earned us the respect and prosperity in our industry.

The firm was founded by Howard Wheeler, Il in 1989 who, prior, spent time working for his father and grandfather learning the ins and outs of the construction industry. The Wheeler family is no stranger to construction and has deep roots in Fort Myers and storied construction experience, dating back to the early 1920's.

The early years of the company were spent changing the size, scope, and direction of Chris-Tel. Initially the work performed by the firm centered around high-end residential and commercial renovations. Over time, the firm entered into several continuing services contracts with municipal agencies and education institutions, quickly gaining a reputation for quality craftsmanship and reliable service. Fast forward to now, Chris-Tel continues to serve the various municipal and educational institutions in the area but has since taken on many large-scale commercial construction projects and is known as a competitive construction firm that can do it all.

## LONGEVITY

Chris-Tel Construction is a locally owned and operated construction management firm based out of Fort Myers, Florida since 1989

## FINANCIAL STRENGTH

We are a financially sound firm that has obtained a bonding capacity of $\$ 100 \mathrm{M}$ for a single project and $\$ 300 \mathrm{M}$ aggregate

## SUBCONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIPS

We have developed strong relationships with the local subcontractor and vendor community which continues to be a key element in our ability to provide our clients with fair and exact pricing for labor and materials

## GIVING BACK

We believe that it is important to give back to the communities and organizations that have helped us achieve our aspirations

## ZERO CORPORATE

We are local, available and involved from the top down on every project and have staff ready no matter the need of the client

## COMMITTED TO ETHICAL BEHAVIOR

We operate with one defining principle, "doing the right thing in all circumstances regardless of profit or loss"

## INITEGRITY \& COMMITMENT

The quintessence of Chris-Tel Construction is in our commitment to build more than buildings. We build better lives. Our commitment to establish and engage in long-term relationships with our clients, employees, subcontractors, and our community, is built upon principles of integrity, dedication, vision, and an unwavering work ethic.

## EXPERTISE \& INNOVATION

We promise performance to the highest standards of virtue in construction management, are committed to providing quality craftsmanship and readily seek innovative business solutions to consistently and accurately depict our proven expertise within the construction industry.

## FOCUS \& COLLABORATION

The character of Chris-Tel Construction is in our capacity to embrace the communities that have allowed us to achieve our aspirations. We believe in giving back by constructing structures that improve the lives of others and the communities in which we serve or through charitable contributions, which is essential to investing in the future for generations to come.

## OUR BRAND

## PERSONALITY PORTRAIT

## More Than Just Building.

The core of Chris-Tel Construction is in our commitment to building more than just buildings. We build for our communities, clients, trade partners, and co-workers. Chris-Tel Construction is built upon generational integrity, hard work, and determination.

## OUR PROMISE

Partnership. Value. Commitment.
We promise a partinership with the highest values and quality performance because we treasure what we do and how we do it. We believe in putting our clients and community first. We are committed to doing the right thing regardless of profit or loss.

## THE CHARACTER OF CHRIS-TEL

Integrity.
The character of Chris-Tel Construction is in our integrity and desire to support the communities that have helped shape us into who we are and what we stand for. We believe in giving back by building buildings that inprove the lives of others and embracing the communities in which we will serve for future generations to come.

## OUR LOGO

## OUR DIAMOND

The diamond within the Chris-Tel logo is a visual representation of wisdom, strength, and oneness. The core of the diamond unites the three hues, maroon, orange, and gold, bringing together all of the values our team represents. When you choose Chris-Tel Construction, you choose a one of a kind construction management firm.

## CHRIS TEL <br> CONSTRUCTION

BUILD I RESTORE I PRESERVE

## RELIABLE

WISDOM. SUCCESS.

## PASSIONATE

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## Executive Leadership



HOWARD L. WHEELER, II President


ERIC SCHNEIDER
Operations Manager


JULIE DEPIRO
Vice President, Finance and Administration


MOLLY SCOTT Strategic Development Director


ALEX MAZIEKAS
Operations Manager


## HOW DOES THE FIRM GET WORK?

## RFQ (Request for Qualifications)

An RFQ is a submission of qualifications and experience to a public or private entity for a specific project. The owner will advertise or send out a request for firm information pertaining to experience, approach, schedule, staffing, etc in order to determine who is best suited for the job. This process can be one or two phases; submission book only or submission book and presentation to committee.

## Referrals

Referrals come from multiple places in our industry - owners, architects, engineers, subcontractors, etc. When our firm receives a referral, we typically engage in a negotiated process of contracting for the job.

## Repeat Work

80\% of our portfolio comes from repeat work. This can include continuing contract services work, clients with more than one project or government entities with continuous work being advertised

## Hard Bid

This process is rarely used but has occurred where our firm will provide pricing to an owner based on a set of finished plans where there are multiple contractors vying for the same project.

