STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY DIVISION 13

PROPOSAL

DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING: DECEMBER 2, 2026 AT 2:00 PM

CONTRACT ID: DM00538

WBS ELEMENT NO.: 18313.1011139.PR & 18313.1011225.PR

FEDERAL AID NO.: HELENE

COUNTY: BUNCOMBE

TIP NO.: N/A

MILES: 0.116

ROUTE NO.: US-70 AND I-240 EASTBOUND

LOCATION: BRIDGE 100258 OVER SWANNANOA RIVER AND BRIDGE 100504 OVER US-74/I-240 RAMP

TYPE OF WORK: PERMANENT REPAIRS

NOTICE:

ALL BIDDERS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF GENERAL CONTRACTING AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA WHICH REQUIRES THE BIDDER TO BE LICENSED BY THE N.C. LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS WHEN BIDDING ON ANY NON-FEDERAL AID PROJECT WHERE THE BID IS $40,000 OR MORE, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN SPECIALTY WORK AS DETERMINED BY THE LICENSING BOARD. BIDDERS SHALL ALSO COMPLY WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICES OF ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTING AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA. NOTWITHSTANDING THESE LIMITATIONS ON BIDDING, THE BIDDER WHO IS AWARDED ANY FEDERAL - AID FUNDED PROJECT SHALL COMPLY WITH CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN 60 CALENDAR DAYS OF BID OPENING.

THIS IS A ROADWAY AND STRUCTURE PROJECT. BID BOND IS REQUIRED.

NAME OF BIDDER

ADDRESS OF BIDDER

PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF

CONTRACT No. DM00538 IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

The Bidder has carefully examined the location of the proposed work to be known as Contract No. **DM00538**; has carefully examined the plans and specifications, which are acknowledged to be part of the proposal, the special provisions, the proposal, the form of contract, and the forms of contract payment bond and contract performance bond; and thoroughly understands the stipulations, requirements and provisions. The undersigned bidder agrees to bound upon his execution of the bid and subsequent award to him by the Department of Transportation in accordance with this proposal to provide the necessary contract payment bond and contract performance bond within fourteen days after the written notice of award is received by him. The undersigned Bidder further agrees to provide all necessary machinery, tools, labor, and other means of construction; and to do all the work and to furnish all materials, except as otherwise noted, necessary to perform and complete the said contract in accordance with the *2024 Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures* by the dates(s) specified in the Project Special Provisions and in accordance with the requirements of the Engineer, and at the unit or lump sum prices, as the case may be, for the various items given on the sheets contained herein.

The Bidder shall provide and furnish all the materials, machinery, implements, appliances and tools, and perform the work and required labor to construct and complete Contract No. **DM00538** in **Buncombe County**, for the unit or lump sum prices, as the case may be, bid by the Bidder in his bid and according to the proposal, plans, and specifications prepared by said Department, which proposal, plans, and specifications show the details covering this project, and hereby become a part of this contract.

The published volume entitled *North Carolina Department of Transportation, Raleigh, Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures, January 2024* with all amendments and supplements thereto, is by reference incorporated into and made a part of this contract; that, except as herein modified, all the construction and work included in this contract is to be done in accordance with the specifications contained in said volume, and amendments and supplements thereto, under the direction of the Engineer.

If the proposal is accepted and the award is made, the contract is valid only when signed either by the Contract Officer or such other person as may be designated by the Secretary to sign for the Department of Transportation. The conditions and provisions herein cannot be changed except over the signature of the said Contract Officer or Division Engineer.

The quantities shown in the itemized proposal for the project are considered to be approximate only and are given as the basis for comparison of bids. The Department of Transportation may increase or decrease the quantity of any item or portion of the work as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

An increase or decrease in the quantity of an item will not be regarded as sufficient ground for an increase or decrease in the unit prices, nor in the time allowed for the completion of the work, except as provided for the contract.

Accompanying this bid is a bid bond secured by a corporate surety, or certified check payable to the order of the Department of Transportation, for five percent of the total bid price, which deposit is to be forfeited as liquidated damages in case this bid is accepted and the Bidder shall fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds with the Department of Transportation, under the condition of this proposal, within 14 calendar days after the written notice of award is received by him, as provided in the *Standard Specifications*; otherwise said deposit will be returned to the Bidder.



Signed by:
Gabriel L Johnson
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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
BEFORE PREPARING AND SUBMITTING YOUR BID.

All bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the following requirements. Failure to comply with any requirement may cause the bid to be considered irregular and may be grounds for rejection of the bid.

For preparing and submitting the bid electronically, refer to Subarticle 102-8(B) of the *Standard Specifications.*

Bidders that bid electronically on Raleigh Central-Let projects will need a separate request to bid from the approved electronic bidding website for Division Contracts.

ELECTRONIC ON-LINE BID:

1. Plans and the proposal can be found on the Connect NCDOT website.
2. In accordance with Subarticle 102-8(B)(1) of the *Standard Specifications*, obtain an account and valid Digital Signature to bid with Bid Express (bidx.com)
3. In accordance with Subarticle 102-8(B)(3) of the *Standard Specifications*, if bid bond is required and bid deposit is not chosen register bond with Surety2000 or Tinubu and submit with the online bid.
4. In accordance with Article 102-3 of the *Standard Specifications*, registration on the Interested Parties List is required unless SP1 G02 Interested Parties List Not Required provision is included in the proposal.
5. Prepare and submit a bid electronically using the approved electronic bidding provider website.
6. Electronic bidding website necessary for electronic bidding can be found on the Bid Express website following the directions at: https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Electronic-Bidding.aspx.
7. Questions should be emailed 7 calendar days prior to the bid opening to **Chad E. Loftis** at **celoftis@ncdot.gov** or **Gabe Johnson** at **gljohnson@ncdot.gov.** Contact with any other NCDOT personnel concerning this project is strictly prohibited, unless otherwise noted, and may result in bids being considered non-responsive.

PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

GENERAL

DIVISION LET CONTRACT PREQUALIFICATION:

(07-01-14)(12-1-16) SPD 01-410

Any firm that wishes to bid as a prime contractor shall be prequalified as a Bidder or PO Prime Contractor prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding prequalification can be found at: https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/default.aspx.

Prior to performing the work, the prime contractor and/or subcontractor(s) shall be prequalified in the work code(s) which are identified as work items in the prime contractor's construction progress schedule that they will complete themselves. Any contractor identified as working outside their expertise may be considered in default of contract.

BOND REQUIREMENTS:

(6-1-16)(Rev.1-16-24) 102-8, 102-10 SPD 01-420A

A Bid Bond is required in accordance with Article 102-10 of the *Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures.*

Contract Payment and Performance Bonds are required in accordance with Article 103-7 of the *Standard Specifications*.

HAUL ROADS:

(7-16-24) 105 SP1 G04

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-45, Article 105-15 RESTRICTION OF LOAD LIMITS, line 31, add the following after second sentence of the second paragraph:

At least 30 days prior to use, the Contractor shall notify the Engineer of any public road proposed for use as a haul road for the project.

DOMESTIC MATERIAL:

(11-15-22)(Rev. 11-17-26) 106 SP1 G05 D

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-47 and 1-48, Article 106-1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, lines 30-47 and 1-49, delete and replace Article 106-1 with the following:

106-1 MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURING

(A) General Requirements

The Contractor shall furnish materials that conform to all contract requirements, are suitable for their intended use, and are free from defects. All materials used in the work shall meet the requirements of the contract and shall be subject to inspection, test, or rejection by the Engineer. All materials permanently incorporated into the completed work shall be new, unless otherwise specified in the contract or as approved by the Engineer.

The Contractor is responsible for selecting, procuring, and delivering materials of the types and quantities necessary to perform the work and meet contract requirements. Delays in material delivery or quality control do not relieve the Contractor of obligations for schedule or quality.

All materials incorporated into the work shall be approved before use. Approval is based on testing, certification, or both, as required by the contract. Department review or acceptance does not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for material compliance. The Department may inspect, sample, and test materials at any time before, during, or after installation.

Materials shall be handled, stored, and protected to prevent damage, contamination, or deterioration. Materials determined to be defective, damaged, contaminated, or otherwise not in compliance shall be rejected and promptly removed from the project.

To facilitate inspection and testing, the Contractor shall furnish a complete statement of origin for all materials, including certifications or samples when requested. This information shall be submitted to the Materials and Tests Unit when required by the contract or as directed by the Engineer, in advance of fabrication, shipment, or use to allow for appropriate inspection.

The Contractor shall furnish Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for all paints and hazardous chemicals proposed for use on the project, in accordance with the North Carolina Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200 and NCGS § 95-174.

The Contractor shall provide access, equipment, means and assistance for the verification and calibration of any devices used in testing, measurement, or documentation of materials.

If the Contractor proposes to use materials from local deposits not identified in the contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for preliminary sampling, source approval, and production of acceptable material. Preliminary samples shall be furnished at no cost to the Department. If requested in writing, the Department may perform sampling, with costs to be charged to the Contractor as determined by the Engineer.

Sampling or testing by the Department does not constitute pre-approval or acceptance of material. The Contractor remains responsible for ensuring quality and uniformity of all materials produced or delivered, including those from local deposits. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Department from any claims, costs, or damages related to the development or use of such sources, including, but not limited to, failure to meet quantity or quality requirements.

Materials covered by Subarticles 106-1(B) and 106-1(C) shall comply with applicable domestic content requirements, including those for iron and steel, construction materials, and manufactured products.

(B) Domestic Material Requirements

Domestic material requirements apply to iron and steel products permanently incorporated into any project in accordance with 23 U.S.C. § 313, 23 CFR 635.410, and NCGS § 136-28.7. Construction materials and manufactured products permanently incorporated into the work are subject to domestic-content requirements only on Federal-aid projects, in accordance with 23 U.S.C. § 313, Build America Buy America Act (IIJA § 70914), 2 CFR 184, and as implemented for the Federal-aid highway program through 23 CFR Part 635.410.

All iron or steel products, construction materials, and manufactured products subject to domestic content requirements shall be of domestic origin and meet the applicable requirements of the contract based on the project's funding source.

Before any materials are delivered to the project, the Contractor shall submit a notarized letter acknowledging their understanding of the domestic material requirements for the specific contract. This acknowledgment is a contract-level affirmation that the Contractor is responsible for ensuring that no iron or steel product, construction material, or manufactured product subject to domestic content requirements is permanently incorporated into the work without the required certification. This acknowledgment does not substitute for product-level certifications from the manufacturer or supplier. The Department reserves the right to deny or recover payment for any material incorporated into the work without valid documentation.

For iron and steel, all manufacturing processes must occur in the United States.

For construction materials, all manufacturing processes must occur in the United States.

For manufactured products, final assembly must occur in the United States.

Before any iron or steel product, construction material, or manufactured product subject to domestic content requirements is eligible for payment, the Contractor shall submit a certification from the manufacturer or supplier confirming compliance with the applicable regulations. A separate certification is required for each shipment or delivery and must clearly identify the items covered, linked to the associated bill of lading, invoice, or packing list.

The Contractor shall ensure that all required certifications from the manufacturer or supplier are obtained and submitted to the Engineer prior to payment for any iron or steel product, construction material, or manufactured product subject to domestic content requirements. The Engineer will retain documentation in accordance with Department procedures. Compliance with domestic material requirements is the responsibility of the Contractor, based on certifications and documentation provided by the manufacturer or supplier.

(C) Material Category Requirements

(1) Iron and Steel Products

Items are considered iron or steel products if they consist wholly or predominantly of iron or steel. Predominantly means the cost of iron or steel components exceeds 50% of the total cost of all product components.

All steel and iron products that are permanently incorporated into the work shall be produced in the United States. This includes any such item that is melted, cast, rolled, formed, shaped, drawn, extruded, forged, fabricated, finished or otherwise processed in the manufacture of the product. Coatings applied to iron and steel products shall also be applied in the United States.

A minimal amount of foreign iron or steel products may be permitted provided the total value of such foreign material, as delivered to the project, does not exceed 0.1% of the total contract cost or $2,500, whichever is greater. Documentation establishing the value of the foreign material shall be submitted when requested. This allowance is intended only for incidental quantities that may arise despite good-faith compliance efforts and may not be used to intentionally procure foreign iron or steel.

Domestically produced high-strength fasteners are required, and foreign-produced high-strength fasteners are not permitted under any circumstance.

Raw materials such as pig iron, processed pelletized iron ore, and reduced iron ore may be sourced internationally; however, all manufacturing processes to produce the final product, including coatings, must occur within the United States.

(2) Construction Materials

Construction materials shall consist of a single, listed material type permanently incorporated into the work as defined in 2 CFR 184.3. The following are classified as construction materials:

(a) Non-ferrous metals (such as aluminum, copper, and zinc);
(b) Plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables);
(c) Glass (including optical glass);
(d) Fiber optic cable (including drop cable);
(e) Optical fiber;
(f) Lumber;
(g) Engineered wood;
(h) Drywall

For construction materials, all manufacturing processes must occur in the United States. If a construction material is combined with other materials, components, or features to form a product with new properties or functions, it shall be classified as a manufactured product.

Minor additions such as binding agents, dyes, or adhesives that do not materially alter the item’s properties do not affect classification.

(3) Manufactured Products

Manufactured products are articles, materials, or supplies that are made by combining one or more materials to create a product with new or different properties, functions, or uses. This

includes items that incorporate multiple components, materials, or assemblies and cannot be classified as a single listed construction material.

Final assembly of all manufactured products must occur in the United States. Certification must address the product as a whole, including all incorporated components.

Items that meet the definition of construction materials or iron and steel products shall not be reclassified as manufactured products.

(4) Materials Not Subject to Domestic Content Requirements

The following materials are not subject to domestic content requirements and do not require certification, as identified below:

(a) Materials Excluded by Federal Statute or Regulation

The following materials are excluded from domestic content requirements under applicable Federal law or regulation:

(i) Cement and cementitious materials
(ii) Aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel
(iii) Aggregate binding agents or additives

(b) Materials Not Permanently Incorporated into the Work

Materials that are not permanently incorporated into the completed project are not subject to domestic content requirements. Materials are not permanently incorporated when they are used solely to facilitate construction activities and do not perform an ongoing structural, operational, or functional role after construction is complete. Determinations regarding whether a material is permanently incorporated will be made by the Engineer.

(D) Classification and Clarification of Materials

All items subject to domestic content requirements shall be classified as either an iron or steel product, construction material, manufactured product, or a material not subject to domestic content requirements based on their final form as delivered to the project site. Each item may be classified into only one category and shall not be reclassified to avoid more stringent requirements. Classification of a manufactured product does not relieve the Contractor of compliance with iron and steel domestic manufacturing requirements applicable to embedded iron or steel components when required by Federal law or regulation. When an item's classification is uncertain or does not clearly fall within the listed categories, the Contractor shall submit the item for review by the Engineer. Approval must be obtained prior to procurement or incorporation into the project.

CONTRACT TIME AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

(7-1-95) (Rev. 12-18-07) 108 SP1 G10 A

The date of availability for this contract is **January 11, 2027**.

The completion date for this contract is **July 16, 2027**.

Except where otherwise provided by the contract, observation periods required by the contract will not be a part of the work to be completed by the completion date and/or intermediate contract times stated in the contract. The acceptable completion of the observation periods that extend beyond the final completion date shall be a part of the work covered by the performance and payment bonds.

The liquidated damages for this contract are **Six Hundred Dollars ($ 600.00)** per calendar day.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 1 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

(2-20-07) 108 SP1 G14 B

The Contractor shall not narrow or close a lane of traffic on **ANY ROAD**, detain and /or alter the traffic flow on or during holiday weekends, special events, or any other time when traffic is unusually heavy, including the following schedules **unless approved by the Engineer:**

HOLIDAY AND HOLIDAY WEEKEND LANE CLOSURE RESTRICTIONS

1. For **unexpected occurrence** that creates unusually high traffic volumes, as directed by the Engineer.

2. For **New Year's Day**, between the hours of **6:00 AM** December 31st and **7:00 PM** January 2nd. If New Year's Day is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then until **7:00 PM** the following Tuesday.

3. For **Easter**, between the hours of **6:00 AM** Thursday and **7:00 PM** Monday.

4. For **Memorial Day**, between the hours of **6:00 AM** Friday and **7:00 PM** Tuesday.

5. For **Independence Day**, between the hours of **6:00 AM** the day before Independence Day and **7:00 PM** the day after Independence Day.

   If **Independence Day** is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then between the hours of **6:00 AM** the Thursday before Independence Day and **7:00 PM** the Tuesday after Independence Day.

6. For **Labor Day**, between the hours of **6:00 AM** Friday and **7:00 PM** Tuesday.

7. For **Thanksgiving Day**, between the hours of **6:00 AM** Tuesday and **7:00 PM** Monday.

8. For **Christmas**, between the hours of **6:00 AM** the Friday before the week of Christmas Day and **7:00 PM** the following Tuesday after the week of Christmas Day.

9. For **Leaf Season,** between the hours of **6:00 A.M**. and **7:00 P.M**. each day for the first three weeks of October.

Holidays and holiday weekends shall include New Year's, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The Contractor shall schedule his work so that lane closures are not required during these periods, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.

The time of availability for this intermediate contract work shall be the time the Contractor begins to install all traffic control devices for lane closures according to the time restrictions listed herein.

The completion time for this intermediate contract work shall be the time the Contractor is required to complete the removal of all traffic control devices for lane closures according to the time restrictions stated herein and place traffic in the existing traffic pattern.

The liquidated damages are **Six Hundred Dollars ($ 600.00**) per hour.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 2 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:
(2-20-07) 108 SP1 G14 C

The Contractor shall complete the required work of installing, maintaining and removing the traffic control devices for lane closures and restoring traffic to the existing traffic pattern. The Contractor shall not close or narrow a lane of traffic on **US-70** during the following time restrictions **unless approved by the Engineer:**

DAY AND TIME RESTRICTIONS

6:00 AM TO 9:00 AM
AND
4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

The time of availability for this intermediate contract time will be the time the Contractor begins to install traffic control devices required for the lane closures according to the time restrictions stated herein.

The completion time for this intermediate contract time will be the time the Contractor is required to complete the removal of traffic control devices required for the lane closures according to the time restrictions stated herein and restore traffic to the existing traffic pattern.

The liquidated damages are **Six Hundred Dollars ($ 600.00)** per hour.

INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 3 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:
(2-20-07) 108 SP1 G14 C

The Contractor shall complete the required work of installing, maintaining and removing the traffic control devices for lane closures and restoring traffic to the existing traffic pattern. The Contractor shall not close or narrow a lane of traffic on **I-240 and Ramps** during the following time restrictions **unless approved by the Engineer:**

DAY AND TIME RESTRICTIONS

6:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
MONDAY THRU SUNDAY

The time of availability for this intermediate contract time will be the time the Contractor begins to install traffic control devices required for the lane closures according to the time restrictions stated herein.

The completion time for this intermediate contract time will be the time the Contractor is required to complete the removal of traffic control devices required for the lane closures according to the time restrictions stated herein and restore traffic to the existing traffic pattern.

The liquidated damages are **Six Hundred Dollars ($ 600.00)** per hour.

PROSECUTION OF WORK:
(7-1-95) (Rev. 8-21-12) 108 SP1 G15R

The Contractor will be required to prosecute the work in a continuous and uninterrupted manner from the time he begins the work until completion and final acceptance of the project. The Contractor will not be permitted to suspend his operations except for reasons beyond his control or except where the Engineer has authorized a suspension of the Contractor's operations in writing.

In the event that the Contractor's operations are suspended in violation of the above provisions, the sum of **$ 600.00** will be charged the Contractor for each and every calendar day that such suspension takes place. The said amount is hereby agreed upon as liquidated damages due to extra engineering and maintenance costs and due to increased public hazard resulting from a suspension of the work. Liquidated damages chargeable due to suspension of the work will be additional to any liquidated damages that may become chargeable due to failure to complete the work on time.

MAJOR CONTRACT ITEMS:
(2-19-02)(Rev. 1-16-24) 104 SP1 G28

The following listed items are the major contract items for this contract (see Article 104-5 of the *Standard Specifications*):

Line #	**Description**
33	TMA

SPECIALTY ITEMS:
(7-1-95)(Rev. 1-16-24) 108-6 SP1 G37

Items listed below will be the specialty items for this contract (see Article 108-6 of the *Standard Specifications*).

Line #	**Description**
20	Guardrail
37-38	Removable Tape
39-62	Erosion Control

FUEL PRICE ADJUSTMENT:
(11-15-05)(Rev. 1-16-24) 109-8 SP1 G43

Page 1-82, Article 109-8, FUEL PRICE ADJUSTMENTS, add the following:

The base index price for DIESEL #2 FUEL is **$ 5.1018** per gallon. Where any of the following are included as pay items in the contract, they will be eligible for fuel price adjustment.

The pay items and the fuel factor used in calculating adjustments to be made will be as follows:

Description	**Units**	**Fuel Usage Factor Diesel**
Unclassified Excavation	Gal/CY	0.29
Borrow Excavation	Gal/CY	0.29
Class IV Subgrade Stabilization	Gal/Ton	0.55
Aggregate Base Course	Gal/Ton	0.55
Sub-Ballast	Gal/Ton	0.55
Erosion Control Stone	Gal/Ton	0.55
Rip Rap, Class _____	Gal/Ton	0.55
Asphalt Concrete Base Course, Type ____	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Asphalt Concrete Intermediate Course, Type ____	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, Type ____	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Open-Graded Asphalt Friction Course	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Permeable Asphalt Drainage Course, Type ____	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Sand Asphalt Surface Course, Type ____	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Ultra-thin Bonded Wearing Course	Gal/Ton	0.90 or 2.90
Aggregate for Cement Treated Base Course	Gal/Ton	0.55
Portland Cement for Cement Treated Base Course	Gal/Ton	0.55
> 11" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement	Gal/SY	0.327
Concrete Shoulders Adjacent to > 11” Pavement	Gal/SY	0.327
9” to 11" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement	Gal/SY	0.272
Concrete Shoulders Adjacent to 9” to 11” Pavement	Gal/SY	0.272
< 9” Portland Cement Concrete Pavement	Gal/SY	0.245
Concrete Shoulders Adjacent to < 9” Pavement	Gal/SY	0.245

For the asphalt items noted in the chart as eligible for fuel adjustments, the bidder may include the *Fuel Usage Factor Adjustment Form* with their bid submission if they elect to use the fuel usage factor. The *Fuel Usage Factor Adjustment Form* is found at the following link:

https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/LetCentral/Fuel%20Usage%20Factor%20Adjustment%20Form%20-%20%20Starting%20Nov%202022%20Lettings.pdf

Select either 2.90 Gal/Ton fuel factor or 0.90 Gal/Ton fuel factor for each asphalt line item on the *Fuel Usage Factor Adjustment Form*. The selected fuel factor for each asphalt item will remain in effect for the duration of the contract.

Failure to complete the *Fuel Usage Factor Adjustment Form* will result in using 2.90 gallons per ton as the Fuel Usage Factor for Diesel for the asphalt items noted above. The contractor will not be permitted to change the Fuel Usage Factor after the bids are submitted.

