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Inspection and Lab Tests

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Recommendations:

Unless all testing is paid by owner, the exact number of inspection and lab tests of all kinds should be specified. This is to include all tests by number and description that are to be paid for by the general contractor and/or subcontractors.

Comments:

- A. The architect should set forth in the appropriate division of the specifications complete information regarding inspection and tests.
- B. Architect should clearly specify who is to pay for testing in the various divisions.
- C. All tests must be made by a laboratory acceptable to the architect and owner.
- D. Any costs associated with trip charges when no testing occurred shall be paid by the responsible prime contractor.
- E. The architect should be certain that the owner understands the method and costs of testing in order that his budget includes this expense (if testing is not an allowance in the general contract).
- F. If it is impractical to specify type and number of tests, an allowance to cover testing should be specified.
- G. The architect should understand that many government agencies require three bids to be received for the work.
- H. If materials fail on the first test, the contractor will pay for additional tests.

End of JCR-21

This recommendation is the result of considerable discussion and deliberation by the Architect and General Contractor members of the Joint Cooperative Committee of AIA North Carolina and the Carolinas AGC. While its provisions are not binding on individual Architects or General Contractors, the committee believes that adherence to the recommendations will benefit the Owner and the Construction Industry in general.