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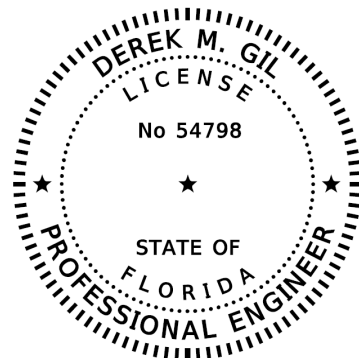
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# **SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

# DIVISION I

## SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

### DEFINITIONS

ARTICLE 1-3 (Page 2) is expanded by the following.

#### **Department**

Shall be understood to be the County (Alachua County) or authorized representative of the County.

#### **Holidays**

To Holidays listed, add Christmas Eve Day.

#### **Substantial Completion**

Substantial completion has been attained when all asphalt, curb, sidewalk, drainage structures, final grassing and signs and initial application of striping and markings have been constructed and the County has inspected and accepted the work.

#### **Supplemental Agreement**

This term shall be understood to be Change Order or Field Change Order.

#### **Working Day**

Saturdays, Sundays and County-designated holidays are not considered working days. Unless prior approval is received from the County Engineer, work shall not be performed on these days.

## SECTION 2 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

Processing of bid proposals shall be in accordance with Section B, "Instructions to Bidders," in the Contract Document.

## **SECTION 3 AWARD AND EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT**

Awarding of bids shall be in accordance with Section B, "Instructions to Bidders," in the Contract Documents.

## **SECTION 4 SCOPE OF WORK**

The scope of work shall be in accordance with Section B, "Instructions to Bidders," in the Contract Documents.

### **ALLOWABLE COSTS FOR EXTRA WORK.**

SUBARTICLE 4-3.2.1 (Page 21) is expanded by the following.

Bond premiums will not be paid for additional or unforeseen work within 110% of the bid amount.

### **RIGHTS IN AND USE OF MATERIAL FOUND ON THE SITE OF THE WORK.**

SUBARTICLE 4-5.1(Page 30) is deleted and the following substituted.

All usable excess materials (pipe, vegetation, structures, earth, etc.) shall remain property of Alachua County and will be stockpiled for removal by the County or delivered as specified in Section F, "Special Conditions." Unusable, damaged or other excess materials, as designated by the County Engineer's representative, shall be disposed of by the Contractor.

All reusable or recyclable material shall remain the property of the County, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.

All other items addressed in Section 4 of the specifications are considered addressed in Section C of the contract documents.

## **SECTION 7 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC**

### **PERMITS PROCURED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

SUBARTICLE 7-2.1 (Page 61) is expanded by the following:

All Permits procured by the County are posted with the advertisement on DemandStar . Take responsibility to obtain this information and comply with all requirements

posted on this website up through five calendar days before the opening of bids.

Comply with the provisions contained in these permits.

If the web site cannot be accessed, contact the County's Purchasing Agent.

### **USE OF EXPLOSIVES.**

ARTICLE 7-9 (Page 66) is deleted and the following substituted:

Use of explosives will not be allowed for this project.

### **UTILITIES.**

SUBARTICLE 7-11.5 (Pages 69) is expanded by the following:

The utility work which will be accomplished concurrently with the highway construction Contract will involve facilities owned by other agencies. Utility Schedules (Utility Relocation and/or Work Schedules) for these agencies are posted as part of the advertisement for this project on DemandStar. Take responsibility to obtain this information and comply with all requirements posted on this website up through five calendar days before the opening of bids. The contractor shall incorporate the requirements of the information into the bid price.

Where utility work must be coordinated with highway construction operations, the portion of the anticipated utility work period covering such concurrent work may or may not begin on the day highway construction commences and may or may not be consecutive days.

The anticipated scheduling of new work, adjustments and/or relocation work are included on the Utility Schedules.

More precise scheduling to accomplish utility work in the most expeditious manner that is feasible will be established at the preconstruction conference.

The Utility Schedules, shall be used in conjunction with the utility sheets included in the roadway plans.

If the website cannot be accessed, contact the County's Purchasing Agent.

### **INSURANCE.**

ARTICLE 7-13 (Page 70) is deleted. Insurance requirements will be in accordance with the type insurance in the Contract Documents, Section G.

### **CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK.**

ARTICLE 7-14 (Page 71) is deleted and the following substituted:

The Contractor will take charge and custody of the Work, and take every necessary precaution against damage to the Work, by the action of the elements or from any other cause whatsoever, until the Department's final acceptance of the Work. The Contractor will rebuild, repair, restore, and make good, all damage to any portion of the Work occasioned by any of the above causes before final acceptance of the Contract.

The Department will have no obligation to pay any reimbursement for damage caused by the execution or non-execution of the Work by the Contractor or its sub-contractors, or damage the Contractor was negligent in preventing.

For damage to installed material caused by third parties, the Contractor shall pursue recovery from the third party. The Department shall not reimburse the Contractor for repair costs due to damage, theft or vandalism to installed material caused by third parties. If the third party is unknown or the Contractor is unable to obtain recovery from the third party, the Contractor may pursue recovery through its Insurance Policy.

The Department may, at its discretion, reimburse the Contractor for the repair of damage to the Work not caused by a third party and due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control of and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted to Acts of God, of the public enemy, or of governmental authorities.

#### **AVAILABLE FUNDS.**

ARTICLE 7-22 (Page 73) is deleted.

#### **CONTRACTOR'S MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.**

ARTICLE 7-23 (Page 74) is deleted.

### **SECTION 8 PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS**

#### **SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING OF CONTRACTS.**

SUBARTICLE 8-1.(Page 82) The fifth paragraph is deleted. Additional provisions concerning subcontracts are contained in Section D, Paragraph 7 of the Contract Documents.

#### **ADJUSTING CONTRACT TIME.**

SUBARTICLE 8-7.3 (Page 88) is deleted. Adjustments to contract time will be in accordance with Section D, Paragraph 17 of the Contract Documents.

#### **FAILURE TO MAINTIAN SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.**

ARTICLE 8-8 (Page 90) is deleted. Provisions concerning unsatisfactory progress are contained in Section D, of the Contract Documents.

#### **DEFUALT AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT.**

ARTICLE 8-9 (Page 91) is deleted. Provisions concerning default and termination are contained in Section D of the Contract Documents.

#### **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE WORK.**

Additional provisions concerning liquidated damages are contained in Section B, Paragraph 12 of the Contract Documents.

#### **RELEASE OF CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

ARTICLE 8-11 (Page 94) is deleted. Provisions concerning release of contractor's responsibility are contained in Section D of the Contract Documents.

### **SECTION 9 METHOD OF PAYMENT**

#### **SCOPE OF PAYMENTS**

ARTICLE 9-2 (Page 95) is deleted and replaced by the following.

Measurement and payment of quantities shall be as measured once installed and accepted. Measurement shall be in the form of the applicable unit. Exceptions are materials stockpiled due to availability prior to need, for which 100% of invoice may be paid, not to exceed 75% of bid price for the installed and accepted material. Progress payments and final payments will be in accordance with the Contract Documents, Section D Paragraphs 20, 21 and 22.

#### **FUELS.**

SUBARTICLE 9-2.1.1 (Page 96) is deleted. No fuel adjustments will be allowed in this contract

#### **BITUMINOUS MATERIAL.**

SUBARTICLE 9-2.1.2 (Page 97) is deleted. No asphalt price adjustments will be allowed in this contract



# DIVISION II

## SECTION 102 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC

SUBARTICLE 102-3.3 (Pages 110) is expanded by the following:

No lane closures will be permitted prior to 8 am.

## SECTION 120 EARTHWORK AND RELATED OPERATIONS FOR LAP (OFF-SYSTEM). (REV 1-23-12) (FA 2-27-12)

### SECTION 120 EARTHWORK AND RELATED OPERATIONS FOR LAP (OFF-SYSTEM)

#### 120-1 Description.

**120-1.1 General:** Perform earthwork and related operations based on the type of work specified in the Contract and the Earthwork Categories as defined below. Meet the applicable requirements for materials, equipment and construction as specified.

Earthwork and related operations consists of excavation for the construction of the roadway, excavation for structures and pipe, constructing backfill around structures and pipe, and constructing embankments as required for the roadway, ditches, and channel changes.

**120-1.2 Earthwork Categories:** Performance of Earthwork Operations will fall into one of the following Earthwork Categories:

**120-1.2.1 Earthwork Category 1:** Includes the earthwork and related operations associated with the construction of sidewalks and bike paths along with any drainage structures associated with these facilities.

**120-1.2.2 Earthwork Category 2:** Includes the earthwork and related operations associated with the construction of turn lanes and other non-mainline traffic lanes, widening, roadway shoulders, concrete box culverts, retaining walls, and other drainage structures on the non-mainline pavement.

**120-1.2.3 Earthwork Category 3:** Includes the earthwork and related operations associated with the construction of new mainline pavement, along with concrete box culverts, retaining walls, and other drainage structures on the mainline pavement.

#### 120-2 Classes of Excavation.

**120-2.1 Excavation of Unsuitable Material:** Excavation of unsuitable material consists of the removal of muck, clay, rock or any other material that is unsuitable in its original position and that is excavated below the finished grading template. For stabilized bases and sand bituminous road mixes, the finished grading template is the top of the finished base, shoulders and slopes. For all other bases and rigid pavement, the finished grading template is the finished shoulder and slope lines and bottom of completed base or rigid pavement.

**120-2.2 Lateral Ditch Excavation:** Lateral ditch excavation consists of all excavation of inlet and outlet ditches to structures and roadway, changes in channels of streams, and ditches parallel to the roadway right-of-way. Dress lateral ditches to the grade and cross-section shown in the plans.

**120-2.3 Channel Excavation:** Channel excavation consists of the excavation and satisfactory disposal of all materials from the limits of the channel as shown in the plans.

**120-2.4 Excavation for Structures and Pipe:** Excavation for structures consists of the excavation for bridge foundations, box culverts, pipe culverts, storm sewers and all other pipe lines, retaining walls, headwalls for pipe culverts and drains, catch basins, drop inlets, manholes, and similar structures.

### **120-3 Excavation Requirements.**

**120-3.1 Excavation and Replacement of Unsuitable Materials:** Where rock, muck, clay, or other material within the limits of the roadway is unsuitable in its original position, excavate such material to the cross-sections shown in the plans or indicated by the Engineer, and backfill with suitable material. Shape backfill materials to the required cross-sections. Where the removal of plastic soils below the finished earthwork grade is required, meet a construction tolerance of plus or minus 0.2 foot in depth and plus or minus 6 inches (each side) in width.

**120-3.2 Lateral Ditch Excavation:** Excavate inlet and outlet ditches to structures and roadway, changes in channels of streams and ditches parallel to the roadway. Dress lateral ditches to the grade and cross-section shown in the plans.

**120-3.3 Channel Excavation:** Excavate and dispose of all materials from the limits of the channel as shown in the plans. Excavate for bridge foundations, box culverts, pipe culverts, storm sewers and all other pipe lines, retaining walls, headwalls for pipe culverts and drains, catch basins, drop inlets, manholes, and similar structures.

#### **120-3.4 Excavation for Structures and Pipe.**

**120-3.4.1 Requirements for all Excavation:** Excavate foundation pits to permit the placing of the full widths and lengths of footings shown in the plans, with full horizontal beds. Do not round or undercut corners or edges of footings. Perform all excavation to foundation materials, satisfactory to the Engineer, regardless of the elevation shown on the plans. Perform all excavation in stream beds to a depth at least 4 feet below the permanent bed of the stream, unless a firm footing can be established on solid rock before such depth is reached, and excavate to such additional depth as may be necessary to eliminate any danger of undermining. Wherever rock bottom is secured, excavate in such manner as to allow the solid rock to be exposed and prepared in horizontal beds for receiving the masonry. Remove all loose and disintegrated rock or thin strata. Have the Engineer inspect and approve all foundation excavations prior to placing masonry.

#### **120-3.4.2 Earth Excavation:**

**120-3.4.2.1 Foundation Material other than the Rock:** When masonry is to rest on an excavated surface other than rock, take special care to avoid disturbing the bottom of the excavation, and do not remove the final foundation material to grade until just before placing the masonry. In case the foundation material is soft or mucky, the Engineer may require excavation to a greater depth and to backfill to grade with approved material.

**120-3.4.2.2 Foundation Piles:** Where foundation piles are used, complete the excavation of each pit before driving the piles. After the driving is completed, remove all loose and displaced material, leaving a smooth, solid, and level bed to receive the masonry.

**120-3.4.2.3 Removal of Obstructions:** Remove boulders, logs, or any unforeseen obstacles encountered in excavating.

**120-3.4.3 Rock Excavation:** Clean all rock and other hard foundation material, remove all loose material, and cut all rock to a firm surface. Either level, step vertically and horizontally, or serrate the rock, as may be directed by the Engineer. Clean out all seams, and fill them with concrete or mortar.

**120-3.4.4 Pipe Trench Excavation:** Excavate trenches for pipe culverts and storm sewers to the elevation of the bottom of the pipe and to a width sufficient to provide adequate working room. Remove soil not meeting the classification specified as suitable backfill material in 120-8.3.2.2 to a depth of 4 inches below the bottom of the pipe elevation. Remove rock, boulders or other hard lumpy or unyielding material to a depth of 12 inches below the bottom of the pipe elevation. Remove muck or other soft material to a depth necessary to establish a firm foundation. Where the soils permit, ensure that the trench sides are vertical up to at least the mid-point of the pipe.

For pipe lines placed above the natural ground line, place and compact the embankment, prior to excavation of the trench, to an elevation at least 2 feet above the top of the pipe and to a width equal to four pipe diameters, and then excavate the trench to the required grade.

#### **120-4 Disposal of Surplus and Unsuitable Material.**

**120-4.1 Ownership of Excavated Materials:** Dispose of surplus and excavated materials as shown in the plans or, if the plans do not indicate the method of disposal, take ownership of the materials and dispose of them outside the right-of-way.

**120-4.2 Disposal of Muck on Side Slopes:** As an exception to the provisions of 120-4.1, when approved by the Engineer, muck (A-8 material) may be placed on the slopes, or stored alongside the roadway, provided there is a clear distance of at least 6 feet between the roadway grading limits and the muck, and the muck is dressed to present a neat appearance. In addition, this material may also be disposed of by placing it on the slopes where, in the opinion of the Engineer, this will result in an aesthetically pleasing appearance and will have no detrimental effect on the adjacent developments. Where the Engineer permits the disposal of muck or other unsuitable material inside the right-of-way limits, do not place such material in a manner which will impede the inflow or outfall of any channel or of side ditches. The Engineer will determine the limits adjacent to channels within which such materials may be disposed.

**120-4.3 Disposal of Paving Materials:** Unless otherwise noted, take ownership of paving materials, such as paving brick, asphalt block, concrete slab, sidewalk, curb and gutter, etc., excavated in the removal of existing pavements, and dispose of them outside the right-of-way. If the materials are to remain the property of the Agency, place them in neat piles as directed. Existing limerock base that is removed may be incorporated in the stabilized portion of the subgrade. If the construction sequence will allow, incorporate all existing limerock base into the project as allowed by the Contract Documents.

**120-4.4 Disposal Areas:** Where the Contract Documents require disposal of excavated materials outside the right-of-way, and the disposal area is not indicated in the Contract Documents, furnish the disposal area without additional compensation.

Provide areas for disposal of removed paving materials out of sight of the project and at least 300 feet from the nearest roadway right-of-way line of any road. If the materials are buried, disregard the 300 foot limitation.

## **120-5 Materials for Embankment.**

**120-5.1 General Requirements for Embankment Materials:** Construct embankments using suitable materials excavated from the roadway or delivered to the jobsite from authorized borrow pits.

Construct the embankment using maximum particle sizes as follows:

In top 12 inches: 3 1/2 inches (in any dimension).

12 to 24 inches: 6 inches (in any dimension).

In the depth below 24 inches: not to exceed 12 inches (in any dimension) or the compacted thickness of the layer being placed, whichever is less.

Spread all material so that the larger particles are separated from each other to minimize voids between them during compaction. Compact around these rocks in accordance with 120-7.2.

When and where approved by the Engineer, larger rocks (not to exceed 18 inches in any dimension) may be placed outside the one to two slope and at least 4 feet or more below the bottom of the base. Compact around these rocks to a firmness equal to that of the supporting soil. Where constructing embankments adjacent to bridge end bents or abutments, do not place rock larger than 3 1/2 inches in diameter within 3 feet of the location of any end-bent piling.

**120-5.2 Use of Materials Excavated From the Roadway and Appurtenances:** Assume responsibility for determining the suitability of excavated material for use on the project in accordance with the applicable Contract Documents. Consider the sequence of work and maintenance of traffic phasing in the determination of the availability of this material.