SCHEDULE OF ESTIMATED COMPLETION PROGRESS:

(7-15-08)(Rev. 6-16-26) 108-2 SP1 G58

The Contractor's attention is directed to the Standard Special Provision entitled *Availability of Funds Termination of Contracts* included elsewhere in this proposal. The Department of Transportation's schedule of estimated completion progress for this project as required by that Standard Special Provision is as follows:

Fiscal Year	Progress (% of Dollar Value)
2027 (7/01/26 - 6/30/27)	**91**% of Total Amount Bid
2028 (7/01/27 - 6/30/28)	**9**% of Total Amount Bid

The Contractor shall also furnish his own progress schedule in accordance with Article 108-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Any acceleration of the progress as shown by the Contractor's progress schedule over the progress as shown above shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DIVISIONS):

(10-16-07)(Rev. 10-21-25) 102-15(J) SP1 G62

Description

The purpose of this Special Provision is to carry out the U.S. Department of Transportation's policy of ensuring nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds. This provision is guided by 49 CFR Part 26.

Definitions

Additional DBE Subcontractors - Any DBE submitted at the time of bid that will not be used to meet the DBE goal. No submittal of a Letter of Intent is required.

Committed DBE Subcontractor - Any DBE submitted at the time of bid that is being used to meet the DBE goal by submission of a Letter of Intent. Or any DBE used as a replacement for a previously committed DBE firm.

Contract Goal Requirement - The approved DBE participation at time of award, but not greater than the advertised contract goal.

DBE Goal - A portion of the total contract, expressed as a percentage, that is to be performed by committed DBE subcontractor(s).

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) - A firm certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise through the North Carolina Unified Certification Program.

Goal Confirmation Letter - Written documentation from the Department to the bidder confirming the Contractor's approved, committed DBE participation along with a listing of the committed DBE firms.

Manufacturer - A firm that owns (or leases) and operates or maintains a factory or establishment that produces on the premises, the materials or supplies obtained by the Contractor. A firm that makes minor modifications to the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment is not a manufacturer.

Regular Dealer - A firm that owns (or leases), and operates a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which the materials or supplies required for the performance of the contract are bought, kept in sufficient quantities, and regularly sold to the public in the usual course of business. A regular dealer engages in, as its principal business and in its own name, the purchase and sale or lease of the products in question. A regular dealer in such bulk items as steel, concrete or concrete products, gravel, stone, asphalt and petroleum products need not keep such products in stock, if it owns and operates distribution equipment for the products. Any supplement of regular dealers' own distribution equipment shall be by a long-term operating lease and not on an ad hoc or contract-by-contract basis.

Distributor – A firm that engages in the regular sale or lease of the items specified by the contract. A distributor assumes responsibility for the items it purchases once they leave the point of origin (e.g., a manufacturer's facility), making it liable for any loss or damage not covered by the carrier's insurance.

Replacement / Substitution – A full or partial reduction in the amount of work subcontracted to a committed (or an approved substitute) DBE firm.

North Carolina Unified Certification Program (NCUCP) - A program that provides comprehensive services and information to applicants for DBE certification, such that an applicant is required to apply only once for a DBE certification that will be honored by all recipients of USDOT funds in the state and not limited to the Department of Transportation only. The Certification Program is in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.

United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) - Federal agency responsible for issuing regulations (49 CFR Part 26) and official guidance for the DBE program.

Forms and Websites Referenced in this Provision

DBE Payment Tracking System - On-line system in which the Contractor enters the payments made to DBE subcontractors who have performed work on the project. https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/Vendor/PaymentTracking/

DBE-IS *Subcontractor Payment Information* - Form for reporting the payments made to all DBE firms working on the project. This form is for paper bid projects only. https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Turnpike/Documents/Form%20DBE-IS%20Subcontractor%20Payment%20Information.pdf

RF-1 *DBE Replacement Request Form* - Form for replacing a committed DBE. https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Construction%20Forms/DBE%20MBE%20WBE%20Replacement%20Form%20and%20Instructions.pdf

SAF *Subcontract Approval Form* - Form required for approval to sublet the contract. https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Construction%20Forms/SAF%20Form%20-%20Subcontract%20Approval%20Form%20Revised%2004-19.xlsm

JC-1 *Joint Check Notification Form* - Form and procedures for joint check notification. The form acts as a written joint check agreement among the parties providing full and prompt disclosure of the expected use of joint checks. https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Construction%20Forms/Joint%20Check%20Notification%20Form.pdf

Letter of Intent - Form signed by the Contractor and the DBE subcontractor, manufacturer or regular dealer that affirms that a portion of said contract is going to be performed by the signed DBE for the estimated amount (based on quantities and unit prices) listed at the time of bid. http://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/LetCentral/Letter%20of%20Intent%20to%20Perform%20as%20a%20Subcontractor.pdf

Listing of DBE Subcontractors Form - Form for entering DBE subcontractors on a project that will meet this DBE goal. This form is for paper bids only. http://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Bid%20Proposals%20for%20LGA%20Content/08%20DBE%20Subcontractors%20(Federal).docx

Subcontractor Quote Comparison Sheet - Spreadsheet for showing all subcontractor quotes in the work areas where DBEs quoted on the project. This sheet is submitted with good faith effort packages. http://connect.ncdot.gov/business/SmallBusiness/Documents/DBE%20Subcontractor%20Quote%20Comparison%20Example.xls

DBE Regular Dealer/Distributor Affirmation Form – Form is used to make a preliminary counting determination for each DBE listed as a regular dealer or distributor to assess its eligibility for 60 or 40 percent credit, respectively of the cost of materials or supplies based on its demonstrated capacity and intent to perform as a regular dealer or distributor, as defined in section 49 CFR 26.55 under the contract at issue. A Contractor will submit the completed form with the Letter of Intent.
https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Construction%20Forms/DBE%20Regular%20Dealer-Distributor%20Affirmation%20Form%20-%20USDOT%202024.pdf

DBE Goal

There is NO goal for participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for this contract.

Directory of Transportation Firms (Directory)

Real-time information is available about firms doing business with the Department and firms that are certified through NCUCP in the Directory of Transportation Firms. Only firms identified in the Directory as DBE certified shall be used to meet the DBE goal. The Directory can be found at the following link.

https://www.ebs.nc.gov/VendorDirectory/default.html

The listing of an individual firm in the directory shall not be construed as an endorsement of the firm's capability to perform certain work.

Listing of DBE Subcontractors

At the time of bid, bidders shall submit all DBE participation that they anticipate to use during the life of the contract. Only those identified to meet the DBE goal will be considered committed, even though the listing shall include both committed DBE subcontractors and additional DBE subcontractors. Additional DBE subcontractor participation submitted at the time of bid will be used toward the Department's overall race-neutral goal. Only those firms with current DBE certification at the time of bid opening will be acceptable for listing in the bidder's submittal of DBE participation. The Contractor shall indicate the following required information:

(A) Electronic Bids

Bidders shall submit a listing of DBE participation in the appropriate section of the electronic submittal file.

(1) Submit the names and addresses of DBE firms identified to participate in the contract. If the bidder uses the updated listing of DBE firms shown in the electronic submittal file, the bidder may use the dropdown menu to access the name and address of the DBE firm.

(2) Submit the contract line numbers of work to be performed by each DBE firm. When no figures or firms are entered, the bidder will be considered to have no DBE participation.

(3) The bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that the DBE is certified at the time of bid by checking the Directory of Transportation Firms. If the firm is not certified at the time of the bid-letting, that DBE's participation will not count towards achieving the DBE goal.

(B) Paper Bids

(1) *If the DBE goal is more than zero,*

(a) Bidders, at the time the bid proposal is submitted, shall submit a listing of DBE participation, including the names and addresses on *Listing of DBE Subcontractors* contained elsewhere in the contract documents in order for the bid to be considered responsive. Bidders shall indicate the total dollar value of the DBE participation for the contract.

(b) If bidders have no DBE participation, they shall indicate this on the *Listing of DBE Subcontractors* by entering the word "None" or the number "0." This form shall be completed in its entirety. **Blank forms will not be deemed to represent zero participation**. Bids submitted that do not have DBE participation indicated on the appropriate form will not be read publicly during the opening of bids. The Department will not consider these bids for award and the proposal will be rejected.

(c) The bidder shall be responsible for ensuring that the DBE is certified at the time of bid by checking the Directory of Transportation Firms. If the firm is not certified at the time of the bid-letting, that DBE's participation will not count towards achieving the DBE goal.

(2) *If the DBE goal is zero,* entries on the *Listing of DBE Subcontractors* are not required, however any DBE participation that is achieved during the project shall be reported in accordance with requirements contained elsewhere in the special provision.

DBE Prime Contractor

When a certified DBE firm bids on a contract that contains a DBE goal, the DBE firm is responsible for meeting the goal or making good faith efforts to meet the goal, just like any other bidder. In most cases, a DBE bidder on a contract will meet the DBE goal by virtue of the work it performs on the contract with its own forces. However, all the work that is performed by the DBE bidder and any other DBE subcontractors will count toward the DBE goal. The DBE bidder shall list itself along with any DBE subcontractors, if any, in order to receive credit toward the DBE goal.

For example, if the DBE goal is 45% and the DBE bidder will only perform 40% of the contract work, the prime will list itself at 40%, and the additional 5% shall be obtained through additional DBE participation with DBE subcontractors or documented through a good faith effort.

DBE prime contractors shall also follow Sections A or B listed under *Listing of DBE Subcontractor* just as a non-DBE bidder would.

Written Documentation – Letter of Intent

The bidder shall submit written documentation for each DBE that will be used to meet the DBE goal of the contract, indicating the bidder's commitment to use the DBE in the contract. This documentation shall be submitted on the Department's form titled *Letter of Intent*.

The documentation shall be received in the office of the Engineer no later than 2:00 p.m. of the fifth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the fifth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 10:00 a.m. on the next official state business day.

If the bidder fails to submit the Letter of Intent from each committed DBE to be used toward the DBE goal, or if the form is incomplete (i.e. both signatures are not present), the DBE participation will not count toward meeting the DBE goal. If the lack of this participation drops the commitment below the DBE goal, the Contractor shall submit evidence of good faith efforts, completed in its entirety, to the Engineer no later than 2:00 p.m. on the eighth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the eighth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 10:00 a.m. on the next official state business day.

Submission of Good Faith Effort

If the bidder fails to meet or exceed the DBE goal the apparent lowest responsive bidder shall submit to the Department documentation of adequate good faith efforts made to reach the DBE goal.

One complete set and **three (3)** copies of this information shall be received in the office of the Engineer no later than 2:00 p.m. of the fifth calendar day following opening of bids, unless the fifth day falls on Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. In that situation, it is due in the office of the Engineer no later than 10:00 a.m. on the next official state business day.

Note: Where the information submitted includes repetitious solicitation letters, it will be acceptable to submit a representative letter along with a distribution list of the firms that were solicited. Documentation of DBE quotations shall be a part of the good faith effort submittal. This documentation may include written subcontractor quotations, telephone log notations of verbal quotations, or other types of quotation documentation.

Consideration of Good Faith Effort for Projects with DBE Goals More Than Zero

Adequate good faith efforts mean that the bidder took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the goal which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient DBE participation. Adequate good faith efforts also mean that the bidder actively and aggressively sought DBE participation. Mere *pro forma* efforts are not considered good faith efforts.

The Department will consider the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts a bidder has made. Listed below are examples of the types of actions a bidder will take in making a good faith effort to meet the goal and are not intended to be exclusive or exhaustive, nor is it intended to be a mandatory checklist.

(A) Soliciting through all reasonable and available means (e.g. attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising, written notices, use of verifiable electronic means through the use of the NCDOT Directory of Transportation Firms) the interest of all certified DBEs who have the capability to perform the work of the contract. The bidder must solicit this interest within at least 10 days prior to bid opening to allow the DBEs to respond to the solicitation. Solicitation shall provide the opportunity to DBEs within the Division and surrounding Divisions where the project is located. The bidder must determine with certainty if the DBEs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations.

(B) Selecting portions of the work to be performed by DBEs in order to increase the likelihood that the DBE goals will be achieved.

(1) Where appropriate, break out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate DBE participation, even when the prime contractor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.

(2) Negotiate with subcontractors to assume part of the responsibility to meet the contract DBE goal when the work to be sublet includes potential for DBE participation (2^{nd} and 3^{rd} tier subcontractors).

(C) Providing interested DBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation.

(D) (1) Negotiating in good faith with interested DBEs. It is the bidder's responsibility to make a portion of the work available to DBE subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available DBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate DBE participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBEs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for DBEs to perform the work.

(2) A bidder using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including DBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration. However, the fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using DBEs is not in itself sufficient reason for a bidder's failure to meet the contract DBE goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also, the ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the bidder of the responsibility to make good faith efforts. Bidding contractors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from DBEs if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.

(E) Not rejecting DBEs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The bidder's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associates and political or social affiliations (for example, union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the bidder's efforts to meet the project goal.

(F) Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the recipient or bidder.

(G) Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.

(H) Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women contractors' groups; Federal, State, and local minority/women business assistance offices; and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of DBEs. Contact within 7 days from the bid opening the Business Opportunity and Work Force Development Unit at BOWD@ncdot.gov to give notification of the bidder's inability to get DBE quotes.

(I) Any other evidence that the bidder submits which shows that the bidder has made reasonable good faith efforts to meet the DBE goal.

In addition, the Department may take into account the following:

(1) Whether the bidder's documentation reflects a clear and realistic plan for achieving the DBE goal.

(2) The bidders' past performance in meeting the DBE goals.

(3) The performance of other bidders in meeting the DBE goal. For example, when the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the DBE goal, but others meet it, you may reasonably raise the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts the apparent successful bidder could have met the goal. If the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the DBE goal, but meets or exceeds the average DBE participation obtained by other bidders, the Department may view this, in conjunction with other factors, as evidence of the apparent successful bidder having made a good faith effort.

If the Department does not award the contract to the apparent lowest responsive bidder, the Department reserves the right to award the contract to the next lowest responsive bidder that can satisfy to the Department that the DBE goal can be met or that an adequate good faith effort has been made to meet the DBE goal.

Non-Good Faith Appeal

The Engineer will notify the Contractor verbally and in writing of non-good faith. A Contractor may appeal a determination of non-good faith made by the Goal Compliance Committee. If a Contractor wishes to appeal the determination made by the Committee, they shall provide written notification to the Engineer. The appeal shall be made within 2 business days of notification of the determination of non-good faith.

Counting DBE Participation Toward Meeting DBE Goal

(A) Participation

The total dollar value of the participation by a committed DBE will be counted toward the contract goal requirement. The total dollar value of participation by a committed DBE will be based upon the value of work performed by the DBE and the actual payments to DBE firms by the Contractor.

(B) Joint Checks

Prior notification of joint check use shall be required when counting DBE participation for services or purchases that involves the use of a joint check. Notification shall be through submission of Form JC-1 *(Joint Check Notification Form)* and the use of joint checks shall be in accordance with the Department's Joint Check Procedures.

(C) Subcontracts (Non-Trucking)

A DBE may enter into subcontracts. Work that a DBE subcontracts to another DBE firm may be counted toward the contract goal requirement. Work that a DBE subcontracts to a non-DBE firm does <u>not</u> count toward the contract goal requirement. If a DBE contractor or subcontractor subcontracts a significantly greater portion of the work of the contract than would be expected on the basis of standard industry practices, it shall be presumed that the DBE is not performing a commercially useful function. The DBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption to the Department. The Department's decision on the rebuttal of this presumption is subject to review by the Federal Highway Administration but is not administratively appealable to USDOT.

(D) Joint Venture

When a DBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, the Contractor may count toward its contract goal requirement a portion of the total value of participation with the DBE in the joint venture, that portion of the total dollar value being a distinct clearly defined portion of work that the DBE performs with its forces.

(E) Manufacturer, Regular Dealer, Distributor

A Contractor may count toward its DBE requirement 40 percent of its expenditures for materials or supplies (including transportation costs) from a DBE distributor, 60 percent of its expenditures for materials or supplies (including transportation costs) from a DBE regular dealer and 100 percent of such expenditures obtained from a DBE manufacturer.

A Contractor may count toward its DBE requirement the following expenditures to DBE firms that are not manufacturers, regular dealers or distributors:

(1) The fees or commissions charged by a 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 DOT-assisted contract, provided the fees or commissions are determined to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees and commissions customarily allowed for similar services.

(2) With respect to materials or supplies purchased from a DBE, which is neither a manufacturer, regular dealer, nor a distributor count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged that the Department deems to be reasonable, including transportation charges for the delivery of materials or supplies. Do not count any portion of the cost of the materials and supplies themselves.

A Contractor will submit a completed *DBE Regular Dealer/Distributor Affirmation Form* with the Letter of Intent to the Engineer. The Engineer will forward to the State Contractor Utilization Engineer or DBE@ncdot.gov. The State Contractor Utilization Engineer will make a preliminary assessment as to whether a DBE supplier has the demonstrated capacity to perform a commercially useful function (CUF) on a contract-by-contract basis *prior* to its participation.

Commercially Useful Function

(A) DBE Utilization

The Contractor may count toward its contract goal requirement only expenditures to DBEs that perform a commercially useful function in the work of a contract. 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 performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE shall 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. 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 performing and the DBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and any other relevant factors.

(B) DBE Utilization in Trucking

The following factors will be used to determine if a DBE trucking firm is performing a commercially useful function:

(1) The DBE shall be responsible for the management and supervision of the entire trucking operation for which it is responsible on a particular contract, and there shall not be a contrived arrangement for the purpose of meeting DBE goals.

(2) The DBE shall itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured, and operational truck used on the contract.

(3) The DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services it provides on the contract using trucks it owns, insures, and operates using drivers it employs.

(4) The DBE may subcontract the work to another DBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a DBE. The DBE who subcontracts work to another DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services the subcontracted DBE provides on the contract.

(5) The DBE may also subcontract the work to a non-DBE firm, including from an owner-operator. The DBE who subcontracts the work to a non-DBE is entitled to credit for the total value of transportation services provided by the non-DBE subcontractor not to exceed the value of transportation services provided by DBE-owned trucks on the contract. Additional participation by non-DBE subcontractors receives credit only for the fee or commission it receives as a result of the subcontract arrangement. The value of services performed under subcontract agreements between the DBE and the Contractor will not count towards the DBE contract requirement.

(6) A DBE may lease truck(s) from an established equipment leasing business open to the general public. The lease must indicate that the DBE has exclusive use of and control over the truck. This requirement does not preclude the leased truck from working for others during the term of the lease with the consent of the DBE, so long as the lease gives the DBE absolute priority for use of the leased truck. This type of lease may count toward the DBE's credit as long as the driver is under the DBE's payroll.

(7) Subcontracted/leased trucks shall display clearly on the dashboard the name of the DBE that they are subcontracted/leased to and their own company name if it is not identified on the truck itself. Magnetic door signs are not permitted.

DBE Replacement

When a Contractor has relied on a commitment to a DBE subcontractor (or an approved substitute DBE subcontractor) to meet all or part of a contract goal requirement, the contractor shall not terminate the DBE subcontractor or any portion of its work for convenience. This includes, but is not limited to, instances in which the Contractor seeks to perform the work of the terminated subcontractor with another DBE subcontractor, a non-DBE subcontractor, or with the Contractor's own forces or those of an affiliate.

The Contractor must give notice in writing both by certified mail and email to the DBE subcontractor, with a copy to the Engineer of its intent to request to terminate a DBE subcontractor or any portion of its work, and the reason for the request. The Contractor must give the DBE subcontractor five (5) business days to respond to the Contractor's Notice of Intent to Request Termination and/or Substitution. If the DBE subcontractor objects to the intended termination/substitution, the DBE, within five (5) business days must advise the Contractor and the Department of the reasons why the action should not be approved. The five-day notice period shall begin on the next business day after written notice is provided to the DBE subcontractor.

A committed DBE subcontractor may only be terminated or any portion of its work after receiving the Department's written approval based upon a finding of good cause for the proposed termination and/or substitution. Good cause does not exist if the Contractor seeks to terminate a DBE or any portion of its work that it relied upon to obtain the contract so that the Contractor can self-perform the work for which the DBE was engaged, or so that the Contractor can substitute another DBE or non-DBE contractor after contract award. For purposes of this section, good cause shall include the following circumstances:

(a) The listed DBE subcontractor fails or refuses to execute a written contract;
(b) The listed DBE subcontractor fails or refuses to perform the work of its subcontract in a way consistent with normal industry standards. Provided, however, that good cause does not exist if the failure or refusal of the DBE subcontractor to perform its work on the subcontract results from the bad faith or discriminatory action of the prime contractor;
(c) The listed DBE subcontractor fails or refuses to meet the prime contractor's reasonable, nondiscriminatory bond requirements;
(d) The listed DBE subcontractor becomes bankrupt, insolvent, or exhibits credit unworthiness;
(e) The listed DBE subcontractor is ineligible to work on public works projects because of suspension and debarment proceedings pursuant to 2 CFR parts 180, 215 and 1200 or applicable State law;
(f) The listed DBE subcontractor is not a responsible contractor;
(g) The listed DBE voluntarily withdraws from the project and provides written notice of withdrawal;
(h) The listed DBE is ineligible to receive DBE credit for the type of work required;
(i) A DBE owner dies or becomes disabled with the result that the listed DBE contractor is unable to complete its work on the contract; and
(j) Other documented good cause that compels the termination of the DBE subcontractor.

The Contractor shall comply with the following for replacement of a committed DBE:

(A) Performance Related Replacement

When a committed DBE is terminated for good cause as stated above, an additional DBE that was submitted at the time of bid may be used to fulfill the DBE commitment. A good faith effort will only be required for removing a committed DBE if there were no additional DBEs submitted at the time of bid to cover the same amount of work as the DBE that was terminated.

If a replacement DBE is not found that can perform at least the same amount of work as the terminated DBE, the Contractor shall submit a good faith effort documenting the steps taken. Such documentation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Copies of written notification to DBEs that their interest is solicited in contracting the work defaulted by the previous DBE or in subcontracting other items of work in the contract.

(2) Efforts to negotiate with DBEs for specific subbids including, at a minimum:

(a) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBEs who were contacted.
(b) A description of the information provided to DBEs regarding the plans and specifications for portions of the work to be performed.

(3) A list of reasons why DBE quotes were not accepted.

(4) Efforts made to assist the DBEs contacted, if needed, in obtaining bonding or insurance required by the Contractor.

(B) Decertification Replacement

(1) When a committed DBE is decertified by the Department after the SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) has been received by the Department, the Department will not require the Contractor to solicit replacement DBE participation equal to the remaining work to be performed by the decertified firm. The participation equal to the remaining work performed by the decertified firm will count toward the contract goal requirement but not the overall goal.

(i) If the DBE's ineligibility is caused solely by its having exceeded the size standard during the performance of the contract. The Department may continue to count participation equal to the remaining work performed by the decertified firm which will count toward the contract goal requirement and overall goal.

(ii) If the DBE’s ineligibility is caused solely by its acquisition by or merger with a non-DBE during the performance of the contract. The Department may not continue to count the portion of the decertified firm’s

performance on the contract remaining toward either the contract goal or the overall goal, even if the Contractor has executed a subcontract with the firm or the Department has executed a prime contract with the DBE that was later decertified.

