

the Owner due to the Owner's determination that the Work has not progressed to the point indicated in the Design-Builder's Application for Payment, or the quality of the Work is not in accordance with the Design-Build Documents. If the Owner is unable to certify payment in the amount of the Application for Payment, the Owner will notify the Design-Builder as provided in Section 9.4. If the Design-Builder and Owner cannot agree on a revised amount, the Owner will promptly issue a Certificate for Payment for the amount that the Owner deems to be due and owing. The Owner may also withhold a Certificate for Payment or, because of subsequently discovered evidence, may nullify the whole or a part of a Certificate for Payment previously issued to such extent as may be necessary to protect the Owner from loss for which the Design-Builder is responsible because of

- .1 Failure to perform Work in accordance with the Design-Build Documents;
- .2 Third-party claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims, unless security acceptable to the Owner is provided by the Design-Builder;
- .3 Failure of the Design-Builder to make payments properly to the Architect, Consultants, Subcontractors, suppliers, or others, for services, labor, materials, or equipment;
- .4 Reasonable evidence that the Work cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum;
- .5 Damage to the Owner or a Separate Contractor; or
- .6 Reasonable evidence that the Work will not be completed within the Contract Time, and that the unpaid balance would not be adequate to cover actual or liquidated damages for the anticipated delay.

§ 9.5.2 If the Design-Builder disputes the Owner's decision regarding a Certificate for Payment under Section 9.5.1, in whole or in part, the Design-Builder may submit a Claim in accordance with Article 15.

§ 9.5.3 When the above reasons for withholding certification are removed, the Owner shall certify amounts previously withheld.

§ 9.5.4 If the Owner withholds certification for payment under Section 9.5.1.3, the Owner may, at its sole option, issue joint checks to the Design-Builder and to any other persons or entities providing Work for the Design-Builder to whom the Design-Builder failed to make payment for Work properly performed or material or equipment suitably delivered.

§ 9.6 Progress Payments

§ 9.6.1 After the Owner has issued a Certificate for Payment, the Owner shall make payment in the manner and within the time provided in the Design-Build Documents.

§ 9.6.2 In taking action on the Design-Builder's Applications for Payment, the Owner shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy and completeness of the information furnished by the Design-Builder, and such action shall not be deemed to be a representation that (1) the Owner has made a detailed examination, audit, or arithmetic verification, of the documentation submitted in accordance with Section 9.3.1 or other supporting data; (2) that the Owner has made exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections; or (3) that the Owner has made examinations to ascertain how or for what purposes the Design-Builder has used amounts previously paid on account of the Contract. Such examinations, audits, and verifications, if required by the Owner, will be performed by the Owner's auditors acting in the sole interest of the Owner.

§ 9.6.3 The Design-Builder shall pay each person or entity providing Work for the Design-Builder, no later than seven days after receipt of payment from the Owner. Payment shall be the amount to which the person or entity providing Work for the Design-Builder is entitled, reflecting percentages actually retained from payments to the Design-Builder on account of the portion of the Work performed by the person or entity. The Design-Builder shall, by appropriate agreement with each person or entity providing Work for the Design-Builder, require each person or entity providing Work for the Design-Builder to make payments to subconsultants and subcontractors in a similar manner.

§ 9.6.4 The Owner will, on request and if practicable, furnish to the person or entity providing Work for the Design-Builder, information regarding percentages of completion or amounts applied for by the Design-Builder and action taken thereon by the Owner on account of portions of the Work done by such person or entity providing Work for the Design-Builder.

§ 9.6.5 The Owner has the right to request written evidence from the Design-Builder that the Design-Builder has properly paid any other persons or entities providing Work for the Design-Builder, amounts paid by the Owner to the Design-Builder for the Work. If the Design-Builder fails to furnish such evidence within seven days, the Owner shall have the right to contact the other person or entity providing Work for the Design-Builder to ascertain whether they have been properly paid. The Owner shall have no obligation to pay, or to see to the payment of money to any other person or entity providing services or Work for the Design-Builder, except as may otherwise be required by law.