## VETTING OUT WORK

## GO / NO-GO EXERCISE

-Our firm procures work by various methods to include RFQ/RFP (Request for Qualifications/Proposal), Referrals, Continuing Contract, Existing Clients, Bidding (rarely)
-All new work runs through the Manager, Strategic Development with assistance from Business Development
-When engaging with new and existing clients for work, there are many questions asked to help determine if we should pursue. This is done to vet the client and ensure that they are a client that we want to work with and would be successful -We have a "Go / No-Go" for both Preconstruction and Marketing which must be followed for any new job coming into the firm (aside from the Airport Work) -These Go / No-Go's are sent to reviewers and are scored to determine if we pursue

- Scores above 5 points are automatically a "GO"; Scores below 4 points are
 automatically a "NO-GO"; anything in the middle is up for discussion


## BACKLOC

- We use a CRM (Customer Relationship Management) tool called Cosential to track and organize projects and clients we are pursuing
- The database offers the ability to view projects that are currently in the RFQ process or estimating (either in discussion, awarded but not contracted or under review)
- This database also allows for project leads to be entered and tracked. Leads are projects not yet in a defined status, but more of a "word on the street" position
- The database helps to understand which type of projects are dominant in the market and the dollar amount associated with certain genres of construction (i.e. multi-family, industrial, government, etc)
- This graphical depiction is shared in our Chris-Tel Current newsletter on a bi-monthly basis in order to inform staff of the types of projects we are pursuing and what to be on the lookout for. The graphs depict Opportunities by Cost and Opportunities by Market



## WHAT'S NEXT CAMPAIGN?

IMPLEMENTING THE SELLER -DOER MINDSET

## WHAT IS A "SELLER-DOER"?

- This is a role, not a title
- Technical/Operations/Administrative staff who can generate repeat work from existing clients and/or subcontractors
- Senior Project Managers, Project Managers, Superintendents, Estimators, Accounting and Admin


## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- Provides opportunities for more new work from clients that already know our firm and staff
- Creates a stronger relationship with existing clients, subconsultants and subcontractors
- Provides another level of BD/Marketing for the firm and strengthens our ESOP


## HOW WILL THIS BE IMPLEMENTED?

- What's Next information and literature will be available on the Training portal of Sharepoint as well as the link provided on the website
- Trainings will include a PowerPoint presentation, handouts/worksheets and short survey once training is completed

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.

Project Life Cycle
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## AIA CONTRACTS

## WHAT IS AN AIA CONTRACT AND WHY USE ONE?

AIA Contracts are created by the American Institute of Architects and are the most widely used legal documents in the construction industry. They are predominately used for private clients as public entities typically have their own contract versions.

## WHAT TYPES OF AIA CONTRACTS DO WE USE?

The most frequently used AIA contracts for our firm include:

- AIA A133-2019: CM/Owner Cost Plus Fee with a GMP
- AIA A134-2019: CM/Owner Cost Plus Fee with NO GMP
- AIA A201-2017: General Conditions
- AIA G702: Payment Application
- AIA G706/G706A: Affidavit of Payment of Debts/Claims
- AIA A305: General Contractors Qualification Statement (mostly used for public or private RFQ solicitations)


## AIA Document A133m - 2019

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BETWEEN the Owner:
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and the Constuction Manager
(Name, legal status, address, and other information)

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ect Name: Required Milestones

## CONTRACT ABSTRACT

- The Contract Abstract is a document that highlights specific aspects of our typical contracts which are imperative to know and understand
- All Estimators need to review and fill out the Contract Abstract to become familiar with the language included for the project they are pricing. This will help to understand items that may need to be included or excluded in the overall budget prior to submission.
- At turnover, each Project Manager should review the Contract Abstract document for pertinent information pertaining to schedule, budget, requirements and other elements related to the project.
- Accounting and Administration should review the items pertinent to their specific roles to determine any special billing requests, waived items and final billing procedures.


## BONDING

## BID BOND

- A Bid Bond is insurance that CTC will do the job for the amount of the bid/GMP with no charge to the Owner. Typical amount of a Bid Bond is $5 \%$ of the contract amount.
- This type of bond is stand alone and does not require a Payment and Performance Bond
- Note: if a provable error has been found during preconstruction after the Bid Bond is submitted, we notify the Owner within 3 days of submission, we can rescind the Bid Bond without penalty.


## PAYMENT BOND

- A Payment Bond is an insurance policy that CTC will pay all bills and subcontractors once we get paid by the Owner. Amount is equal to the contract amount
- There are two types; Conditional and Unconditional.
- Conditional: CTC will pay all bills and subs as long as we are paid by the Owner
- Unconditional: CTC will pay all bills/subs regardless if we have received payment from the Owner. This is the most common form, however our subcontractors Master Contract states that their invoices are never due until we get paid.


## PERFORMANCE BOND

- A Performance Bond is an insurance policy stating that CTC will do what we said we would do within the scope of work.
- The amount is equal to the full contract amount
- This bond is typically asked in conjunction with a Payment Bond

To request a bond, fill out the form and forward to Julie DePiro

## SUBCONTRACTOR

## prequalification

WHY DOES A SUBCONTRACTOR NEED TO BE PREQUALIFIED?

- Every subcontractor we work with must go through the prequalification process. This way we can determine if they have the skills, judgement, integrity, financial resources and capacity to perform the work

HOW DOES A SUBCONTRACTOR GET PREQUALIFIED?

- Potential subs can visit our website prequal portal to submit their information for review. Subs need to have all documentation in hand in order to navigate the process

WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR PREQUALIFICATION?

