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Re: ICS COVID-19 Impacts to Construction

To Our Clients and Trusted Partners:

On Wednesday, March 25th, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz ordered an Emergency Executive Order directing all Minnesotans to stay at home through Friday, April 10th. However, all non-residential building construction is exempt from this executive order and considered essential. This means that ICS will continue working on your project through the duration of this executive order.

Regardless of the executive order, COVID-19 is causing widespread disruption to daily life including the construction industry. Even though the construction of your project is considered essential, we want to make you aware of some of the potential impacts that COVID-19 may have on your project. Some of the delays we are currently experiencing that may or may not impact your project include:

- 1. Field labor and office personnel shortages due to illness and/or quarantine of individuals or families and childcare issues due to daycare and school closures.
- 2. Material delivery and supply chain delays.
- 3. Delays caused by subcontractors and material suppliers based in states that are currently under shelter-in-place orders from their respective state governments.
- 4. Delays to acquire necessary permits, city inspections, and other required items due to city, county, and state governments shutting down.
- 5. Delays in responses to critical work information from the owner and architects due to shutdowns, remote work situations, and/or shelter-in-place orders.
- 6. Jobsite labor inefficiencies caused by social distancing (i.e. no stacking of trades people).

The list above is not intended to be an all-inclusive list. The list is provided so that you are made aware of the challenges we are currently experiencing. Every project we work on is unique and in various construction phases. We want to assure you that we are doing everything within our power to maintain a timely and successful project completion. However, we ask that you please remember that circumstances around COVID-19 can change rapidly and delays can occur overnight. If the timely completion of your project is no longer attainable due to the uncontrollable impacts of COVID-19, we will communicate with you immediately and work with you to provide contingency planning.

These are difficult days for all of us and, together, we will get through this in due time. We ask for your communication and collaboration throughout this process as we work





diligently on your project to bring it to completion. If you have any specific concerns about your project, please contact your ICS project manager for more information. Thank you for your support, understanding, and flexibility through this time.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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