(2) When a committed DBE is decertified prior to the Department receiving the SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) for the named DBE firm, the Contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to replace the DBE subcontractor with another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work to meet the DBE goal requirement. If a DBE firm is not found to do the same amount of work, a good faith effort must be submitted to NCDOT (see A herein for required documentation).

All requests for replacement of a committed DBE firm shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval on Form RF-1 *(DBE Replacement Request).* If the Contractor fails to follow this procedure, the Contractor may be disqualified from further bidding for a period of up to 6 months

Changes in the Work

When the Engineer makes changes that result in the reduction or elimination of work to be performed by a committed DBE, the Contractor will not be required to seek additional participation. When the Engineer makes changes that result in additional work to be performed by a DBE based upon the Contractor's commitment, the DBE shall participate in additional work to the same extent as the DBE participated in the original contract work.

When the Engineer makes changes that result in extra work, which has more than a minimal impact on the contract amount, the Contractor shall seek additional participation by DBEs unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

When the Engineer makes changes that result in an alteration of plans or details of construction, and a portion or all of the work had been expected to be performed by a committed DBE, the Contractor shall seek participation by DBEs unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

When the Contractor requests changes in the work that result in the reduction or elimination of work that the Contractor committed to be performed by a DBE, the Contractor shall seek additional participation by DBEs equal to the reduced DBE participation caused by the changes.

Reports and Documentation

A SAF (*Subcontract Approval Form*) shall be submitted for all work which is to be performed by a DBE subcontractor. The Department reserves the right to require copies of actual subcontract agreements involving DBE subcontractors.

When using transportation services to meet the contract commitment, the Contractor shall submit a proposed trucking plan in addition to the SAF. The plan shall be submitted prior to beginning construction on the project. The plan shall include the names of all trucking firms proposed for use, their certification type(s), the number of trucks owned by the firm, as well as the individual truck identification numbers, and the line item(s) being performed.

Within 30 calendar days of entering into an agreement with a DBE for materials, supplies or services, not otherwise documented by the SAF as specified above, the Contractor shall furnish the Engineer a copy of the agreement. The documentation shall also indicate the percentage (60% or 100%) of expenditures claimed for DBE credit.

Reporting Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation

The Contractor shall provide the Engineer with an accounting of payments made to all DBE firms, including material suppliers and contractors at all levels (prime, subcontractor, or second tier subcontractor). This accounting shall be furnished to the Engineer for any given month by the end of the following month. Failure to submit this information accordingly may result in the following action:

(A) Withholding of money due in the next partial pay estimate; or

(B) Removal of an approved contractor from the prequalified bidders' list or the removal of other entities from the approved subcontractors list.

While each contractor (prime, subcontractor, 2nd tier subcontractor) is responsible for accurate accounting of payments to DBEs, it shall be the prime contractor's responsibility to report all monthly and final payment information in the correct reporting manner.

Failure on the part of the Contractor to submit the required information in the time frame specified may result in the disqualification of that contractor and any affiliate companies from further bidding until the required information is submitted.

Failure on the part of any subcontractor to submit the required information in the time frame specified may result in the disqualification of that contractor and any affiliate companies from being approved for work on future projects until the required information is submitted.

Contractors reporting transportation services provided by non-DBE lessees shall evaluate the value of services provided during the month of the reporting period only.

At any time, the Engineer can request written verification of subcontractor payments.

The Contractor shall report the accounting of payments through the Department's DBE Payment Tracking System.

Failure to Meet Contract Requirements

Failure to meet contract requirements in accordance with Subarticle 102-15(J) of the *Standard Specifications* may be cause to disqualify the Contractor.

CERTIFICATION FOR FEDERAL-AID CONTRACTS:
(3-21-90) SP1 G85

The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(A) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(B) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, *Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying*, in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by *Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code*. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

The prospective participant also agrees by submitting his or her bid or proposal that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed $100,000 and that all such subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

RESTRICTIONS ON ITS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES:
(11-17-20) SP01 G090

All telecommunications, video or other ITS equipment or services installed or utilized on this project must be in conformance with UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS **2 CFR, § 200.216 Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.**

USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS):
(8-20-19)(Rev. 3-17-26) SP1 G092

The Contractor shall adhere to all Federal, State and Local regulations and guidelines for the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). This includes but is not limited to US 14 CFR Part 107, NC GS 15A-300*,* American Security Drone Act of 2023 (ASDA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-26-02, all FAA rules, regulations and policies and all NCDOT UAS Policies. The required operator certifications include possessing a current Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) Remote Pilot Certificate, as well as operating a UAS registered with the FAA.

All UAS operations shall be approved by the Engineer prior to beginning the operations.

All contractors or subcontractors operating UAS shall have UAS specific general liability insurance to cover all operations under this contract.

The use of UAS is at the Contractor's discretion. No measurement or payment will be made for the use of UAS. In the event that the Department directs the Contractor to utilize UAS, payment will be in accordance with Article 104-7 Extra Work.

EQUIPMENT IDLING GUIDELINES:

(1-19-21) 107 SP1 G096

Exercise reduced fuel consumption and reduced equipment emissions during the construction of all work associated with this contract. Employees engaged in the construction of this project should turn off vehicles when stopped for more than thirty (30) minutes and off-highway equipment should idle no longer than fifteen (15) consecutive minutes.

These guidelines for turning off vehicles and equipment when idling do not apply to:

1. Idling when queuing.
2. Idling to verify the vehicle is in safe operating condition.
3. Idling for testing, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes.
4. Idling necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed (such as operating a crane, mixing concrete, etc.).
5. Idling required to bring the machine system to operating temperature.
6. Emergency vehicles, utility company, construction, and maintenance vehicles where the engines must run to perform needed work.
7. Idling to ensure safe operation of the vehicle.
8. Idling when the propulsion engine is providing auxiliary power for other than heating or air conditioning. (such as hydraulic systems for pavers)
9. When specific traffic, safety, or emergency situations arise.
10. If the ambient temperature is less than 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Limited idling to provide for the safety of vehicle occupants (e.g. to run the heater).
11. If the ambient temperature is greater than 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Limited idling to provide for the safety of vehicle occupants of off-highway equipment (e.g. to run the air conditioning) no more than 30 minutes.
12. Diesel powered vehicles may idle for up to 30 minutes to minimize restart problems.

Any vehicle, truck, or equipment in which the primary source of fuel is natural gas or electricity is exempt from the idling limitations set forth in this special provision.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HOTLINE:
(11-22-94) 108-5 SP1 G100

To report bid rigging activities call: **1-800-424-9071**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) operates the above toll-free hotline Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the hotline to report such activities.

The hotline is part of the DOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

PORTABLE CONCRETE BARRIER - (Partial Payments for Materials):
(7-1-95)(Rev. 1-16-24) 1170-4 SP1 G121

When so authorized by the Engineer, partial materials payments will be made up to 95 percent of the delivered cost of portable concrete barrier, provided that these materials have been delivered on the project and stored in an acceptable manner, and further provided the documents listed in Subarticle 109-5(C) of the *Standard Specifications* have been furnished to the Engineer.

The provisions of Subarticle 109-5(B) of the *Standard Specifications* will apply to the portable concrete barrier.

REMOVABLE PAVEMENT MARKINGS - (Partial Payments for Materials):
(7-1-95)(Rev. 1-16-24) 1205-10 SP1 G124

When so authorized by the Engineer, partial materials payments will be made up to 95 percent of the delivered cost of pavement marking tape, provided that these materials have been delivered on or in the vicinity of the project, stored in an acceptable manner, not to exceed the shelf life recommended by the manufacturer, and further provided the documents listed in Subarticle 109-5(C) of the *Standard Specifications* have been furnished to the Engineer.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the material and the satisfactory performance of the material when used in the work.

The provisions of Article 109-6 of the *Standard Specifications* will not apply to removable pavement marking materials.

ELECTRONIC BIDDING:
(8-18-26) 101, 102, 103 SP1 G140

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 1-4, Article 101-3, DEFINITIONS, BID (OR PROPOSAL) ***Electronic Bid,*** **line 3,** replace “electronic bidding software” with “electronic bidding website”.

Page 1-16, Subarticle 102-8(B), Electronic Bids, lines 13-14, replace “electronic bidding software” with “electronic bidding website”.

Page 1-18, Article 102-10, BID BOND OR BID DEPOSIT, line 43, replace "electronic bidding software" with "electronic bidding website".

Page 1-18, Article 102-11, DELIVERY OF BIDS, line 47, replace "electronic bidding software" with "electronic bidding website".

Page 1-25, Subarticle 103-4(B)(2), Electronic Bids, line 20, replace the first paragraph with the following:

This form is located on the electronic submittal website. The bidder shall click on yes or no to indicate whether or not the bidder desires to limit the award, provide the award limit if desiring to limit the award, and provide the project number and county of the projects associated with the award limit.

TWELVE MONTH GUARANTEE:

(7-15-03) 108 SP1 G145

(A) The Contractor shall guarantee materials and workmanship against latent and patent defects arising from faulty materials, faulty workmanship or negligence for a period of twelve months following the date of final acceptance of the work for maintenance and shall replace such defective materials and workmanship without cost to the Department. The Contractor will not be responsible for damage due to faulty design, normal wear and tear, for negligence on the part of the Department, and/or for use in excess of the design.

(B) Where items of equipment or material carry a manufacturer's guarantee for any period in excess of twelve months, then the manufacturer's guarantee shall apply for that particular piece of equipment or material. The Department's first remedy shall be through the manufacturer although the Contractor is responsible for invoking the warranted repair work with the manufacturer. The Contractor's responsibility shall be limited to the term of the manufacturer's guarantee. NCDOT would be afforded the same warranty as provided by the Manufacturer.

This guarantee provision shall be invoked only for major components of work in which the Contractor would be wholly responsible for under the terms of the contract. Examples would include pavement structures, bridge components, and sign structures. This provision will not be used as a mechanism to force the Contractor to return to the project to make repairs or perform additional work that the Department would normally compensate the Contractor for. In addition, routine maintenance activities (i.e. mowing grass, debris removal, ruts in earth shoulders,) are not parts of this guarantee.

Appropriate provisions of the payment and/or performance bonds shall cover this guarantee for the project.

To ensure uniform application statewide the Division Engineer will forward details regarding the circumstances surrounding any proposed guarantee repairs to the Chief Engineer for review and approval prior to the work being performed.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL/STORMWATER CERTIFICATION:

(1-16-07) (Rev. 10-15-24) 105-16, 225-2, 16 SP1 G180

General

Schedule and conduct construction activities in a manner that will minimize soil erosion and the resulting sedimentation and turbidity of surface waters. Comply with the requirements herein regardless of whether or not a National Pollution discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the work is required.

Establish a chain of responsibility for operations and subcontractors' operations to ensure that the *Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan* is implemented and maintained over the life of the contract.

(A) *Certified Supervisor* - Provide a certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor to manage the Contractor and subcontractor operations, insure compliance with Federal, State and Local ordinances and regulations, and manage the Quality Control Program.

(B) *Certified Foreman* - Provide a certified, trained foreman for each construction operation that increases the potential for soil erosion or the possible sedimentation and turbidity of surface waters.

(C) *Certified Installer* - Provide a certified installer to install or direct the installation for erosion or sediment/stormwater control practices.

(D) *Certified Designer* - Provide a certified designer for the design of the erosion and sediment control/stormwater component of reclamation plans and, if applicable, for the design of the project erosion and sediment control/stormwater plan.

Roles and Responsibilities

(A) *Certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor* - The Certified Supervisor shall be Level II and responsible for ensuring the erosion and sediment control/stormwater plan is adequately implemented and maintained on the project and for conducting the quality control program. The Certified Supervisor shall be on the project within 24 hours notice from initial exposure of an erodible surface to the project's final acceptance. Perform the following duties:

(1) Manage Operations - Coordinate and schedule the work of subcontractors so that erosion and sediment control/stormwater measures are fully executed for each operation and in a timely manner over the duration of the contract.

(a) Oversee the work of subcontractors so that appropriate erosion and sediment control/stormwater preventive measures are conformed to at each stage of the work.

(b) Prepare the required National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Inspection Record and submit to the Engineer.

(c) Attend all weekly or monthly construction meetings to discuss the findings of the NPDES inspection and other related issues.

(d) Implement the erosion and sediment control/stormwater site plans requested.

(e) Provide any needed erosion and sediment control/stormwater practices for the Contractor's temporary work not shown on the plans, such as, but not limited to work platforms, temporary construction, pumping operations, plant and storage yards, and cofferdams.

(f) Acquire applicable permits and comply with requirements for borrow pits, dewatering, and any temporary work conducted by the Contractor in jurisdictional areas.

(g) Conduct all erosion and sediment control/stormwater work in a timely and workmanlike manner.

(h) Fully perform and install erosion and sediment control/stormwater work prior to any suspension of the work.

(i) Coordinate with Department, Federal, State and Local Regulatory agencies on resolution of erosion and sediment control/stormwater issues due to the Contractor's operations.

(j) Ensure that proper cleanup occurs from vehicle tracking on paved surfaces or any location where sediment leaves the Right-of-Way.

(k) Have available a set of erosion and sediment control/stormwater plans that are initialed and include the installation date of Best Management Practices. These practices shall include temporary and permanent groundcover and be properly updated to reflect necessary plan and field changes for use and review by Department personnel as well as regulatory agencies.

(2) Requirements set forth under the NPDES Permit - The Department's NPDES Stormwater permit (NCS000250) outlines certain objectives and management measures pertaining to construction activities. The permit references *NCG010000, General Permit to Discharge Stormwater* under the NPDES, and states that the Department shall incorporate the applicable requirements into its delegated Erosion and Sediment Control Program for construction activities disturbing one or more acres of land. The Department further incorporates these requirements on all contracted bridge and culvert work at jurisdictional waters, regardless of size. Some of the requirements are, but are not limited to:

(a) Control project site waste to prevent contamination of surface or ground waters of the state, i.e. from equipment operation/maintenance, construction materials, concrete washout, chemicals, litter, fuels, lubricants, coolants, hydraulic fluids, any other petroleum products, and sanitary waste.

(b) Inspect erosion and sediment control/stormwater devices and stormwater discharge outfalls at least once every 7 calendar days and within 24 hours after a rainfall event equal to or greater than 1.0 inch that occurs within a 24 hour period. Additional monitoring may be required at the discretion of Division of Water Resources personnel if the receiving stream is 303(d)

listed for turbidity and the project has had documented problems managing turbidity.

(c) Maintain an onsite rain gauge or use the Department's Multi-Sensor Precipitation Estimate website to maintain a daily record of rainfall amounts and dates.

(d) Maintain erosion and sediment control/stormwater inspection records for review by Department and Regulatory personnel upon request.

(e) Implement approved reclamation plans on all borrow pits, waste sites and staging areas.

(f) Maintain a log of turbidity test results as outlined in the Department's Procedure for Monitoring Borrow Pit Discharge.

(g) Provide secondary containment for bulk storage of liquid materials.

(h) Provide training for employees concerning general erosion and sediment control/stormwater awareness, the Department's NPDES Stormwater Permit NCS000250 requirements, and the applicable requirements of the *General Permit, NCG010000*.

(i) Report violations of the NPDES permit to the Engineer immediately who will notify the Division of Water Quality Regional Office within 24 hours of becoming aware of the violation.

(3) Quality Control Program - Maintain a quality control program to control erosion, prevent sedimentation and follow provisions/conditions of permits. The quality control program shall:

(a) Follow permit requirements related to the Contractor and subcontractors' construction activities.

(b) Ensure that all operators and subcontractors on site have the proper erosion and sediment control/stormwater certification.

(c) Notify the Engineer when the required certified erosion and sediment control/stormwater personnel are not available on the job site when needed.

(d) Conduct the inspections required by the NPDES permit.

(e) Take corrective actions in the proper timeframe as required by the NPDES permit for problem areas identified during the NPDES inspections.

(f) Incorporate erosion control into the work in a timely manner and stabilize disturbed areas with mulch/seed or vegetative cover on a section-by-section basis.

(g) Use flocculants approved by state regulatory authorities where appropriate and where required for turbidity and sedimentation reduction.

(h) Ensure proper installation and maintenance of temporary erosion and sediment control devices.

(i) Remove temporary erosion or sediment control devices when they are no longer necessary as agreed upon by the Engineer.

(j) The Contractor's quality control and inspection procedures shall be subject to review by the Engineer. Maintain NPDES inspection records and make records available at all times for verification by the Engineer.

(B) *Certified Foreman* - At least one Certified Foreman shall be onsite for each type of work listed herein during the respective construction activities to control erosion, prevent sedimentation and follow permit provisions:

(1) Foreman in charge of grading activities
(2) Foreman in charge of bridge or culvert construction over jurisdictional areas
(3) Foreman in charge of utility activities

The Contractor may request to use the same person as the Level II Supervisor and Level II Foreman. This person shall be onsite whenever construction activities as described above are taking place. This request shall be approved by the Engineer prior to work beginning.

The Contractor may request to name a single Level II Foreman to oversee multiple construction activities on small bridge or culvert replacement projects. This request shall be approved by the Engineer prior to work beginning.

(C) *Certified Installers* - Provide at least one onsite, Level I Certified Installer for each of the following erosion and sediment control/stormwater crew:

(1) Seeding and Mulching
(2) Temporary Seeding
(3) Temporary Mulching
(4) Sodding
(5) Silt fence or other perimeter erosion/sediment control device installations
(6) Erosion control blanket installation
(7) Hydraulic tackifier installation
(8) Turbidity curtain installation
(9) Rock ditch check/sediment dam installation
(10) Ditch liner/matting installation
(11) Inlet protection
(12) Riprap placement
(13) Stormwater BMP installations (such as but not limited to level spreaders, retention/detention devices)
(14) Pipe installations within jurisdictional areas

If a Level I *Certified Installer* is not onsite, the Contractor may substitute a Level II Foreman for a Level I Installer, provided the Level II Foreman is not tasked to another crew requiring Level II Foreman oversight.

(D) *Certified Designer* - Include the certification number of the Level III Certified Designer on the erosion and sediment control/stormwater component of all reclamation plans and if applicable, the certification number of the Level III Certified Designer on the design of the project erosion and sediment control/stormwater plan.

Preconstruction Meeting

Furnish the names of the *Certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor, Certified Foremen, Certified Installers* and *Certified Designer* and notify the Engineer of changes in certified personnel over the life of the contract within 2 days of change.

Ethical Responsibility

Any company performing work for the North Carolina Department of Transportation has the ethical responsibility to fully disclose any reprimand or dismissal of an employee resulting from improper testing or falsification of records.

Revocation or Suspension of Certification

Upon recommendation of the Chief Engineer to the certification entity, certification for *Supervisor*, *Certified Foremen*, *Certified Installers* and *Certified Designer* may be revoked or suspended with the issuance of an *Immediate Corrective Action (ICA), Notice of Violation (NOV),* or C*ease and Desist Order* for erosion and sediment control/stormwater related issues.

The Chief Engineer may recommend suspension or permanent revocation of certification due to the following:

(A) Failure to adequately perform the duties as defined within this certification provision.
(B) Issuance of an ICA, NOV, or Cease and Desist Order.
(C) Failure to fully perform environmental commitments as detailed within the permit conditions and specifications.
(D) Demonstration of erroneous documentation or reporting techniques.
(E) Cheating or copying another candidate's work on an examination.
(F) Intentional falsification of records.
(G) Directing a subordinate under direct or indirect supervision to perform any of the above actions.
(H) Dismissal from a company for any of the above reasons.
(I) Suspension or revocation of one's certification by another entity.

Suspension or revocation of a certification will be sent by certified mail to the certificant and the Corporate Head of the company that employs the certificant.

A certificant has the right to appeal any adverse action which results in suspension or permanent revocation of certification by responding, in writing, to the Chief Engineer within 10 calendar days after receiving notice of the proposed adverse action.

Chief Engineer
1536 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1536

Failure to appeal within 10 calendar days will result in the proposed adverse action becoming effective on the date specified on the certified notice. Failure to appeal within the time specified

will result in a waiver of all future appeal rights regarding the adverse action taken. The certificant will not be allowed to perform duties associated with the certification during the appeal process.

The Chief Engineer will hear the appeal and make a decision within 7 days of hearing the appeal. Decision of the Chief Engineer will be final and will be made in writing to the certificant.

If a certification is temporarily suspended, the certificant shall pass any applicable written examination and any proficiency examination, at the conclusion of the specified suspension period, prior to having the certification reinstated.

Measurement and Payment

All work described within this provision and the role of Certified Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Supervisor, Certified Foremen, Certified Installers and Certified Designer will be incidental to the project for which no direct compensation will be made.

NOTES TO CONTRACTOR:

(8-19-25) SP1 G999B

*** Western North Carolina Bat PBO**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and NCDOT, has issued a combined Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO) and Programmatic Conference Opinion (PCO) for the following bat species: Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*, MYSO), gray bat (*M. grisescens*, MYGR), northern long-eared bat (*M. septentrionalis*, MYSE), tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*, PESU), and little brown bat (*M. lucifugus*, MYLU). Per current design and construction plans, the project is eligible for PBO use and NCDOT can adhere to the appropriate CMs. The proposed biological conclusion for bats is May Affect Not Likely to Adversely Affect. The PBO will ensure compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for five years (effective through April 1, 2030) for all NCDOT projects with a federal nexus in Divisions 9-14, which includes Buncombe County, where 18313.1011139.PR is located.

The Contractor's attention is directed to the Project Specific Special Condition in the permit referencing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS's) Programmatic Biological (PBO) and Conference Opinion (PCO) and Programmatic Conference Report titled "Five Imperiled Bat Species in Western North Carolina" dated April 1, 2025. This document can be found and referenced at this link http://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental/EAU/BSG/Documents/Bats/Bat%20Programmatic%20(Div%209-14)/WNC%20Bats%20PBO%20Div%209-14%20(2025).pdf WNC Bats PBO Div 9-14 (2025).pdf. Within the document are mandatory terms and conditions to implement reasonable and prudent conservation measures.

*** Monarch Butterfly**

The Monarch Butterfly was proposed for federal listing in December 2024. However, no restrictions will take effect until the proposal is finalized, which is expected in late 2025 or early 2026. Until then, proposed species do not receive protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), except that federal action agencies must ensure their actions do not jeopardize the species' existence. These agencies may also

consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to obtain a conference opinion, which will automatically convert to a biological opinion upon the final listing decision.

(*-Per Green Sheet Commitments)

PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

ROADWAY

BURNING RESTRICTIONS:

(7-1-95) 200, 210, 215 SP2 R05

Open burning is not permitted on any portion of the right-of-way limits established for this project. Do not burn the clearing, grubbing or demolition debris designated for disposal and generated from the project at locations within the project limits, off the project limits or at any waste or borrow sites in this county. Dispose of the clearing, grubbing and demolition debris by means other than burning, according to state or local rules and regulations.

FLOWABLE FILL:

(9-17-02) (Rev. 1-16-24) 300, 340, 1000, 1530, 1540, 1550 SP3 R30

Description

This work consists of all work necessary to place flowable fill in accordance with these provisions, the plans, and as directed.