- Items needed include company contact for bidding, basic company information, license and insurance, W-9, bonding capacity, OSHA history, bidding dollar amount max, Everify and eligibility to perform Davis-Bacon/Certified Payroll
- Once the subcontractor submits all the information through the portal, our team will verify the information is complete and accurate for admittance to our prequal list



## SUBCONTRACTOR

## scopes of work

- Scopes of work for each subcontractor are noted in the Bid Package Documents they receive with an Invitation to Bid
- Scope should be general in nature, but concise and clear to define what will be performed
- Define specific inclusions and exclusions
- Major milestones to be included
- Should include alternates (adds or deducts) and allowance definitions
- Note any DBE participation
- Scope is NOT a reiteration of specs, general provisions, administrative or items mentioned elsewhere but a clearly defined expectation of the subcontractor for the project.
- Scopes are transferred to the specific sub after award as "Exhibit A" in the Master Subcontract Agreement.


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 BID PACKAGE \#15B - HVACProvide all necessary labor, material, delivery, taxes, layout, supervision, equipment, coordination and incidentals necessary supply and install a complete HVAC package.

1. The following Divisions and Sections shall apply.

- Division 0
- Division 1
- Division 23
General Requirements
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

2. The Construction Manager shall provide control lines and benchmark elevations for the project. This subcontractor shall provide all layout for his work from these control lines.
3. Nothing in this Bid Package Scope of Work is intended to limit the complete scope of the Contract Documents, Plans, and Specifications as they relate to this Scope of Work. It is the responsibility of all Subcontractors to review the complete set of plans and specifications, so as to become familiar with the project as a whole, particularly as it is related to their specific work and the work of other trades.
4. Include all materials handling, including any required crane hoisting, storage, delivery and/or Include all materials handing, including any required
receiving. etc. Provide for proper storage for materials.
5. Provide all work required associated with underground CWS \& R line installation.
6. All access panels, vents and louvers that are required by HVAC work shall be furnished with this package and installed by others.
7. Coordinate with the concrete subcontractor for size and location of required housekeeping pads. Include all required embeds for HVAC equipment on pads. Furnish and install base rails as specified within the Construction Documents.
8. Warranty on all HVAC equipment shall commence on substantial completion of entire project regardless of start-up date
9. Supply and installed all roof curbs, stands and accessories required for project.
10. Section 230800 Commissioning is not included in this Bid Package, Commissioning support is included. Coordinate above ceiling work with all other trades.
11. Starters VFD's and integral disconnects are provided by this Subcontractor. Coordinate requirements with Bid Package 16A, Electrical subcontractor. Bid Package 16A, Electrical subcontractor is to install/connect
12. Seal ductwork at end of each work day to protect from dirt and debris.

## SUBCONTRACTOR

## invitation to bid packages

## WHAT DOES AN INVITATION TO BID (ITB) INCLUDE?

- Project description and location
- Bid due date and instructions for submittal
- Instructions on where to obtain the plans and specs
- Insurance and licensing requirements as well as prequalification website link for those subs that wish to bid but are not prequalified
- Instructions on where to find the Master Subcontract Agreement
- Bonding Requirements (if applicable)
- Bid package documents related to specific divisions and trades


## WHAT DOES THE BID PACKAGE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE?

- Name of the project and specific division for each trade needed
- Clarifications regarding plans and specs
- Clearly defined scope of work for each sub trade
- Unique characteristics of the client or owner (i.e. badging)
- Timeframes required for the work (i.e. night work, overtime, etc)






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## SUBCONTRACTOR

## mastercontract

- All subs will begin to sign a Master Subcontract Agreement to keep on file
- For each project awarded, the subcontractor will then be sent a work order with the scope detailed vs. an entirely new subcontract
- Payment and Performance Bonds are still required from subs for dollar amounts over $\$ 100,000$ and/or if their risk associated with their scope includes items such as roof, HVAC, fire sprinkler, electrical, etc
- A sample of this Master Subcontract is on the website for subs to view and read
- Language is inserted into the bid documents that states that they sub has read and agreed to the Master Subcontract language if they choose to submit a bid
- Any modification or concerns with the Master Subcontract will be modified by Howard and sent to legal for review

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MASTER SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT

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Federal Employer Identification No


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The following attacclments are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Master Subcontract Work Order (Exibibi" "A.)
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Guaranty Agtrement (Exhibit "G")
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Subcontractor EVenify Affidavit Exhibit
1.3 The Subcontract Documents enumerated in Pargaraph 1.1. and the Exxhbuts enumerated m Paragraph 1.2 above

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## PROFESSIONAL

## SERVICES AGREEMENT

 subconsultants- A form that firms or consultants can use to create a contractually binding agreement with a highly skilled business or individual
- •Architects, Engineers, Testing Companies, Abatement Companies, etc
- .Usually covers single projects with defined scopes, timelines and costs
- •Acts as a "contract" for service provider
- •PSA is sent to service provider after a proposal is received indicating scope and cost
-     - Must be filled out PRIOR to any work beginning on the project
- . Must be sent without our signature to consultant for signing
- •Howard signs upon return
- .When a consultant wants to add cost to the PSA, we would use the internal change order form to adjust


