

2.3 Considerations for Selecting Contractors

Liability, relevant skills and certifications, and resources are the three major considerations for selecting a contractor. While trails that are built with federal funding automatically fall under INDOT, bonding and insurance is also paramount for quoting out smaller contracts. One useful reference for setting up a good contract is the standard contract used by the City of Bloomington (see [Appendix E](#)). Key provisions of this contract are summarized in [Table 6](#).

Table 6. City of Bloomington Contract Excerpts

	Required by:
The Contractor is prohibited from subletting or assigning any portion of the contract.	Section 4.03.02
The Contractor must carry minimum insurance coverages, as specified in the contract.	Sections 4.05.01 - 4.05.05
The Contractor is responsible for providing the state with any certification, authorization, license, permit or registration that is required by local, state or federal law.	Section 4.06
The Contractor certifies all construction, materials of construction, and design work for one year from date of completion.	Section 4.09
The Contractor indemnifies the City and bonds all work at 100% of the contract amount.	Sections 4.01 and 4.12
Contractor must use domestically-produced steel in accordance with Indiana Code 5-16-8	Section 4.17
Contracted services are defined in Attachment A, "Scope of Work."	Section 4.04

[Source: City of Bloomington, Sample Construction Contract Agreement.](#)