**120-5.3 Authorization for Use of Borrow:** Use borrow only when sufficient quantities of suitable material are not available from roadway and drainage excavation, to properly construct the embankment, subgrade, and shoulders, and to complete the backfilling of structures and pipe. Do not use borrow material until so ordered by the Engineer, and then only use material from approved borrow pits.

**120-5.3.1 Haul Routes for Borrow Pits:** Provide and maintain, at no expense to the Agency, all necessary roads for hauling the borrow material. Where borrow area haul roads or trails are used by others, do not cause such roads or trails to deteriorate in condition.

Arrange for the use of all non-public haul routes crossing the property of any railroad. Incur any expense for the use of such haul routes. Establish haul routes which will direct construction vehicles away from developed areas when feasible, and keep noise from hauling operations to a minimum. Advise the Engineer in writing of all proposed haul routes.

**120-5.3.2 Borrow Material for Shoulder Build-up:** When so indicated in the plans, furnish borrow material with a specific minimum bearing value, for building up of existing shoulders. Blend materials as necessary to achieve this specified minimum bearing value prior to placing the materials on the shoulders. Take samples of this borrow material at the pit or blended stockpile.

**120-5.4 Materials Used at Pipes, Culverts, etc.:** Construct embankments over and around pipes, culverts, and bridge foundations with selected materials.

## **120-6 Embankment Construction.**

**120-6.1 General:** Construct embankments in sections of not less than 300 feet in length or for the full length of the embankment.

### **120-6.2 Dry Fill Method:**

**120-6.2.1 General:** Construct embankments to meet compaction requirements in 120-7 and in accordance with the acceptance program requirements in 120-9. Restrict the compacted thickness of the last embankment lift to 6 inches maximum.

As far as practicable, distribute traffic over the work during the construction of embankments so as to cover the maximum area of the surface of each layer.

Construct embankment in the dry whenever normal dewatering equipment and methods can accomplish the needed dewatering.

**120-6.2.1.1 For A-3 and A-2-4 Materials with up to 15% fines:**

Construct the embankment in successive layers with lifts up to a maximum compacted thickness of 12 inches. Ensure the percentage of fines passing the No. 200 US Standard sieve in the A-2-4 material does not exceed 15%.

**120-6.2.1.2 For A-1 Plastic materials (As designated in FDOT Design Standard Index 505) and A-2-4 Materials with greater than 15% fines:** Construct the embankment in successive layers with lifts up to a maximum compacted thickness of 6 inches.

**120-6.2.1.3 Equipment and Methods:** Provide normal dewatering equipment including, but not limited to, surface pumps, sump pumps and trenching/digging machinery. Provide normal dewatering methods including, but not limited to, constructing shallow surface drainage trenches/ditches, using sand blankets, sumps and siphons.

When normal dewatering does not adequately remove the water, the Engineer may require the embankment material to be placed in the water or in low swampy ground in accordance with 120-7.2.4.

**120-6.2.2 Placing in Unstable Areas:** Where depositing the material in water, or in low swampy ground that will not support the weight of hauling equipment, construct the embankment by dumping successive loads in a uniformly distributed layer of a thickness not greater than necessary to support the hauling equipment while placing subsequent layers. Once sufficient material has been placed so that the hauling equipment can be supported, construct the remaining portion of the embankment in layers in accordance with the applicable provisions of 120-7.2.4 and 120-7.2.6.

**120-6.2.3 Placing on Steep Slopes:** When constructing an embankment on a hillside sloping more than 20 degrees from the horizontal, before starting the fill, deeply plow or cut into steps the surface of the original ground on which the embankment is to be placed.

**120-6.2.4 Placing Outside Standard Minimum Slope:** Where material that is unsuitable for normal embankment construction is to be used in the embankment outside the standard minimum slope (approximately one to two), place such material in layers of not more than 18 inches in thickness, measured loose. The Contractor may also place material which is suitable for normal embankment, outside such standard minimum slope, in 18 inch layers. Maintain a constant thickness for suitable material placed within and outside the standard minimum slope, unless placing in a separate operation.

**120-6.3 Hydraulic Method:**

**120-6.3.1 Method of Placing:** When the hydraulic method is used, as far as practicable, place all dredged material in its final position in the embankment by such method. Place and compact any dredged material that is re-handled, or moved and placed in its final position by any other method, as specified in 120-7.2. The Contractor may use baffles or any form of construction he may select, provided the slopes of the embankments are not steeper than indicated in the plans. Remove all timber used for temporary bulkheads or baffles from the embankment, and fill and thoroughly compact the holes thus formed. When placing fill on

submerged land, construct dikes prior to beginning of dredging, and maintain the dikes throughout the dredging operation.

**120-6.3.2 Excess Material:** Do not use excess material placed outside the prescribed slopes, below the normal high-water level, to raise the fill. Remove only the portion of this material required for dressing the slopes.

**120-6.3.3 Protection of Openings in Embankment:** Leave openings in the embankments at the bridge sites. Remove any material which invades these openings or existing channels without additional compensation to provide the same depth of channel as existed before the construction of the embankment. Do not excavate or dredge any material within 200 feet of the toe of the proposed embankment.

## **120-7 Compaction Requirements.**

**120-7.1 Moisture Content:** Compact the materials at a moisture content such that the specified density can be attained. If necessary to attain the specified density, add water to the material, or lower the moisture content by manipulating the material or allowing it to dry, as is appropriate.

### **120-7.2 Compaction of Embankments:**

**120-7.2.1 Earthwork Category 1 and 2 Density Requirements:** The Engineer will accept a minimum density of 95% of the maximum density as determined by AASHTO T-99 Method C for all earthwork items requiring densities.

**120-7.2.2 Earthwork Category 3 Density Requirements:** The Engineer will accept a minimum of 100% of the maximum density as determined by AASHTO T-99 Method C for all densities required under category 3.

Except for embankments constructed by the hydraulic method as specified in 120-6.3, and for the material placed outside the standard minimum slope as specified in 120-6.2.4, and for other areas specifically excluded herein, compact each layer of the material used in the formation of embankments to the required density stated above. Uniformly compact each layer using equipment that will achieve the required density, and as compaction operations progress, shape and manipulate each layer as necessary to ensure uniform density throughout the embankment.

**120-7.2.3 Compaction Over Unstable Foundations:** Where the embankment material is deposited in water or on low swampy ground, and in a layer thicker than 12 inches (as provided in 120-6.2.2), compact the top 6 inches (compacted thickness) of such layer to the density as specified in 120-9.5.

**120-7.2.4 Compaction Where Plastic Material Has Been Removed:** Where unsuitable material is removed and the remaining surface is of the A-4, A-5, A-6, or A-7 Soil Groups, as determined by the Engineer, compact the surface of the excavated area by rolling with a sheepfoot roller exerting a compression of at least 250 psi on the tamper feet, for the full width of the roadbed (subgrade and shoulders). Perform rolling before beginning any backfill, and continue until the roller feet do not penetrate the surface more than 1 inch. Do not perform such rolling where the remaining surface is below the normal water table and covered with water. Vary the procedure and equipment required for this operation at the discretion of the Engineer.

**120-7.2.5 Compaction of Material To Be Used In Base, Pavement, or Stabilized Areas:** Do not compact embankment material which will be incorporated into a pavement, base course, or stabilized subgrade, to be constructed as a part of the same Contract.

**120-7.2.6 Compaction of Grassed Shoulder Areas:** For the upper 6 inch layer of all shoulders which are to be grassed, since no specific density is required, compact only to the extent directed.

**120-7.2.7 Compaction of Grassed Embankment Areas:** For the outer layer of all embankments where plant growth will be established, do not compact. Leave this layer in a loose condition to a minimum depth of 6 inches for the subsequent seeding or planting operations.

**120-7.3 Compaction of Subgrade:** If the plans do not provide for stabilizing, compact the subgrade in both cuts and fills to the density specified in 120-9.5. For undisturbed soils, do not apply density requirements where constructing narrow widening strips or paved shoulders 5 feet or less in width.

Where trenches for widening strips are not of sufficient width to permit the use of standard compaction equipment, perform compaction using vibratory rollers, trench rollers, or other type compaction equipment approved by the Engineer.

Maintain the required density until the base or pavement is placed on the subgrade.

## **120-8 Backfilling Around Structures and Pipe.**

### **120-8.1 Requirements for all Structures:**

**120-8.1.1 General:** Backfill around structures and pipe in the dry whenever normal dewatering equipment and methods can accomplish the needed dewatering.

**120-8.1.2 Equipment and Methods:** Provide normal dewatering equipment including, but not limited to, surface pumps, sump pumps, wellpoints and header pipe and trenching/digging machinery. Provide normal dewatering methods including, but not limited to, constructing shallow surface drainage trenches/ditches, using sand blankets, perforated pipe drains, sumps and siphons.

**120-8.1.3 Backfill Materials:** Backfill to the original ground surface or subgrade surface of openings made for structures, with a sufficient allowance for settlement. The Engineer may require that the material used for this backfill be obtained from a source entirely apart from the structure.

Do not allow heavy construction equipment to cross over culvert or storm sewer pipes until placing and compacting backfill material to the finished earthwork grade or to an elevation at least 4 feet above the crown of the pipe.

**120-8.1.4 Use of A-7 Material:** In the backfilling of trenches, A-7 material may be used from a point 12 inches above the top of the pipe up to the elevation shown on the FDOT Design Standards as the elevation for undercutting of A-7 material.

**120-8.1.5 Time of Placing Backfill:** Do not place backfill against any masonry or concrete abutment, wingwall, or culvert until the Engineer has given permission to do so, and in no case until the masonry or concrete has been in place seven days or until the specified 28-day compressive strength occurs.

**120-8.1.6 Placement and Compaction:** When the backfill material is deposited in water, compact per 120-8.2.5 and 120-8.3.4. Place the material in horizontal layers not exceeding 6 inches compacted thickness, in depth above water level, behind abutments, wingwalls and end bents or end rest piers, and around box culverts and all structures including pipe culverts. The Engineer may approve placing material in thicker lifts of no more than 12 inches compacted thickness above the soil envelope if a test section demonstrates the required density can be achieved. Approval will be based on five passing density tests over the test

section consisting of a lift of backfill from structure to structure. The Engineer will identify the test section with the compaction effort and soil classification in the Agency Logbook. In case of a change in compaction effort or soil classification, construct a new test section. The Engineer reserves the right to terminate the Contractor's use of thick lift construction and have him revert to the 6 inch compacted lifts whenever it is determined that satisfactory results are not being obtained.

### **120-8.2 Additional Requirements for Structures Other than Pipe:**

**120-8.2.1 Density:** Where the backfill material is deposited in water, obtain a 12 inch layer of comparatively dry material, thoroughly compacted by tamping, before the Engineer verifies layer and density requirements. Meet the requirements of the density Acceptance Criteria.

**120-8.2.2 Box Culverts:** For box culverts over which pavement is to be constructed, compact around the structure to an elevation not less than 12 inches above the top of the structure, using rapid-striking mechanical tampers.

**120-8.2.3 Other Limited Areas:** Compact in other limited areas using mechanical tampers or approved hand tampers, until the cover over the structure is at least 12 inches thick. When hand tampers are used, deposit the materials in layers not more than 4 inches thick using hand tampers suitable for this purpose with a face area of not more than 100 in<sup>2</sup>. Take special precautions to prevent any wedging action against the masonry, and step or terrace the slope bounding the excavation for abutments and wingwalls if required by the Engineer.

**120-8.2.4 Culverts and Piers:** Backfill around culverts and piers on both sides simultaneously to approximately the same elevation.

**120-8.2.5 Compaction Under Wet Conditions:** Where wet conditions do not permit the use of mechanical tampers, compact using hand tampers. Use only A-3 material for the hand tamped portions of the backfill. When the backfill has reached an elevation and condition such as to make the use of the mechanical tampers practical, perform mechanical tamping in such manner and to such extent as to transfer the compaction force into the sections previously tamped by hand.

### **120-8.3 Additional Requirements for Pipe 15 Inches Inside Diameter or Greater:**

**120-8.3.1 General:** Trenches for pipe may have up to four zones that must be backfilled.

**Lowest Zone:** The lowest zone is backfilled for deep undercuts up to within 4 inches of the bottom of the pipe.

**Bedding Zone:** The zone above the Lowest Zone is the Bedding Zone. Usually it will be the backfill which is the 4 inches of soil below the bottom of the pipe. When rock or other hard material has been removed to place the pipe, the Bedding Zone will be the 12 inches of soil below the bottom of the pipe.

**Cover Zone:** The next zone is backfill that is placed after the pipe has been laid and will be called the Cover Zone. This zone extends to 12 inches above the top of the pipe. The Cover Zone and the Bedding Zone are considered the Soil Envelope for the pipe.

**Top Zone:** The Top Zone extends from 12 inches above the top of the pipe to the base or final grade.

### **120-8.3.2 Material:**



**120-8.3.2.1 Lowest Zone:** Backfill areas undercut below the Bedding Zone of a pipe with coarse sand, or other suitable granular material, obtained from the grading operations on the project, or a commercial material if no suitable material is available.

**120-8.3.2.2 Soil Envelope:** In both the Bedding Zone and the Cover Zone of the pipe, backfill with materials classified as A-1, A-2, or A-3. Material classified as A-4 may be used if the pipe is concrete pipe.

**120-8.3.2.3 Top Zone:** Backfill the area of the trench above the soil envelope of the pipe with materials allowed on Design Standard, Index No. 505.

**120-8.3.3 Compaction:**

**120-8.3.3.1 Lowest Zone:** Compact the soil in the Lowest Zone to approximately match the density of the soil in which the trench was cut.

**120-8.3.3.2 Bedding Zone:** If the trench was not undercut below the bottom of the pipe, loosen the soil in the bottom of the trench immediately below the approximate middle third of the outside diameter of the pipe.

If the trench was undercut, place the bedding material and leave it in a loose condition below the middle third of the outside diameter of the pipe. Compact the outer portions to meet the density requirements of the Acceptance Criteria. Place the material in lifts no greater than 6 inches (compacted thickness).

**120-8.3.3.3 Cover Zone:** Place the material in 6 inches layers (compacted thickness), evenly deposited on both sides of the pipe, and compact with mechanical tampers suitable for this purpose. Hand tamp material below the pipe haunch that cannot be reached by mechanical tampers. Meet the requirements of the density Acceptance Criteria.

**120-8.3.3.4 Top Zone:** Place the material in layers not to exceed 12 inches in compacted thickness. Meet the requirements of the density Acceptance Criteria.

**120-8.3.4 Backfill Under Wet Conditions:** Where wet conditions are such that dewatering by normal pumping methods would not be effective, the procedure outlined below may be used when specifically authorized by the Engineer in writing.

Granular material may be used below the elevation at which mechanical tampers would be effective, but only material classified as A-3. Place and compact the material using timbers or hand tampers until the backfill reaches an elevation such that its moisture content will permit the use of mechanical tampers. When the backfill has reached such elevation, use normally acceptable backfill material. Compact the material using mechanical tampers in such manner and to such extent as to transfer the compacting force into the material previously tamped by hand.

**120-9 Acceptance Program.**

**120-9.1 Density over 105%:** When a computed dry density results in a value greater than 105% of the applicable Proctor maximum dry density, the Engineer will perform a second density test within 5 feet. If the second density results in a value greater than 105%, investigate the compaction methods, examine the applicable Maximum Density and material description. If necessary, the Engineer will test an additional sample for acceptance in accordance with AASHTO T 99, Method C.

**120-9.2 Maximum Density Determination:** The Engineer will determine the maximum density and optimum moisture content by sampling and testing the material in accordance with the specified test method listed in 120-9.3.

**120-9.3 Density Testing Requirements:** Compliance with the requirements of 120-9.5 will be determined in accordance FM 1-T 238. The in-place moisture content will be determined

for each density in accordance with FM 5-507 (Determination of Moisture Content by Means of a Calcium Carbide Gas Pressure Moisture Tester), or ASTM D 4643 (Laboratory Determination of Moisture Content of Granular Soils By Use of a Microwave Oven).

**120-9.4 Soil Classification:** The Engineer will perform soil classification tests in accordance with AASHTO T-88, and classify soils in accordance with AASHTO M-145 (Standard Specification for Classification of Soils and Soil-Aggregate Mixtures for Highway Construction Purposes) in order to determine compliance with embankment utilization requirements.

**120-9.5 Acceptance Criteria:** The Engineer will accept a minimum density in accordance with 120-7.2 with the following exceptions:

- 1) embankment constructed by the hydraulic method as specified in 120-6.3;
- 2) material placed outside the standard minimum slope as specified in 120-6.2.4;
- 3) other areas specifically excluded herein.