## CMRIS TEL

This Professional Service Contract is made and entered into as of the date of 08/08/2019

BETWEEN:
CHRIS-TEL COMPANY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC., a Florida corporation d/b/a CHRIS-TEL CONSTRUCTION (the "Contractor") 2534-A Edison Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901
GFA INTERNATIONAL INC. (the " Service Provider'),
1215 WALLACE DRIVE DELRAY BEACH, FL 33444
This Professional Service Agreement ("Agreement") is made as of the Effective Date specified at the end of this agreement by and between Chris-Tel Company of Southwest Florida, Inc. d/b/a Chris-Tel Construction ("Contractor') and GFA INTERNATIONAL INC. ("Service Provider"), having a place of business at 1215 WALLACE DRIVE, DELRAY BEACH, FL 33444. Collectively Contractor and Service Provider shall be known as the "Parties".
PROJECT: 19033-C-
Gasparilla Inn Beach Club Expansion
SCOPE OF SERUICES:
In compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Service Provider shall provide those services specified in the "Exhibitit" otherwise known asemsonpt, of Services, and incorporated herein by this
reference, which services may be referred to berein as the "sevices" or "work" bereunder.

- As a material inducement to Contractore entering into this Agreement, "wervice Provevider represents and warnant that Service Provider is a provider of first class work and services and Service Provider is experience, Service Provider coverantut shat it hhall follow the highest professional standards in performing the work and services sequired hereunder and that all materials whill be of good quality, fif for the puppose
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Service Provider shall provide such services or work through persons or entities duly licensed to practice Serice Prounder shall provide such services or work through persons or enthes duly hicensed to practice
their profession
- For purposes of this Agreement, the phrase "highest professional standards" shall mean those standards of
practice recognized by one or more first-class firms performing similar work under similar circumatances. SERUICE PROVIDER'S PROPOSAL:
- The Scope of Service shall include the Service Provider s proposal or bid which shall be incorporated berein
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Agreement shall govern.
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CONTRACTOR INITIALS $\qquad$


## CHRIS-TEL CONSTRUCTION

## OUR COVERAGE

- Commercial General Liability
- Each Occurrence - \$1,000,000
- Aggregate - \$2,000,000
- Automotive Liability
- Each Accident - \$1,000,000
- Umbrella Liability
- Each Occurrence - \$5,000,000
- Aggregate - $\$ 5,000,000$
- Workers Compensation/Employers Liability
- Each Accident - \$1,000,000
- Each Employee - \$1,000,000
- Policy Limit - \$1,000,000
- Excess Liability
- Each Occurrence - \$5,000,000
- Aggregate - $\$ 5,000,000$
- Additionally Insured
- Provides Owner of the project coverage under our same limits for the project and duration of the project

WHAT IS NOT COVERED

- Single Family Homes/Condos
- EIFS


## WHO IS OUR AGENCY?

- Olin Hill \& Associates


## WHO IS OUR RISK

 MANAGER?- Ben Few \& Co.



## BUILDER'S RISK INSURANCE

- BUILDERS RISK, ALSO KNOWN AS COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION INSURANCE, IS A PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICY THAT PROTECTS BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- WE PREFER IT TO BE PAID BY OWNER BECAUSE THE OWNER WILL BE LIABLE FOR THE DEDUCTIBLE. IF WE HAVE TO PROVIDE IT/PAY FOR IT, WE MUST ASSIGN THE DEDUCTIBLE TO THE OWNER IN THE EXCLUSIONS.
- AMOUNT IS EQUAL TO THE COST OF WORK
- THE POLICY COVERS ANY WORK THAT WAS ALREADY COMPLETED BUT DESTROYED BY FIRE, LIGHTNING, HAIL, EXPLOSIONS, THEFT, VANDALISM OR AN ACT OF GOD (I.E. HURRICANE OR TORNADO). ADDITIONAL COVERAGES INCLUDE MATERIALS, SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT ON SITE OR IN TRANSIT.
- THE POLICY DOES NOT COVER WEAR AND TEAR, ACTS OF WAR/TERRORISM, RUST, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS, DAMAGE DUE TO FAULTY DESIGN, PLANNING, WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIALS, ENGINEERS.
- BUILDERS RISK POLICY MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE JOB

- IN ORDER TO GET A QUOTE FROM OUR RISK MANAGER, A FULL SET OF PLANS AND SCOPE IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT


GEORGE H. KNOTT
George is an attorney with Knott Ebelini Hart and concentrates his practice in the areas of business, construction and general litigation. George serves as General Counsel to the Lee Memorial Health Systems, is a Master in the Calusa Chapter of the American Inns of Court, Former

Co-Chair of the General and Civil and Business Litigation Practice Section for the Lee County Bar Association and past President of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates as well as the Lee Building Industry Association. George received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina and his law degree from Mercer University School of Law.

