

If you have made any attempt to look back at the 2007 edition of the A101 SCOSE and compare it to the 2017 edition, you probably haven't noticed much difference between the two thus far. That's about to change.

Articles 6 and 7 are similar to the 2007 edition. "Dispute Resolution" and "Termination or Suspension" are to be in accordance with the requirements in the A201. Likewise, Article 8 references the A201 and provides for the listing of the parties' representatives. During the bidding period, the listing of the Owner's representatives and the Architect's representative can be inserted. Following successful bidding and award the Contractor's representatives would be added.

Here are the three big differences between the 2007 and 2017. First, Section 8.6 introduces "Insurance and Bonds" and it notes that these items are contained in the "Exhibit A" of the A101. We've never had an Exhibit in the A101, and now we do. We'll talk more about Exhibit A next week; but, in a nutshell, most of the language that was in Article 11 of the A201 for Insurance and Bonds has been moved to the A101 Exhibit A by AIA. The reason is that the A101 is an agreement for a specific project and may need to be modified; whereas, the A201 is supposed to be General Conditions that should apply to most projects and should not require modifications.

Second, Section 8.7 introduces the AIA E203. This AIA document can be used if Building Information Modeling (BIM) or digital data is going to be transferred in electronic format. Read this document carefully before you decide to use it.

Third, Section 8.8 contains the "check box" and paragraphs taken from Section 3.10 of the A201 2007 requiring a more a detailed construction schedule by the Contractor. Again, the reasoning is that this requirement is better suited as project specific rather than a part of General Conditions.

Finally, Article 9 is very similar to the 2007 edition in that it is a listing of the contract documents. Note that the list of drawings, specification sections, and especially a listing of Addenda may change from advertisement to award of bid. One added item is the listing of the AIA E204, Sustainable Projects Exhibit and the Sustainability Plan that can be included.

Don't miss the upcoming TOD's for the new Exhibit A of the A101!