**120-9.6 Frequency:** The Engineer will conduct sampling and testing at a minimum frequency listed in the table below.

Test Name	Frequency
Maximum Density	One per soil type
Density	1 per 500' RDWY (Alt Lift)
Soil Classification	One per Maximum Density

## **120-10 Maintenance and Protection of Work.**

While construction is in progress, maintain adequate drainage for the roadbed at all times. Maintain a shoulder at least 3 feet wide adjacent to all pavement or base construction in order to provide support for the edges.

Maintain and protect all earthwork construction throughout the life of the Contract, and take all reasonable precautions to prevent loss of material from the roadway due to the action of wind or water. Repair any slides, washouts, settlement, subsidence, or other mishap which may occur prior to final acceptance of the work. Maintain all channels excavated as a part of the Contract work against natural shoaling or other encroachments to the lines, grades, and cross-sections shown in the plans, until final acceptance of the project.

## **120-11 Construction.**

**120-11.1 Construction Tolerances:** Shape the surface of the earthwork to conform to the lines, grades, and cross-sections shown in the plans. In final shaping of the surface of earthwork, maintain a tolerance of 0.3 foot above or below the plan cross-section with the following exceptions:

1. Shape the surface of shoulders to within 0.1 foot of the plan cross-section.
2. Shape the earthwork to match adjacent pavement, curb, sidewalk, structures, etc.
3. Shape the bottom of ditches so that the ditch impounds no water.
4. When the work does not include construction of base or pavement, shape the entire roadbed (shoulder point to shoulder point) to within 0.1 foot above or below the plan cross-section.

Ensure that the shoulder lines do not vary horizontally more than 0.3 foot from the true lines shown in the plans.

**120-11.2 Operations Adjacent to Pavement:** Carefully dress areas adjacent to pavement areas to avoid damage to such pavement. Complete grassing of shoulder areas prior to placing the final wearing course. Do not manipulate any embankment material on a pavement surface.

When shoulder dressing is underway adjacent to a pavement lane being used to maintain traffic, exercise extreme care to avoid interference with the safe movement of traffic.

#### **120-12 Method of Measurement.**

**120-12.1 Excavation:** Excavation will be paid for by volume, in cubic yards, calculated by the method of average end areas, unless the Engineer determines that another method of calculation will provide a more accurate result. The material will be measured in its original position by field survey or by photogrammetric means as designated by the Engineer. Measurement for payment will include the excavation of unsuitable material, lateral ditch excavation, channel excavation, and excavation for structures and pipe. Payment will not be made for excavation or embankment beyond the limits shown in the plans or authorized by the Engineer.

**120-12.2 Embankment:** Measurement will be made on a loose volume basis, as measured in trucks or other hauling equipment at the point of dumping on the road. Payment will not be made for embankment beyond the limits shown in the plans or authorized by the Engineer.

#### **120-13 Basis of Payment.**

**120-13.1 General:** Prices and payments for the work items included in this Section will be full compensation for all work described herein, including excavating, dredging, hauling, placing, and compacting; dressing the surface of the earthwork; and maintaining and protecting the complete earthwork.

**120-13.2 Excavation:** The total quantity of all excavation specified under this Section will be paid for at the Contract unit price for Excavation. No payment will be made for the excavation of any materials which are used for purposes other than those shown in the plans or designated by the Engineer. No payment will be made for materials excavated outside the lines and grades given by the Engineer, unless specifically authorized by the Engineer.

**120-13.3 Embankment:** The total quantity of embankment specified in this Section will be paid for at the Contract unit price for embankment. No payment will be made for materials which are used for purposes other than those shown in the plans or designated by the Engineer. No payment will be made for materials placed outside the lines and grades given by the Engineer.

### **SECTION 160 STABILIZING**

SUBARTICLE 160-4.1.4.3.1 (Pages 205) is deleted.

**SECTION 334 SUPERPAVE ASPHALT FOR LAP (OFF-SYSTEM).**  
**(REV 1-26-15) (FA 1-29-15)**

**SECTION 334**  
**SUPERPAVE ASPHALT FOR LAP (OFF-SYSTEM)**

**334-1 Description.**

**334-1.1 General:** Construct a Superpave asphalt pavement (consisting of either Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) or Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA)) based on the type of work specified in the Contract and the Asphalt Work Categories as defined below. Meet the applicable requirements for plants, equipment, and construction requirements as defined below. Use an asphalt mix, either HMA or WMA, which meets the requirements of this specification.

**334-1.2 Asphalt Work Mix Categories:** Construction of asphalt pavement will fall into one of the following work categories:

**334-1.2.1 Asphalt Work Category 1:** Includes the construction of shared use paths and miscellaneous asphalt.

**334-1.2.2 Asphalt Work Category 2:** Includes the construction of new asphalt turn lanes, paved shoulders and other non-mainline pavement locations.

**334-1.2.3 Asphalt Work Category 3:** Includes the construction of new mainline asphalt pavement lanes, milling and resurfacing.

**334-1.3 Mix Types:** Use the appropriate asphalt mix as shown in Table 334-1.

Table 334-1 Asphalt Mix Types			
Asphalt Work Category	Mix Types	Traffic Level	ESALs (millions)
1	Type SP-9.5	A	<0.3
2	Structural Mixes: Types SP-9.5 or SP-12.5 Friction Mixes: Types FC-9.5 or FC-12.5	B	0.3 to <3
3	Structural Mixes: Types SP-9.5 or SP-12.5 Friction Mixes: Types FC-9.5 or FC-12.5	C	≥3

A Type SP or FC mix one traffic level higher than the traffic level specified in the Contract may be substituted, at no additional cost (i.e. Traffic Level B may be substituted for

Traffic Level A, etc.). Traffic levels are as defined in Section 334 of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT's) Specifications.

**334-1.4 Gradation Classification:** The Superpave mixes are classified as fine and are defined in 334-3.2.2. The equivalent AASHTO nominal maximum aggregate size Superpave mixes are as follows:

Type SP-9.5, FC-9.5 .....	9.5 mm
Type SP-12.5, FC-12.5 .....	12.5 mm

**334-1.5 Thickness:** The total pavement thickness of the asphalt pavement will be based on a specified spread rate or plan thickness as shown in the Contract Documents. Before paving, propose a spread rate or thickness for each individual layer meeting the requirements of this specification, which when combined with other layers (as applicable) will equal the plan spread rate or thickness. When the total pavement thickness is specified as plan thickness, the plan thickness and individual layer thickness will be converted to spread rate using the following equation:

$$\text{Spread rate (lbs/yd}^2\text{)} = t \times G_{mm} \times 43.3$$

where:  $t$  = Thickness (in.) (Plan thickness or individual layer thickness)  
 $G_{mm}$  = Maximum specific gravity from the mix design

For target purposes only, spread rate calculations shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

**334-1.5.1 Layer Thicknesses:** Unless otherwise called for in the Contract Documents, the allowable layer thicknesses for asphalt mixtures are as follows:

Type SP-9.5, FC-9.5 .....	3/4 to 1-1/2 inches
Type SP-12.5, FC-12.5 .....	1-1/2 to 2-1/2 inches

**334-1.5.2 Additional Requirements:** The following requirements also apply to asphalt mixtures:

1. When construction includes the paving of adjacent shoulders (less than or equal to 5 feet wide), the layer thickness for the upper pavement layer and shoulder shall be the same and paved in a single pass, unless otherwise called for in the Contract Documents.
2. For overbuild layers, use the minimum and maximum layer thicknesses as specified above unless called for differently in the Contract Documents. On variable thickness overbuild layers, the minimum allowable thickness may be reduced by 1/2 inch, and the maximum allowable thickness will be as specified below, unless called for differently in the Contract Documents.

Type SP-9.5.....	3/8 to 2 inches
Type SP-12.5.....	1/2 to 3 inches

3. Variable thickness overbuild layers may be tapered to zero thickness provided the contract documents require a minimum of 1-1/2 inches of mix placed over the variable thickness overbuild layer.

**334-1.6 Weight of Mixture:** The weight of the mixture shall be determined as provided in 320-3.2 of the FDOT Specifications.

## **334-2 Materials.**

**334-2.1 Superpave Asphalt Binder:** Unless specified elsewhere in the Contract or in 334-2.3.3, use a PG 67-22 asphalt binder from the FDOT's Approved Products List (APL). If the

Contract calls for an alternative asphalt binder, meet the requirements of FDOT Specifications Section 336 or 916, as appropriate.

**334-2.2 Aggregate:** Use aggregate capable of producing a quality pavement.

For Type FC mixes, use an aggregate blend that consists of crushed granite, crushed Oolitic limestone, other crushed materials (as approved by FDOT for friction courses per Rule 14-103.005, Florida Administrative Code), or a combination of the above. Crushed limestone from the Oolitic formation may be used if it contains a minimum of 12% silica material as determined by FDOT Test Method FM 5-510 and FDOT grants approval of the source prior to its use. As an exception, mixes that contain a minimum of 60% crushed granite may either contain:

1. Up to 40% fine aggregate from other sources; or,
2. A combination of up to 20% RAP and the remaining fine aggregate

from other sources.

A list of aggregates approved for use in friction courses may be available on the FDOT's State Materials Office website. The URL for obtaining this information, if available, is: <ftp://ftp.dot.state.fl.us/fdot/smo/website/sources/frictioncourse.pdf>.

**334-2.3 Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) Material:**

**334-2.3.1 General requirements:** RAP may be used as a component of the asphalt mixture, provided the RAP meets the following requirements:

1. When using a PG 76-22 (PMA), or PG 76-22 (ARB) asphalt binder, limit the amount of RAP material used in the mix to a maximum of 20% by weight of total aggregate. As an exception, amounts greater than 20% RAP by weight of total aggregate can be used if no more than 20% by weight of total asphalt binder comes from the RAP material.

2. Provide stockpiled RAP material that is reasonably consistent in characteristics and contains no aggregate particles which are soft or conglomerates of fines.

3. Provide RAP material having a minimum average asphalt binder content of 4.0% by weight of RAP. As an exception, when using fractionated RAP, the minimum average asphalt binder content for the coarse portion of the RAP shall be 2.5% by weight of the coarse portion of the RAP. The coarse portion of the RAP shall be the portion of the RAP retained on the No. 4 sieve. The Engineer may sample the stockpile to verify that this requirement is met.

4. Use a grizzly or grid over the RAP cold bin, in-line roller crusher, screen, or other suitable means to prevent oversized RAP material from showing up in the completed recycle mixture. If oversized RAP material appears in the completed recycle mix, take the appropriate corrective action immediately. If the appropriate corrective actions are not immediately taken, stop plant operations.

**334-2.3.2 Material Characterization:** Assume responsibility for establishing the asphalt binder content, gradation, and bulk specific gravity ( $G_{sb}$ ) of the RAP material based on a representative sampling of the material.

**334-2.3.3 Asphalt Binder for Mixes with RAP:** Select the appropriate asphalt binder grade based on Table 334-2. The Engineer reserves the right to change the asphalt binder type and grade during production based on characteristics of the RAP asphalt binder.

Table 334-2 Asphalt Binder Grade for Mixes Containing RAP	
Percent RAP	Asphalt Binder Grade
0 - 15	PG 67-22

Table 334-2 Asphalt Binder Grade for Mixes Containing RAP	
Percent RAP	Asphalt Binder Grade
16 – 30	PG 58-22
> 30	PG 52-28

### 334-3 Composition of Mixture.

**334-3.1 General:** Compose the asphalt mixture using a combination of aggregates, mineral filler, if required, and asphalt binder material. Size, grade and combine the aggregate fractions to meet the grading and physical properties of the mix design. Aggregates from various sources may be combined.

#### 334-3.2 Mix Design:

**334-3.2.1 General:** Design the asphalt mixture in accordance with AASHTO R 35-12, except as noted herein. Submit the proposed mix design with supporting test data indicating compliance with all mix design criteria to the Engineer. Prior to the production of any asphalt mixture, obtain the Engineer's conditional approval of the mix design. If required by the Engineer, send representative samples of all component materials, including asphalt binder to a laboratory designated by the Engineer for verification. As an exception to these requirements, use a currently approved FDOT Mix Design.

Warm mix technologies (additives, foaming techniques, etc.) listed on the Department's website may be used in the production of the mix. The URL for obtaining this information, is:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/statematerialsoffice/quality/programs/warmmixasphalt/index.shtm>.

The Engineer will consider any marked variations from original test data for a mix design or any evidence of inadequate field performance of a mix design as sufficient evidence that the properties of the mix design have changed, and at his discretion, the Engineer may no longer allow the use of the mix design.

**334-3.2.2 Mixture Gradation Requirements:** Combine the aggregates in proportions that will produce an asphalt mixture meeting all of the requirements defined in this specification and conform to the gradation requirements at design as defined in AASHTO M 323-12, Table 3. Aggregates from various sources may be combined.

**334-3.2.2.1 Mixture Gradation Classification:** Plot the combined mixture gradation on an FHWA 0.45 Power Gradation Chart. Include the Control Points from AASHTO M323-12, Table-3, as well as the Primary Control Sieve (PCS) Control Point from AASHTO M323-12, Table 4. Fine mixes are defined as having a gradation that passes above or through the primary control sieve control point.

**334-3.2.3 Gyratory Compaction:** Compact the design mixture in accordance with AASHTO T312-12, with the following exceptions: use the number of gyrations at  $N_{\text{design}}$  as designed in Table 334-3.

Table 334-3 Gyratory Compaction Requirements	
Traffic Level	$N_{\text{design}}$ Number of Gyrations
A	50
B	65

C	75
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**334-3.2.4 Design Criteria:** Meet the requirements for nominal maximum aggregate size as defined in AASHTO M323-12, as well as for relative density, VMA, VFA, and dust-to-binder ratio as specified in AASHTO M323-12, Table 6.  $N_{\text{initial}}$  and  $N_{\text{maximum}}$  requirements are not applicable.

**334-3.2.5 Moisture Susceptibility:** Test 4 inch specimens in accordance with FDOT Test Method FM 1-T 283. Provide a mixture having a retained tensile strength ratio of at least 0.80 and a minimum tensile strength (unconditioned) of 100 pounds per square inch. If necessary, add a liquid anti-stripping agent from the FDOT's APL or hydrated lime in order to meet these criteria.

In lieu of moisture susceptibility testing, add a liquid anti-stripping agent from the FDOT's APL. Add 0.5% liquid anti-stripping agent by weight of asphalt binder.

**334-3.2.6 Additional Information:** In addition to the requirements listed above, provide the following information on each mix design:

1. The design traffic level and the design number of gyrations ( $N_{\text{design}}$ ).
2. The source and description of the materials to be used.
3. The FDOT source number and the FDOT product code of the aggregate components furnished from an FDOT approved source (if required).
4. The gradation and proportions of the raw materials as intended to be combined in the paving mixture. The gradation of the component materials shall be representative of the material at the time of use. Compensate for any change in aggregate gradation caused by handling and processing as necessary.
5. A single percentage of the combined mineral aggregate passing each specified sieve. Degradation of the aggregate due to processing (particularly material passing the No. 200 sieve) should be accounted for and identified.
6. The bulk specific gravity ( $G_{\text{sb}}$ ) value for each individual aggregate and RAP component.
7. A single percentage of asphalt binder by weight of total mix intended to be incorporated in the completed mixture, shown to the nearest 0.1%.
8. A target temperature for the mixture at the plant (mixing temperature) and a target temperature for the mixture at the roadway (compaction temperature). Do not exceed a target temperature of 330°F for PG 76-22 (PMA) and PG 76-22 (ARB) asphalt binders, and 315°F for unmodified asphalt binders.
9. Provide the physical properties achieved at four different asphalt binder contents. One shall be at the optimum asphalt content, and must conform to all specified physical requirements.
10. The name of the mix designer.
11. The ignition oven calibration factor.
12. The warm mix technology, if used.

#### **334-4 Process Control.**

Assume full responsibility for controlling all operations and processes such that the requirements of these Specifications are met at all times. Perform any tests necessary at the plant and roadway to control the process.



### **334-5 General Construction Requirements.**

**334-5.1 Weather Limitations:** Do not transport asphalt mix from the plant to the roadway unless all weather conditions are suitable for the paving operations.

#### **334-5.2 Limitations of Paving Operations:**

**334-5.2.1 General:** Spread the mixture only when the surface upon which it is to be placed has been previously prepared, is intact, firm, dry, clean, and the tack, with acceptable spread rate, is properly broken. Ensure all granular base materials are properly primed and all asphalt base materials are properly tacked, prior to paving.