- Our firm General Counsel is George Knott. He is a partner with Knott Ebelini Hart
- George is not a full time employee of the firm, he is a contract employee that is paid via invoicing (he bills us). Occasionally, we can bill the client for his time but this is a rare occasion.
- Chris-Tel utilizes George for General Counsel services that include contract review, insurance claims, representation in arbitration and/or litigation, employee benefits review, employee terminations and overall firm counse
- Items needed for him to review include the project name and information, any background information (client, situation, claim info, etc), steps that have been taken already (if any), all documents needing to be reviewed and a firm timeframe that it needs to be completed by. This ensures that his time of review is efficient and effective without a drawn out back and forth
- Any questions on whether or not George needs to be involved with a project you are working on, please inquire with Howard, Julie or Juan first


## PROMISSORY ESTOPPEL

## WHAT IS PROMISSORY ESTOPPEL?

This is a legal term within contract law that refers to the doctrine that a party may recover on the basis of a promise made when the party's reliance on that promise was reasonable, and the party attempting to recover detrimentally relied on that promise

## THREE MAJOR ELEMENTS NEEDED

Promisor: The party making the promise
Promisee: The party who accepted the promise to its detriment Promise: The promise that was made

## ITEMS NEEDED IN ORDER TO PREVAIL INCLUDE

Proof that the promisor made certain promises that the Promisee relied upon to thier detriment and that any injustices could have been avoided by enforcement of the promise made

## PROMISSORY ESTOPPEL EXAMPLE:

Subcontractor A submits a bid to our firm for $\$ 600,000$. That bid was submitted to an Owner as part of the GMP.

Subcontractor A has read and agreed to the Master Contract documents well before the bid was submitted and agrees to furnish all costs in order to perform the scope as described in the bid documents for the amount submitted in the bid.

Subcontractor A's work order is sent back to the firm with the original bid amount struck and an increased bid amount in its place.

Chris-Tel can then at that point establish Promissory Estoppel because the firm was promised a clear and definitive offer to perform the scope of work at a certain price and Subcontractor A was undoubtedly aware that Chris-Tel would rely on their price to to prepare the GMP. If the original bid is not used, Chris-Tel is faced with the dilema of Subcontracotr A's refusal to perform at the original bid price.

Subcontractor A is liable to Chris-Tel for damages in the event it refuses to perform at the original bid price. Damages would equate to the difference between the original bid and the next lowest bidder.

## Owner Notice Requirements: Types and How to

## CHANGE OF SCOPE / ADDED WORK

- Changes in scope are typically owner initiated and must be communicated to each sub affected by said change. We must notify the subcontractor of their change in scope, obtain pricing for said changes and notify the Owner of any time extensions caused by the scope
change as well as price escalation.


## DELAYS (OWNER RELATED, MATERIAL, WEATHER, etc.)

- Job sites can experience many different types of delays that stem from owner issues, material delivery delays and even acts of God. When these occur, the owner and sub must be notified'properly'as'thris' will'chrange'the' substantial'completion date in the schedule. Depending on what our contract reads, we either will be allowed added time and/or money for these delays which will be signed off by the owner and changed in the schedule.
- If the delay is regarding slow progress/no progress from subs or material delivery issues, we have the right to put them on notice and supplement their forces by whichever means we determine. The sub must be notified properly via a statement of fact and they have 72 hours to remedy the situation. If this is not done, they will be in breach of their contract which allows the contractor to supplement their work by whichever means necessary.
- If the delay is due to instances out of anyone's control (weather, environmental issues, war) CTC must notify the Owner of the cause of delay, plan of action for safety and security of the site as well as means and methods of making up the time or requesting a time extension which will result in a change to the master schedule and potentially the GMP. The prime contract will dictate the timeframe in which we should notify the Owner.


## SUBCONTRACTOR BREACH OF CONTRACT LETTERS

## HOW TO UNDERSTAND WHAT "BREACH" MEANS AND PROCESS OF ALERTING SUBS

1. KNOW AND FOLLOW THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE SPELLED OUT IN THE SUBCONTRACT (WHO RECEIVES, SEND BY THE METHOD REQUIRED AND ABILITY TO PROVE WHEN IT WAS DELIVERED)
2.PROJECT MANAGER TO DEVISE LETTER FOR APPROVAL BY SENIOR LEADERSHIP. LETTER SHOULD BE WRITTEN POLITELY BUT FIRMLY AND SHOULD STATE THE PROBLEM AND WHAT ACTION IS REQUIRED TO REMEDY SAID PROBLEM
2. REFERENCE THE SUBCONTRACT PROVISION OR OTHER AGREEMENT PROVISION
3. USE A PLEADING TONE FOR PROMPT ACTION TO AVOID LOSSES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE RESULT (I.E. WE ARE DEPENDING ON YOUR PERFORMANCE AND COOPERATION, HOW CAN WE HELP, ETC)
4. STATE A DATE BY WHICH A RESPONSE/ACTION IS DUE
5. IF A NON-POSITIVE OR NO RESPONSE HAPPENS, FOLLOW UP WITH A LETTER THAT REPEATS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF FIRST LETTER WITH A HIGHER SENSE OF URGENCY AND DESPERATION (BUT ALWAYS OFFERING TO HELP)
6. INCLUDE A GENERAL RESERVATION OF OUR RIGHTS
7. COPY THE SUBCONTRACTOR'S BONDING COMPANY UNLESS MANAGEMENT PROVIDE OTHER DIRECTION

LETTERS ARE NECESSARY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGAL RIGHTS, BUT ALWAYS TRY TO HAVE FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT AND PERSONAL APPEALS FIRST BASED ON EXISTING WORKING RELATIONSHIP.

