Responsibilities of Specialty Subcontractors

(A specialty subcontractor is one whose scope of work includes the construction and the design of a portion of the work. The specialty subcontractor retains a licensed design professional to execute the delegated design work. Examples would include the design and construction of precast concrete elements, or the design of and construction of all or part of cast-in-place post-tensioned floor systems.)

- Retain the services of a design professional (specialty engineer) with demonstrated expertise and/or experience in the type of work to be designed. Responsibilities of the specialty engineer include:
  - Design the work in accordance with the standard of care for the design of similar works in the same geographic area.
  - Prepare plans and specifications for the work that incorporate all applicable building code requirements, laws, and ordinances.
  - Perform all contractually required inspections, observations, and reviews of placing and/or shop drawings.
- Review the design for obvious errors or differences from general accepted standard practices.
- Construct the work in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the specialty engineer.
- Construct the work in accordance with the standard of care for the work involved and in accordance with standard practices of similar subcontractors in the same geographic area.