Materials

Refer to Division 10 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Item	Section
Flowable Fill	1000-7

Construction Methods

Discharge flowable fill material directly from the truck into the space to be filled, or by other approved methods. The mix may be placed full depth or in lifts as site conditions dictate. The Contractor shall provide a method to plug the ends of the existing pipe in order to contain the flowable fill.

Measurement and Payment

At locations where flowable fill is called for on the plans and a pay item for flowable fill is included in the contract, *Flowable Fill* will be measured in cubic yards and paid as the actual number of cubic yards that have been satisfactorily placed and accepted. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all work covered by this provision including, but not limited to, the mix design, furnishing, hauling, placing and containing the flowable fill.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
Flowable Fill	Cubic Yard

PRICE ADJUSTMENT - ASPHALT BINDER FOR PLANT MIX:
(11-21-00)(Rev. 1-16-24) 620 SP6 R25

Price adjustments for asphalt binder for plant mix will be made in accordance with Section 620 of the *Standard Specifications.*

The base price index for asphalt binder for plant mix is **$ 752.50** per ton.

This base price index represents an average of F.O.B. selling prices of asphalt binder at supplier's terminals on **November 1, 2026**.

DELETION OF FINAL SURFACE TESTING REQUIREMENTS:
(1-20-25) 610 SP6 R045A

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Pages 6-24 to 6-30, Article 610-13 FINAL SURFACE TESTING AND ACCEPTANCE, delete Article 610-13 in its entirety.

ELECTRONIC TICKETING SYSTEM:
(7-16-24)(Rev. 12-17-24) 1020 SP10 R20

Description

At the contractor's option, the use of an electronic ticketing system for reporting individual and cumulative asphalt material deliveries may be utilized on this project. At the preconstruction conference, the contractor shall notify the Engineer if they intend to utilize an electronic ticketing system for reporting individual and cumulative asphalt material deliveries to the project.

Electronic Ticketing Requirements

a. The electronic ticketing system must be fully integrated with the load read-out system at the plant. The system shall be designed so data inputs from scales cannot be altered by either the Contractor or the Department.

b. Material supplier must test to confirm that ticketing data can be shared from the originating system no less than 30 days prior to project start.

c. After each truck is loaded, ticket data must be electronically captured, and ticket information uploaded via Application Programming Interface (API) to the Department.

d. Obtain security token from NCDOT for access to E-Ticketing portal (to send tickets). To request a Security Key, fill out the below E-Ticketing Security Request Form: https://forms.office.com/g/XnT7QeRtgt

e. Obtain API from NCDOT containing the required e-ticketing data fields and format. Download the API from the NCDOT E-ticketing Webpage: https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/E-Ticketing/Pages/default.aspx

f. Provide all ticket information in real time and daily summaries to the Department's designated web portal. If the project contains locations with limited cellular service, an alternative course of action must be agreed upon.

g. Electronic ticketing submissions must be sent between the Material Supplier and the Department.

h. The electronic ticket shall contain the following information:

Date
Contract Number
Supplier Name
Contractor Name
Material
JMF
Gross Weight
Tare Weight
Net Weight
Load Number
Cumulative Weight
Truck Number
Weighmaster Certification
Weighmaster Expiration
Weighmaster Name
Facility Name
Plant Certification Number
Ticket Number
Hauling Firm (optional)
Voided Ticket Number (if necessary)
Original Ticket Number (if necessary)
Supplier Revision (If necessary)

The Contractor/supplier can use the electronic ticketing system of their choice to meet the requirements of this provision.

Measurement and Payment

No measurement or payment will be made for utilizing an electronic ticketing system as the cost of such shall be included in the contract price bid for the material being provided.

TIMBER AND LUMBER:

(4-21-26) 235, 866, 1046, 1050, 1082, 1084, 1089, 1540 SP10 R82

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 2-23, Article 235-2 MATERIALS, line 26, add the following as the third sentence of the fourth paragraph.

Use pressure treated wood bases meeting the requirements of Section 1082.

Page 8-45, Article 866-2 MATERIALS, line 26, replace "1076-7" with "1050-8".

Page 10-73, Subarticle 1046-3(C) Treated Timber Posts, line 8, replace "treated southern pine" with "pressure treated southern pine".

Page 10-76, Subarticle 1050-2(A) General, line 3, replace "Use treated southern pine meeting Articles 1082-2 and 1082-3" with "Use pressure treated southern pine meeting Articles 1082-2 and 1082-3".

Page 10-76, Subarticle 1050-2(A) General, lines 15-16, replace "All round posts" with "All round wood posts and braces".

Page 10-76, Subarticle 1050-2(A) General, lines 19-20, delete the last sentence of the third paragraph and replace with the following:

The pieces shall show at least 3 annual rings per inch and shall be at least 30% summerwood. All timber and lumber shall conform to the material characteristics detailed in the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB) grading rules for the designated grade and may bear the mark of an American Lumber Standards Committee (ALSC) accredited agency.

Page 10-177, Article 1082-1 GENERAL, lines 32-33, delete the first sentence of the first paragraph and replace with the following:

Use southern pine timber and lumber graded in accordance with the current grading rules of the SPIB and manufactured by a Department pre-approved producer/supplier. All timber and lumber shall conform to the material characteristics detailed in the SPIB grading rules for No. 1 Dense or Select Structural (Sel Str.) and bear the mark of an ALSC-accredited agency.

Page 10-177 and 10-178, Article 1082-1 GENERAL, lines 38-42 and line 1, delete the second through fourth sentence of the second paragraph and replace with the following:

Use approved inspection companies listed on the Department's pre-approved producer/suppliers list. The inspection agency must perform inspections of preservative treated materials in accordance with AWPA Standard M2. Each item shall bear the brand, hammer mark, ink stamp or tag of the inspection agency to indicate it has been inspected. In lieu of commercial inspection, materials in Section 1082 manufactured by a facility that is audited by an ALSC-accredited agency and bearing the quality mark of that agency shall be acceptable for use. In addition, the Supplier must furnish Type 4 – Certified Test Reports and Type 6 – Supplier's Certifications in accordance with Article 106-3. Type 6 – Supplier's Certifications are required

for each producer/supplier to include any chain of custody changes from the mill to the Department.

Page 10-178, Article 1082-2 UNTREATED TIMBER AND LUMBER, line 7, replace "Dense" with "Grade No. 1 Dense MC19".

Page 10-178, Subarticle 1082-3(A) General, line 13, replace "lumber" with "timber and lumber" and replace "will not" with "with".

Page 10-178, Subarticle 1082-3(B) Bridges, Fender Systems and Piles, lines 22 and 24, replace "Grade No. 1 Dense" with "Grade No. 1 Dense or Select Structural (Sel Str.)".

Page 10-178, Subarticle 1082-3(B) Bridges, Fender Systems and Piles, lines 24-27, delete the third and fourth sentence of the first paragraph and replace with the following:

Timbers for bridges or fender systems that are 5 inches and thicker along the least dimension shall conform to Grade No. 1 Dense or Select Structural (Sel Str.).

Page 10-178, Subarticle 1082-3(B) Bridges, Fender Systems and Piles, line 28, delete and replace the second paragraph with the following:

Timber for piles shall be southern pine and meet the requirements of ASTM D25.

Page 10-178, Subarticle 1082-3(C) Guardrail Posts, Blockouts and related components, lines 33-34, replace "Southern Pine, conforming to Grade No. 1. Rough lumber will be acceptable." with "southern pine, conforming to Grade No. 1 Dense.".

Page 10-178, Subarticle 1082-3(D) Fence Posts and Braces, lines 37-39, delete the first paragraph and replace with the following:

Sawn fence posts and braces shall be southern pine, S4S, and conform to Grade No. 1 Dense.

Page 10-178, Subarticle 1082-3(E) Sign Posts and Battens, lines 42-44, delete the first and second sentence of the first paragraph and replace with the following:

Lumber or timbers for sign posts shall conform to Structural Light Framing, Grade No. 1 Dense.

Page 10-178, Subarticle 1082-3(E) Sign Posts and Battens, line 46, delete the first sentence of the second paragraph.

Page 10-179, Subarticle 1082-3(F) Poles, lines 2-3, delete the first sentence of the first paragraph and replace with the following:

Timber for poles shall be either treated southern pine or coastal douglas-fir and meet the requirements of ANSI O5.1.

Page 10-179, Subarticle 1082-4(A) General, line 8, replace "AASHTO M 133 or AWPA Standards" with "AASHTO M 133 and AWPA Standards".

Page 10-179, Subarticle 1082-4(A) General, lines 14-15, delete the third paragraph.

Page 10-179, Subarticle 1082-4(A) General, line 19, replace “”areas include” with “areas including, but not limited to,”.

Page 10-179, Subarticle 1082-4(B) Timber Preservatives, line 24, replace “AASHTO M 133 or AWPA Standards U1” with “AASHTO M 133 and AWPA Standards U1”.

Page 10-179, Subarticle 1082-4(C) Bridges, Fender Systems and Piles, lines 27-28, replace “AASHTO M-133 or AWPA Standard U1” with “AASHTO M 133 and AWPA Standard U1”.

Page 10-179, Subarticle 1082-4(D) Guardrail Posts, Blockouts and Related Components, lines 32-33, replace “AASHTO M-133 or AWPA Standard U1” with “AASHTO M 133 and AWPA Standard U1”.

Page 10-179, Subarticle 1082-4(E) Fence Posts and Braces, lines 36 and 38, replace “AASHTO M-133 or AWPA Standard U1” with “AASHTO M 133 and AWPA Standard U1”.

Page 10-179, Subarticle 1082-4(E) Fence Posts and Braces, line 39, replace “except require retention of preservative as below” with “Commodity Specification B. Posts, UC4A”.

Page 10-180, Subarticle 1082-4(F) Sign Posts and Battens, line 2, replace “AASHTO M-133 or AWPA Standard U1” with “AASHTO M 133 and AWPA Standard U1”.

Page 10-180, Subarticle 1082-4(G) Poles, line 9, replace “AASHTO M-133 or AWPA Standard U1” with “AASHTO M 133 and AWPA Standard U1”.

Page 10-180, Subarticle 1084-1(A) Treated Timber Pile, line 16-17, delete and replace the first paragraph with the following:

Treated timber piles shall meet the requirements of Section 1082.

Page 10-195, Subarticle 1089-2(A)(1) Work Zone Signs (Stationary), line 44, add the following sentence to the second paragraph:

Pressure treat wood posts in accordance with Section 1082.

Page 15-18, Article 1540-2 MATERIALS, line 8, replace “1082-3” with “1082”.

GROUND MOUNTED SIGN SUPPORTS:
(9-15-26) 1094 SP10 R94

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 10-214, Subarticle 1094-1(B) 3 lb Steel U-Channel Supports, line 12 and 15, replace "3/8" with "7/16".

Page 10-214, Subarticle 1094-1(B) 3 lb Steel U-Channel Supports, line 16, replace "5/16" with "3/8".

Page 10-214, Subarticle 1094-1(B) 3 lb Steel U-Channel Supports, lines 14-15, delete the fifth sentence of the first paragraph and replace with the following:

These supports shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A653 or ASTM A123 depending on the manufacturing process.

Page 10-214, Subarticle 1094-1(C) 2 lb Steel U-Channel Supports, lines 26-29, delete the third and fourth sentence of the second paragraph with the following:

Punch or drill 7/16 inch diameter holes on 1 inch centers, beginning 1 inch from the top of the post, for a minimum distance equal to the vertical dimension of the respective sign or mile marker. These supports shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A653 or ASTM A123 depending on the manufacturing process.

Page 10-214, Subarticle 1094-1(C) 2 lb Steel U-Channel Supports, line 30, replace "3/8" with "7/16".

Page 10-214, Subarticle 1094-1(C) 2 lb Steel U-Channel Supports, line 31, replace "5/16" with "3/8".

Page 10-214, Subarticle 1094-1(D) Steel Square Tube Supports, lines 36-43, delete and replace the first two paragraphs with the following:

Use steel square tube supports of variable length galvanized steel. The support cross section and gauge shall be in accordance with the plans. These supports shall be manufactured using domestic steel conforming to ASTM 1011, Grade 50. Minimum yield strength after cold forming shall be 60,000 psi. These supports shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A653 or ASTM A123 depending on the manufacturing process and meet G90 galvanizing requirements. Both the interior and exterior of the post shall be galvanized and all coating applications shall occur in the United States.

The posts shall be corner welded and scarfed as necessary to allow sections to telescope within each other. The finished posts shall be machine straightened and have a smooth uniform finish free from cracks, flaws, injurious seams, laps, blisters, and edges which are ragged, sharp, and imperfect, or other defects affecting their strength, durability, or appearance. The maximum variation in straightness shall be no more than 1/4 inch in any 5 foot of length. For perforated square tubes, cut holes or knockout holes of 7/16 inch diameter shall be spaced on 1 inch centers, on the centerlines of all four sides in true alignment, and opposite to each other for back to back

applications. All holes and sheared ends shall be free from burrs. The steel shall also be coated with a conversion coating and a clear organic polymer topcoat.

The zinc coating nor manufacturing process shall interfere with the telescoping properties of steel square supports. The zinc coating inside of the 7/16 inch diameter holes of perforated supports shall not exceed specification requirements enough to prevent a 3/8 inch diameter bolt from freely passing through. These supports should contain a manufacturer's mark for traceability after installation. Provide a Type 2 material certification in accordance with Article 106-3 upon Engineer request.

WORK ZONE INSTALLER:

(7-20-21)(Rev. 4-21-26) 1101 SP11 R04

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 11-4, Article 1101-14 WORK ZONE INSTALLER, lines 25-26, delete the first sentence of the first paragraph and replace with the following:

When temporary traffic control consists of more than flagging operations, the Contractor shall provide the service of at least one qualified work zone installer during the setup, installation, and removal of temporary traffic control within the highway right of way.

TEMPORARY CRASH CUSHIONS:

(4-21-26) 1089, 1160 SP11 R06

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 10-204, Subarticle 1089-8(A) General, lines 26-29, delete the third and fourth paragraph.

Page 10-204, Subarticle 1089-8(A) General, line 34, delete the last sentence of the fifth paragraph.

Page 11-14, Article 1160-2 MATERIALS, lines 32-35, delete the second and third sentence of the first paragraph.

Page 11-15, Article 1160-3 CONSTRUCTION METHODS, add the following after line 1:

Use a redirective, non-gating temporary crash cushion when adequate space for the lateral displacement of the crash cushion is not available or as required in the TMP.

Page 11-15, Article 1160-3 CONSTRUCTION METHODS, line 7, add the following to the second paragraph:

Temporary crash cushion shall not be placed on an unpaved surface.

PORTABLE CONCRETE BARRIER:
(12-17-24) 1170 SP11 R70

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 11-17, Subarticle 1170-3(A)(1) Portable Concrete Barrier, after line 25, add the following:

For MASH approved F-Shape K-Wall, install anchorage transitions between unanchored portable concrete barrier and temporary crash cushions, and between unanchored portable concrete barrier and portable concrete barrier (anchored) as shown in the *Roadway Standard Drawings*, No. 1170.01.

Page 11-19, Article 1170-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 16, after the second sentence of the first paragraph add the following:

Crash cushion to unanchored concrete requires a transition

Page 11-19, Article 1170-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 13, delete and replace "*Portable Concrete Barrier (____)*" with "*Portable Concrete Barrier*".

Page 11-19, Article 1170-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 16, after the second sentence of the first paragraph add the following:

As shown in the *Roadway Standard Drawings*, No. 1170.01, anchorage transition sections between *Portable Concrete Barrier* and *Temporary Crash Cushions* as found in Section 1160 will be measured and paid as *Portable Concrete Barrier*. No additional payment will be made for equipment, materials or labor to meet the anchorage transition requirements.

Page 11-19, Article 1170-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 16, after the first paragraph add the following:

Portable Concrete Barrier (Anchored) will be measured and paid as the maximum number of linear feet furnished, satisfactorily installed, accepted by the Engineer, maintained and removed, at any one time during the life of the project, including anchorage transition sections between portable concrete barrier and portable concrete barrier (anchored) as shown in the Roadway Standard Drawings, No. 1170.01. Measurement will be made by counting the number of barrier units used and multiplying by the length of a unit.

Page 11-19, Article 1170-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 21, delete and replace "*Remove and Reset Portable Concrete Barrier (____)*" with "*Remove and Reset Portable Concrete Barrier*".

Page 11-19, Article 1170-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 24, after the second sentence of the third paragraph add the following:

As shown in the *Roadway Standard Drawings*, No. 1170.01, anchorage transition sections between *Portable Concrete Barrier* and *Temporary Crash Cushions* as found in Section 1160 will be measured and paid as *Remove and Reset Portable Concrete Barrier*. No additional

payment will be made for equipment, materials or labor to meet the anchorage transition requirements.

Page 11-19, Article 1170-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 28, after the third paragraph add the following:

Remove and Reset Portable Concrete Barrier (Anchored) will be measured and paid as the number of linear feet of barrier moved from one location on the project to another location on the project, including anchorage transition sections between portable concrete barrier and portable concrete barrier (anchored) as shown in the Roadway Standard Drawings, No. 1170.01. Measurement will be made by counting the number of barrier units moved during any one move and multiplying by the length of a unit. Where barrier units are moved more than once, each move will be measured separately. Whenever the Engineer directs the Contractor to move barrier units from an installed location to a stockpile either on or off the project and then back to another installed location, the complete move from the first installed location to the next installed location will be measured as 2 moves.

PAVEMENT MARKINGS:

(5-19-26)(Rev. 11-17-26) 1087, 1205 SP12 R04

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 10-185, Subarticle 1087-2(A) Paint Composition, line 15, replace "TT--P-1952" with "TT--P-1952, Type III".

Page 10-185, Subarticle 1087-2(C) Thermoplastic Composition, lines 28-33, replace the first through third paragraph and the table with the following:

(C) Thermoplastic and Integrated Multipolymer (IMP) Composition

Use thermoplastic alkyd/maleic pavement markings composed of the materials in Table 1087-1A and integrated multipolymer markings composed of the materials in Table 1087-1B.

TABLE 1087-1A
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES
OF THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Component	By Weight
Alkyd/Maleic Binder	18.0% Min
Premixed Glass Beads (AASHTO M 247 – 50% Type 3 and 50% Type 1)	40.0% Min
Titanium Dioxide Pigment (ASTM D476 Type 2)	10.0% Min. (white) 1.5% Min. (yellow)

TABLE 1087-1B
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES
OF INTEGRATED MULTIPOLYMER (IMP) PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Component	By Weight
Binder	21.0% Min
Premixed Glass Beads (AASHTO M 247 – 50% Type 3 and 50% Type 1)	40.0% Min
Titanium Dioxide Pigment (ASTM D476 Type 2)	10.0% Min. (white only)
Inert Filler	15% Max white / 24% Max Yellow

Use white material that does not contain anatase titanium dioxide pigment. Use yellow material that does not contain any intentionally added lead chromate.

Calcium carbonate and inert fillers may be used by the manufacturer, providing all other qualifications are met.

Page 10-185, Subarticle 1087-2(C) Thermoplastic Composition, line 34, replace "thermoplastic" with "material".

Page 10-185, Subarticle 1087-2(C) Thermoplastic Composition, line 36, replace "alkyd/maleic binder" with "binder".

Page 10-185, Subarticle 1087-2(C) Thermoplastic Composition, line 38, replace "maleic-modified glycerol of resin" with "rosin ester".

Page 10-186, Subarticle 1087-2(C) Thermoplastic Composition, insert the following paragraph after line 2:

The integrated multipolymer binder shall consist of a mixture of modified rosin ester, polyamide and a copolymer (e.g. EVA) with waxes and/or plasticizers. At least 3% of the total formulation weight shall be 100% polyamide. The binder shall contain no petroleum hydrocarbon resins.

Page 10-186, Subarticle 1087-2(C) Thermoplastic Composition, lines 3, 6, 9 and 11, replace "thermoplastic material" with "material".

Page 10-186, Article 1087-3 COLOR, after line 27, replace "Crystal: Color No. 17886 (White)" with "White: Color No. 17925".

Page 10-186, Subarticle 1087-4(A) Composition, lines 31-34, replace the second paragraph with the following:

Manufacture the beads from 100% recycled or virgin non-pigmented glass from a composition designed to be highly resistant to traffic wear and to the effects of weathering. All intermix and drop-on glass beads shall be manufactured using 100% North American recycled glass cullet, virgin North American glass or a combination of the two.

Page 10-187, Subarticle 1087-4(C) Gradation & Roundness, lines 4-6, replace the first

paragraph and table with the following:

Use drop-on and intermixed glass beads in all pavement markings with at least 80% true spheres when tested in accordance with ASTM D1155. Drop-on glass beads for permanent pavement markings shall be high performance glass beads listed on the NCDOT APL. If otherwise specified, or at the direction of the Engineer, other drop-on reflective media may be used on permanent markings. Drop-on glass beads used on any interim or temporary pavement markings shall meet Table 1087-2.

TABLE 1087-2
GLASS BEAD GRADATION REQUIREMENTS

Sieve Size	Gradation Requirements	
	Minimum	**Maximum**
Passing #20	95%	100%
Retained on #30	5%	20%
Retained on #50	40%	80%
Retained on #80	15%	50%
Passing #80	0%	10%
Retained on #200	0%	5%

Page 10-187, Article 1087-5 PACKAGING FOR SHIPMENT, line 31, replace "Thermoplastic pavement marking materials" with "Thermoplastic and integrated multipolymer pavement marking materials".

Page 10-188, Subarticle 1087-7(B) Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Material Composition, line 17, replace **"(B) Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Material Composition**" with
"**(B) Thermoplastic and Integrated Multipolymer Pavement Marking Material Composition**".

Page 10-188, Subarticle 1087-7(C) Flash Point, line 22, replace "thermoplastic" with "thermoplastic and integrated multipolymer material".

Page 10-188, Subarticle 1087-7(D) Requirements, line 25, replace "thermoplastic material" with "thermoplastic and integrated multipolymer material".

Page 10-189, Subarticle 1087-7(D), after line 15, add the following:

(9) Tensile Elongation

The integrated multipolymer material shall have an elongation of at least 10% when tested in accordance with ASTM D638 (1"x 6", 0.25"/min).

(10) Abrasion Resistance

The integrated multipolymer material shall have no more than 0.40 g weight loss following taber abrasion with CS17 wheels for 1000 cycles with 1 kg weight per ASTM D4060.

Page 10-189, Article 1087-8 MATERIAL CERTIFICATION, lines 22-23, replace the third paragraph with the following:

Reflective media not covered in this, or other specifications must meet AASHTO M 247 Type 3 or 4 and a NCDOT Type 2 Material Certification must be provided.

Page 10-189, Article 1087-8 MATERIAL CERTIFICATION, after line 23, add the following to the table:

Integrated Multipolymer	Type 2 Material Certification and Type 3 Material Certification

Page 12-3, Subarticle 1205-3(F) Surface Preparation and Curing Compound Removal, line 8, add the following as a second sentence of the first paragraph:

Only apply markings to dry clean surfaces.

Page 12-4, Subarticle 1205-3(G)(1) General for all types of Pavement Markings, line 16, replace the first sentence of the eighth paragraph with the following:

Protect the pavement markings until they are track free before exposing them to traffic.

Page 12-4, Subarticle 1205-3(G)(1) General for all types of Pavement Markings, lines 22-24, delete the second sentence of the tenth paragraph.