TERMINATION OF THE SUBCONTRACT IS RARELY IF EVER THE BEST APPROACH! WE WILL SUPPLEMENT FORCES IF NECESSARY

## Claims

A Claim is a demand for something due or believed to be due - can result from breach of contract, injury on job site, damage, construction defects, delay, change of work, change in site conditions or schedule acceleration.

- READ THE CONTRACT AND KNOW EACH PARTY'S RIGHTS BEFOREHAND
- ALERT SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND/OR GENERAL COUNSEL
- KNOW THE FACTS AND DEAL ONLY WITH FACTS - DO NOT GET INTO A BATTLE OF WITS DUE TO EMOTIONS
- DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN WITH SENIOR MANAGEMENT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE AND AGGRESSIVELY MONITOR THE PLAN AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL COMMUNICATION SUPPORTS THE SAME ACTION PLAN/STRATEGY
- TAKE THE MILDEST EFFECTIVE ACTION IF POSSIBLE
- DOCUMENT EVERYTHING IN DETAIL - TAKE PHOTOS (WITH DATES), CATALOGUE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE, GATHER CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, DAILY REPORTS, MEETING MINUTES, ETC
- FOLLOW THROUGH ON ANY CORRESPONDENCE AND ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU SAY YOU WILL DO PROMPTLY TO ANY LETTER THAT FEELS LIKE IT COULD BECOME A CLAIM LETTER
- BE AS CLOSE TO PERFECT AS POSSIBLE IN SATISFYING ANY OBLIGATIONS TO AVOID ADDITIONAL CLAIMS AGAINST US
- BE HUMBLE, RESPECTFUL, COURTEOUS AND UNDERSTANDING - AVOID BEING BELLIGERENT OR VINDICTIVE


## Standard File Structure

Our standard file structure has been set up on Sharepoint to keep all project documents organized on a consistent basis.

Each main folder has one or multiple sub folders that mimic each facet of the project to keep each team member updated.

The folder set up is the same in Estimating as it is in Operations allowing anyone to find specific documents for any project at any time.

## Operations Templates

The MASTER FORMS folder in the Public Drive of Sharepoint contains all the Operations Template forms that we use (or should be using) for any Operations function.

The types of forms included are:

Change Order
Delay Notice
Three Week Look Ahead Buyout Log
Contract Abstract
T\&M Ticket
IOR
OAC Meeting
PMIS
RFI Log
Submittal Logs
Contingency Adjustment

Subcontractor Prestart Agenda
Master Subcontractor Agreement Subcontractor Agreement Rider Subcontractor Meeting Agenda

Work Order Template
Weekly Project Snapshot PO Template
Project Filing System
Project Number Request instructions
Project Number Life Cycle
Project Turnover Meeting
Permit Forms


## SCHEDULING

## What is a schedule?

-When is the project going to start?

- How long will it take?
- When will the project be finished (substantial and final)?


The documents may indicate the owner's time frame for the project, but in order to answer these questions, properly a schedule needs to be developed. The schedule indicates when the project will start and the major steps necessary to reach the end date.

## Why is scheduling important?

It is critical to have a plan. The schedule is your plan that describes how you will accomplish your goal of completing the project within the planned time frame; In addition to creating order from chaos the schedule will also:

- Forces project team to think through the details and sequences .
- Allows team to breakdown a complicated project into a series of definable and achievable goals.
- It serves as a critical tool of the overall risk management process
- It is the tool required to illustrate time related impacts, such as delay, acceleration, and disruption and is a must for time extension requests.


## SCHEDULING (CONT.)

## PLAN THE WORK

- Establish the Plan: If you don't know where you're going the best made map won't help you get there
- Identify Work Activities: Break down the goal into simpler more manageable work activities
- Estimate Durations: Determine how long it will take to complete activities
- Determine the Sequence: When must the individual activities happen in relation to each other


## WORK THE PLAN

- Review and Publish the Schedule: Review the plan with appropriate CTCC Staff to make sure you are on the right track in terms of sequencing and durations. Check with key subcontractors, suppliers for their feedback. Adjust the schedule based on the feedback.
- Communicate the Schedule: To be used as a management tool, it must be communicated to the team since the schedule establishes performance goals for each of them.
- Measure and Update the Schedule: Things happen. Owners make changes, approvals come late, subs may perform better or worse than expected, it may rain. Construction is dynamic and the schedule needs to reflect what is taking place to determine where you are going.


## RELATIONSHIPS

- Finish to Start (F-S) is the most popular for Critical Path Method (CPM). Simply put, the predecessor must be 100 percent complete before the successor activity starts (Rebar installed before concrete is placed).
- Start to Start (S-S) is less common. This states that the predecessor and successor can start simultaneously (mirrors and bathrooms accessories at the same time).
- Finish to Finish (F-F) Simply means that two or more activities should finish at the same time (Mechanical overhead rough-in and electrical overhead rough in completing on the same date).