<b>334-5.2.2 Air Temperature:</b> Place the mixture only when the air temperature in the shade and away from the artificial heat meets the requirements of Table 334-4. The minimum ambient temperature requirement may be reduced by 5°F when using a warm mix technology, if mutually agreed to by both the Engineer and the Contractor. Table 334-4 Ambient Air Temperature Requirements for Paving	
Layer Thickness or Asphalt Binder Type	Minimum Temperature (°F)
≤1 inch	50
Any mixture > 1 inch containing a PG asphalt binder with a high temperature designation ≥ 76°C	45
Any mixture > 1 inch containing a PG asphalt binder with a high temperature designation < 76°C	40

**334-5.3 Mix Temperature:** Heat and combine the ingredients of the mix in such a manner as to produce a mixture with a temperature at the plant and at the roadway, within a range of plus or minus 30°F from the target temperature as shown on the mix design. Reject all loads outside of this range. For warm mix asphalt, the Contractor may produce the first five loads of the production day and at other times when approved by the Engineer, at a hot mix asphalt temperature not to exceed 330°F for purposes of heating the asphalt paver. For these situations, the upper tolerance of +30°F does not apply.

**334-5.4 Transportation of the Mixture:** Transport the mix in trucks of tight construction, which prevents the loss of material and the excessive loss of heat and previously cleaned of all foreign material. After cleaning, thinly coat the inside surface of the truck bodies with soapy water or an asphalt release agent as needed to prevent the mixture from adhering to the beds. Do not allow excess liquid to pond in the truck body. Do not use a release agent that will contaminate, degrade, or alter the characteristics of the asphalt mix or is hazardous or detrimental to the environment. Petroleum derivatives (such as diesel fuel), solvents, and any product that dissolves asphalt are prohibited. Provide each truck with a tarpaulin or other waterproof cover mounted in such a manner that it can cover the entire load when required. When in place, overlap the waterproof cover on all sides so it can be tied down. Cover each load during cool and cloudy weather and at any time it appears rain is likely during transit with a tarpaulin or waterproof cover. Cover and tie down all loads of friction course mixtures.

#### **334-5.5 Preparation of Surfaces Prior to Paving:**

**334-5.5.1 Cleaning:** Clean the surface of all loose and deleterious material by the use of power brooms or blowers, supplemented by hand brooming where necessary.

**334-5.5.2 Patching and Leveling Courses:** As shown in the plans, bring the existing surface to proper grade and cross-section by the application of patching or leveling courses.

**334-5.5.3 Application over Surface Treatment:** Where an asphalt mix is to be placed over a surface treatment, sweep and dispose of all loose material from the paving area.

**334-5.5.4 Tack Coat:** Use a rate of application as defined in Table 334-5. Control the rate of application to be within plus or minus 0.01 gallon per square yard of the target application rate. The target application rate may be adjusted by the Engineer to meet specific field conditions. Determine the rate of application as needed to control the operation. When using PG 52-28, multiply the target rate of application by 0.6.

Table 334-5 Tack Coat Application Rates		
Asphalt Mixture Type	Underlying Pavement Surface	Target Tack Rate (gal/yd <sup>2</sup> )
Base Course, Structural Course, Dense Graded Friction Course	Newly Constructed Asphalt Layers	0.03 minimum
	Milled Surface or Oxidized and Cracked Pavement	0.06
	Concrete Pavement	0.08

### **334-5.6 Placing Mixture:**

**334-5.6.1 Alignment of Edges:** With the exception of pavements placed adjacent to curb and gutter or other true edges, place all pavements by the stringline method to obtain an accurate, uniform alignment of the pavement edge. Control the unsupported pavement edge to ensure that it will not deviate more than plus or minus 1.5 inches from the stringline.

**334-5.6.2 Rain and Surface Conditions:** Immediately cease transportation of asphalt mixtures from the plant when rain begins at the roadway. Do not place asphalt mixtures while rain is falling, or when there is water on the surface to be covered. Once the rain has stopped and water has been removed from the tacked surface to the satisfaction of the Engineer and the temperature of the mixture caught in transit still meets the requirements as specified in 334-5.3, the Contractor may then place the mixture caught in transit.

**334-5.6.3 Checking Depth of Layer:** Check the depth of each layer at frequent intervals to ensure a uniform spread rate that will meet the requirements of the Contract.

**334-5.6.4 Hand Work:** In limited areas where the use of the spreader is impossible or impracticable, spread and finish the mixture by hand.

**334-5.6.5 Spreading and Finishing:** Upon arrival, dump the mixture in the approved paver, and immediately spread and strike-off the mixture to the full width required, and to such loose depth for each course that, when the work is completed, the required weight of mixture per square yard, or the specified thickness, is secured. Carry a uniform amount of mixture ahead of the screed at all times.

**334-5.6.6 Thickness Control:** Ensure the spread rate is within 10% of the target spread rate, as indicated in the Contract. When calculating the spread rate, use, at a minimum, an average of five truckloads of mix. When the average spread rate is beyond plus or minus 10% of the target spread rate, monitor the thickness of the pavement layer closely and adjust the construction operations.

If the Contractor fails to maintain an average spread rate within plus or minus 10% of the target spread rate for two consecutive days, the Engineer may elect to stop the construction operation at any time until the issue is resolved.

When the average spread rate for the total structural or friction course pavement thickness exceeds the target spread rate by plus or minus 50 pounds per square yard for layers greater than or equal to 2.5 inches or exceeds the target spread rate by plus or minus 25 pounds per square yard for layers less than 2.5 inches, address the unacceptable pavement in accordance with 334-5.10.4, unless an alternative approach is agreed upon by the Engineer.

### **334-5.7 Leveling Courses:**

**334-5.7.1 Patching Depressions:** Before spreading any leveling course, fill all depressions in the existing surface as shown in the plans.

**334-5.7.2 Spreading Leveling Courses:** Place all courses of leveling with an asphalt paver or by the use of two motor graders, one being equipped with a spreader box. Other types of leveling devices may be used upon approval by the Engineer.

**334-5.7.3 Rate of Application:** When using Type SP-9.5 for leveling, do not allow the average spread of a layer to be less than 50 pounds per square yard or more than 75 pounds per square yard. The quantity of mix for leveling shown in the plans represents the average for the entire project; however, the Contractor may vary the rate of application throughout the project as directed by the Engineer. When leveling in connection with base widening, the Engineer may require placing all the leveling mix prior to the widening operation.

**334-5.8 Compaction:** For each paving or leveling train in operation, furnish a separate set of rollers, with their operators.

When density testing for acceptance is required, select equipment, sequence, and coverage of rolling to meet the specified density requirement. Regardless of the rolling procedure used, complete the final rolling before the surface temperature of the pavement drops to the extent that effective compaction may not be achieved or the rollers begin to damage the pavement.

When density testing for acceptance is not required, use a rolling pattern approved by the Engineer.

Use hand tamps or other satisfactory means to compact areas which are inaccessible to a roller, such as areas adjacent to curbs, headers, gutters, bridges, manholes, etc.

### **334-5.9 Joints.**

**334-5.9.1 Transverse Joints:** Construct smooth transverse joints, which are within 3/16 inch of a true longitudinal profile when measured with a 15 foot manual straightedge meeting the requirements of FDOT Test Method FM 5-509. These requirements are waived for transverse joints at the beginning and end of the project and at the beginning and end of bridge structures, if the deficiencies are caused by factors beyond the control of the Contractor such as no milling requirement, as determined by the Engineer. When smoothness requirements are waived, construct a reasonably smooth transitional joint.

**334-5.9.2 Longitudinal Joints:** For all layers of pavement except the leveling course, place each layer so that longitudinal construction joints are offset 6 to 12 inches laterally between successive layers. Do not construct longitudinal joints in the wheel paths. The Engineer may waive these requirements where offsetting is not feasible due to the sequence of construction.

**334-5.10 Surface Requirements:** Construct a smooth pavement with good surface texture and the proper cross slope.

**334-5.10.1 Texture of the Finished Surface of Paving Layers:** Produce a finished surface of uniform texture and compaction with no pulled, torn, raveled, crushed or loosened portions and free of segregation, bleeding, flushing, sand streaks, sand spots, or ripples. Correct any area of the surface that does not meet the foregoing requirements in accordance with 334-5.10.4.

In areas not defined to be a density testing exception per 334-6.4.1, obtain for the Engineer, three 6 inch diameter roadway cores at locations visually identified by the Engineer to be segregated. The Engineer will determine the density of each core in accordance with FDOT Test Method FM 1-T 166 and calculate the percent  $G_{mm}$  of the segregated area using the average  $G_{mb}$  of the roadway cores and the representative PC  $G_{mm}$  for the questionable material. If the average percent  $G_{mm}$  is less than 90.0, address the segregated area in accordance with 334-5.10.4.

**334-5.10.2 Cross Slope:** Construct a pavement surface with cross slopes in compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

**334-5.10.3 Pavement Smoothness:** Construct a smooth pavement meeting the requirements of this Specification. Furnish a 15 foot manual and a 15 foot rolling straightedge meeting the requirements of FDOT Test Method FM 5-509.

**334-5.10.3.1 Straightedge Testing:**

**334-5.10.3.1.1 Acceptance Testing:** Perform straightedge testing in the outside wheel path of each lane for the final (top) layer of the pavement. Test all pavement lanes where the width is constant using a rolling straightedge and document all deficiencies on a form approved by the Engineer. Notify the Engineer of the location and time of all straightedge testing a minimum of 48 hours before beginning testing.

**334-5.10.3.1.2 Final (Top) Pavement Layer:** At the completion of all paving operations, straightedge the final (top) layer either behind the final roller of the paving train or as a separate operation. Address all deficiencies in excess of 3/16 inch in accordance with 334-5.10.4, unless waived by the Engineer. Retest all corrected areas.

**334-5.10.3.1.3 Straightedge Exceptions:** Straightedge testing will not be required in the following areas: shoulders, intersections, tapers, crossovers, sidewalks, shared use paths, parking lots and similar areas, or in the following areas when they are less than 250 feet in length: turn lanes, acceleration/deceleration lanes and side streets. The limits of the intersection will be from stop bar to stop bar for both the mainline and side streets. In the event the Engineer identifies a surface irregularity in the above areas that is determined to be objectionable, straightedge and address all deficiencies in excess of 3/8 inch in accordance with 334-5.10.4.

**334-5.10.4 Correcting Unacceptable Pavement:** Correct deficiencies in the pavement layer by removing and replacing the full depth of the layer, extending a minimum of 50 feet on both sides (where possible) of the defective area for the full width of the paving lane, at no additional cost.

**334-6 Acceptance of the Mixture.**

**334-6.1 General:** The asphalt mixture will be accepted based on the Asphalt Work Category as defined below:

1. Asphalt Work Category 1 – Certification by the Contractor as defined in 334-6.2.

2. Asphalt Work Category 2 – Certification and process control testing by the Contractor as defined in 334-6.3.

3. Asphalt Work Category 3 – Process control testing by the Contractor and acceptance testing by the Engineer as defined in 334-6.4.

**334-6.2 Certification by the Contractor:** On Asphalt Work Category 1 construction, the Engineer will accept the mix on the basis of visual inspection. Submit a Notarized Certification of Specification Compliance letter on company letterhead to the Engineer stating that all material produced and placed on the project meets the requirements of the Specifications. The Engineer may run independent tests to determine the acceptability of the material.

**334-6.3 Certification and Process Control Testing by the Contractor:** On Asphalt Work Category 2 construction, submit a Notarized Certification of Specification Compliance letter on company letterhead to the Engineer stating that all material produced and placed on the project meets the requirements of the Specifications, along with supporting test data documenting all process control testing as described in 334-6.3.1. If required by the Contract, utilize an Independent Laboratory as approved by the Engineer for the process control testing. The mix will also require visual acceptance by the Engineer. In addition, the Engineer may run independent tests to determine the acceptability of the material. Material failing to meet these acceptance criteria will be addressed as directed by the Engineer such as but not limited to acceptance at reduced pay, delineation testing to determine the limits of the questionable material, removal and replacement at no cost to the agency, or performing an Engineering analysis to determine the final disposition of the material.

**334-6.3.1 Process Control Sampling and Testing Requirements:** Perform process control testing at a frequency of once per day. Obtain the samples in accordance with FDOT Method FM 1-T 168. Test the mixture at the plant for gradation (P<sub>8</sub> and P<sub>200</sub>) and asphalt binder content (P<sub>b</sub>). Measure the roadway density with 6 inch diameter roadway cores at a minimum frequency of once per 1,500 feet of pavement with a minimum of three cores per day.

Determine the asphalt binder content of the mixture in accordance with FDOT Method FM 5-563. Determine the gradation of the recovered aggregate in accordance with FDOT Method FM 1-T 030. Determine the roadway density in accordance with FDOT Method FM 1-T 166. The minimum roadway density will be based on the percent of the maximum specific gravity (G<sub>mm</sub>) from the approved mix design. If the Contractor or Engineer suspects that the mix design G<sub>mm</sub> is no longer representative of the asphalt mixture being produced, then a new G<sub>mm</sub> value will be determined from plant-produced mix, in accordance with FDOT Method FM 1-T 209, with the approval of the Engineer. Roadway density testing will not be required in certain situations as described in 334-6.4.1. Assure that the asphalt binder content, gradation and density test results meet the criteria in Table 334-4.

Table 334-4 Process Control and Acceptance Values	
Characteristic	Tolerance
Asphalt Binder Content (percent)	Target $\pm$ 0.55
Passing No. 8 Sieve (percent)	Target $\pm$ 6.00
Passing No. 200 Sieve (percent)	Target $\pm$ 2.00
Roadway Density (daily average)	Minimum 90.0% of G <sub>mm</sub>

**334-6.4 Process Control Testing by the Contractor and Acceptance Testing by the Engineer:** On Asphalt Work Category 3, perform process control testing as described in 334-6.3.1. In addition, the Engineer will accept the mixture at the plant with respect to gradation (P<sub>8</sub> and P<sub>200</sub>) and asphalt binder content (P<sub>b</sub>). The mixture will be accepted on the roadway with respect to density. The Engineer will sample and test the material as described in 334-6.3.1. The Engineer will randomly obtain at least one set of samples per day. Assure that the asphalt content, gradation and density test results meet the criteria in Table 334-4. Material failing to meet these acceptance criteria will be addressed as directed by the Engineer such as but not limited to acceptance at reduced pay, delineation testing to determine the limits of the questionable material, removal and replacement at no cost to the agency, or performing an Engineering analysis to determine the final disposition of the material.

**334-6.4.1 Acceptance Testing Exceptions:** When the total quantity of any mix type in the project is less than 500 tons, the Engineer will accept the mix on the basis of visual inspection. The Engineer may run independent tests to determine the acceptability of the material.

Density testing for acceptance will not be performed on widening strips or shoulders with a width of 5 feet or less, variable thickness overbuild courses, leveling courses, any asphalt layer placed on subgrade (regardless of type), miscellaneous asphalt pavement, shared use paths, crossovers, or any course with a specified thickness less than 1 inch or a specified spread rate less than 100 pounds per square yard. Density testing for acceptance will not be performed on asphalt courses placed on bridge decks or approach slabs; compact these courses in static mode only. In addition, density testing for acceptance will not be performed on the following areas when they are less than 1,000 feet continuous in length: turning lanes, acceleration lanes, deceleration lanes, shoulders, parallel parking lanes, or ramps. Density testing for acceptance will not be performed in intersections. The limits of the intersection will be from stop bar to stop bar for both the mainline and side streets. Compact these courses in accordance with a standard rolling procedure approved by the Engineer. In the event that the rolling procedure deviates from the approved procedure, placement of the mix will be stopped.

### **334-7 Method of Measurement.**

For the work specified under this Section, the quantity to be paid for will be the weight of the mixture, in tons.

The bid price for the asphalt mix will include the cost of the liquid asphalt and the tack coat application as specified in 334-5.5.4. There will be no separate payment or unit price adjustment for the asphalt binder material in the asphalt mix.

### **334-8 Basis of Payment.**

**334-8.1 General:** Price and payment will be full compensation for all the work specified under this Section.

**SECTION 344 CONCRETE FOR LAP (OFF-SYSTEM).**  
**(REV 12-20-11) (FA 2-27-12)**

**SECTION 344**  
**CONCRETE FOR LAP (OFF-SYSTEM)**

**344-1 Description.**

**344-1 General:** Construct concrete based on the type of work as described in the Contract and the concrete work categories as defined below.

**344-1.2 Work Categories:** Construction will fall into one of the following concrete work categories:

**344-1.2.1 Concrete Work Category 1:** Includes the construction of sidewalks, curb and gutter, ditch and slope pavement, or other non-reinforced cast-in-place elements.

**344-1.2.2 Concrete Work Category 2:** Includes the construction of precast concrete including concrete barriers, traffic railing barriers, parapets, sound barriers, inlets, manholes, junction boxes, pipe culverts, storm sewers, box culverts, prestressed concrete poles, concrete bases for light poles, highway sign foundations, retaining wall systems, traffic separators or other structural precast elements.