Page 12-4, Subarticle 1205-3(G)(1) General for all types of Pavement Markings, after line 24, replace "White: Color No. 17886" with "White: Color No. 17295".

Page 12-5, Subarticle 1205-3(I) Removal of Pavement Markings, line 32, add the following as the third sentence of the seventh paragraph:

Before applying integrated multipolymer (IMP) pavement markings over existing thermoplastic pavement markings, remove at least 85% of the oxidized existing thermoplastic.

Page 12-5, Subarticle 1205-3(I) Removal of Pavement Markings, line 35, replace "thermoplastic" with "thermoplastic or IMP".

Page 12-6, Article 1205-4 THERMOPLASTIC, line 3, replace "**1205-4 THERMOPLASTIC**" with **"1205-4THERMOPLASTIC AND INTEGRATED MULTIPOLYMER (IMP)".**

Page 12-6, Subarticle 1205-4(A) Application Equipment, lines 7, 16, 20, 24, 25, 27 and 29, delete "thermoplastic"

Page 12-6, Subarticle 1205-4(B) Weather Limitations and Seasonal Limitations, line 38, replace "thermoplastic pavement markings" with "thermoplastic or integrated multipolymer pavement markings".

Page 12-6, Subarticle 1205-4(B) Weather Limitations and Seasonal Limitations, line 42,

delete “thermoplastic”.

Page 12-7, Subarticle 1205-4(C) Application, lines 2, 3, 10, 21 and 31, delete “thermoplastic”.

Page 12-7, Subarticle 1205-4(C) Application, after line 17, in Table 1205-2 MINIMUM REFLECTOMETER REQUIREMENTS FOR THERMOPLASTIC replace “Standard Glass Beads” with “High Performance Glass Beads” and for the Reflectivity of White replace “375 mcd/lux/m^2” with “425 mcd/lux/m^2” and Yellow replace “250 mcd/lux/m^2” with “325 mcd/lux/m^2”

Page 12-7, Subarticle 1205-4(C) Application, line 23, replace “thermoplastic pavement marking” with “final pavement marking”.

Page 12-7, Subarticle 1205-4(C) Application, after line 32, replace “**TABLE 1205-3 THICKNESS REQUIREMENTS FOR THERMOPLASTIC**” with “**TABLE 1205-3 THICKNESS REQUIREMENTS FOR THERMOPLASTIC AND INTEGRATED MULTIPOLYMER**”.

Page 12-9, Subarticle 1205-5(C) Observation Period, before line 1, replace “375 mcd/lux/m^2” with “425 mcd/lux/m^2” and replace “250 mcd/lux/m^2” with “325 mcd/lux/m^2”.

Page 12-11, Subarticle 1205-8(C) Application, lines 17-20, replace the first paragraph with the following:

Final pavement marking application of paint shall be placed in 1 application of 30 mils wet and consist of reflective media applied at a rate to immediately obtain the minimum retroreflective values.

Page 12-11, Subarticle 1205-8(C) Application, line 26, delete “15 mil”.

Page 12-11, Subarticle 1205-8(C) Application, after line 31, replace Table 1205-6 with the following:

TABLE 1205-6
REFLECTOMETER REQUIREMENTS
FOR PAINT

Item	Color	Reflectivity
Standard Glass Beads	White	225 mcd/lux/m^2
	Yellow	200 mcd/lux/m^2
High Performance Glass Beads	White	425 mcd/lux/m^2
	Yellow	325 mcd/lux/m^2

Page 12-12, Article 1205-10 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, lines 5-7, delete and replace the second sentence of the first paragraph with the following:

In addition, *Paint Pavement Marking Lines* will be paid per linear foot for each 15 mil wet application placed in accordance with Subarticle 1205-8(C) for temporary pavement markings

during temporary traffic patterns and in accordance with Subarticle 1205-8(C) final paint pavement marking lines of 1 application of 30 mils wet will be measured and paid as 2 applications of 15 mils wet.

Page 12-12, Article 1205-10 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, lines 12-14, delete and replace the second sentence of the second paragraph with the following:

In addition, *Paint Pavement Marking Symbols* will be paid for each 15 mil wet application placed in accordance with Subarticle 1205-8(C) for temporary pavement markings during temporary traffic patterns and in accordance with Subarticle 1205-8(C) final paint pavement marking symbols of 1 application of 30 mils wet will be measured and paid as 2 applications of 15 mils wet.

Page 12-12, Article 1205-10 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, lines 17-19, delete and replace the third sentence of the third paragraph with the following:

In addition, *Paint Pavement Marking Characters* will be paid for each 15 mil wet application placed in accordance with Subarticle 1205-8(C) for temporary pavement markings during temporary traffic patterns and in accordance with Subarticle 1205-8(C) final paint pavement marking characters of 1 application of 30 mils wet will be measured and paid as 2 applications of 15 mils wet.

Page 12-12, Article 1205-10 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, lines 17-19, replace the second sentence of the ninth paragraph with the following:

No direct payment will be made for the work involved in applying the lines, including but not limited to surface preparation, reapplication of molten pavement marking crossed by a vehicle, removal of all pavement marking materials spilled on the roadway surface, and repair of markings tracked by a vehicle.

Page 12-13, Article 1205-10 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, after line 12, add the following to the pay item and pay unit list:

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
Integrated Multipolymer Pavement Marking Lines, __", __ mils	Linear Foot
Integrated Multipolymer Pavement Marking Symbols, __ mils	Each
Integrated Multipolymer Pavement Marking Characters, __ mils	Each

SPECIALIZED HAND MOWING:

(12-15-26) 1667 SP16 R20

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 16-40, Article 1667-1 DESCRIPTION, lines 23-24, delete and replace the first paragraph with the following:

This work consists of specialized hand mowing around or under fixed objects, including but not limited to guardrails, signs, barriers and slopes including traffic control devices placed in accordance with the TMP in a method acceptable to the Engineer.

RAILROAD CONTRACTOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES: (SPECIAL)

Description

Procure railroad protective services as specified by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) Special Provisions for Protection of Railway Interests – Direct Hire Provision, for all work on NS property.

Construction Methods

Coordinate with NS Risk Management, upon submission of Right of Entry to work on railroad property, to hire qualified protective service contractors vetted by the railroad. Provide the service of properly equipped and qualified flaggers (per NS requirements) at locations and times for such period as necessary for the control and protection of activities on or adjacent to rail property and/or having the potential to foul the railroad's track or operations. Contractor shall recognize that while the Contractor has procured and contracted with said protective service contractor, the protective service contractor has a responsibility to report directly to NS regarding any issues related to the safety of railroad operations. Qualification consists of each flagger receiving proper training in the set-up and techniques of safely and competently performing railroad protective services for the specific project limits.

Measurement and Payment

Railroad Contractor Protective Services will be measured and paid as the actual number of days that each flagger is satisfactorily provided and accepted by the Engineer during the life of the project. On any calendar day that more than one protective service personnel are used, the quantity to be paid on that calendar day will be the maximum number of protective service personnel used at one time in that calendar day. Total compensation under this pay item shall include labor (based on 12 hours per day), labor additive (protective service company directed), travel expenses, meals, lodging, and any rental vehicle costs. No measurement or payment will be made for railroad contractor protective services conducted for the convenience of the Contractor.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
Railroad Contractor Protective Services	Day

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS – TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS

(5-20-08)(Rev. 1-16-24) Z-2

General Statute 143C-6-11. (h) Highway Appropriation is hereby incorporated verbatim in this contract as follows:

(h) Amounts Encumbered. – Transportation project appropriations may be encumbered in the amount of allotments made to the Department of Transportation by the Director for the estimated payments for transportation project contract work to be performed in the appropriation fiscal year. The allotments shall be multiyear allotments and shall be based on estimated revenues and shall be subject to the maximum contract authority contained in *General Statute 143C-6-11(c)*. Payment for transportation project work performed pursuant to contract in any fiscal year other than the current fiscal year is subject to appropriations by the General Assembly. Transportation project contracts shall contain a schedule of estimated completion progress, and any acceleration of this progress shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation provided funds are available. The State reserves the right to terminate or suspend any transportation project contract, and any transportation project contract shall be so terminated or suspended if funds will not be available for payment of the work to be performed during that fiscal year pursuant to the contract. In the event of termination of any contract, the contractor shall be given a written notice of termination at least 60 days before completion of scheduled work for which funds are available. In the event of termination, the contractor shall be paid for the work already performed in accordance with the contract specifications.

Payment will be made on any contract terminated pursuant to the special provision in accordance with Subarticle 108-13(D) of the *Standard Specifications*.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION
NCDOT GENERAL SEED SPECIFICATION FOR SEED QUALITY

(5-17-11) Z-3

Seed shall be sampled and tested by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Seed Testing Laboratory. When said samples are collected, the vendor shall supply an independent laboratory report for each lot to be tested. Results from seed so sampled shall be final. Seed not meeting the specifications shall be rejected by the Department of Transportation and shall not be delivered to North Carolina Department of Transportation warehouses. If seed has been delivered it shall be available for pickup and replacement at the supplier's expense.

Any re-labeling required by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Seed Testing Laboratory, that would cause the label to reflect as otherwise specified herein shall be rejected by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Seed shall be free from seeds of the noxious weeds Johnsongrass, Balloonvine, Jimsonweed, Witchweed, Itchgrass, Serrated Tussock, Showy Crotalaria, Smooth Crotalaria, Sicklepod, Sandbur, Wild Onion, and Wild Garlic. Seed shall not be labeled with the above weed species on the seed analysis label. Tolerances as applied by the Association of Official Seed Analysts will NOT be allowed for the above noxious weeds except for Wild Onion and Wild Garlic.

Tolerances established by the Association of Official Seed Analysts will generally be recognized. However, for the purpose of figuring pure live seed, the found pure seed and found germination percentages as reported by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Seed Testing Laboratory will be used. Allowances, as established by the NCDOT, will be recognized for minimum pure live seed as listed on the following pages.

The specifications for restricted noxious weed seed refers to the number per pound as follows:

Restricted Noxious **Weed**	Limitations per Lb. Of Seed	Restricted Noxious **Weed**	Limitations per Lb. of Seed
Blessed Thistle	4 seeds	Cornflower (Ragged Robin)	27 seeds
Cocklebur	4 seeds	Texas Panicum	27 seeds
Spurred Anoda	4 seeds	Bracted Plantain	54 seeds
Velvetleaf	4 seeds	Buckhorn Plantain	54 seeds
Morning-glory	8 seeds	Broadleaf Dock	54 seeds
Corn Cockle	10 seeds	Curly Dock	54 seeds
Wild Radish	12 seeds	Dodder	54 seeds
Purple Nutsedge	27 seeds	Giant Foxtail	54 seeds
Yellow Nutsedge	27 seeds	Horsenettle	54 seeds
Canada Thistle	27 seeds	Quackgrass	54 seeds
Field Bindweed	27 seeds	Wild Mustard	54 seeds
Hedge Bindweed	27 seeds		

Seed of Pensacola Bahiagrass shall not contain more than 7% inert matter, Kentucky Bluegrass, Centipede and Fine or Hard Fescue shall not contain more than 5% inert matter whereas a maximum of 2% inert matter will be allowed on all other kinds of seed. In addition, all seed

shall not contain more than 2% other crop seed nor more than 1% total weed seed. The germination rate as tested by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture shall not fall below 70%, which includes both dormant and hard seed. Seed shall be labeled with not more than 7%, 5% or 2% inert matter (according to above specifications), 2% other crop seed and 1% total weed seed.

Exceptions may be made for minimum pure live seed allowances when cases of seed variety shortages are verified. Pure live seed percentages will be applied in a verified shortage situation. Those purchase orders of deficient seed lots will be credited with the percentage that the seed is deficient.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS FOR EACH SEED GROUP ARE GIVEN BELOW:

Minimum 85% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 83% pure live seed will not be approved.

Sericea Lespedeza
Oats (seeds)

Minimum 80% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 78% pure live seed will not be approved.

Tall Fescue (all approved varieties)
Kobe Lespedeza
Korean Lespedeza
Weeping Lovegrass
Carpetgrass
Bermudagrass
Browntop Millet
German Millet – Strain R
Clover – Red/White/Crimson

Minimum 78% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 76% pure live seed will not be approved.

Common or Sweet Sundangrass

Minimum 76% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 74% pure live seed will not be approved.

Rye (grain; all varieties)
Kentucky Bluegrass (all approved varieties)
Hard Fescue (all approved varieties)
Shrub (bicolor) Lespedeza

Minimum 70% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 144 noxious weed seed per pound. Seed less than 70% pure live seed will not be approved.

Centipedegrass
Crownvetch
Pensacola Bahiagrass
Creeping Red Fescue
Japanese Millet
Reed Canary Grass
Zoysia

Minimum 70% pure live seed; maximum 1% total weed seed; maximum 2% total other crop seed; maximum 5% inert matter; maximum 144 restricted noxious weed seed per pound.

Barnyard Grass
Big Bluestem
Little Bluestem
Bristly Locust
Birdsfoot Trefoil
Indiangrass
Orchardgrass
Switchgrass
Yellow Blossom Sweet Clover

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION
ERRATA

(1-16-24)(Rev. 12-15-26) Z-4

Revise the *2024 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Division 1

Page 1-1, Article 101-2 ABBREVIATIONS, line 25, replace "American Wood-Preservers' Association" with "American Wood Protection Association".

Page 1-18, Article 102-10 BID BOND OR BID DEPOSIT, line 26, replace " Subarticle 102-8(A)(8)(b)" with "Subarticle 102-8(A)(12)(b)".

Page 1-20, Subarticle 102-14(A) State Funded Projects, line 3, replace "$30,000" with "$40,000".

Page 1-20, Subarticle 102-14(B) Federal Aid Projects, line 7, replace "$30,000" with "$40,000".

Page 1-36, Subarticle 104-12(B) Evaluation of Proposals, line 21, replace "Design-Build Unit" with "Alternative Delivery Unit".

Page 1-36, Subarticle 104-12(D) Preliminary Review, line 37, replace "Design-Build Unit" with "Alternative Delivery Unit".

Page 1-37, Subarticle 104-12(E) Final Proposal, line 3, replace "Design-Build Unit" with "Alternative Delivery Unit".

Page 1-37, Subarticle 104-12(F) Design-Build VEPs, line 36, replace "Design-Build Unit" with "Alternative Delivery Unit".

Page 1-38, Subarticle 104-12(G) Modifications, line 1, replace "Design-Build Unit" with "Alternative Delivery Unit".

Division 3

Page 3-5, Article 305-2 MATERIALS, after line 16, replace " 1032-3(A)(7)" with "1032-3" and add the item "Galvanized Corrugated Steel Pipe" with Section "1032-3".

Page 3-6, Article 310-2 MATERIALS, after line 9, add the item "Galvanized Corrugated Steel Pipe" with Section "1032-3".

Division 6

Page 6-15, Article 610-1 DESCRIPTION, line 20, replace "The work includes" with "The work includes, but is not limited to,".

Page 6-15, Article 610-1 DESCRIPTION, line 22, replace “applying the tack coat as specified.” with “applying the tack coat in accordance with Section 605.”.

Page 6-30, Article 610-14 DENSITY ACCEPTANCE, line 39, replace “QC process.” with “QC process in accordance with Section 609.”.

Page 6-31, Article 610-16 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 13, replace "*Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement*” with “*Asphalt Concrete _____ Course, Type _____*”.

Page 6-41, Article 657-3 CONSTRUCTION METHODS, line 11, delete "(air-jacketed flow)”.

Page 6-50, Subarticle 661-4(A) Equipment, lines 4-7, replace the first two sentences of the seventh paragraph with the following:

When an erected fixed stringline is utilized for longitudinal profile and cross slope control furnish and erect the necessary guide line for the equipment.

Division 7

Page 7-18, Subarticle 710-10(A) General, lines 7-8, delete “for *Surface Testing Concrete Pavement*” from the last paragraph.

Division 8

Page 8-27, Article 846-1 DESCRIPTION, line 8, delete “4 inch” from the first paragraph.

Division 9

Page 9-17, Article 904-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, prior to line 1, replace " Sign Erection, Relocate Type (Ground Mounted)” with “Sign Erection, Relocate Type ___ (Ground Mounted)”.

Division 10

Page 10-51, Article 1024-4 WATER, prior to line 1, delete the “unpopulated blank row” in Table 1024-2 between “Time of set, deviation from control” and “Chloride Ion Content, Max.”.

Page 10-170, Subarticle 1081-1(C) Requirements, line 4, replace "maximum” with “minimum”.

Division 11

Page 11-15, Article 1160-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 24, replace “Where barrier units are moved more than one” with “Where barrier units are moved more than once”.

Division 15

Page 15-10, Article 1515-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, lines 11, replace " All piping" with "All labor, the manhole, other materials, excavation, backfilling, piping".

Division 16

Page 16-14, Article 1633-5 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 20-24 and prior to line 25, delete and replace with the following " *Flocculant* will be measured and paid in accordance with Article 1642-5 applied to the temporary rock silt checks."

Page 16-3, Article 1609-2 MATERIALS, after line 26, replace "Type 4" with "Type 4a".

Page 16-25, Article 1644-2 MATERIALS, after line 22, replace "Type 4" with "Type 4a".

Page 16-27, Article 1644-5 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 31, replace "Article 1630-4" with "Article 1630-3".

Division 17

Page 17-15, Article 1715-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 23, delete and replace "1.25" with "1-1/4".

Page 17-15, Article 1715-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 24, delete and replace ")(1.25" with ", 1-1/4".

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

PLANT AND PEST QUARANTINES

(Imported Fire Ant, Guava Root Knot Nematode, Spongy Moth (formerly known as gypsy moth), Witchweed, Cogon Grass, And Any Other Regulated Noxious Weed or Plant Pest)

(3-18-03)(Rev. 3-18-25) Z-04a

Within Quarantined Area

This project may be within a county regulated for plant and/or pests. If the project or any part of the Contractor's operations is located within a quarantined area, thoroughly clean all equipment prior to moving out of the quarantined area. Comply with federal/state regulations by obtaining a certificate or limited permit for any regulated article moving from the quarantined area.

Originating in a Quarantined County

Obtain a certificate or limited permit issued by the N.C. Department of Agriculture/United States Department of Agriculture. Have the certificate or limited permit accompany the article when it arrives at the project site.

Contact

Contact the N.C. Department of Agriculture/United States Department of Agriculture at 1-800-206-9333, 919-707-3730, or *https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/plant-industry/plant-protection/plant-industry-plant-pest-quarantines* to determine those specific project sites located in the quarantined area or for any regulated article used on this project originating in a quarantined county.

Regulated Articles Include

1. Soil, sand, gravel, compost, peat, humus, muck, and decomposed manure, separately or with other articles. This includes movement of articles listed above that may be associated with cut/waste, ditch pulling, and shoulder cutting.
2. Plants with roots including grass sod.
3. Plant crowns and roots.
4. Bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers of ornamental plants.
5. Hay, straw, fodder, and plant litter of any kind.
6. Clearing and grubbing debris.
7. Used agricultural cultivating and harvesting equipment.
8. Used earth-moving equipment.
9. Any other products, articles, or means of conveyance of any character, if determined by an inspector present a hazard of spreading imported fire ant, guava root knot nematode, spongy moth (formerly known as gypsy moth), witchweed, cogon grass, or other regulated noxious weed or plant pest.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

TITLE VI AND NONDISCRIMINATION:

(6-28-77)(Rev 1/16/2024) Z-6

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is committed to carrying out the U.S. Department of Transportation's policy of ensuring nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts.

The provisions of this section related to United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Order 1050.2A, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 21, 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 140 and 23 CFR part 200 (or 49 CFR 303, 49 U.S.C. 5332 or 49 U.S.C. 47123) are applicable to all North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) contracts and to all related subcontracts, material supply, engineering, architectural and other service contracts, regardless of dollar amount. Any Federal provision that is specifically required not specifically set forth is hereby incorporated by reference.

(1) **Title VI Assurances (USDOT Order 1050.2A, 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:

(a) Compliance with Regulations

The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) shall comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

(b) Nondiscrimination

The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.

(c) 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 a 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 Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

(d) Information and Reports

The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and 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 Recipient or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor shall so certify to the Recipient or the FHWA, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

(e) Sanctions for Noncompliance:

In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it and/or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

(i) Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or

(ii) Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

(f) Incorporation of Provisions

The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (f) in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor shall take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

(2) **Title VI Nondiscrimination Program (23 CFR 200.5(p))**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has assured the USDOT that, as a condition to receiving federal financial assistance, NCDOT will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all requirements imposed by Title 49 CFR part 21 and related nondiscrimination authorities to ensure that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, sex, age, or disability (including religion/creed or income-level, where applicable), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any programs, activities, or services conducted or funded by NCDOT. Contractors and other organizations under contract or agreement with NCDOT must also comply with Title VI and related authorities, therefore:

(a) During the performance of this contract or agreement, contractors (e.g., subcontractors, consultants, vendors, prime contractors) are responsible for complying with NCDOT's Title VI Program. Contractors are not required to prepare or submit Title VI Programs. To comply with this section, the prime contractor shall:

1. Post NCDOT's Notice of Nondiscrimination and the Contractor's own Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy in conspicuous locations accessible to all employees, applicants and subcontractors on the jobsite.

2. Physically incorporate the required Title VI clauses into all subcontracts on federally-assisted and state-funded NCDOT projects, and ensure inclusion by subcontractors into all lower-tier subcontracts.

3. Required Solicitation Language. The Contractor shall include the following notification in all solicitations for bids and requests for work or material, regardless of funding source:

   "The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 US.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. In accordance with other related nondiscrimination authorities, bidders and contractors will also not be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, age, disability, low-income level, creed/religion, or limited English proficiency in consideration for an award."

4. Physically incorporate the FHWA-1273, in its entirety, into all subcontracts and subsequent lower tier subcontracts on Federal-aid highway construction contracts only.

5. Provide language assistance services (i.e., written translation and oral interpretation), free of charge, to LEP employees and applicants. Contact NCDOT OCR for further assistance, if needed.

6. For assistance with these Title VI requirements, contact the NCDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Program at 1-800-522-0453.

(b) Subrecipients (e.g. cities, counties, LGAs, planning organizations) may be required to prepare and submit a Title VI Plan to NCDOT, including Title VI Assurances and/or agreements. Subrecipients must also ensure compliance by their contractors and subrecipients with Title VI. (23 CFR 200.9(b)(7))

(c) If reviewed or investigated by NCDOT, the contractor or subrecipient agrees to take affirmative action to correct any deficiencies found within a reasonable time period, not to exceed 90 calendar days, unless additional time is granted by NCDOT. (23 CFR 200.9(b)(15))

(d) The Contractor is responsible for notifying subcontractors of NCDOT's External Discrimination Complaints Process.

1. Applicability

   Title VI and related laws protect participants and beneficiaries (e.g., members of the public and contractors) from discrimination by NCDOT employees, subrecipients and contractors, regardless of funding source.

2. Eligibility

   Any person—or class of persons—who believes he/she has been subjected to discrimination based on race, color, national origin, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), sex, age, or disability (and religion in the context of employment, aviation, or transit) may file a written complaint. The law also prohibits intimidation or retaliation of any sort.

