SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 Authorized Changes Only by the Contracting Officer

a. Except as specified in paragraph (b) herein, no order, statement or conduct of government personnel who visit the Contractor's facilities, or in any other manner communicate with Contractor personnel during the performance of this contract, shall constitute a change under this contract.

b. The Contractor shall not comply with any order, direction or request of government personnel, unless issued in writing and signed by the CO, subject to the policy direction and oversight of the Speaker and the Committee on House Oversight, or made pursuant to specific authority otherwise included in this contract.

c. The CO is the only person authorized to approve changes in any of the requirements of this contract and, notwithstanding provisions contained elsewhere in this contract, said authority remains solely with the CO. In the event the Contractor effects any change(s) at the direction of any person other than the CO, that change shall be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment in price shall be made in the contract to cover any increase in charges incurred as a result thereof.

I.2 Observance of Laws

a. In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor agrees not to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin or disability.

b. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws of the United States with respect to the conduct of its employees and operations.

I.3 Disputes

Any dispute shall be decided by the CO, who shall reduce the decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. Within thirty (30) days from the receipt of such copy, the Contractor may appeal in writing by mail to the CAO. The CAO's decision shall be final. The Contractor may appeal the CAO's decision to the Committee on House Oversight only for violations by the CAO for failure in following procedural guidelines. If no such appeal is taken, the decision of the CO shall be final and conclusive. In connection with any 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, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract and in accordance with the CO's decision.

I.4 Availability of Funds

The House's obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the House for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for this contract.