## SCHEDULING (CONT.)

## KEY DEFINITIONS

The Critical Path is the path of activities through a CPM schedule that has the lowest float values. The critical path establishes the overall project duration.

Float is the amount of time an activity can slip before the end date is affected. This is the difference in the early start and finish and the late start and finish dates for a given activity. When a project is on schedule, or ahead of schedule, your critical float values may be zero or some positive number. Sometimes when you get behind schedule you get negative float.

Baseline (As-Planned Schedule) After reviewing your schedule with your team, you should establish your target schedule. Your target becomes your baseline schedule. As the job progresses and you perform updates the progress is measured against target. This will determine if you are on schedule, behind (and how many days), ahead (and by how many days).

Calendar A project schedule's calendar reflects the workdays in a week.

## STANDARDIZING MEETING MINUTES

## WHEN SHOULD I TAKE MEETING MINUTES?

- Meeting minutes are helpful to take at every meeting you attend whether internal or with a client/owner.
- They act as a record of what has been said or done during a meeting and can help with recall of dates and/or activities, task items, etc.
- Examples: Project Kick-Off/Preconstruction Meetings, OAC Meetings, Superintendent Coordination Meeting, Toolbox Topic Meetings, Interdepartmental Meetings, etc.


## WHAT SHOULD MEETING MINUTES CONSIST OF?

- An Agenda
- A Sign-in sheet or list of attendees
- Old and New Business, concerns, upcoming items,tasks for next meeting, etc


## WHY STANDARIZE OUR MEETING MINUTES?



- Creates a cohesive document for every project and consistency throughout the departments

HOW ARE WE GOING TO STANDARDIZE THEM?

- This is a work in progress in Operations and Preconstruction
- Build has a template that can be customized and is being reviewed for ease of use and clarity
- CTC has hired a Construction Administrator that will assist in the standardization of meeting minutes AND other Operational Procedures


## OAC Meeting Agenda Topics

## 1. Safety

a. Discuss any accidents, concerns or topics
2. Construction Updates
a. Provide the Owner with updates on project progress and important items upcoming
3. Quality
a. Understand any quality issues pertaining to workmanship, materials or deliverables
4. Designs/Permits
a. Review any changes in design as well as all pending permit status
5. RFI's
a. Discuss any open/pending RFI's needing answered
6. Submittals
a. Discuss any pending items needing approval
7.Budget/Cost
a. Review current budget, contingency and overall cost control on project
8. Pending Issues
a. Deliveries, equipment, shutdowns, staffing, etc
9. Schedule
a. Review current progress schedule, milestone dates and deliverables yet to be determined

## Approving Monthly Billings/Invoices

It is the responsibility of the Project Manager to approve the billing pertaining to their specific project(s)


02 This function is done every week and it is done through Vista

03 Each Project Manager will receive an email notification letting them know an approval is needed

04 The steps needed to approve include opening the invoice, check the subcontractors job costs for that month against the invoice, PO , PSA or Subcontract and approve by checking the "approve" boxes towards the right

The invoice then is approved in the system and the Owner is billed for the approved amount

## Tips to Avoid Mistakes or Errors



- Click through each subcontractor line and be sure the numbers match the invoice attached
- Check to be sure that your VENDOR is the correct one (i.e. GFA vs. Universal) and is tied to a contract/PSA/PO
- On the drop-down menu once a line item is selected, the PM should always choose "7-SL" for the subcontractor amount. ("1 - Job" is only used for Home Depot and General Conditions) then hit the F4 Key to see a list of all jobs that particular vendor/subcontractor has with us
- PM will select the correct job number and verify that the amounts match for each sub/vendor on the list of that particular month's billing
- If the PM does not have numbers that match (transposed upon entry, too many zeroes, etc., the system will alert you that the details don't match (see red text at top)
- If this occurs, you can fix the issue by opening the line item back up and editing the information


## Why is this Important?

## - We don'ł want to overpay or double bill our Owners for work performed by our subcontractors!

- Every invoice that comes in NEEDS to be tied to either a subcontract, PSA or PO
- If your invoice is not attached to anything...an internal invoice can be set up in Vista for tracking. This prevents double billing/overbilling from occurring
- Hit the invoice setup button in top right of screen. A separate page will open in which you can create an internal invoice for that particular subcontractor's payment amount that month. Whoever the assigned APM is for that project can help with invoice setup

**If you have any questions on the process or specific details, please contact Andrea**


## P.A.R.T. Safety Program

 PREVENTING ACCIDENTS REOUIRES TEAMWORK- Internal Safety/Compliance Officer - Jaime Melendez
- OSHA 10 Training for every employee
- Fall Protection and HAZCOM
- Tool Box Topic Weekly meeting with subcontractors
- Safety Training incentives
- SHARP Consultant
- Required use of iAuditor
- Reporting and Trends Review
- Continuing Education
- Professional Training and Certification Programs
- Lower than Industry Average MOD Score (0.78)
- Zero Accident Culture
- Site Specific Procedures