3. Time Limits and Filing Options

   Complaints may be filed by the affected individual(s) or a representative and must be filed no later than 180 calendar days after the following:

   (i) The date of the alleged act of discrimination; or

   (ii) The date when the person(s) became aware of the alleged discrimination; or

   (iii) Where there has been a continuing course of conduct, the date on which that conduct was discontinued or the latest instance of the conduct.

   Title VI and related discrimination complaints may be submitted to the following entities:

   - North Carolina Department of Transportation, Office of Civil Rights, Title VI Program, 1511 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1511; toll free 1-800-522-0453
   - Federal Highway Administration, North Carolina Division Office, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-747-7010
   - US Department of Transportation, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, External Civil Rights Programs Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-4070

4. Format for Complaints

   Complaints must be in writing and signed by the complainant(s) or a representative, and include the complainant's name, address, and telephone number. Complaints received by fax or e-mail will be acknowledged and processed. Allegations received by telephone will be reduced to writing and provided to the complainant for confirmation or revision before processing. Complaints will be accepted in other languages, including Braille.

5. Discrimination Complaint Form

   Contact NCDOT Civil Rights to receive a full copy of the Discrimination Complaint Form and procedures.

6. Complaint Basis

   Allegations must be based on issues involving race, color, national origin (LEP), sex, age, disability, or religion (in the context of employment, aviation or transit). "Basis" refers to the complainant's membership in a protected group category.

TABLE 103-1
COMPLAINT BASIS

Protected Categories	Definition	Examples	Applicable Nondiscrimination Authorities
Race and Ethnicity	An individual belonging to one of the accepted racial groups; or the perception, based usually on physical characteristics that a person is a member of a racial group	Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, White	Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR Part 21; 23 CFR 200; 49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123. *(Executive Order 13166)*
Color	Color of skin, including shade of skin within a racial group	Black, White, brown, yellow, etc.	
National Origin *(Limited English Proficiency)*	Place of birth. Citizenship is not a factor. (*Discrimination based on language or a person's accent is also covered)*	Mexican, Cuban, Japanese, Vietnamese, Chinese	
Sex	Gender. The sex of an individual. *Note:* Sex under this program does not include sexual orientation.	Women and Men	1973 Federal-Aid Highway Act; 49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123.
Age	Persons of any age	21-year-old person	Age Discrimination Act of 1975 49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123.
Disability	Physical or mental impairment, permanent or temporary, or perceived.	Blind, alcoholic, para-amputee, epileptic, diabetic, arthritic	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
Religion (in the context of employment) *(Religion/ Creed in all aspects of any aviation or transit-related construction)*	An individual belonging to a religious group; or the perception, based on distinguishable characteristics that a person is a member of a religious group. In practice, actions taken as a result of the moral and ethical beliefs as to what is right and wrong, which are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious views. ***Note:*** Does not have to be associated with a recognized religious group or church; if an individual sincerely holds to the belief, it is a protected religious practice.	Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Hindu, etc.	Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 23 CFR 230; FHWA-1273 Required Contract Provisions. *(49 U.S.C. 5332(b);* *49 U.S.C. 47123)*

(3) **Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities, including, but not limited to:

(a) 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.

(b) 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 because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);

(c) Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);

(d) 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;

(e) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);

(f) Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);

(g) 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);

(h) Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit 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;

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

(j) Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures Nondiscrimination 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;

(k) 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);

(l) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

(m) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., Pub. L. 88-352), (prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin).

(4) **Additional Title VI Assurances**

***The following Title VI Assurances (Appendices B, C and D) shall apply, as applicable*

(a) Clauses for Deeds Transferring United States Property (1050.2A, Appendix B)

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with the North Carolina General Assembly, the Regulations for the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the NCDOT all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the NCDOT, its successors and assigns.

The NCDOT, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and]* (2) that the NCDOT will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended [, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned nondiscrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

(b) Clauses for Transfer of Real Property Acquired or Improved Under the Activity, Facility, or Program (1050.2A, Appendix C)

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

1. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:

   (i.) In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.

2. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued. *

3. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the NCDOT and its assigns. *

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

(c) Clauses for Construction/Use/Access to Real Property Acquired Under the Activity, Facility or Program (1050.2A, Appendix D)

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/ agreements entered into by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

1. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
2. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non¬ discrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued. *
3. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the NCDOT and its assigns. *

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

MINORITY AND FEMALE EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (*EXECUTIVE NUMBER 11246*)

1. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, see as shown on the attached sheet entitled "Employment Goals for Minority and Female participation".

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and nonfederally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in *41 CFR Part 60-4* shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in *41 CFR 60-4.3(a)*, and its effort to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the executive Order and the regulations *in 41 CFR Part 60-4*. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

2. As used in this Notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is the county or counties shown on the cover sheet of the proposal form and contract.

EMPLOYMENT GOALS FOR MINORITY AND FEMALE PARTICIPATION

Economic Areas

Area 023 29.7%
Bertie County
Camden County
Chowan County
Gates County
Hertford County
Pasquotank County
Perquimans County

Area 024 31.7%
Beaufort County
Carteret County
Craven County
Dare County
Edgecombe County
Green County
Halifax County
Hyde County
Jones County
Lenoir County
Martin County
Nash County
Northampton County
Pamlico County
Pitt County
Tyrrell County
Washington County
Wayne County
Wilson County

Area 025 23.5%
Columbus County
Duplin County
Onslow County
Pender County

Area 026 33.5%
Bladen County
Hoke County
Richmond County
Robeson County
Sampson County
Scotland County

Area 027 24.7%
Chatham County
Franklin County
Granville County
Harnett County
Johnston County
Lee County
Person County
Vance County
Warren County

Area 028 15.5%
Alleghany County
Ashe County
Caswell County
Davie County
Montgomery County
Moore County
Rockingham County
Surry County
Watauga County
Wilkes County

Area 029 15.7%
Alexander County
Anson County
Burke County
Cabarrus County
Caldwell County
Catawba County
Cleveland County
Iredell County
Lincoln County
Polk County
Rowan County
Rutherford County
Stanly County

Area 0480 8.5%
Buncombe County
Madison County

Area 030 6.3%
Avery County
Cherokee County
Clay County
Graham County
Haywood County
Henderson County
Jackson County
McDowell County
Macon County
Mitchell County
Swain County
Transylvania County
Yancey County

SMSA Areas

Area 5720 26.6%
Currituck County

Area 9200 20.7%
Brunswick County
New Hanover County

Area 2560 24.2%
Cumberland County

Area 6640 22.8%
Durham County
Orange County
Wake County

Area 1300 16.2%
Alamance County

Area 3120 16.4%
Davidson County
Forsyth County
Guilford County
Randolph County
Stokes County
Yadkin County

Area 1520 18.3%
Gaston County
Mecklenburg County
Union County

Goals for Female

Participation in Each Trade

(Statewide) 6.9%

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ATTACHMENTS

A. Employment and Materials Preference for Appalachian Development Highway System or Appalachian Local Access Road Contracts (included in Appalachian contracts only).

I. GENERAL

1. Historically, contracting agencies using Federal-aid highway funds were required to ensure Form FHWA-1273 was physically incorporated into all contracts and subcontracts. Effective June 10, 2026, this requirement was eliminated [91 FR 25492]. Future use of Form FHWA-1273 is now optional on the part of the contracting agency using Federal-aid highway funds. FHWA continues to make Form FHWA-1273 available as a convenience to contracting agencies. Contracting agencies must continue to ensure compliance with the provisions cited in Form FHWA-1273 in accordance with the provisions regardless of the use of Form FHWA-1273. Accordingly, the contracting agency retains the authority to determine whether the contractor must use Form FHWA-1273 to physically incorporate required contract provisions in each subcontract and in lower tier contracts. Where permitted by the contracting agency, the contractor may choose other ways to include required contract provisions in each subcontract, besides incorporating Form FHWA-1273. Contract provisions in Form FHWA-1273 are not required to be physically included in subcontracts for design services on Federal-aid design-build contracts, or in purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services.

The applicable requirements of Form FHWA-1273 are incorporated by reference for work done under any purchase order, rental agreement or agreement for other services. The prime contractor or design-builder shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Contracting agencies may reference Form FHWA-1273 in solicitation-for-bids or request-for-proposals documents.

2. Subject to the applicability criteria noted in the following sections, these contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions may be sufficient grounds for withholding of progress payments, withholding of final payment, termination of the contract, suspension / debarment or any other action determined to be appropriate by the contracting agency and FHWA.

4. Selection of Labor: During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not use convict labor for any purpose within the limits of a construction project on a Federal-aid highway unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation. 23 U.S.C. 114(b). The term Federal-aid highway does not include roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors. 23 U.S.C. 101(a).

II. NONDISCRIMINATION

The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following policies: 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627, 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26, and 27, including any amendments thereto.

Note: The U.S. Department of Labor has exclusive authority to determine compliance with 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627. The contracting agency and the FHWA have the authority and the responsibility to ensure compliance with 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26, and 27, including any amendments thereto.

The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR Part 35 and 29 CFR Part 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract.

1. Assurances Required:

a. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, including any amendments thereto, and the State DOT's FHWA-approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program are incorporated by reference.

b. The contractor, subrecipient 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, including any amendments thereto, 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) Liquidated damages; and/or
(4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

c. The Title VI and nondiscrimination provisions of U.S. DOT Order 1050.2A at Appendixes A and E, including any amendments thereto, are incorporated by reference. 49 CFR Part 21.

III. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

This section is applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects exceeding $2,000 and to all related subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (regardless of subcontract size), in accordance with 29 CFR 5.5. The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. 23 U.S.C. 113. This excludes roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. 23 U.S.C. 101. Where applicable law requires that projects be treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway, the provisions of this subpart will apply regardless of the location of the project. Examples include: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 133 [excluding recreational trails projects], the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 117, and National Highway Freight Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 167.

The following provisions are from the U.S. Department of Labor regulations in 29 CFR 5.5 “Contract provisions and related matters” with minor revisions to conform to the FHWA-1273 format and FHWA program requirements.

1. Minimum wages (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Wage rates and fringe benefits.* All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or otherwise working in construction or development of the project under a development statute), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of basic hourly wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics. As provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of 29 CFR 5.5, the appropriate wage determinations are effective by operation of law even if they have not been attached to the contract. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141(2)(B)) on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1.e. of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics must be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification(s) of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in paragraph 4. of this section. Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: *Provided,* That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.c. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH–1321) must be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

b. *Frequently recurring classifications.* (1) In addition to wage and fringe benefit rates that have been determined to be prevailing under the procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 1, a wage determination may contain, pursuant to § 1.3(f), wage and fringe benefit rates for classifications of laborers and mechanics for which conformance requests are regularly submitted pursuant to paragraph 1.c. of this section, provided that:

(i) The work performed by the classification is not performed by a classification in the wage determination for which a prevailing wage rate has been determined;

(ii) The classification is used in the area by the construction industry; and

(iii) The wage rate for the classification bears a reasonable relationship to the prevailing wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) The Administrator will establish wage rates for such classifications in accordance with paragraph 1.c.(1)(iii) of this section. Work performed in such a classification must be paid at no less than the wage and fringe benefit rate listed on the wage determination for such classification.

c. *Conformance.* (1) The contracting officer must require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract be classified in conformance with the wage determination. Conformance of an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits is appropriate only when the following criteria have been met:

(i) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(ii) The classification is used in the area by the construction industry; and

(iii) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) The conformance process may not be used to split, subdivide, or otherwise avoid application of classifications listed in the wage determination.

(3) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the

classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken will be sent by the contracting officer by email to *DBAconformance@dol.gov*. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30–day period that additional time is necessary.

(4) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer will, by email to *DBAconformance@dol.gov*, refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30–day period that additional time is necessary.

(5) The contracting officer must promptly notify the contractor of the action taken by the Wage and Hour Division under paragraphs 1.c.(3) and (4) of this section. The contractor must furnish a written copy of such determination to each affected worker or it must be posted as a part of the wage determination. The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraph 1.c.(3) or (4) of this section must be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

d. *Fringe benefits not expressed as an hourly rate.* Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor may either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or may pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

e. *Unfunded plans.* If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, *Provided,* That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, in accordance with the criteria set forth in § 5.28, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

f. *Interest.* In the event of a failure to pay all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contractor will be required to pay interest on any underpayment of wages.

2. Withholding (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Withholding requirements.* The contracting agency may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for the full amount of wages and monetary relief, including interest, required by the clauses set forth in this section for violations of this contract, or to satisfy any such liabilities required by any other Federal contract, or federally assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon labor standards, that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in § 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to Davis-Bacon labor standards requirements and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld. In the event of a contractor's failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice or helper working on the site of the work all or part of the wages required by the contract, or upon the contractor's failure to submit the required records as discussed in paragraph 3.d. of this section, the contracting agency may on its own initiative and after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

b. Priority to withheld funds. The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with paragraph 2.a. of this section or Section IV, paragraph 3.a., or both, over claims to those funds by:

(1) A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;

(2) A contracting agency for its reprocurement costs;

(3) A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;

(4) A contractor's assignee(s);

(5) A contractor's successor(s); or

(6) A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3901–3907.

3. Records and certified payrolls (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Basic record requirements* (1) *Length of record retention.* All regular payrolls and other basic records must be maintained by the contractor and any subcontractor during the course of the work and preserved for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or otherwise working in construction or development of the project under a development statute) for a period of at least 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.

(2) *Information required.* Such records must contain the name; Social Security number; last known address, telephone number, and email address of each such worker; each worker's correct classification(s) of work actually performed; hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in 40 U.S.C. 3141(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act); daily and weekly number

of hours actually worked in total and on each covered contract; deductions made; and actual wages paid.

(3) *Additional records relating to fringe benefits.* Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under paragraph 1.e. of this section that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in 40 U.S.C. 3141(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor must maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits.

(4) *Additional records relating to apprenticeship.* Contractors with apprentices working under approved programs must maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs, the registration of the apprentices, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

b. *Certified payroll requirements* (1) *Frequency and method of submission.* The contractor or subcontractor must submit weekly, for each week in which any DBA- or Related Acts-covered work is performed, certified payrolls to the contracting agency. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of all certified payrolls by all subcontractors. A contracting agency or prime contractor may permit or require contractors to submit certified payrolls through an electronic system, as long as the electronic system requires a legally valid electronic signature; the system allows the contractor, the contracting agency, and the Department of Labor to access the certified payrolls upon request for at least 3 years after the work on the prime contract has been completed; and the contracting agency or prime contractor permits other methods of submission in situations where the contractor is unable or limited in its ability to use or access the electronic system.

(2) *Information required.* The certified payrolls submitted must set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under paragraph 3.a.(2) of this section, except that full Social Security numbers and last known addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses must not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead, the certified payrolls need only include an individually identifying number for each worker (*e.g.,* the last four digits of the worker's Social Security number). The required weekly certified payroll information may be submitted using Optional Form WH–347 or in any other format desired. Optional Form WH–347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division website at *https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHD/legacy/files/wh347/.pdf* or its successor website. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide full Social Security numbers and last known addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission by the subcontractor to the contracting agency.

(3) *Statement of Compliance.* Each certified payroll submitted must be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor, or the contractor's or subcontractor's agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons working on the contract, and must certify the following:

(i) That the certified payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under paragraph 3.b. of this section, the appropriate information and basic records are being maintained under paragraph 3.a. of this section, and such information and records are correct and complete;

(ii) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper and apprentice) working on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in 29 CFR part 3; and

(iii) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification(s) of work actually performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(4) *Use of Optional Form WH–347.* The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH–347 will satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(3) of this section.

(5) *Signature.* The signature by the contractor, subcontractor, or the contractor's or subcontractor's agent must be an original handwritten signature or a legally valid electronic signature.

(6) *Falsification.* The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 31 U.S.C. 3729.

(7) *Length of certified payroll retention.* The contractor or subcontractor must preserve all certified payrolls during the course of the work and for a period of 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.

c. *Contracts, subcontracts, and related documents.* The contractor or subcontractor must maintain this contract or subcontract and related documents including, without limitation, bids, proposals, amendments, modifications, and extensions. The contractor or subcontractor must preserve these contracts, subcontracts, and related documents during the course of the work and for a period of 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.

d. *Required disclosures and access* (1) *Required record disclosures and access to workers.* The contractor or subcontractor must make the records required under paragraphs 3.a. through 3.c. of this section, and any other documents that the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor deems necessary to determine compliance with the labor standards provisions of any of the applicable statutes referenced by § 5.1, available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and must permit such representatives to interview workers during working hours on the job.

(2) *Sanctions for non-compliance with records and worker access requirements.* If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, or refuses to permit worker interviews during working hours on the job, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, owner, or other entity, as the case may be, that maintains such records or that employs such workers, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available, or to permit worker interviews during working hours on the job, may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to § 5.12. In addition, any contractor or other person that fails to submit the required records or make those records available to WHD within the time WHD requests that the records be produced will be precluded from introducing as evidence in an administrative proceeding under 29 CFR part 6 any of the required records that were not provided or made available to WHD. WHD will take into consideration a reasonable request from the contractor or person for an extension of the time for submission of records. WHD will determine the reasonableness of the request and may consider, among other things, the location of the records and the volume of production.

(3) *Required information disclosures.* Contractors and subcontractors must maintain the full Social Security number and last known address, telephone number, and email address of each covered worker, and must provide them upon request to the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, the contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or other compliance action.

4. Apprentices and equal employment opportunity (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Apprentices* (1) *Rate of pay.* Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship (OA), or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the OA. A person who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the OA or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice, will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform in the first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such a program. In the event the OA or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the OA withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to use apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(2) *Fringe benefits.* Apprentices must be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringe benefits must be paid in accordance with that determination.

(3) *Apprenticeship ratio.* The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeyworkers on the job site in any craft classification must not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program or the ratio applicable to the locality of the project pursuant to paragraph 4.a.(4) of this section. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated in paragraph 4.a.(1) of this section, must be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under this section must be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

(4) *Reciprocity of ratios and wage rates.* Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than the locality in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyworker's hourly rate) applicable within the locality in which the construction is being performed must be observed. If there is no applicable ratio or wage rate for the locality of the project, the ratio and wage rate specified in the contractor's registered program must be observed.

b. *Equal employment opportunity.* The use of apprentices and journeyworkers under this part must be in conformity with 29 CFR part 30, including any amendments thereto.

c. Apprentices and Trainees (programs of the U.S. DOT).

Apprentices and trainees working under apprenticeship and skill training programs which have been certified by the Secretary of Transportation as promoting EEO in connection with Federal-aid highway construction programs are not subject to the requirements of paragraph 4 of this Section III. 23 CFR 230.111(e)(2). The straight time hourly wage rates for apprentices and trainees under such programs will be established by the particular programs. The ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeyworkers shall not be greater than permitted by the terms of the particular program.

5. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

6. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor must insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (11) of this section, along with the applicable wage determination(s) and such other clauses or contract modifications as the contracting agency may by appropriate instructions require, and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses and wage determination(s) in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in this section. In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate. 29 CFR 5.5.

7. **Contract termination: debarment.** A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the

contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

9. Disputes concerning labor standards. As provided in 29 CFR 5.5, disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10. Certification of eligibility. a. By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of 40 U.S.C. 3144(b) or § 5.12(a).

b. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of 40 U.S.C. 3144(b) or § 5.12(a).

c. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Code, Title 18 Crimes and Criminal Procedure, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

11. Anti-retaliation. It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:

a. Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or 29 CFR part 1 or 3;

b. Filing any complaint, initiating or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or 29 CFR part 1 or 3;

c. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or 29 CFR part 1 or 3; or

d. Informing any other person about their rights under the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or 29 CFR part 1 or 3.

IV. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

Pursuant to 29 CFR 5.5(b), the following clauses apply to any Federal-aid construction contract in an amount in excess of $100,000 and subject to the overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by 29 CFR 5.5(a) or 29 CFR 4.6. As used in this paragraph, the terms laborers and mechanics include watchpersons and guards.

1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek. 29 CFR 5.5.

2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1. of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages and interest from the date of the underpayment. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchpersons and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1. of this section, in the sum currently provided in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(2)* for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph 1. of this section.

* $33 as of January 15, 2025 (See 90 FR 1859) as may be adjusted annually by the Department of Labor, pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990.

3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages

a. *Withholding process.* The FHWA or the contracting agency may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for any unpaid wages; monetary relief, including interest; and liquidated damages required by the clauses set forth in this section on this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in § 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld.

b. *Priority to withheld funds.* The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with Section III paragraph 2.a. or paragraph 3.a. of this section, or both, over claims to those funds by:

(1) A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;

(2) A contracting agency for its reprocurement costs;

(3) A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;

(4) A contractor's assignee(s);

(5) A contractor's successor(s); or

(6) A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3901–3907.

4. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor must insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1. through 5. of this section and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1. through 5. In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and associated liquidated damages and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate.

5. Anti-retaliation. It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:

a. Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) or its implementing regulations in this part;

b. Filing any complaint, initiating or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under CWHSSA or this part;

c. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under CWHSSA or this part; or

d. Informing any other person about their rights under CWHSSA or this part.

V. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts on the National Highway System pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116.

1. The contractor shall perform with its own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the contract) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the contracting agency. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635.116).

a. The term “perform work with its own organization” in paragraph 1 of Section VI refers to workers employed or leased by the prime contractor, and equipment owned or rented by the prime contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor, agents of the prime contractor, or any other assignees. The term may include payments for the costs of hiring leased employees from an employee leasing firm meeting all relevant Federal and State regulatory requirements. Leased employees may only be included in this term if the prime contractor meets all of the following conditions: (based on longstanding interpretation)

(1) the prime contractor maintains control over the supervision of the day-to-day activities of the leased employees;
(2) the prime contractor remains responsible for the quality of the work of the leased employees;
(3) the prime contractor retains all power to accept or exclude individual employees from work on the project; and
(4) the prime contractor remains ultimately responsible for the payment of predetermined minimum wages, the submission of payrolls, statements of compliance and all other Federal regulatory requirements.

b. "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid or propose on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract. 23 CFR 635.102.

2. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(a), the contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph 1. of this section is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor under the contract provisions.

3. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(c), the contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

4. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the contracting agency has assured that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract. (based on long-standing interpretation of 23 CFR 635.116).

5. The 30-percent self-performance requirement of paragraph (1) is not applicable to design-build contracts; however,

contracting agencies may establish their own self-performance requirements. 23 CFR 635.116(d).

VI. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

1. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR Part 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract. 23 CFR 635.108.

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR Part 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704). 29 CFR 1926.10.

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704).

VII. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, Form FHWA-1022 shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR Part 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

18 U.S.C. 1020 reads as follows:

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 11, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (42 U.S.C. 7606; 2 CFR 200.88; EO 11738)

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts in excess of $150,000 and to all related subcontracts. 48 CFR 2.101; 2 CFR 200.327.

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal Highway Administration and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II.

The contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of this Section in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements. 2 CFR 200.327.