**344-1.2.3 Concrete Work Category 3:** Includes the work associated with the placement and/or construction of structural cast-in-place concrete meeting the requirements of this section.

**344-2 Materials.**

**344-2.1 General:** Use concrete composed of a mixture of Portland cement, aggregates, and water, with or without chemical or mineral admixtures that meet the following requirements:

**344-2.1.1 Portland Cement:** Portland cements meeting the requirements of AASHTO M-85 or ASTM C-150 is required. Different brands of cement, cement of the same brand from different facilities or different types of cement shall be stored separately and shall not be mixed.

**344-2.1.2 Coarse and Fine Aggregates:** Aggregates shall meet ASTM C 33. Source approval by the FDOT is not required.

**344-2.1.3 Water:** Water shall meet the requirements of ASTM C 1602.

**344-2.1.4 Chemical Admixtures:** Chemical admixtures shall be listed on the FDOT Qualified Products List. Admixtures may be added at the dosage rates recommended by the manufacturer.

**344-2.1.5 Pozzolans and Slag:** Pozzolans and Slag shall meet the requirements of Table 344-1. Fly ash shall not include the residue resulting from the burning of municipal garbage or any other refuse with coal, or the burning of industrial or municipal garbage in incinerators.

Table 344-1		
Type or Class	Test Method	Exceptions
Class C Fly Ash	ASTM C 618	Not to be used with Types IP or IS cements.
Class F Fly Ash	ASTM C 618	Not to be used with Types IP or IS cements.
Petroleum Coke Class F	ASTM C 618	Not to be used with Types IP or IS cements.
Bark Ash Class F	ASTM C 618	Not to be used with Types IP or IS cements.

Silica Fume	ASTM C 1240	
Metakaolin	ASTM C 618	
Slag	ASTM C 989	Use only ground granulated blast-furnace slag grade 100 or 120.
Ultra Fine Fly Ash	ASTM C 618	Not to be used with Types IP or IS cements.

### 344-3 Production, Mixing and Delivery of Concrete.

#### 344-3.1 Concrete Production Requirements:

**344-3.1.1 Category 1:** Use a concrete production facility that is certified by the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) or listed on the FDOT list of non-structural concrete producers. Concrete production facilities listed on the FDOT Producers with Accepted QC Programs list for structural concrete may also be used for Category 1.

**344-3.1.2 Category 2:** Use a prestressed and or precast facility listed on the FDOT Producers with Accepted QC Programs for precast or prestressed concrete.

**344-3.1.3 Category 3:** Use a structural concrete facility listed on the FDOT Producers with Accepted QC Programs for structural concrete.

#### 344-3.2 Classes of Concrete: Meet the requirements of Table 344-2.

Table 344-2						
Class	Minimum Strength (28 day) (psi)	Target Slump (inches)	Target Range (inches)	Air Content Range (%)	Minimum Total Cementitious Materials Content (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	Maximum Water to Cementitious Material Ratio (lb/lb)
Category 1						
Class NS	2,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Category 3						
I	3,000	3	± 1.5	1.0 to 6.0	470	0.53
I (Pavement)	3,000	2	± 1.5	1.0 to 6.0	470	0.50
II	3,400	3	± 1.5	1.0 to 6.0	470	0.53
II (Bridge Deck)	4,500	3	± 1.5	1.0 to 6.0	611	0.44
III	5,000	3	± 1.5	1.0 to 6.0	611	0.44
III (Seal)	3,000	8	± 1.5	1.0 to 6.0	611	0.53
IV	5,500	3	± 1.5	1.0 to 6.0	658	0.41
IV (Drilled Shaft)	4,000	8.5	± 1.5	0.0 to 6.0	658	0.41
V (Special)	6,000	3	± 1.5	1.0 to 6.0	752	0.37
V	6,500	3	± 1.5	1.0 to 6.0	752	0.37
VI	8,500	3	± 1.5	1.0 to 6.0	752	0.37

**344-3.3 Contractors Quality Control:** For Categories 1 and 2, assume full responsibility for controlling all operations and processes such that the requirements of these Specifications are met at all times.

For Category 3, furnish a Quality Control (QC) plan to identify to the Engineer how quality will be ensured at the project site. During random inspections, the Engineer will use this document to verify that the construction of the project is in agreement with the QC plan.



**344-3.4 Concrete Mix Design:** Before producing any Category 1 or Category 2, submit the proposed mix designs to the Engineer on a form provided by the Engineer. For Category 3, submit to the Engineer for approval, FDOT approved mix designs. Do not use concrete mix designs without prior approval of the Engineer.

Materials may be adjusted provided that the theoretical yield requirement of the approved mix design is met. Show all required original approved design mix data and batch adjustments on an Engineer approved concrete delivery ticket.

**344-3.5 Delivery:** For Category 3, the maximum allowable transit time of concrete is 90 minutes.

Furnish a delivery ticket on a form approved by the Engineer with each batch of concrete before unloading at the placement site. Record material quantities incorporated into the mix on the delivery ticket. Ensure that the Batchers responsible for producing the concrete signs the delivery ticket certifying that the batch was produced and delivered in accordance with these requirements. Sign the delivery ticket certifying that the concrete was placed in accordance with these requirements.

**344-3.6 Placing Concrete:**

**344-3.6.1 Concreting in Cold Weather:** Do not mix or place concrete when the air temperature at placement is below 45°F.

During the curing period, if NOAA predicts the ambient temperature to fall below 35°F for 12 hours or more or to fall below 30°F for more than 4 hours, enclose the structure in such a way that the air temperature within the enclosure can be kept above 50°F for a period of 3 days after placing the concrete or until the concrete reaches a minimum compressive strength of 1,500 psi.

Assume all risks connected with the placing and curing of concrete. Although the Engineer may give permission to place concrete, the Contractor is responsible for satisfactory results. If the placed concrete is determined to be unsatisfactory, remove, dispose of, and replace the concrete at no expense to the Agency.

**344-3.6.2 Concreting in Hot Weather:** For Category 3, hot weather concreting is defined as the production, placing and curing of concrete when the concrete temperature at placing exceeds 86°F but is less than 100°F.

Unless the specified hot weather concreting measures are in effect, reject concrete exceeding 86°F at the time of placement. Regardless of special measures taken, reject concrete exceeding 100°F. Predict the concrete temperatures at placement time and implement hot weather measures to avoid production shutdown.

**344-3.7 Mixers:** For Category 3 concrete, do not place concrete from a truck mixer that does not have a current FDOT mixer identification card.

**344-3.8 Small Quantities of Concrete:** With approval of the Engineer, small quantities of concrete, less than 3 cubic yards placed in one day and less than 0.5 cubic yards placed in a single placement may be accepted using a pre-bagged mixture. The Engineer may verify that the pre-bagged mixture is prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and will meet the requirements of this Specification.

**344-3.9 Sampling and Testing:**

**344-3.9.1 Category 1:** The Engineer may sample and test the concrete to verify its quality. The minimum 28 day compressive strength requirement for this concrete is 2,500 psi.

**344-3.9.2: Category 2:** No sampling and testing is required for category 2.

**344-3.9.3 Category 3:** The Engineer will randomly select a sample from each 200 cubic yards or one day's production to determine plastic properties and to make three 4 x 8 inch cylinders for testing by the Engineer at 28 days to ensure that the design compressive strength has been met for the class of concrete as specified in Table 344-2.

**344-3.10 Records:** Ensure the following records are available for review for at least 3 years after final acceptance of the project:

1. Approved concrete mix designs.
2. Materials source (delivery tickets, certifications, certified mill test reports).
3. A copy of the scale company or testing agency report showing the observed deviations from quantities checked during calibration of the scales and meters.
4. A copy of the documentation certifying the admixture weighing/measuring devices.

#### **344-4 Acceptance of the Work.**

**344-4.1 Category 1 Work:** Category 1 work will be accepted based on certification by the batcher and contractor on the delivery ticket.

**344-4.2 Category 2 Work:** Certify that the precast elements were produced by a production facility on the FDOT's list of Producers with Accepted QC Programs for precast or prestressed concrete. In addition, the producer's logo shall be stamped on the element. The producer shall not use the Florida Department of Transportation QC stamp on elements used on this project. Provide a statement of certification from the manufacturer of the precast element that the element meets the requirements of this Specification.

**344-4.3 Category 3 Work:** Category 3 concrete will be accepted based on the Engineer's test results for plastic properties and compressive strength requirements for the class of concrete as defined in Table 344-2. In addition, a Delivery Ticket as described in 344-3.5 will be required for acceptance of the material at the project site.

**344-4.4 Small Quantities of Concrete:** Category 3 concrete meeting the definition of 344-3.8 will be accepted in accordance with 344-4.3 based on test results for plastic properties and compressive strength.

#### **344-5 Method of Measurement.**

The quantities to be paid for will be the items shown in the plans, completed and accepted.

#### **344-6 Basis of Payment.**

Prices and payments will be full compensation for all work and materials specified in this Section.

### **SECTION 522 CONCRETE SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAYS**

SECTION 522 is expanded by the following:

Any and all final trail surfaces in excess of a 2% cross slope, regardless of any interim phase inspection acceptance, shall be replaced at the contractor's expense. No tolerance in excess of 2% will be accepted. All 6" thick concrete (ramps, driveways, turnouts, etc.) shall require 6x6 WWM or 1.5 lb polypropylene fiber mesh per CY.

## **SECTION 527 DETECTABLE WARNINGS**

SECTION 527-2 is expanded by the following:

Detectable warning surfaces outside of FDOT right-of-way shall be clay or concrete red brick or wet set tile on the FDOT APL list in red color. No post-applied materials are acceptable.

## **SECTION 570 PERFORMANCE TURF**

SECTION 570-3.3 is expanded by the following:

Contractor may elect to use hydroseed in lieu of sod. Contractor shall be responsible to maintain erosion control on areas that are stabilized with hydroseed. The County shall not make payment for redressing of areas the contractor elects to place hydroseed due to erosion.

# **SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS**

## **LAP DIVISION 1 SPECIFICATIONS**

(REV 9-1-17) (7-18)

Construction Checklist Specifications  
from  
Department of Transportation  
Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction

*The following excerpts from the Standard Specifications and Special Provisions are provided for use in LAP Specifications as needed in accordance with the Local Agency Program Checklist for Construction Contracts (Phase 58) – Federal and State Requirements (525-070-44)*

## **Section 1 – Definitions and Terms**

### **Department Name – Alachua County**

#### **Contractor's Engineer of Record**

A Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida, other than the Engineer of Record or his subcontracted consultant, who undertakes the design and drawing of components of the permanent structure as part of a redesign or Cost Savings Initiative Proposal, or for repair designs and details of the permanent work. The Contractor's Engineer of Record may also serve as the Specialty Engineer.

The Contractor's Engineer of Record must be an employee of a pre-qualified firm. The firm shall be pre-qualified in accordance with the Rules of the Department of Transportation, Chapter 14-75. Any Corporation or Partnership offering engineering services must hold a Certificate of Authorization from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

As an alternate to being an employee of a pre-qualified firm, the Contractor's Engineer of Record may be a pre-qualified Specialty Engineer. For items of the permanent work declared by the State Construction Office to be "major" or "structural", the work performed by a pre-qualified Specialty Engineer must be checked by another pre-qualified Specialty Engineer. An individual Engineer may become pre-qualified in the work groups listed in the Rules of the Department of Transportation, Chapter 14-75, if the requirements for the Professional Engineer are met for the individual work groups. Pre-qualified Specialty Engineers are listed on the State Construction Website. Pre-qualified Specialty Engineers will not be authorized to perform redesigns or Cost Savings Initiative Proposal designs of items fully detailed in the plans.

#### **Specialty Engineer**

A Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida, other than the Engineer of Record or his subcontracted consultant, who undertakes the design and drawing preparation of components, systems, or installation methods and equipment for specific temporary portions of the project work or for special items of the permanent works not fully detailed in the plans and required to be furnished by the Contractor such as but not limited to pot bearing designs, non-standard expansion joints, MSE wall designs and other specialty items. The Specialty Engineer may also provide designs and details for items of the permanent work declared by the State Construction Office to be "minor" or "non-structural". The Specialty Engineer may be an employee or officer of the Contractor or a fabricator, an employee or officer of an entity providing components to a fabricator, or an independent consultant.

For items of work not specifically covered by the Rules of the Department of Transportation, a Specialty Engineer is qualified if he has the following qualifications:

- (1) Registration as a Professional Engineer in the State of Florida.
- (2) The education and experience necessary to perform the submitted design as required by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

**FROM SECTION 2 (PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS) AND SECTION 3 (AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT):**

**Basis of Award.**

This contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder unless otherwise stated.

Federal-aid contracts shall be awarded only on the basis of the lowest responsive bid submitted by a bidder meeting the criteria of responsibility as may have been established by the Department in accordance with 23 CFR 635.110.

See Section B (Instructions to Bidders), Item 10 - Consideration of Bids and Award of Contract

**Bonding and Prequalification.**

Bonding is required on all state and federally funded projects. The bid bond may be waived on contracts less than \$250,000, with Department approval per F.S. 337.18. A contractor desiring to bid for the performance of any construction contract located on the National Highway System (NHS) or the State Highway System (SHS) in excess of \$250,000 must be certified by the Department of Transportation as qualified in accordance with Section 337.14(1), Florida Statutes and Rule 14-22, Florida Administrative Code. Any bid for the performance of any construction contract in excess of \$250,000 submitted by a contractor not certified by the Department of Transportation as qualified shall be declared "IRREGULAR" and will be REJECTED.

**Records Retention and OIG Requirement.**

The Owner will maintain/store records of all federally funded construction projects for a minimum of five years. Bridge construction records will be maintained/stored indefinitely. The contractor/consultant/vendor agrees to comply with section 20.055(5), Florida Statutes, and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with section 20.055(5), Florida Statutes.

**FROM SECTION 4 (ALTERATION OF WORK).**

See Section D (General Conditions), Items 15 through 17 for Change Orders and Extra Work approval process.

For any machinery or special equipment (other than small tools), including fuel and lubricant, the Contractor will receive 100% of the "Rental Rate Blue Book" for the actual time that such equipment is in operation on the work, and 50% of the "Rental Rate Blue Book" for the time the equipment is directed to standby and remain on the project site, to be calculated as indicated below. The equipment rates will be based on the latest edition (as of the date the work to be performed begins) of the "Rental Rate Blue Book for Construction Equipment" or the "Rental Rate Blue Book for Older Construction Equipment," whichever is applicable, as published by Machinery Information Division of PRIMEDIA Information, Inc. (version current at the time of bid), using all instructions and adjustments contained therein and as modified below. On all projects, the Engineer

will adjust the rates using regional adjustments and Rate Adjustment Tables according to the instructions in the Blue Book.

Allowable Equipment Rates will be established as set out below:

- a. Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate = Monthly Rate/176 x Adjustment Factors x 100%.
- b. Allowable Hourly Operating Cost = Hourly Operating Cost x 100%.
- c. Allowable Rate Per Hour = Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate + Allowable Hourly Operating Cost.
- d. Standby Rate = Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate x 50%.

The Monthly Rate is The Basic Machine Rate Plus Any Attachments.

Standby rates will apply when equipment is not in operation and is directed by the Engineer to standby at the project site when needed again to complete work and the cost of moving the equipment will exceed the accumulated standby cost. Standby rates will not apply on any day the equipment operates for eight or more hours. Standby payment will be limited to only that number of hours which, when added to the operating time for that day equals eight hours. Standby payment will not be made on days that are not normally considered work days on the project.

The Owner will allow for the cost of transporting the equipment to and from the location at which it will be used. If the equipment requires assembly or disassembly for transport, the Owner will pay for the time to perform this work at the rate for standby equipment.

#### **4-3.9 Cost Savings Initiative Proposal:**

##### **4-3.9.1 Intent and Objective:**

1. This Subarticle applies to any cost reduction proposal (hereinafter referred to as a Proposal) that the Contractor initiates and develops for the purpose of refining the Contract to increase cost effectiveness or significantly improve the quality of the end result. A mandatory Cost Savings Initiative Workshop will be held prior to Contract Time beginning for the Contractor and Department to discuss potential Proposals. This Subarticle does not, however, apply to any such proposal unless the Contractor identifies it at the time of its submission to the Department as a proposal submitted pursuant to this Subarticle.

2. The Department will consider Proposals that would result in net savings to the Department by providing a decrease in the cost of the Contract. Proposals must result in savings without impairing essential functions and characteristics such as safety, service, life, reliability, economy of operation, ease of maintenance, aesthetics and necessary standard design features. However, nothing herein prohibits the Contractor from submitting Proposals when the required functions and characteristics can be combined, reduced or eliminated because they are nonessential or excessive. The Department will not recognize the Contractor's correction of plan errors that result in a cost reduction, as a Proposal.