## Hurricane Prep

- Perform a pre-storm walk through with the Owner AND photo document it
- ALL gate codes and padlocks need to be set to the same code on every project
- An extra job site trailer key must be kept onsite in a magnetic key box for easy access for any personnel after a storm
- Distribute a phone list/phone tree and understand where your staff will be during the storm for communication purposes
- Update emergency phone list of your job site subcontractors
- Establish an emergency response team:
(PM, Super, Electrical Sub, Plumbing Sub and Site Sub)
- Inspect your trailer tie downs, dumpster tie downs and toilet tie downs
- Cancel any deliveries within three days of the anticipated storm date to eliminate any unnecessary debris onsite
- Secure your stockpiled materials
- Fill the fuel tanks of all onsite equipment and remove rental equipment



## HURRICANE AHEAD

## Hurricane Prep (cont.)

- Remove any signage from perimeter fencing
- Inspect job site storm drains and arrange to get them cleaned out prior to the storm
- Determine when to demobilize the site
- Check all form work to ensure it is removed or reinforced and check all scaffolding
- Remove all valuable records, files and/or computers
- Remove all materials from roofs or unenclosed floors
- Remove any temporary construction signs
- Move large office equipment away from doors and windows
- Lock out/tag out all temporary power
- Have appropriate dewatering equipment and generators delivered to the job site prior to the storm


## Hurricane Post Storm

- Contact direct reports immediately after the storm to determine location and any issues/concerns staff may have with coming back to work
- PM/Super to evaluate and photo document job site for conditions and damages (bring any necessary tools needed for clean up i.e. chainsaw)
- Report any damages to HR/Risk Maragement immediately with pheto documentation for claim process to begin
- Activate your emergency response team to mobilize on site
- Contact appropriate subcontractors to determine ability to mobilize on site
- Perform a debriefing with all CTC staff to ensure additional lessons learned for the next emergency or storm incident


## REQUESTING TIME AWAY FROM WORK

Time away from work consists of the following:

- Vacation Pay

- Sick Pay
- Client Relations Offsite (CR)
- Time Away With Pay
- Time Away Without Pay (Personal Time)
- Covid-19 Time Away
- Work From Home (WFH)


REQUESTING TIME AWAY FROM WORK (CONT.)


## See the Video Here:

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## What Do I Do If I Want to Go on Vacation?

- On our website there is an Electronic Time Away form
- Fill out the form in full and submit. This form will be sent to HR for approval from your manager/supervisor
- If approved HR then includes your dates to be on vacation on the company calendar


## What Do I Do If I am Sick?

- STAY HOME!
- If you find you are not feeling well when you wake up, you should contact your approving manager/supervisor immediately to let him/her know you will not be in the office
- You must log onto the Employee Portal from your phone or laptop and fill out a Time Away form indicating sick pay


## What is CR Time?

- Client Relations Off-Site (CR) time is for an event or opportunity to be out of the office entertaining a client and/or participating in an event with a client (i.e. golf tournament, clay shoot, etc)


## What is Time Away Without Pay?

- Time Away Without Pay is Personal Time and is to be requested the same as vacation. You will NOT be paid for this time out of the office.


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## The Chris-Telegram

Bi-annual newsletter started in 2015 that celebrates firm milestones, community involvement, project status, new work, employee accomplishments and other general firm related news. This newsletter is shared on our social media platforms as well as via email with staff.

## The Chris-Tel Current

Bi-monthly newsletter started in 2017 and is sent only to internal staff. Includes new hire information, new work awarded, upcoming firm events, policy and process information or changes, community engagement events, HR related news, training opportunities and employee updates.

## Employee Recognition Program

## THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The People's choice Award was established in 2023. Each month, all emptoyees are able to nominate your peers for their hard work and dedication to
the firm. All nominations will be anonymous and limited tóone per emptoyee. The People's Choice Award winner-will-receive their coin and a onetime $\$ 100$ monetary reward for their achievement which will be reflected in their paycheck.

## Employee Recognition Program

## P.R.O.P.E.L. AWARD

The PROPEL Award was established in 2018 in order to recognize and honor one employee who goes above and beyond all year in order to drive Chris-Tel forward, making our firm a better place to be. The recipient is nominated by their peers and is announced at the annual Holiday Party held in December.

P: Performance
R: Resiliency
O: Operational Excellence
P: Professionalism
E: Ethical Behavior
L: Loyalty


## What is an ESOP?



## But, it is also a company stock sale

Similar benefits to 401k and profit sharing plans

Company funded retirement plan
Tax deferred investments for employees
ESOP invests primarily in your company's stock

Investments are directed by the board of directors

Employees then participate in company earnings and growth

## Why an ESOP?



Management of Chris-Tel wanted a way for fulltime employees to benefit from the long-term success of the business, over and above day-to-day compensation.

Creates a financially stronger company by:

- Enhancing employee productivity.
- Increasing employee retention.
- Providing a more attractive recruiting compensation package.
- Increasing morale.

Orderly business succession strategy




## Cultivating an Owner Mindset

People with an ownership mindset tend to:

- Go the extra mile for the customer
- Be motivated to learn new things
- Have a passion for doing things right the first time
- Genuinely believe that their work is part of the company's big picture of success
- Want others to succeed
- Remain resilient; when they face setbacks, they don't stay helpless, they take action


When you're part of an ESOP company there is an added reason to adopt this way of thinking; it can increase your company's success and the wealth you accumulate in your retirement account.