IX. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost $25,000 or more – as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this

covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction. 2 CFR 180.320.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default. 2 CFR 180.325.

d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.345 and 180.350.

e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900-180.1020, and 1200. “First Tier Covered Transactions” refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). “Lower Tier Covered Transactions” refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). “First Tier Participant” refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). “Lower Tier Participant” refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction. 2 CFR 180.330.

g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the $25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 180.300.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. 2 CFR 180.300; 180.320, and 180.325. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. 2 CFR 180.335. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (https://www.sam.gov/). 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, and 180.325.

i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (f) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default. 2 CFR 180.325.

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2. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:

a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.335;.

(2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property, 2 CFR 180.800;

(3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, 2 CFR 180.700 and 180.800; and

(4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default. 2 CFR 180.355(d).

(5) Are not a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

(6) Are not a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements).

b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal. 2 CFR 180.335 and 180.340.

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3. **Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:**

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders, and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost $25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200). 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.365.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900 – 180.1020, and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. “First Tier Covered Transactions” refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). “Lower Tier Covered Transactions” refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). “First Tier Participant” refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). “Lower Tier Participant” refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated. 2 CFR 1200.220 and 1200.332.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the $25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (https://www.sam.gov/), which is compiled by the General Services Administration. 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, 180.330, and 180.335.

h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment. 2 CFR 180.325.

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4. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Participants:

a. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals:

(1) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.355;

(2) is a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

(3) is a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability. (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements)

b. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal.

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X. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed $100,000. 49 CFR Part 20, App. A.

1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed $100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

XI. USE OF UNITED STATES-FLAG VESSELS:

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, or any other covered transaction. 46 CFR Part 381.

This requirement applies to material or equipment that is acquired for a specific Federal-aid highway project. 46 CFR 381.7. It is not applicable to goods or materials that come into inventories independent of an FHWA funded-contract.

When oceanic shipments (or shipments across the Great Lakes) are necessary for materials or equipment acquired for a specific Federal-aid construction project, the bidder, proposer, contractor, subcontractor, or vendor 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. 46 CFR 381.7.

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 (b)(1) of this section to both the Contracting Officer (through the prime contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Office of Cargo and Commercial Sealift (MAR-620), Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590. (MARAD requires copies of the ocean carrier's (master) bills of lading, certified onboard, dated, with rates and charges. These bills of lading may contain business sensitive information and therefore may be submitted directly to MARAD by the Ocean Transportation Intermediary on behalf of the contractor). 46 CFR 381.7.

ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS PREFERENCE FOR APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS ROAD CONTRACTS (40 U.S.C. sections 14501(d) and 14701) and the Appalachian Regional Commission Code as authorized under 40 U.S.C. section 14302)
This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid projects funded under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor undertaking to do work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work, shall give preference to qualified persons who regularly reside in the labor area as designated by the DOL wherein the contract work is situated, or the subregion, or the Appalachian counties of the State wherein the contract work is situated, except:

a. To the extent that qualified persons regularly residing in the area are not available.

b. For the reasonable needs of the contractor to employ supervisory or specially experienced personnel necessary to assure an efficient execution of the contract work.

c. For the obligation of the contractor to offer employment to present or former employees as the result of a lawful collective bargaining contract, provided that the number of nonresident persons employed under this subparagraph (1c) shall not exceed 20 percent of the total number of employees employed by the contractor on the contract work, except as provided in subparagraph (4) below.

2. The contractor shall place a job order with the State Employment Service indicating (a) the classifications of the laborers, mechanics and other employees required to perform the contract work, (b) the number of employees required in each classification, (c) the date on which the participant estimates such employees will be required, and (d) any other pertinent information required by the State Employment Service to complete the job order form. The job order may be placed with the State Employment Service in writing or by telephone. If during the course of the contract work, the information submitted by the contractor in the original job order is substantially modified, the participant shall promptly notify the State Employment Service.

3. The contractor shall give full consideration to all qualified job applicants referred to him by the State Employment Service. The contractor is not required to grant employment to any job applicants who, in his opinion, are not qualified to perform the classification of work required.

4. If, within one week following the placing of a job order by the contractor with the State Employment Service, the State Employment Service is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the contractor, or less than the number requested, the State Employment Service will forward a certificate to the contractor indicating the unavailability of applicants. Such certificate shall be made a part of the contractor's permanent project records. Upon receipt of this certificate, the contractor may employ persons who do not normally reside in the labor area to fill positions covered by the certificate, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1c) above.

5. The provisions of 40 U.S.C. 14501 allow the contracting agency to provide a contractual preference for the use of mineral resource materials native to the Appalachian region.

6. The contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Attachment A in every subcontract for work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

(10-16-07) (Rev. 6-16-26) Z-10

Description

The North Carolina Department of Transportation administers a custom version of the Federal On-the-Job Training (OJT) Program, commonly referred to as the Alternative OJT Program. All Contractors will be automatically placed in the Alternative OJT Program.

The Alternate OJT Program will allow a Contractor to train employees on Federal, State and privately funded projects located in North Carolina. However, priority shall be given to training employees on NCDOT Federal-Aid funded projects.

On the Job Training shall meet the requirements of 23 CFR 230.107 (b), 23 USC – Section 140, this special provision and the NCDOT On-the-Job Training Program Manual.

Minorities and Women

Developing, training and upgrading of minorities and women toward journeyman level status is a primary objective of this special provision. Accordingly, the Contractor shall make every effort to enroll minority and women as trainees to the extent that such persons are available within a reasonable area of recruitment. This training commitment is not intended, and shall not be used, to discriminate against any applicant for training, whether a member of a minority group or not.

Assigning Training Goals

The Department, through the OJT Program Unit, will assign annual training goals based on the Contractor's activity over the past three years' on federal projects with the Department. At the beginning of each year, all eligible Contractors will be contacted by the Department to determine the number of trainees that will be assigned for the upcoming calendar year. At that time, the Contractor shall enter into an agreement with the Department to implement a self-imposed on-the-job training program for the calendar year. This agreement will specify the annual training goals agreed upon by both parties. The number of training assignments may range from 1 to 15 per Contractor per calendar year, unless a higher number is agreed to by the Contractor. The Contractor shall sign an agreement committing to fulfill their annual goal for the year.

Training Classifications

The Contractor shall provide on-the-job training aimed at developing full journeyman level workers in the construction craft/operator positions.

The Department has established common training classifications and their respective training requirements that may be used by the Contractors. However, the classifications established are not all-inclusive. Where the training is oriented toward construction applications, training will be allowed in lower-level management positions such as office engineers and estimators. Contractors shall submit new classifications for specific job functions that their employees are performing. The Department will review and recommend for acceptance to FHWA the new

classifications proposed by contractors, if applicable. New classifications shall meet the following requirements:

Proposed training classifications are reasonable and realistic based on the job skill classification needs, and

The number of training hours specified in the training classification is consistent with common practices and provides enough time for the trainee to obtain journeyman level status.

The Contractor may allow trainees to be trained by a subcontractor provided that the Contractor retains primary responsibility for meeting the training and this special provision is made applicable to the subcontract. However, only the Contractor will receive credit towards the annual goal for the trainee.

Where feasible, 25 percent of trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year of training. The number of trainees shall 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.

No employee shall be employed as a trainee in any classification in which they have successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman level status or in which they have been employed as a journeyman.

Records and Reports

The Contractor shall maintain enrollment, monthly and completion reports documenting company compliance under these contract documents. These documents and any other information as requested shall be submitted to the OJT Program Manager.

Upon completion and graduation of the program, the Contractor shall provide each trainee with a certification Certificate showing the type and length of training satisfactorily completed.

Trainee Interviews

All trainees enrolled in the program will receive at minimum an initial and Trainee/Post graduate interview conducted by the OJT program staff.

Trainee Wages

Contractors shall compensate trainees on a graduating pay scale based upon a percentage of the prevailing minimum journeyman wages (Davis-Bacon Act). Minimum pay shall be as follows:

60 percent	of the journeyman wage for the first half of the training period
75 percent	of the journeyman wage for the third quarter of the training period
90 percent	of the journeyman wage for the last quarter of the training period

In no instance shall a trainee be paid less than the local minimum wage. The Contractor shall adhere to the minimum hourly wage rate that will satisfy both the NC Department of Labor (NCDOL) and the Department.

Achieving or Failing to Meet Training Goals

The Contractor will be credited for each trainee currently enrolled or becomes enrolled in an approved program and who receives training for at least 50 percent of the specific program requirement. Trainees will be allowed to be transferred between projects if required by the Contractor's scheduled workload to meet training goals.

If a Contractor fails to attain their training assignments for the calendar year, they may be taken off the NCDOT's Bidders List.

Measurement and Payment

No compensation will be made for providing required training in accordance with these contract documents.

STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION
MINIMUM WAGES
GENERAL DECISION NC20260087 05/18/2026 NC87

Z-087

Date: May 18, 2026

General Decision Number: NC20260087 05/18/2026 NC87

Superseded General Decision Numbers: NC20250087

State: North Carolina

Construction Type: HIGHWAY

COUNTIES:

Alexander	Caldwell	Henderson
Buncombe	Catawba	Madison
Burke	Haywood	

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (excluding tunnels, building structures in rest area projects & railroad construction; bascule, suspension & spandrel arch bridges designed for commercial navigation, bridges involving marine construction; and other major bridges).

Modification Number	Publication Date
0	01/02/2026
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	Rates	Fringes
TRUCK DRIVER (GVWR of 26,000 Lbs or Less)	12.48	
TRUCK DRIVER (GVWR of 26,001 Lbs or Greater)	13.65	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Milling Machine)	15.08	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Mechanic)	17.86	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Tack Truck/Distributor Operator)	14.81	.02
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Slip Form Machine)	20.38	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Scraper Rough)	13.83	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Scraper Finish)	12.86	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Roller Other)	12.51	.03
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Roller Asphalt Finish)	16.08	.07
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Roller Asphalt Breakdown)	15.00	.08
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Paver Concrete)	18.20	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Paver Asphalt)	17.84	.08
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Pavement Marking Equipment)	11.99	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Oiler/Greaser)	15.05	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Off-Road Hauler/Water Tanker)	11.95	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Material Transfer Vehicle (Shuttle Buggy))	15.44	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Loader Greater Than 2 Cubic Yards)	17.91	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Loader 2 Cubic Yards or Less)	12.38	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Grader/Blade Rough)	15.12	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Grader/Blade Fine)	19.86	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Excavator Rough)	14.67	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Excavator Fine)	16.02	

	Rates	Fringes
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Drill Operator Structure)	21.07	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Drill Operator Rock)	15.00	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Crane Rough/All-Terrain)	19.19	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Crane Other)	18.69	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Crane Boom Trucks)	18.19	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Concrete Grinder/Groover)	19.20	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Bulldozer Rough)	14.51	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Bulldozer Fine)	16.28	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (Asphalt Broom Tractor)	10.00	
PAINTER (Bridge)	20.67	
LABORER (Pipelayer)	12.87	
LABORER (Common or General)	11.90	
LABORER (Traffic Signal/Lighting Installer)	15.33	.22
LABORER (Guardrail/Fence Installer)	13.09	
LABORER (Cement Mason/Concrete Finisher Tender)	11.04	
LABORER (Carpenter Tender)	10.50	
LABORER (Asphalt Screed/Jackman)	15.38	.08
LABORER (Asphalt Raker and Spreader)	11.76	
IRONWORKER	12.48	
ELECTRICIAN (Telecommunications Technician)	14.67	1.67
ELECTRICIAN (Electrician)	18.79	2.62
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	14.40	
CARPENTER	13.48	
BLASTER	20.93	

Welders – Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year. Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts.

Note: Executive Order 13658 generally applies to contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act that were awarded on or between January 1, 2015 and January 29, 2022, and that have not been renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022. Executive Order 13658 does not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts regardless of when they were awarded. If a contract is subject to Executive Order 13658, the contractor must pay all covered workers at least $13.65 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract from May 11, 2026, through December 31, 2026. The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under Executive Order 13658 is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the type(s) of construction and geographic area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order under rate identifiers indicating whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate), a survey rate, a weighted union average rate, a state adopted rate, or a supplemental classification rate.

Union Rate Identifiers

A four-letter identifier beginning with characters other than "SU", "UAVG", "SA", or "SC" denotes that a union rate was prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2024. PLUM is an identifier of the union whose collectively bargained rate prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. The date, 07/01/2024 in the example, is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all changes over time that are reported to WHD in the rates in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing the classification.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

The UAVG identifier indicates that no single rate prevailed for those classifications, but that 100% of the data reported for the classifications reflected union rates. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 01/01/2024. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the State of Ohio. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. The date, 01/01/2024 in the example, indicates the date the wage determination was updated to reflect the most current union average rate.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January, to reflect a weighted average of the current rates in the collective bargaining agreements on which the rate is based.

Survey Rate Identifiers

The "SU" identifier indicates that either a single non-union rate prevailed (as defined in 29 CFR 1.2) for this classification in the survey or that the rate was derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As a weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SUFL2022-007 6/27/2024. SU indicates the rate is a single non-union prevailing rate or a weighted average of survey data for that classification. FL indicates the State of Florida. 2022 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. The date, 6/27/2024 in the example, indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

"SU" wage rates typically remain in effect until a new survey is conducted. However, the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has the discretion to update such rates under 29 CFR 1.6(c)(1).

State Adopted Rate Identifiers

The "SA" identifier indicates that the classifications and prevailing wage rates set by a state (or local) government were adopted under 29 C.F.R 1.3(g)-(h). Example: SAME2023-007 01/03/2024. SA reflects that the rates are state adopted. ME refers to the State of Maine. 2023 is the year during which the state completed the survey on which the listed classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. The date, 01/03/2024 in the example, reflects the date on which the classifications and rates under the "SA" identifier took effect under state law in the state from which the rates were adopted.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

a) a survey underlying a wage determination
b) an existing published wage determination
c) an initial WHD letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
d) an initial conformance (additional classification and rate) determination

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be directed to the WHD Branch of Wage Surveys. Requests can be submitted via email to davisbaconinfo@dol.gov or by mail to:

Branch of Wage Surveys
Wage and Hour Division
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Regarding any other wage determination matter such as conformance decisions, requests for initial decisions should be directed to the WHD Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Requests can be submitted via email to BCWD-Office@dol.gov or by mail to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
Wage and Hour Division
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

2) If an initial decision has been issued, then any interested party (those affected by the action) that disagrees with the decision can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Requests for review and reconsideration can be submitted via mail to dba.reconsideration@dol.gov or by mail to:

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

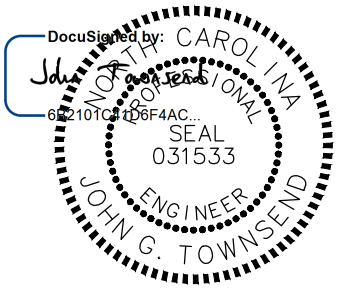
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WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL

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CONNECTED LANE CLOSURE SYSTEM

(10/29/2018) (Rev. 2/17/2026)

Description

Furnish, install, operate, maintain, relocate, and remove Connected Lane Closure Systems (CLCS) for lane closures on multi-lane roadways with posted speed limits of 55 mph and greater. The purpose of CLCS is to transmit real-time information of active lane closures for use by the State Transportation Operations Center (STOC), Regional Transportation Management Centers (TMCs), and traveler information systems; and for third party vendors (Mapping, Navigation, Connected Vehicles, etc.) to identify and provide advanced notification of active lane closures to approaching motorists.

Materials

The CLCS shall be designed and built to transmit the real-time location and direction of the lane closure. The information transmitted shall conform to the current version of the USDOT's Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx) specification and be made available to NCDOT approved consumers of this data. More information about the WZDx specification can be found at (https://www.transportation.gov/av/data/wzdx

The connected lane closure devices shall be capable of wireless communication.

The initial connected device representing the START location shall be designed and attached to the flashing arrow board in such a manner that it is only activated when either the left or right arrows are displayed, not when the flashing arrow board is operated in caution mode. The connected device shall no longer transmit location information when the flashing arrow board is turned off or changed to caution mode. The device shall have a visual indicator (e.g. an illuminated light, either steady burn or flash) to allow clear, visual proof the device is powered on, has established communication and is transmitting. The visual indicator shall not be located such that it potentially creates confusion for the motorists.

A second connected device representing the END location shall be installed on a crashworthy traffic control device. It shall have an easily accessible power switch and a small status indicator light mounted such that it is visible when passing by in a vehicle at operating speed. When switched to the ON position, the light shall indicate the device has established communication and is transmitting. The light may be either steady burn or flashing and shall not exceed one (1) inch in diameter. This second connected device representing the END location may be created virtually by a connected flashing arrow board.

The devices shall have sufficient battery life to maintain operation for the duration of the lane closure or can be recharged without deactivating the device or impacting the lane closure information transmitted to the external parties. All costs associated with charging are incidental and shall be included in the cost of the system.

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Construction Methods

CLCS shall be used on all lane closures on multi-lane roadways with posted speed limits of 55 mph and greater throughout the duration of the project.

A START and END location shall be established by the installed system per grouping of lane closures (single, double, or triple); one attached and wired into the flashing arrow board at the beginning of the first taper. The other at the last traffic control device at the end of the lane closure(s) if the END location cannot be created virtually. Supplemental flashing arrow boards in advance of the first lane closure taper or flashing arrow boards in subsequent lane closures (for double and triple lane closures) shall not transmit location information if equipped with connected devices. Subsequent lane closures occurring downstream of where all lanes have been reopened or lane closures in the opposite direction of travel will require additional connected devices.

The second connected lane closure device shall be manually turned ON and OFF by crews installing and removing the lane closure unless the device can be controlled or virtually created by the initial connected device. The unit shall be turned ON immediately upon installation of the lane closure and turned OFF immediately upon removal of the lane closure.

When the lane closure is removed, the flashing arrow board shall be turned off or changed to caution mode, and the connected device shall automatically turn off simultaneously and shall no longer transmit location information. Turning the device away from traffic or moving the device to a staging area with the arrow board in arrow mode is not acceptable.

The CLCS shall run continuously during any active lane closure for the duration of the contract. Once installed, the Contractor shall verify that the connected lane closure devices are transmitting information prior to leaving the device unattended and re-verify transmission every 72 hours for long-term installations.

Technical Requirements

The GPS within the connected devices shall have a horizontal accuracy of 10 feet, 95% of the time.

The system shall send real-time alerts to designated NCDOT personnel when the flashing arrow mode or direction is changed. The alert shall be within 5 minutes of the actual change.

The connected device shall transmit a Connected Work Zone (CWZ) Device Feed in compliance with the Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx) specification (WZDx Specification (Field Device) / Connected Work Zone Specification (CWZ)). The feed shall be transmitted within five (5) minutes of initiation and updated every fifteen (15) minutes to the central server.

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All required properties shall be transmitted. In addition, the following properties are also require:

- Road Direction
- Road Name
- Status Messages
- Is in Transport Position

More information about the WZDx specification can be found at https://www.transportation.gov/av/data/wzdx.

The Contractor shall provide multiple logins to a secured server (e.g. vendor dashboard) that provides real-time and historic status. The status must be exportable, within 24 hours, in .csv or .xls/.xlsx format and include data for date, device name, flashing arrow mode, communication status, road name, road direction, battery voltage, time on, time off, and GPS coordinates. The historic logged information shall be available to CLCS users 24/7/365 during the length of the entire construction phase. All logged information from the project shall be retained by the Contractor and be available to the NCDOT for at least three (3) years after the contract ends.

The battery voltage shall be collected at least once an hour. The information shall be stored and available for troubleshooting. To prevent communication loss, the system shall transmit an alert via E-mail or SMS to designated personnel if the battery voltage of a device is under a specified threshold.

The CLCS shall provide an immediate electronic alert (e.g. via E-mail or SMS) to the Traffic Control Supervisor or other designated individual if a device is not transmitting its position for a period of 30 minutes or more.

The outputs from the connected device on the arrow board and the downstream connected (or virtual) device at the end of the lane closure shall be easily identifiable as a single system, either by sequential device IDs, identical project names, or other method as approved by the Engineer. Additional pairs on the project shall have unique identifiable information such that it is not confused with another project system.

Measurement and Payment

Connected Lane Closure System will be measured and paid as the maximum number of connected systems acceptably placed and in use at any one time during the life of the project. Each lane closure system may be satisfied by one of the following:

- Two (2) connected lane closure devices; one connected to the flashing arrow board and the other on a crashworthy device at the downstream end of the lane closure.

- One (1) connected lane closure device connected to the flashing arrow board that can generate a virtual END location with 10’ accuracy.

All devices for each system must be functioning properly to receive payment for the system. No payment will be made for a system until all devices are satisfactorily installed and operational at

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the device and on the vendors dashboard. A copy of the device status reporting should be provided by the Contractor every 2 weeks.

The price for each connected lane closure system will cover all material, labor, maintenance, relocation, removal, and communication costs required for the duration of the project.

Flashing arrow boards and crashworthy devices (such as drums) used to mount the downstream connected lane closure device are paid separately elsewhere in this Contract.

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
Connected Lane Closure System	Each

HIGH VISIBILITY DEVICES

(10/25/2019) (Rev. 5/19/2026)

Description

Furnish and install high visibility devices on all roadways within the project limits with speed limits of 55 mph or higher.

Materials

(A) General

Use the following high visibility devices for work zone performance applications that are listed on the NCDOT APL.

(a) Drums
(b) Skinny Drums
(c) Work Zone Stationary Signs
(d) Work Zone Rigid Portable Signs (nighttime use)

All drums and skinny drums shall meet the requirements of Article 1089-5 of the *Standard Specifications* and shall have Grade B flexible, fluorescent orange sheeting that meets the retroreflective requirements of Article 1092-2 of the *Standard Specifications*.

All stationary work zone signs shall meet the requirements of Articles 1089-1 and 1089-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Legend overlays are prohibited. Vertical sign post reflector strips shall be added to all stationary sign supports. Use Grade B fluorescent orange for work zone sign supports and Grade B fluorescent yellow for exit sign supports. Install sign post reflector strips a minimum of 2” wide, a minimum of 6’ long on sign supports with one sign mounted and a minimum of 4.5’ long for sign supports with two or more signs mounted vertically.

All portable work zone signs shall meet the requirements of Article 1089-1 and 1089-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. However, roll-up signs are prohibited for night work.

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(B) Material Qualifications/Certifications

Provide a Type 3 Material Certification for all materials in accordance with Articles 106-3 and 1087-4 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Construction Methods

Install high visibility devices in accordance with this special provision and the applicable requirements of Section 1110, 1130 and 1180 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Maintenance

Replace any sign or drum that prematurely fails due to any damage or defect that causes it to perform unsatisfactorily with a device of similar quality and age according to the guidelines set forth in the American Traffic Safety Service Association's (ATSSA) Quality Guidelines for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices.

Measurement and Payment

High Visibility Drums will be measured and paid as the maximum number of drums placed and in use at any one time during the life of the project.

High Visibility Skinny Drums will be measured and paid as the maximum number of skinny drums placed and in use at any one time during the life of the project.

High Visibility Stationary Signs will be measured as the actual number of square feet satisfactorily installed at each location and accepted by the Engineer. Where a particular sign is used at more than one location, measurement will be made at each location.