3. The Department reserves the right to reject at its discretion any Proposal submitted that proposes a change in the design of the pavement system or that would require additional right-of-way. Pending the Department's execution of a formal supplemental agreement implementing an approved Proposal, the Contractor shall remain



obligated to perform the work in accordance with the terms of the existing Contract. The Department may grant time extensions to allow for the time required to develop and review a Proposal.

4. For potential Proposals not discussed at the Cost Savings Initiative Workshop, a mandatory concept meeting will be held for the Contractor and Department to discuss the potential Proposal prior to development of the Proposal.

**4-3.9.2 Subcontractors:** The Department encourages the Contractor to include the provisions of this Subarticle in Contracts with subcontractors and to encourage submission of Proposals from subcontractors. However, it is not mandatory to submit Proposals to the Department or to accept or transmit subcontractor proposed Proposals to the Department.

**4-3.9.3 Data Requirements:** As a minimum, submit the following information with each Proposal in accordance with 4-1:

1. a description of the difference between the existing Contract requirement, including any time extension request, and the proposed change, and the comparative advantages and disadvantages.

2. separate detailed cost estimates for both the existing Contract requirement and the proposed change. Break down the cost estimates by pay item numbers indicating quantity increases or decreases and deleted pay items. Identify additional proposed work not covered by pay items within the Contract, by using pay item numbers in the Basis of Estimates Manual. In preparing the estimates, include overhead, profit, and bond within pay items in the Contract. Separate pay item(s) for the cost of overhead, profit, and bond will not be allowed.

3. an itemization of the changes, deletions or additions to plan details, plan sheets, design standards and Specifications that are required to implement the Proposal if the Department adopts it. Provide preliminary plan drawings sufficient to describe the proposed changes.

4. engineering or other analysis in sufficient detail to identify and describe specific features of the Contract that must be changed if the Department accepts the Proposal with a proposal as to how these changes can be accomplished and an assessment of their effect on other project elements. The Department may require that engineering analyses be performed by a prequalified consultant in the applicable class of work. Support all design changes that result from the Proposal with prints of drawings and computations signed and sealed by the Contractor's Engineer of Record and submit in accordance with 4-1. Written documentation or drawings will be provided clearly delineating the responsibility of the Contractor's Engineer of Record.

5. the date by which the Department must approve the Proposal to obtain the total estimated cost reduction during the remainder of the Contract, noting any effect on the Contract completion time or delivery schedule.

6. a revised project schedule that would be followed upon approval of the Proposal. This schedule would include submittal dates and review time for the Department and Peer reviews.

**4-3.9.5 Computations for Change in Contract Cost of Performance:** If the Proposal is adopted, the Contractor's share of the net savings as defined hereinafter represents full compensation to the Contractor for the Proposal.

The Department will not include its costs to process and implement a Proposal in the estimate. However, the Department reserves the right, where it deems such action appropriate, to require the Contractor to pay the Department's cost of investigating and implementing a Proposal as a condition of considering such proposal. When the Department imposes such a condition, the Contractor shall accept this condition in writing, authorizing the Department to deduct amounts payable to the Department from any monies due or that may become due to the Contractor under the Contract.

**4-3.9.6 Conditions of Acceptance for Major Design Modifications of Category 2 Bridges:** A Proposal that proposes major design modifications of a category 2 bridge, as determined by the Engineer, shall have the following conditions of acceptance:

All bridge Plans relating to the Proposal shall undergo an independent peer review conducted by a single independent engineering firm referred to for the purposes of this article as the Independent Review Engineer who is not the originator of the Proposal design, and is pre-qualified by the Department in accordance with Rule 14-75, Florida Administrative Code. The independent peer review is intended to be a comprehensive, thorough verification of the original work, giving assurance that the design is in compliance with all Department requirements. The Independent Review Engineer's comments, along with the resolution of each comment, shall be submitted to the Department. The Independent Review Engineer shall sign and seal the submittal cover letter stating that all comments have been adequately addressed and the design is in compliance with the Department requirements. If there are any unresolved comments the Independent Review Engineer shall specifically list all unresolved issues in the signed and sealed cover letter.

The Contractor shall designate a primary engineer responsible for the Proposal design and as such will be designated as the Contractors Engineer of Record for the Proposal design. The Department reserves the right to require the Contractor's Engineer of Record to assume responsibility for design of the entire structure.

New designs and independent peer reviews shall be in compliance with all applicable Department, FHWA and AASHTO criteria requirements including bridge load ratings.

**4-3.9.7 Sharing Arrangements:** If the Department approves a Proposal, the Contractor shall receive 50% of the net reduction in the cost of performance of the Contract as determined by the final negotiated agreement between the Contractor and the Department. The net reduction will be determined by subtracting from the savings of the construction costs the reasonable documented engineering costs incurred by the contractor to design and develop a Proposal. The reasonable documented engineering costs will be paid by the Department. Engineering costs will be based on the consultant's certified invoice and may include the costs of the Independent Review Engineer in 4-3.9.6. The total engineering costs to be subtracted from the savings to determine the net reduction will be limited to 25% of the construction savings and shall not include any markup by the Contractor or the costs for engineering services performed by the Contractor.

**4-3.9.8 Notice of Intellectual Property Interests and Department's Future Rights to a Proposal:**

#### **4-3.9.8.1 Notice of Intellectual Property Interests:**

The Contractor's Proposal submittal shall identify with specificity any and all forms of intellectual property rights that either the Contractor or any officer, shareholder, employee, consultant, or affiliate, of the Contractor, or any other entity who contributed in any measure to the substance of the Contractor's Proposal development, have or may have that are in whole or in part implicated in the Proposal. Such required intellectual property rights notice includes, but is not limited to, disclosure of any issued patents, copyrights, or licenses; pending patent, copyright or license applications; and any intellectual property rights that though not yet issued, applied for or intended to be pursued, could nevertheless otherwise be subsequently the subject of patent, copyright or license protection by the Contractor or others in the future. This notice requirement does not extend to intellectual property rights as to stand-alone or integral components of the Proposal that are already on the Department's Approved Product List (APL) or Design Standard Indexes, or are otherwise generally known in the industry as being subject to patent or copyright protection.

#### **4-3.9.8.2 Department's Future Rights to a Proposal:**

Notwithstanding 7-3 nor any other provision of the Standard Specifications, upon acceptance of a Proposal, the Contractor hereby grants to the Department and its contractors (such grant being expressly limited solely to any and all existing or future Department construction projects and any other Department projects that are partially or wholly funded by or for the Department) a royalty-free and perpetual license under all forms of intellectual property rights to manufacture, to use, to design, to construct, to disclose, to reproduce, to prepare and fully utilize derivative works, to distribute, display and publish, in whole or in part, and to permit others to do any of the above, and to otherwise in any manner and for any purpose whatsoever do anything reasonably necessary to fully utilize any and all aspects of such Proposal on any and all existing and future construction projects and any other Department projects.

Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Department and its contractors and others in privity therewith from and against any and all claims, liabilities, other obligations or losses, and reasonable expenses related thereto (including reasonable attorneys' fees), which are incurred or are suffered by any breach of the foregoing grants, and regardless of whether such intellectual property rights were or were not disclosed by the Contractor pursuant to 4-3.9.8.1, unless the Department has by express written exception in the Proposal acceptance process specifically released the Contractor from such obligation to hold harmless, indemnify and defend as to one or more disclosed intellectual property rights.

### **FROM SECTION 5 – CONTROL OF THE WORK (CLAIMS).**

#### **5-12 Claims by Contractor.**

**5-12.1 General:** When the Contractor deems that extra compensation or a time extension is due beyond that agreed to by the Engineer, whether due to delay, additional work, altered work, differing site conditions, breach of Contract, or for any other cause, the Contractor shall follow the procedures set forth herein for preservation, presentation and resolution of the claim.

Submission of timely notice of intent to file a claim, preliminary time extension request, time extension request, and the certified written claim, together with full and complete claim documentation, are each a condition precedent to the Contractor bringing any circuit court, arbitration, or other formal claims resolution proceeding against the Department for the items and for the sums or time set forth in the Contractor's certified written claim. The failure to provide such notice of intent, preliminary time extension request, time extension request, certified written claim and full and complete claim documentation within the time required shall constitute a full, complete, absolute and irrevocable waiver by the Contractor of any right to additional compensation or a time extension for such claim.

#### **5-12.2 Notice of Claim:**

**5-12.2.1 Claims For Extra Work:** Where the Contractor deems that additional compensation or a time extension is due for work or materials not expressly provided for in the Contract or which is by written directive expressly ordered by the Engineer pursuant to 4-3, the Contractor shall submit written notification to the Engineer of the intention to make a claim for additional compensation before beginning the work on which the claim is based, and if seeking a time extension, the Contractor shall also submit a preliminary request for time extension pursuant to 8-7.3.2 within ten calendar days after commencement of a delay and a request for Contract Time extension pursuant to 8-7.3.2 within thirty calendar days after the elimination of the delay. If such written notification is not submitted and the Engineer is not afforded the opportunity for keeping strict account of actual labor, material, equipment, and time, the Contractor waives the claim for additional compensation or a time extension. Such notice by the Contractor, and the fact that the Engineer has kept account of the labor, materials and equipment, and time, shall not in any way be construed as establishing the validity of the claim or method for computing any compensation or time extension for such claim. On projects with an original Contract amount of \$3,000,000 or less within 90 calendar days after final acceptance of the project in accordance with 5-11, and on projects with an original Contract amount greater than \$3,000,000 within 180 calendar days after final acceptance of the project in accordance with 5-11, the Contractor shall submit full and complete claim documentation as described in 5-12.3 and duly certified pursuant to 5-12.9. However, for any claim or part of a claim that pertains solely to final estimate quantities disputes the Contractor shall submit full and complete claim documentation as described in 5-12.3 and duly certified pursuant to 5-12.9, as to such final estimate claim dispute issues, within 90 or 180 calendar days, respectively, of the Contractor's receipt of the Department's final estimate.

If the Contractor fails to submit a certificate of claim as described in 5-12.9, the Department will so notify the Contractor in writing. The Contractor shall have ten calendar days from receipt of the notice to resubmit the claim documentation, without change, with a certificate of claim as described in 5-12.9, without regard to whether the resubmission is within the applicable 90 or 180 calendar day deadline for submission of full and complete claim documentation. Failure by the Contractor to comply with the ten calendar day notice shall constitute a waiver of the claim.

**5-12.2.2 Claims For Delay:** Where the Contractor deems that additional compensation or a time extension is due on account of delay, differing site conditions, breach of Contract, or any other cause other than for work or materials not expressly

provided for in the Contract (Extra Work) or which is by written directive of the Engineer expressly ordered by the Engineer pursuant to 4-3, the Contractor shall submit a written notice of intent to the Engineer within ten days after commencement of a delay to a controlling work item expressly notifying the Engineer that the Contractor intends to seek additional compensation, and if seeking a time extension, the Contractor shall also submit a preliminary request for time extension pursuant to 8-7.3.2 within ten calendar days after commencement of a delay to a controlling work item, as to such delay and providing a reasonably complete description as to the cause and nature of the delay and the possible impacts to the Contractor's work by such delay, and a request for Contract Time extension pursuant to 8-7.3.2 within thirty calendar days after the elimination of the delay. On projects with an original Contract amount of \$3,000,000 or less within 90 calendar days after final acceptance of the project in accordance with 5-11, and on projects with an original Contract amount greater than \$3,000,000 within 180 calendar days after final acceptance of the project in accordance with 5-11, the Contractor shall submit full and complete documentation as described in 5-12.3 and duly certified pursuant to 5-12.9.

If the Contractor fails to submit a certificate of claim as described in 5-12.9, the Department will so notify the Contractor in writing. The Contractor shall have ten calendar days from receipt of the notice to resubmit the claim documentation, without change, with a certificate of claim as described in 5-12.9, without regard to whether the resubmission is within the applicable 90 or 180 calendar day deadline for submission of full and complete claim documentation. Failure by the Contractor to comply with the ten calendar day notice shall constitute a waiver of the claim.

There shall be no Contractor entitlement to any monetary compensation or time extension for any delays or delay impacts, whatsoever, that are not to a controlling work item, and then as to any such delay to a controlling work item entitlement to any monetary compensation or time extension shall only be to the extent such is otherwise provided for expressly under 4-3 or 5-12, except that in the instance of delay to a non-controlling item of work the Contractor may be compensated for the direct costs of idle labor or equipment only, at the rates set forth in 4-3.2.1(1) and (3), and then only to the extent the Contractor could not reasonably mitigate such idleness.

**5-12.3 Content of Written Claim:** As a condition precedent to the Contractor being entitled to additional compensation or a time extension under the Contract, for any claim, the Contractor shall submit a certified written claim to the Department which will include for each individual claim, at a minimum, the following information:

1. A detailed factual statement of the claim providing all necessary dates, locations, and items of work affected and included in each claim;
2. The date or dates on which actions resulting in the claim occurred or conditions resulting in the claim became evident;
3. Identification of all pertinent documents and the substance of any material oral communications relating to such claim and the name of the persons making such material oral communications;
4. Identification of the provisions of the Contract which support the claim and a statement of the reasons why such provisions support the claim, or alternatively, the provisions of the Contract which allegedly have been breached and the actions constituting such breach;

5. A detailed compilation of the amount of additional compensation sought and a breakdown of the amount sought as follows:

- a. documented additional job site labor expenses;
- b. documented additional cost of materials and supplies;
- c. a list of additional equipment costs claimed, including each piece of equipment and the rental rate claimed for each;
- d. any other additional direct costs or damages and the documents in support thereof;
- e. any additional indirect costs or damages and all documentation in support thereof.

6. A detailed compilation of the specific dates and the exact number of calendar days sought for a time extension, the basis for entitlement to time for each day, all documentation of the delay, and a breakout of the number of days claimed for each identified event, circumstance or occurrence.

Further, the Contractor shall be prohibited from amending either the bases of entitlement or the amount of any compensation or time stated for any and all issues claimed in the Contractor's written claim submitted hereunder, and any circuit court, arbitration, or other formal claims resolution proceeding shall be limited solely to the bases of entitlement and the amount of any compensation or time stated for any and all issues claimed in the Contractor's written claim submitted hereunder. This shall not, however, preclude a Contractor from withdrawing or reducing any of the bases of entitlement and the amount of any compensation or time stated for any and all issues claimed in the Contractor's written claim submitted hereunder at any time.

**5-12.4 Action on Claim:** The Engineer will respond in writing on projects with an original Contract amount of \$3,000,000 or less within 90 calendar days of receipt of a complete claim submitted by a Contractor in compliance with 5-12.3, and on projects with an original Contract amount greater than \$3,000,000 within 120 calendar days of receipt of a complete claim submitted by a Contractor in compliance with 5-12.3. Failure by the Engineer to respond to a claim in writing within 90 or 120 days, respectively, after receipt of a complete claim submitted by the Contractor in compliance with 5-12.3 constitutes a denial of the claim by the Engineer. If the Engineer finds the claim or any part thereof to be valid, such partial or whole claim will be allowed and paid for to the extent deemed valid and any time extension granted, if applicable, as provided in the Contract. No circuit court or arbitration proceedings on any claim, or a part thereof, may be filed until after final acceptance per 5-11 of all Contract work by the Department or denial hereunder, whichever occurs last.

**5-12.5 Pre-Settlement and Pre-Judgment Interest:** Entitlement to any pre-settlement or pre-judgment interest on any claim amount determined to be valid subsequent to the Department's receipt of a certified written claim in full compliance with 5-12.3, whether determined by a settlement or a final ruling in formal proceedings, the Department shall pay to the Contractor simple interest calculated at the Prime Rate (as reported by the Wall Street Journal as the base rate on corporate loans posted by at least 75% of the nations 30 largest banks) as of the 60th calendar day following the Department's receipt of a certified written claim in full compliance with 5-12.3, such interest to accrue beginning 60 calendar days following the Department's receipt of a

certified written claim in full compliance with 5-12.3 and ending on the date of final settlement or formal ruling.

**5-12.6 Compensation for Extra Work or Delay:**

**5-12.6.1 Compensation for Extra Work:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation beyond that provided for in 4-3.2.

**5-12.6.2 Compensation for Delay:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract Documents, the additional compensation set forth in 5-12.6.2.1 shall be the Contractor's sole monetary remedy for any delay other than to perform extra work caused by the Department unless the delay shall have been caused by acts constituting willful or intentional interference by the Department with the Contractor's performance of the work and then only where such acts continue after Contractor's written notice to the Department of such interference. The parties anticipate that delays may be caused by or arise from any number of events during the term of the Contract, including, but not limited to, work performed, work deleted, supplemental agreements, work orders, disruptions, differing site conditions, utility conflicts, design changes or defects, time extensions, extra work, right-of-way issues, permitting issues, actions of suppliers, subcontractors or other contractors, actions by third parties, suspensions of work by the Engineer pursuant to 8-6.1, shop drawing approval process delays, expansion of the physical limits of the project to make it functional, weather, weekends, holidays, special events, suspension of Contract Time, or other events, forces or factors sometimes experienced in construction work. Such delays or events and their potential impacts on the performance by the Contractor are specifically contemplated and acknowledged by the parties in entering into this Contract, and shall not be deemed to constitute willful or intentional interference with the Contractor's performance of the work without clear and convincing proof that they were the result of a deliberate act, without reasonable and good-faith basis, and specifically intended to disrupt the Contractor's performance.

