

Design Services Contract between Design-Builder and Consultant

CCDC 15 is a standard contract between the Design-Builder and Consultant.

CCDC 14 – Design-Build Stipulated Price Contract specifies that the Design-Builder’s contract with the Consultant shall be based on the version of CCDC 15 in effect the date of CCDC 14 or shall incorporate terms and conditions consistent with this version of CCDC 15. It is therefore essential for Owners, Design-Builders and Consultants to be familiar with CCDC 15.

CCDC standard contract forms are products of a consensus-building process aimed at balancing the interests of all parties involved in construction projects. They reflect recommended industry practices.

They are recognized for clarity and simplicity of language and are drafted in a style intended to be easily understood by the parties, using terms and expression familiar to the industry.

CCDC 15 is a standard contract between the Design-Builder and Consultant to perform the Design Services required under a design-build contract between the Owner and Design-Builder.

Based on an approach similar to standard client-consultant contracts (i.e. RAIC Document Six and ACEC 31), CCDC 15 lists all the basic design services that are considered necessary in a design-build contract. These design services are listed in a Schedule, which allows flexibility for the Design-Builder and Consultant to establish the scope of services and compensation method.

CCDC 15 also includes a schedule that lists typical additional design services that the Consultant may be required to provide.

The important terms and conditions addressed in CCDC 15 include:

- Copyright and use of documents;
- Design-Builder’s roles and responsibilities in supplying information to the Consultant and reviewing design;
- Consultant’s roles and responsibilities in providing Design Services, engaging Subconsultants, and coordinating Other Consultants;
- Design to meet the Construction Budget;
- Limitation of liability for Design Services.



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