**5-12.6.2.1 Compensation for Direct Costs, Indirect Costs, Expenses, and Profit thereon, of or from Delay:** For any delay claim, the Contractor shall be entitled to monetary compensation for the actual idle labor and equipment, and indirect costs, expenses, and profit thereon, as provided for in 4-3.2.1(4) and solely for costs incurred beyond what reasonable mitigation thereof the Contractor could have undertaken.

**5-12.7 Mandatory Claim Records:** After submitting to the Engineer a notice of intent to file a claim for extra work or delay, the Contractor must keep daily records of all labor, material and equipment costs incurred for operations affected by the extra work or delay. These daily records must identify each operation affected by the extra work or delay and the specific locations where work is affected by the extra work or delay, as nearly as possible. The Engineer may also keep records of all labor, material and equipment used on the operations affected by the extra work or delay. The Contractor shall, once a notice of intent to claim has been timely filed, and not less than weekly thereafter as long as appropriate, submit the Contractor's daily records to the Engineer and be likewise entitled to receive the Department's daily records. The daily records to be submitted hereunder shall be done at no cost to the recipient.

**5-12.8 Claims For Acceleration:** The Department shall have no liability for any constructive acceleration of the work, nor shall the Contractor have any right to make any claim for constructive acceleration nor include the same as an element of any claim the Contractor may otherwise submit under this Contract. If the Engineer gives express written direction for the Contractor to accelerate its efforts, such written direction will set forth the prices and other pertinent information and will be reduced to a written Contract Document promptly. No payment will be made on a Supplemental Agreement for acceleration prior to the Department's approval of the documents.

**5-12.9 Certificate of Claim:** When submitting any claim, the Contractor shall certify under oath and in writing, in accordance with the formalities required by Florida law, that the claim is made in good faith, that the supportive data are accurate and complete to the Contractor's best knowledge and belief, and that the amount of the claim accurately reflects what the Contractor in good faith believes to be the Department's liability. Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the Contractor with the authority to bind the Contractor.

**5-12.10 Non-Recoverable Items:** The parties agree that for any claim the Department will not have liability for the following items of damages or expense:

1. Loss of profit, incentives or bonuses;
2. Any claim for other than extra work or delay;
3. Consequential damages, including, but not limited to, loss of bonding capacity, loss of bidding opportunities, loss of credit standing, cost of financing, interest paid, loss of other work or insolvency;
4. Acceleration costs and expenses, except where the Department has expressly and specifically directed the Contractor in writing "to accelerate at the Department's expense"; nor
5. Attorney fees, claims preparation expenses and costs of litigation.

**5-12.11 Exclusive Remedies:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the parties agree that the Department shall have no liability to the Contractor for expenses, costs, or items of damages other than those which are specifically identified as payable under 5-12. In the event any legal action for additional compensation, whether on account of delay, acceleration, breach of contract, or otherwise, the Contractor agrees that the Department's liability will be limited to those items which are specifically identified as payable in 5-12.

**5-12.12 Settlement Discussions:** The content of any discussions or meetings held between the Department and the Contractor to settle or resolve any claims submitted by the Contractor against the Department shall be inadmissible in any legal, equitable, arbitration or administrative proceedings brought by the Contractor against the Department for payment of such claim. Dispute Resolution Board, State Arbitration Board and Claim Review Committee proceedings are not settlement discussions, for purposes of this provision.

**5-12.13 Personal Liability of Public Officials:** In carrying out any of the provisions of the Contract or in exercising any power or authority granted to the Secretary of Transportation, Engineer or any of their respective employees or agents, there shall be no liability on behalf of any employee, officer or official of the Department for which such individual is responsible, either personally or as officials or



representatives of the Department. It is understood that in all such matters such individuals act solely as agents and representatives of the Department.

**5-12.14 Auditing of Claims:** All claims filed against the Department shall be subject to audit at any time following the filing of the claim, whether or not such claim is part of a suit pending in the Courts of this State. The audit may be performed, at the Department's sole discretion, by employees of the Department or by any independent auditor appointed by the Department, or both. The audit may begin after ten days written notice to the Contractor, subcontractor, or supplier. The Contractor, subcontractor, or supplier shall make a good faith effort to cooperate with the auditors. As a condition precedent to recovery on any claim, the Contractor, subcontractor, or supplier must retain sufficient records, and provide full and reasonable access to such records, to allow the Department's auditors to verify the claim and failure to retain sufficient records of the claim or failure to provide full and reasonable access to such records shall constitute a waiver of that portion of such claim that cannot be verified and shall bar recovery thereunder. Further, and in addition to such audit access, upon the Contractor submitting a written claim, the Department shall have the right to request and receive, and the Contractor shall have the affirmative obligation to submit to the Department any and all documents in the possession of the Contractor or its subcontractors, materialmen or suppliers as may be deemed relevant by the Department in its review of the basis, validity or value of the Contractor's claim.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor shall upon written request of the Department make available to the Department's auditors, or upon the Department's written request, submit at the Department's expense, any or all of the following documents:

1. Daily time sheets and foreman's daily reports and diaries;
2. Insurance, welfare and benefits records;
3. Payroll register;
4. Earnings records;
5. Payroll tax return;
6. Material invoices, purchase orders, and all material and supply acquisition contracts;
7. Material cost distribution worksheet;
8. Equipment records (list of company owned, rented or other equipment used);
9. Vendor rental agreements and subcontractor invoices;
10. Subcontractor payment certificates;
11. Canceled checks for the project, including, payroll and vendors;
12. Job cost report;
13. Job payroll ledger;
14. General ledger, general journal, (if used) and all subsidiary ledgers and journals together with all supporting documentation pertinent to entries made in these ledgers and journals;
15. Cash disbursements journal;
16. Financial statements for all years reflecting the operations on this project;

17. Income tax returns for all years reflecting the operations on this project;

18. All documents which reflect the Contractor's actual profit and overhead during the years this Contract was being performed and for each of the five years prior to the commencement of this Contract;

19. All documents related to the preparation of the Contractor's bid including the final calculations on which the bid was based;

20. All documents which relate to each and every claim together with all documents which support the amount of damages as to each claim;

21. Worksheets used to prepare the claim establishing the cost components for items of the claim including, but not limited to, labor, benefits and insurance, materials, equipment, subcontractors, and all documents that establish which time periods and individuals were involved, and the hours and rates for such individuals.

## **FROM SECTION 6 (CONVICT LABOR AND BUY AMERICA):**

### **6-5 Products and Source of Supply.**

**6-5.1 Source of Supply–Convict Labor (Federal-Aid Contracts Only):** Do not use materials that were produced after July 1, 1991, by convict labor for Federal-aid highway construction projects unless the prison facility has been producing convict-made materials for Federal-aid highway construction projects before July 1, 1987.

Use materials that were produced prior to July 2, 1991, by convicts on Federal-aid highway construction projects free from the restrictions placed on the use of these materials by 23 U.S.C. 114. The Department will limit the use of materials produced by convict labor for use in Federal-aid highway construction projects to:

1. Materials produced by convicts on parole, supervised release, or probation from a prison or,
2. Materials produced in a qualified prison facility.

The amount of such materials produced for Federal-aid highway construction during any 12-month period shall not exceed the amount produced in such facility for use in such construction during the 12-month period ending July 1, 1987.

**6-5.2 Source of Supply-Steel:** Use steel and iron produced in the United States, in accordance with the Buy America provisions of 23 CFR 635.410, as amended. Ensure that all manufacturing processes for this material occur in the United States. As used in this specification, a manufacturing process is any process that modifies the chemical content, physical shape or size, or final finish of a product, beginning with the initial melding and mixing and continuing through the bending and coating stages. A manufactured steel or iron product is complete only when all grinding, drilling, welding, finishing and coating have been completed. If a domestic product is taken outside the United States for any process, it becomes foreign source material. When using steel and iron as a component of any manufactured product incorporated into the project (e.g., concrete pipe, prestressed beams, corrugated steel pipe, etc.), these same provisions apply, except that the manufacturer may use minimal quantities of foreign steel and iron when the cost of such foreign materials does not exceed 0.1% of the total Contract

amount or \$2,500, whichever is greater. These requirements are applicable to all steel and iron materials incorporated into the finished work, but are not applicable to steel and iron items that the Contractor uses but does not incorporate into the finished work. Provide a certification from the manufacturer of steel or iron, or any product containing steel or iron as a component, stating that all steel or iron furnished or incorporated into the furnished product was manufactured in the United States in accordance with the requirements of this specification and the Buy America provisions of 23 CFR 635.410, as amended. Such certification shall also include (1) a statement that the product was produced entirely within the United States, or (2) a statement that the product was produced within the United States except for minimal quantities of foreign steel and iron valued at \$ (actual value). Furnish each such certification to the Engineer prior to incorporating the material into the project. Prior to the use of foreign steel on a project, furnish invoices to document the cost of such material, and obtain the Engineer's written approval prior to incorporating the material into the project.

**FROM SECTION 7 (FHWA 1273, WAGE RATES, E-VERIFY, TITLE VI, DBE, AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING):**

**Compliance with FHWA 1273:** The FHWA-1273 Electronic version, dated May 1, 2012 is posted on the Department's website at the following URL address

<http://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/Implemented/URLinSpecs/Files/FHWA1273.pdf>. Take responsibility to obtain this information and comply with all requirements posted on this website up through five calendar days before the opening of bids.

Comply with the provisions contained in FHWA-1273.

If the Department's website cannot be accessed, contact the Department's Specifications Office Web Coordinator at (850) 414-4101.

**7-1.4 Compliance with Federal Endangered Species Act and other Wildlife Regulations:** The Federal Endangered Species Act requires that the Department investigate the potential impact to a threatened or endangered species prior to initiating an activity performed in conjunction with a highway construction project. If the Department's investigation determines that there is a potential impact to a protected, threatened or an endangered species, the Department will conduct an evaluation to determine what measures may be necessary to mitigate such impact. When mitigation measures and/or special conditions are necessary, these measures and conditions will be addressed in the Contract Documents or in permits as identified in 7-2.1.

In addition, in cases where certain protected, threatened or endangered species are found or appear within close proximity to the project boundaries, the Department has established guidelines that will apply when interaction with certain species occurs, absent of any special mitigation measures or permit conditions otherwise identified for the project.

These guidelines are posted at the following URL address:

<http://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/Implemented/URLinSpecs/files/endangeredwildlifeguidelines.pdf>.

Take responsibility to obtain this information and take all actions and precautions necessary to comply with the conditions of these guidelines during all project activities.

Prior to establishing any off-project activity in conjunction with a project, notify the Engineer of the proposed activity. Covered activities include but are not necessarily limited to borrow pits, concrete or asphalt plant sites, disposal sites, field offices, and material or equipment storage sites. Include in the notification the Financial Project ID, a description of the activity, the location of the site by township, range, section, county, and city, a site location map including the access route, the name of the property owner, and a person to contact to arrange a site inspection. Submit this notification at least 30 days in advance of planned commencement of the off-site activity, to allow for the Department to conduct an investigation without delaying job progress.

Do not perform any off-project activity without obtaining written clearance from the Engineer. In the event the Department's investigation determines a potential impact to a protected, threatened or endangered species and mitigation measures or permits are necessary, coordinate with the appropriate resource agencies for clearance, obtain permits and perform mitigation measures as necessary. Immediately notify the Engineer in writing of the results of this coordination with the appropriate resource agencies. Additional compensation or time will not be allowed for permitting or mitigation, associated with Contractor initiated off-project activities.

**7-1.8 Compliance with Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act:** Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act prohibits the U. S. Secretary of Transportation from approving a project which requires the use of publicly owned land of a public park, recreation area or a wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or of any historic site of national, state, or local significance unless there is no prudent or feasible alternative to using that land and the program or project includes all possible planning to minimize the harm to the site resulting from the use.

Before undertaking any off-project activity associated with any federally assisted undertaking, ensure that the proposed site does not represent a public park, recreation area, wildlife or waterfowl refuge, or a historic site (according to the results of the Cultural Resources Survey discussed in 120-6.2). If such a site is proposed, notify the Engineer and provide a description of the proposed off-site activity, the Financial Project ID, the location of the site by township, range, section, a county or city map showing the site location, including the access route and the name of the property. It is the Contractor's responsibility to submit justification for use of Section 4(f) property that is sufficient for the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to make a Section 4(f) determination. Submit this notification sufficiently in advance of planned commencement of the off-site activity to allow a reasonable time for the Engineer to conduct an investigation without delaying job progress. Do not begin any off-project activity without obtaining written clearance from the Engineer.

## **7-16 Wage Rates for Federal-Aid Projects.**

For this Contract, payment of predetermined minimum wages applies.

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Wage Rates applicable to this Contract are listed in table below, as modified up through ten days prior to the opening of bids.

Wage Rate Decision Number	Associated Work
FL157	Highway

Obtain the applicable General Decision(s) (Wage Tables) through the Department's Office of Construction website and ensure that employees receive the minimum compensation applicable. Review the General Decisions for all classifications necessary to complete the project. Request additional classifications through the Engineer's office when needed.

For guidance on the requirements for the payment of wages and benefits and the submittal of certified payrolls, and for general guidance and examples of multiple wage rates when assigned to a Contract, refer to the Department's Office of Construction website. Questions regarding wage rates and the applicability of wage tables should be submitted in accordance with 2-4.

Contact the Department's Prevailing Wage Rate Coordinator at (850) 414-4688 if the Department's website cannot be accessed or there are questions.

#### **7-24 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.**

~~7-24.1 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Affirmative Action Plan: Prior to award of the Contract, have an approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Affirmative Action Program Plan filed with the Equal Opportunity Office. Update and resubmit the plan every three years. No Contract will be awarded until the Department approves the Plan. The DBE Affirmative Action Program Plan is incorporated into and made a part of the Contract.~~

**7-24.2 Required Contract and Subcontract DBE Assurance Language:** In accordance with 49 CFR 26.13 (b), the Contract FDOT signs with the Contractor (and each subcontract the prime contractor signs with a subcontractor) must include the following assurance: "The Contractor, sub-recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted Contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to,

1. Withholding monthly progress payments;
2. Assessing sanctions;
3. damages; and/or
4. Disqualifying the Contractor from future bidding as non-responsible."

~~7-24.3 Plan Requirements: Include the following in the DBE Affirmative Action Program Plan:~~

- ~~1. A policy statement, signed by an authorized representative (president, chief executive officer, or chairman of the contractor), expressing a commitment to use DBEs in all aspects of contracting to the maximum extent feasible, outlining the various~~

levels of responsibility, and stating the objectives of the program. Circulate the policy statement throughout the Contractor's organization.

~~2. The designation of a Liaison Officer within the Contractor's organization, as well as support staff, necessary and proper to administer the program, and a description of the authority, responsibility, and duties of the Liaison Officer and support staff. The Liaison Officer and staff are responsible for developing, managing, and implementing the program on a day-to-day basis for carrying out technical assistance activities for DBEs and for disseminating information on available business opportunities so that DBEs are provided an equitable opportunity to participate in Contracts let by the Department.~~

~~3. Utilization of techniques to facilitate DBE participation in contracting activities which include, but are not limited to:~~

~~a. Soliciting price quotations and arranging a time for the review of Plans, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules, and for the preparation and presentation of quotations.~~

~~b. Providing assistance to DBEs in overcoming barriers such as the inability to obtain bonding, financing, or technical assistance.~~

~~c. Carrying out information and communication programs or workshops on contracting procedures and specific contracting opportunities in a timely manner, with such programs being bilingual where appropriate.~~

~~d. Encouraging eligible DBEs to apply for certification with the Department.~~

~~e. Contacting Minority Contractor Associations and city and county agencies with programs for disadvantaged individuals for assistance in recruiting and encouraging eligible DBE contractors to apply for certification with the Department.~~

**7-24.4 DBE Records and Reports:** Submit the following through the Equal Opportunity Compliance System:

1. DBE Commitments - at or before the Pre-Construction Conference.

2. Report monthly, through the Equal Opportunity Compliance System on the Department's Website, actual payments (including retainage) made to DBEs for work performed with their own workforce and equipment in the area in which they are certified. Report payments made to all DBE and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) subcontractors and DBE and MBE construction material and major suppliers.

The Equal Opportunity Office will provide instructions on accessing this system. Develop a record keeping system to monitor DBE affirmative action efforts which include the following:

1. the procedures adopted to comply with these Specifications;
2. the number of subordinated Contracts on Department projects awarded to DBEs;
3. the dollar value of the Contracts awarded to DBEs;
4. the percentage of the dollar value of all subordinated Contracts awarded to DBEs as a percentage of the total Contract amount;
5. a description of the general categories of Contracts awarded to DBEs; and
6. the specific efforts employed to identify and award Contracts to DBEs.

Upon request, provide the records to the Department for review.

Maintain all such records for a period of five years following acceptance of final payment and have them available for inspection by the Department and the Federal Highway Administration.

**7-24.5 Counting DBE Participation and Commercially Useful Functions:**

49 CFR Part 26.55 specifies when DBE credit shall be awarded for work performed by a DBE. DBE credit can only be awarded for work actually performed by DBEs themselves for the types of work for which they are certified. When reporting DBE Commitments, only include the dollars that a DBE is expected to earn for work they perform with their own workforce and equipment. Update DBE Commitments to reflect changes to the initial amount that was previously reported or to add DBEs not initially reported.

When a DBE participates in a contract, the value of the work is determined in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.55, for example:

1. The Department will count only the value of the work performed by the DBE toward DBE goals. The entire amount of the contract that is performed by the DBE's own forces (including the cost of supplies, equipment and materials obtained by the DBE for the contract work) will be counted as DBE credit.

2. The Department will count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged by the DBE firm for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a Department-assisted contract, toward DBE goals, provided that the Department determines the fees to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily followed for similar services.

3. When the DBE subcontracts part of the work of its contract to another firm, the Department will count the value of the subcontracted work only if the DBE's subcontractor is itself a DBE. Work that a DBE subcontracts to a non-DBE firm does not count toward DBE goals.

4. When a DBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, the Department will count the portion of the dollar value of the contract equal to the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work the DBE performs with its own forces toward DBE goals.

5. The Contractors shall ensure that only expenditures to DBEs that perform a commercially useful function (CUF) in the work of a contract may be counted toward the voluntary DBE goal.

6. A DBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself.

7. Contractors wishing to use joint checks involving DBE credit must provide written notice to the District Contract Compliance Office prior to issuance of the joint check. The Contractor must also provide a copy of the notice to the DBE subcontractor and maintain a copy with the project records.

8. To determine whether a DBE is performing a commercially

useful function, the Department will evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the DBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and other relevant factors.

9. A DBE does not perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation.

10. If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least 30% of the total cost of its contract with its own workforce, or if the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of a contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, the DBE has not performed a commercially useful function.

**7-24.6 Prompt Payments:** Meet the requirements of 9-5 for payments to all DBE subcontractors.

### **7-25 On-The-Job Training Requirements.**

As part of the Contractor's equal employment opportunity affirmative action program, training shall be provided as follows:

The Contractor shall provide On-The-Job Training aimed at developing full journeymen in the type of trade or job classification involved in the work. In the event the Contractor subcontracts a portion of the contract work, it shall determine how many, if any, of the trainees are to be trained by the subcontractor provided, that the Contractor shall retain the primary responsibility for meeting the training requirements imposed by this Section. Ensure that, when feasible, 25% of trainees in each occupation are in their first year of training. The Contractor shall incorporate the requirements of this Section into such subcontract.

The number of trainees will be estimated on the number of calendar days of the contract, the dollar value, and the scope of work to be performed. The trainee goal will be finalized at a Post-Preconstruction Trainee Evaluation Meeting and the goal will be distributed among the work classifications based on the following criteria:

1. Determine the number of trainees on Federal Aid Contract:
  - a. No trainees will be required for contracts with a Contract Time allowance of less than 275 calendar days.
  - b. If the Contract Time allowance is 275 calendar days or more, the number of trainees shall be established in accordance with the following chart:

Estimated Contract Amount	Trainees Required
\$2,000,000 or less	0
Over \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000	2
Over \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000	3
Over \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000	5
Over \$12,000,000 to \$18,000,000	7
Over \$18,000,000 to \$24,000,000	9
Over \$24,000,000 to \$31,000,000	12
Over \$31,000,000 to \$37,000,000	13
Over \$37,000,000 to \$43,000,000	14



Estimated Contract Amount	Trainees Required
Over \$43,000,000 to \$49,000,000	15
Over \$49,000,000 to \$55,000,000	16
Over \$55,000,000 to \$62,000,000	17
Over \$62,000,000 to \$68,000,000	18
Over \$68,000,000 to \$74,000,000	19
Over \$74,000,000 to \$81,000,000	20
Over \$81,000,000 to \$87,000,000	21
Over \$87,000,000 to \$93,000,000	22
Over \$93,000,000 to \$99,000,000	23
Over \$99,000,000 to \$105,000,000	24
Over \$105,000,000 to \$112,000,000	25
Over \$112,000,000 to \$118,000,000	26
Over \$118,000,000 to \$124,000,000	27
Over \$124,000,000 to \$130,000,000	28
Over \$130,000,000 to *	
*One additional trainee per \$6,000,000 of estimated Construction Contract amount over \$130,000,000	

Further, if the Contractor or subcontractor requests to utilize banked trainees as discussed later in this Section, a Banking Certificate will be validated at this meeting allowing credit to the Contractor for previously banked trainees. Banked credits of prime Contractors working as Subcontractors may be accepted for credit. The Contractor's Project Manager, the Construction Project Engineer and the Department's District Contract Compliance Manager will attend this meeting. Within ten days after the Post-Preconstruction Training Evaluation Meeting, the Contractor shall submit to the Department for approval an On-The-Job Training Schedule indicating the number of trainees to be trained in each selected classification and the portion of the Contract Time during which training of each trainee is to take place. This schedule may be subject to change if any of the following occur:

1. When a start date on the approved On-The-Job Training Schedule has been missed by 14 or more days;
2. When there is a change in previously approved classifications;
3. When replacement trainees are added due to voluntary or involuntary termination

The revised schedule will be resubmitted to and approved by the Department's District Contract Compliance Manager.

The following criteria will be used in determining whether or not the Contractor has complied with this Section as it relates to the number of trainees to be trained:

1. Credit will be allowed for each trainee that is both enrolled and satisfactorily completes training on this Contract. Credit for trainees, over the established number for this Contract, will be carried in a "bank" for the Contractor and credit will be allowed for those surplus trainees in subsequent, applicable projects. A "banked" trainee is described as an employee who has been trained on a project, over and above the established goal, and for which the Contractor desires to preserve credit for utilization on a subsequent project.

2. Credit will be allowed for each trainee that has been previously enrolled in the Department's approved training program on another contract and continues training in the same job classification and completes their training on a different contract.

3. Credit will be allowed for each trainee who, due to the amount of work available in their classification, is given the greatest practical amount of training on the contract regardless of whether or not the trainee completes training.

4. Credit will be allowed for any training position indicated in the approved On-The-Job Training Schedule, if the Contractor can demonstrate a good faith effort to provide training in that classification was made.

5. No credit will be allowed for a trainee whose employment by the Contractor is involuntarily terminated unless the Contractor can clearly demonstrate good cause for this action.

Training and upgrading of minorities, women and economically disadvantaged persons toward journeyman status is a primary objective of this Section. Accordingly, the Contractor shall make every effort to enroll minority trainees and women (e.g., by conducting systematic and direct recruitment through public and private sources likely to yield minority and women trainees) to the extent such persons are available within a reasonable area of recruitment. If a non-minority male is enrolled into the On-The-Job Training Program, the On-The-Job Training Notification of Personnel Action Form notifying the District Contract Compliance Manager of such action shall be accompanied by a disadvantaged certification or a justification for such action acceptable to the Department's District Contract Compliance Manager. The Contractor will be given an opportunity and will be responsible for demonstrating the steps that it has taken in pursuance thereof, prior to a determination as to whether the Contractor is in compliance with this Section. This training is not intended, and shall not be used, to discriminate against any applicant for training, whether a minority, woman or disadvantaged person.

No employee shall be employed as a trainee in any classification in which they have successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman status, or have been employed as a journeyman. The Contractor may satisfy this requirement by including appropriate questions in the employee application or by other suitable means. Regardless of the method used, the Contractor's records should document the findings in each case.

The minimum length and type of training for each classification will be as established at the Post-Preconstruction Trainee Evaluation Meeting and approved by the Department. Graduation to journeyman status will be based upon satisfactory completion of a Proficiency Demonstration set up at the completion of training and established for the specific training classification, completion of the minimum hours in a training classification range, and the employer's satisfaction that the trainee does meet journeyman status in the classification of training. Upon reaching journeyman status, the following documentation must be forwarded to the District Contract Compliance Office:

1. Trainee Enrollment and Personnel Action Form
2. Proficiency Demonstration Verification Form indicating completion of each standard established for the classification signed by representatives of both the Contractor and the Department.

The Department and the Contractor shall establish a program that is tied to the scope of the work in the project and the length of operations providing it is reasonably calculated to meet the equal employment opportunity obligations of the Contractor and to

qualify the average trainee for journeyman status in the classifications concerned, by at least, the minimum hours prescribed for a training classification. Furthermore, apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Bureau and training programs approved but not necessarily sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, Manpower Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training shall also be considered acceptable provided it is being administered in a manner consistent with the equal employment obligations of Federal Aid highway construction contract. Approval or acceptance of a training schedule shall be obtained from the Department prior to commencing work on the classifications covered by the program.

A voluntary On-The-Job Training Program is available to a Contractor which has been awarded a state funded project. Through this program, the Contractor will have the option to train employees on state funded projects for "banked credit" as discussed previously in this provision, to be utilized on subsequent Federal Aid Projects where training is required. Those Contractors availing themselves of this opportunity to train personnel on state funded projects and bank trainee hours for credit shall comply with all training criteria set forth in this Section for Federal Aid Projects; voluntary banking may be denied by the Department if staff is not available to monitor compliance with the training criteria.

It is the intention of these provisions that training is to be provided in the construction crafts rather than clerk-typists or secretarial type positions. Training is permissible in lower level management positions such as office engineers, estimators, etc., where the training is oriented toward construction applications. Training in the laborer classifications, except Common/General Laborer, may be permitted provided that significant and meaningful training is provided and approved by the District Contract Compliance Office.

When approved in advance by the District Contract Compliance Manager, credit will be given for training of persons in excess of the number specified herein under the current contract or a Contractor will be allowed to bank trainees who have successfully completed a training program and may apply those trainees to a training requirement in subsequent project(s) upon approval of the Department's District Contract Compliance Manager. This credit will be given even though the Contractor may receive training program funds from other sources, provided such other source do not specifically prohibit the Contractor from receiving other form of compensation. Offsite training is permissible as long as the training is an integral part of an approved training program and does not compromise a significant part of the overall training. Credit for offsite training indicated above may only be made to the Contractor when it does one or more of the following and the trainees are concurrently employed on a Federal Aid Project:

1. Contributes to the cost of the training,
2. Provides the instruction to the trainee,
3. Pays the trainee's wages during the offsite training period.

The Contractor shall compensate the trainee at no less than the laborer rate established in the Contract at the onset of training. The compensation rate will be increased to the journeyman's wage upon graduation from the training program for the remainder of the time the trainee works in the classification in which they were trained.

The Contractor shall furnish the trainee a copy of the program they will follow in providing the training. The Contractor shall provide each trainee with a certification showing the type and length of training satisfactorily completed. The Contractor shall enroll a trainee in one training classification at a time to completion before the trainee can be enrolled in another classification on the same project.

The Contractor shall maintain records to document the actual hours each trainee is engaged in training on work being performed as a part of this Contract.

The Contractor shall submit to the District Contract Compliance Manager a copy of an On-The-Job Training Notification of Personnel Action form no later than seven days after the effective date of the action when the following actions occur: a trainee is transferred on the project, transferred from the project to continue training on another contract, completes training, is upgraded to journeyman status or voluntarily terminates or is involuntary terminated from the project.

The Contractor shall furnish to the District Contract Compliance Manager a copy of a Monthly Time Report for each trainee. The Monthly Time Report for each month shall be submitted no later than the tenth day of the subsequent month. The Monthly Time Report shall indicate the phases and sub-phases of the number of hours devoted to each proficiency.

Highway or Bridge Carpenter Helper, Mechanic Helper, Rodman/Chainman, and Timekeeper classifications will not be approved for the On-The-Job Training Program.

The number of trainees may be distributed among the work classifications on the basis of the Contractor's needs and the availability of journeymen in the various classifications within a reasonable area of recruitment.

The Contractor will have fulfilled the responsibilities of this Specification when acceptable training has been provided to the trainee as specified above.

#### **7-26 Cargo Preference Act – Use of United States-Flag Vessels.**

Pursuant to Title 46 CFR 381, the Contractor agrees

1. To utilize privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to this Contract, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-flag commercial vessels.

2. To furnish within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, 'on-board' commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph 1 of this Article to both the Contracting Officer (through the prime contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590.

3. To insert the substance of the provisions of this clause in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this Contract.

#### **7-27 E-Verify.**

The Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the

Contractor during the term of the Contract and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the Contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the Contract term.

**7-30 Title VI Assurance – DOT 1050.2A, Appendix A and Appendix E.**

**7-30.1 Appendix A:** During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") agrees as follows:

1. Compliance with Regulations: The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the US Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "USDOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

2. Nondiscrimination: The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the selection and retention of sub-contractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the Contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

3. Solicitations for subcontractors, including procurements of materials and equipment: In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex.

4. Information and Reports: The Contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the Florida Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, order and instructions. Where any information required of a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the Contractor shall so certify to the Florida Department of Transportation, or the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Contract, the Florida Department of Transportation shall impose such Contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- a. withholding of payments to the Contractor under the Contract until the Contractor complies, or
- b. cancellation, termination or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.

6. Incorporation of Provisions: The Contractor shall include the provisions of the 7-30.1 through 7-30.6 in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Florida Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance, provided, however, that, in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the Florida Department of Transportation to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Florida Department of Transportation, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

**7-30.2 Appendix E:** During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor” agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21;
2. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
3. Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
4. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
5. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
6. Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color national origins or sex);
7. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
8. Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing

entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;

9. The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);

10. Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

11. Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);

12. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs, or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

## **FROM SECTION 8 (SUBLETTING, CONTRACT TIME EXTENSIONS, AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES).**

### **8-1 Subletting or Assigning of Contracts.**

Do not, sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of the Contract or Contracts or any portion thereof, or of the right, title, or interest therein, without written consent of the Department. If the Contractor chooses to sublet any portion of the Contract, the Contractor must provide a written request to sublet work on the Certification of Sublet Work form developed by the Department for this purpose. With the Engineer's acceptance of the request, the Contractor may sublet a portion of the work, but shall perform with its own organization work amounting to not less than 40% of the total Contract amount. The Certification of Sublet Work request will be deemed acceptable by the Department, for purposes of the Department's consent, unless the Engineer notifies the Contractor within 5 business days of receipt of the Certification of Sublet Work that the Department is not consenting to the requested subletting.

Include in the total Contract amount the cost of materials and manufactured component products, and their transportation to the project site. For the purpose of meeting this requirement the Department will not consider off-site commercial production of materials and manufactured component products that the Contractor purchases, or their transportation to the project, as subcontracted work.

If the Contractor sublets a part of a Contract item, the Department will use only the sublet proportional cost in determining the percentage of subcontracted normal work.

Execute all agreements to sublet work in writing and include all pertinent provisions and requirements of the Contract. All other agreements must be in writing and reference all applicable Contract provisions. Upon request, furnish the Department with a copy of the subcontract and agreement. The subletting of work does not relieve the Contractor or the surety of their respective liabilities under the Contract.

The Department recognizes a subcontractor only in the capacity of an employee or agent of the Contractor, and the Engineer may require the Contractor to remove the subcontractor as in the case of an employee.

**8-10 Liquidated Damages for Failure to Complete the Work.**

**8-10.2 Amount of Liquidated Damages:** Applicable liquidated damages are the amounts established in the following schedule:

Original Contract Amount	Daily Charge Per Calendar Day
\$50,000 and under.....	\$956
Over \$50,000 but less than \$250,000.....	\$964
\$250,000 but less than \$500,000.....	\$1,241
\$500,000 but less than \$2,500,000.....	\$1,665
\$2,500,000 but less than \$5,000,000.....	\$2,712
\$5,000,000 but less than \$10,000,000.....	\$3,447
\$10,000,000 but less than \$15,000,000.....	\$4,866
\$15,000,000 but less than \$20,000,000.....	\$5,818
\$20,000,000 and over.....	\$9,198 plus 0.00005 of any amount over \$20 million (Round to nearest whole dollar)



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