High Visibility Portable Signs will be measured and paid as the actual number of square feet satisfactorily installed and accepted by the Engineer. Payment will be made for the initial installation only. Relocation of signs will be incidental to the measurement of the quantity of High Visibility Portable Signs.

No direct payment will be made for work zone high visibility stationary sign supports or portable sign stands. All work zone high visibility stationary sign supports or portable sign stands will be incidental to the work of providing *High Visibility Stationary Signs* or *High Visibility Portable Signs* respectively. Relocation, replacement, repair, disposal and maintenance of high visibility devices will be incidental to the work of this special provision. Relocation, replacement, repair, disposal or maintenance of ballasts or reflective sheeting will be incidental to the work of this special provision.

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Payment will be made under:

Pay Item:	**Pay Unit**
High Visibility Drums	Each
High Visibility Skinny Drums	Each
High Visibility Stationary Signs	Square Foot
High Visibility Portable Signs	Square Foot

WORK ZONE PRESENCE LIGHTING

(10/14/19) (Rev. 5/10/2021)

Description

Furnish and install Work Zone Presence Lighting during nightly lane closures on multilane roadways with speed limits of 55 mph or greater.

Materials

Anti-glare lighting systems are required. Work Zone Presence Lighting shall be installed in accordance with the attached detail and the Manufacturer's recommendations.

Supply a power source for each light to provide the light output as described in the chart below.

Each light unit shall be capable of providing a minimum of 14,000 lumens illuminating a minimum area of approximately 3,000 square feet. The light shall be capable of being elevated to a height of 14 feet above the pavement.

Each light unit support base or mounting stand shall have the capability of being leveled such that the light mast is plumb.

Provide Work Zone Presence Lighting listed on the NCDOT Approved Products List.

Construction Methods

Work Zone Presence Lighting is permitted to be prestaged (up to 1 hour prior for single lane closures and up to 2 hours prior for double or triple lane closures) along with other traffic control devices or installed within 1 hour after the necessary traffic control has been installed for the lane closure(s). At the end of the work night, the Work Zone Presence Lighting shall be removed within 1 hour before or after the lane closure(s) is removed.

Whenever possible, each light unit shall be placed on the outside paved shoulder, a minimum of 4 feet from the travel lane and spaced according to the chart below based on the amount of light output for each unit.

Work Zone Presence Lighting is permitted to supplement the Portable Construction Lighting inside the lane closure. At no time shall Work Zone Presence Lighting be used in lieu of Portable Construction Lighting when required.

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If there is sufficient existing overhead lighting, Work Zone Presence Lighting may be eliminated as directed by the Engineer.

Lighting Unit Installation Requirements

The lighting units shall be installed in advance of the lane closure as shown on the attached detail and spaced according to the chart below:

		AREA 1		AREA 2	
Light Output (Lumens)	**Illuminated Fixture Area (Sq. Ft.)**	**# of Lights**	**Spacing***	**# of Lights**	**Spacing***
14,000 - 35,000	4	6	640’ (16 skips)	8	480’ (12 skips)
35,001 - 59,999	5	5	800’ (20 skips)	6	640’ (16 skips)
60,000+	6+	4	1,000’ (25 skips)	5	800’ (20 skips)

*Skips refer to traditional 10’ pavement marking lines with 30’ gaps.

Area 1: Begins 2,640’ downstream from CMS; Extends to just past 1st Lane Closure Sign

Area 2: Begins just past the 1st Lane Closure Sign; Extends to just past the last Lane Closure Sign

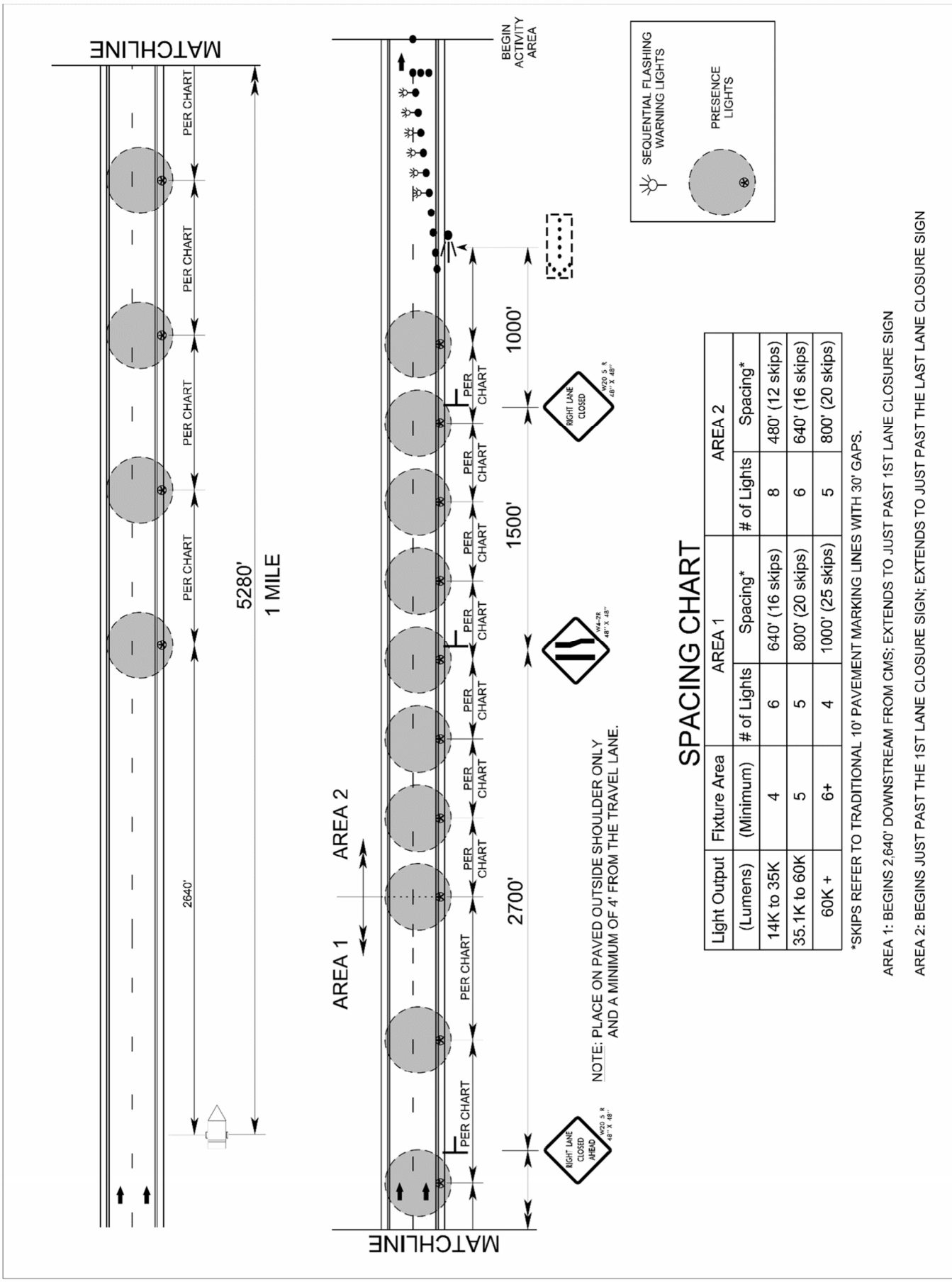
MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Work Zone Presence Lighting will be measured and paid as the maximum number of lighting units satisfactorily placed, accepted by the Engineer, and in use at any one time during the life of the project.

Relocation, replacement, repair, removal, and maintenance of Work Zone Presence Lighting units will be incidental to the work of this section. No measurement or separate payment will be made for power generators, batteries, or other power supply devices.

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
Work Zone Presence Lighting	Each

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SPACING CHART

Light Output	Fixture Area	AREA 1		AREA 2	
(Lumens)	(Minimum)	# of Lights	Spacing*	# of Lights	Spacing*
14K to 35K	4	6	640' (16 skips)	8	480' (12 skips)
35.1K to 60K	5	5	800' (20 skips)	6	640' (16 skips)
60K +	6+	4	1000' (25 skips)	5	800' (20 skips)

*SKIPS REFER TO TRADITIONAL 10' PAVEMENT MARKING LINES WITH 30' GAPS.

AREA 1: BEGINS 2,640' DOWNSTREAM FROM CMS; EXTENDS TO JUST PAST 1ST LANE CLOSURE SIGN

AREA 2: BEGINS JUST PAST THE 1ST LANE CLOSURE SIGN; EXTENDS TO JUST PAST THE LAST LANE CLOSURE SIGN

Project Special Provisions

Erosion Control

STABILIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

(4-30-2019)(Rev. 1-19-27)

Stabilization for this project shall comply with the time frame guidelines as specified by the NCG-010000 general construction permit issued by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources. Temporary or permanent ground cover stabilization shall occur within the following time frames from the last land-disturbing activity:

- Stabilize perimeter dikes, swales, ditches, and perimeter slopes within 7 calendar days.
- Stabilize high quality water (HQW) zones within 7 calendar days.
- Stabilize slopes steeper than 3:1 within 7 calendar days.
    - If slopes are 10 feet or less in length and are not steeper than 2:1, 14 calendar days are allowed.
- Stabilize slopes 3:1 to 4:1 within 14 calendar days.
    - 7 calendar days for slopes greater than 50 feet in length and with slopes steeper than 4:1.
    - 7 calendar days for perimeter dikes, swales, ditches, perimeter slopes, and HQW Zones.
- Stabilize areas with slopes flatter than 4:1 within 14 calendar days.
    - 7 calendar days for perimeter dikes, swales, ditches, perimeter slopes, and HQW Zones.

The stabilization timeframe for High Quality Water (HQW) Zones shall be 7 calendar days with no exceptions for slope grades or lengths. High Quality Water Zones (HQW) Zones are defined by North Carolina Administrative Code 15A NCAC 04A.0105 (25). Temporary and permanent ground cover stabilization shall be achieved in accordance with the provisions in this contract and as directed by the Engineer.

SEEDING AND MULCHING: (West)

The kinds of seed and fertilizer, and the rates of application of seed, fertilizer, and limestone, shall be as stated below. During periods of overlapping dates, the kind of seed to be used shall be determined. All rates are in pounds per acre.

Shoulder and Median Areas

August 1 - June 1	**May 1 - September 1**
20# Kentucky Bluegrass	20# Kentucky Bluegrass
75# Hard Fescue	75# Hard Fescue
25# Rye Grain	10# German or Browntop Millet
500# Fertilizer	500# Fertilizer
4000# Limestone	4000# Limestone

Areas Beyond the Mowing Pattern, Waste and Borrow Areas:

August 1 - June 1
100# Tall Fescue
15# Kentucky Bluegrass
30# Hard Fescue
25# Rye Grain
500# Fertilizer
4000# Limestone

May 1 - September 1
100# Tall Fescue
15# Kentucky Bluegrass
30# Hard Fescue
10# German or Browntop Millet
500# Fertilizer
4000# Limestone

Approved Tall Fescue Cultivars

06 Dust	Escalade	Kalahari	Serengeti
2nd Millennium	Essential	Kitty Hawk 2000	Shelby
3rd Millennium	Evergreen 2	Legitimate	Shenandoah III
Avenger	Faith	Lexington	Shenandoah Elite
Bar Fa	Falcon IV	LifeGuard	Sheridan
Barlexas	Falson NG	LSD	Sidewinder
Barlexas II	Falcon V	Magellan	Signia
Barrera	Fat Cat	Masterpiece	Silver Hawk
Barrington	Fesnova	Millennium SRP	Skyline
Barrobusto	Fidelity	Monet	Solara
Barvado	Finelawn Elite	Mustang 4	Southern Choice II
Biltmore	Finelawn Xpress	Naturally Green	Speedway
Bingo	Finesse II	Ninja 2	Spyder LS
Bizem	Firebird	Ol' Glory	Sunset Gold
Black Tail	Firecracker LS	Padre	Taccoa
Blackwatch	Firenza	Patagonia	Tahoe II
Blade Runner II	Five Point	Pedigree	Talladega
Bonsai	Focus	Picasso	Tanzania
Braveheart	Forte	Piedmont	Temple
Bravo	Garrison	Plantation	Terrano
Bullseye	Gazelle II	Proseeds 5301	Thor
Cannavaro	GLX Aced	Prospect	Thunderstruck
Catalyst	Gold Medallion	Quest	Titanium LS
Cayenne	Grande 3	RainDance	Titan LTD
Cezanne RZ	Greenbrooks	Raptor II	Tracer
Chipper	Greenkeeper	Rebel IV	Traverse SRP
Cochise IV	Gremlin	Rebel Exeda	Trio
Constitution	Greystone	Rebel Sentry	Tulsa Time
Corgi	Guardian 21	Regenerate	Turbo
Corona	Guardian 41	Regiment II	Turbo RZ
Coyote	Hemi	Rembrandt	Tuxedo
Cumberland	Honky Tonk	Rendition	Ultimate
Darlington	Hot Rod	Reunion	Umbrella
DaVinci	Hunter	Rhambler 2 SRP	Van Gogh

Desire	Inferno	Riverside	Venture
Diablo	Integrity	RNP	Watchdog
Dominion	Jaguar 3	Rocket	Wolfpack II
Dynamic	Jamboree	Saltillo	Xtremegreen
Dynasty	Justice	Scorpion	

Approved Kentucky Bluegrass Cultivars:

4-Season	Blue Coat	Granite	Prosperity
Alexa II	Blue Note	Hampton	Quantum Leap
America	Blue Velvet	Harmonie	Rambo
Apollo	Boomerang	Impact	Rhapsody
Aramintha	Cabernet	Jackrabbit	Rhythm
Arcadia	Champagne	Jefferson	Royce
Aries	Champlain	Juliet	Rubicon
Armada	Chicago II	Keeneland	Rugby II
Arrow	Corsair	Langara	Rush
Arrowhead	Courtyard	Legend	Shariz
Aura	Dauntless	Liberator	Showcase
Avid	Delight	Lunar	Skye
Award	Diva	Madison	Solar Eclipse
Awesome	Dynamo	Mazama	Sonoma
Bandera	Eagleton	Mercury	Sorbonne
Barduke	Emblem	Merlot	Starburst
Barnique	Empire	Midnight	Sudden Impact
Baron	Envicta	Midnight II	Thermal Blue
Baroness	Everest	Moon Shadow	Total Eclipse
Barrister	Everglade	Mystere	Touche
Barvette HGT	Excursion	Nu Destiny	Tsunami
Bedazzled	Freedom II	NuChicago	Valor
Belissimo	Freedon III	NuGlade	Washington
Bewitched	Front Page	Oasis	Zedor
Beyond	Futurity	Odyssey	Zinfandel
Blackjack	Gaelic	Perfection	
Bluebank	Ginney II	Pinot	
Blueberry	Gladstone	Princeton 105	

Approved Hard Fescue Cultivars:

Aurora Gold	Firefly	Nordic	Rhino
Azay Blue	Gladiator	Oxford	Scaldis II
Beacon	Granite	Predator	Spartan II
Berkshire	Heron	Quatro	Stonehenge
Beudin	Jetty	Reliant II	Sword
Blueray	Minimus	Reliant IV	Warwick
Chariot	Miser	Rescue 911	
Eureka II	Nancock	Resolute	

On cut and fill slopes 2:1 or steeper add 20# of Crown Vetch from January 1 - December 31.

Fertilizer shall be 10-20-20 analysis. A different analysis of fertilizer may be used provided the 1-2-2 ratio is maintained and the rate of application adjusted to provide the same amount of plant food as a 10-20-20 analysis and as directed by the Engineer.

TEMPORARY SEEDING:

Fertilizer shall be the same analysis as specified for *Seeding and Mulching* and applied at the rate of 400 pounds and seeded at the rate of 50 pounds per acre. German Millet, or Browntop Millet shall be used in summer months and rye grain during the remainder of the year. The Engineer will determine the exact dates for using each kind of seed.

FERTILIZER TOPDRESSING:

Fertilizer used for topdressing shall be 16-8-8 grade and shall be applied at the rate of 500 pounds per acre. A different analysis of fertilizer may be used provided the 2-1-1 ratio is maintained and the rate of application adjusted to provide the same amount of plant food as 16-8-8 analysis and as directed by the Engineer.

SUPPLEMENTAL SEEDING:

The kinds of seed and proportions shall be the same as specified for *Seeding and Mulching*, and the rate of application may vary from 25# to 75# per acre. The actual rate per acre will be determined prior to the time of topdressing and the Contractor will be notified in writing of the rate per acre, total quantity needed, and areas on which to apply the supplemental seed. Minimum tillage equipment, consisting of a sod seeder shall be used for incorporating seed into the soil as to prevent disturbance of existing vegetation. A clodbuster (ball and chain) may be used where degree of slope prevents the use of a sod seeder.

MOWING:

The minimum mowing height on this project shall be six inches.

MINIMIZE REMOVAL OF VEGETATION:

The Contractor shall minimize removal of vegetation within project limits to the maximum extent practicable. Vegetation along stream banks and adjacent to other jurisdictional resources outside the construction limits shall only be removed upon approval of Engineer. No additional payment will be made for this minimization work.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

(3-19-19) (rev. 04-27-20)

Description

The requirements set forth shall be adhered to in order to meet the applicable materials handling requirements of the NCG010000 permit. Structural controls installed to manage construction materials stored or used on site shall be shown on the E&SC Plan. Requirements for handling materials on construction sites shall be as follows:

Polyacrylamides (PAMS) and Flocculants

Polyacrylamides (PAMS) and flocculants shall be stored in leak-proof containers that are kept under storm-resistant cover or surrounded by secondary containment structures designed to protect adjacent surface waters. PAMS or other flocculants used shall be selected from the NC DWR List of Approved PAMS/Flocculants The concentration of PAMS and other flocculants used shall not exceed those specified in the NC DWR List of Approved PAMS/Flocculants and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The NC DWR List of Approved PAMS/Flocculants is available at:

https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Water+Quality/Environmental+Sciences/ATU/PAM8_30_18.pdf

Equipment Fluids

Fuels, lubricants, coolants, and hydraulic fluids, and other petroleum products shall be handled and disposed of in a manner so as not to enter surface or ground waters and in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations. Equipment used on the site must be operated and maintained properly to prevent discharge of fluids. Equipment, vehicle, and other wash waters shall not be discharged into E&SC basins or other E&SC devices. Alternative controls should be provided such that there is no discharge of soaps, solvents, or detergents.

Waste Materials

Construction materials and land clearing waste shall be disposed of in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 130A, Article 9 - Solid Waste Management, and rules governing the disposal of solid waste (15A NCAC 13B). Areas dedicated for managing construction material and land clearing waste shall be at least 50 feet away from storm drain inlets and surface waters unless it can be shown that no other alternatives are reasonably available. Paint and other liquid construction material waste shall not be dumped into storm drains. Paint and other liquid construction waste washouts should be located at least 50 away from storm drain inlets unless there is no alternative. Other options are to install lined washouts or use portable, removable bags or bins. Hazardous or toxic waste shall be managed in accordance with the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and NC Hazardous Waste Rules at 15A NCAC, Subchapter 13A. Litter and sanitary waste shall be managed in a manner to prevent it from entering jurisdictional waters and shall be disposed of offsite.

Herbicide, Pesticide, and Rodenticides

Herbicide, pesticide, and rodenticides shall be stored and applied in accordance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, North Carolina Pesticide Law of 1971 and labeling restrictions.

Concrete Materials

Concrete materials onsite, including excess concrete, must be controlled and managed to avoid contact with surface waters, wetlands or buffers. No concrete or cement slurry shall be discharged from the site. (Note that discharges from onsite concrete plants require coverage under a separate NPDES permit – NCG140000.) Concrete wash water shall be managed in accordance with the *Concrete Washout Structure* provision. Concrete slurry shall be managed and disposed of in accordance with *NCDOT DGS and HOS DCAR Distribution of Class A Residuals Statewide* (Permit No. WQ0035749). Any hardened concrete residue will be disposed of, or recycled on site, in accordance with state solid waste regulations.

Earthen Material Stock Piles

Earthen material stock piles shall be located at least 50 feet away from storm drain inlets and surface waters unless it can be shown that no other alternatives are reasonably available.

Measurement and Payment

Conditions set within the *Construction Materials Management* provision are incidental to the project for which no direct compensation will be made.

SAFETY FENCE AND JURISDICTIONAL FLAGGING:

Description

Safety Fence shall consist of furnishing materials, installing and maintaining polyethylene or polypropylene fence along the outside riparian buffer, wetland, or water boundary, or other boundaries located within the construction corridor to mark the areas that have been approved to infringe within the buffer, wetland, endangered vegetation, culturally sensitive areas or water. The fence shall be installed prior to any land disturbing activities.

Interior boundaries for jurisdictional areas noted above shall be delineated by stakes and highly visible flagging.

Jurisdictional boundaries at staging areas, waste sites, or borrow pits, whether considered outside or interior boundaries shall be delineated by stakes and highly visible flagging.

Materials

(A) Safety Fencing

Polyethylene or polypropylene fence shall be a highly visible preconstructed safety fence approved by the Engineer. The fence material shall have an ultraviolet coating.

Either wood posts or steel posts may be used. Wood posts shall be hardwood with a wedge or pencil tip at one end, and shall be at least 5 ft. in length with a minimum nominal 2" x 2" cross section. Steel posts shall be at least 5 ft. in length, and have a minimum weight of 0.85 lb/ft of length.

(B) Boundary Flagging

Wooden stakes shall be 4 feet in length with a minimum nominal 3/4" x 1-3/4" cross section. The flagging shall be at least 1" in width. The flagging material shall be vinyl and shall be orange in color and highly visible.

Construction Methods

No additional clearing and grubbing is anticipated for the installation of this fence. The fence shall be erected to conform to the general contour of the ground.

(A) Safety Fencing

Posts shall be set at a maximum spacing of 10 ft., maintained in a vertical position and hand set or set with a post driver. Posts shall be installed a minimum of 2 ft. into the ground. If hand set, all backfill material shall be thoroughly tamped. Wood posts may be sharpened to a dull point if power driven. Posts damaged by power driving shall be removed and replaced prior to final acceptance. The tops of all wood posts shall be cut at a 30-degree angle. The wood posts may, at the option of the Contractor, be cut at this angle either before or after the posts are erected.

The fence geotextile shall be attached to the wood posts with one 2" galvanized wire staple across each cable or to the steel posts with wire or other acceptable means.

Place construction stakes to establish the location of the safety fence in accordance with Article 105-9 or Article 801-1 of the *Standard Specifications.* No direct pay will be made for the staking of the safety fence. All stakeouts for safety fence shall be considered incidental to the work being paid for as "Construction Surveying", except that where there is no pay item for construction surveying, all safety fence stakeout will be performed by state forces.

The Contractor shall be required to maintain the safety fence in a satisfactory condition for the duration of the project as determined by the Engineer.

(B) Boundary Flagging

Boundary flagging delineation of interior boundaries shall consist of wooden stakes on 25 feet maximum intervals with highly visible orange flagging attached. Stakes shall be installed a

minimum of 6" into the ground. Interior boundaries may be staked on a tangent that runs parallel to buffer but must not encroach on the buffer at any location. Interior boundaries of hand clearing shall be identified with a different colored flagging to distinguish it from mechanized clearing.

Boundary flagging delineation of interior boundaries will be placed in accordance with Article 105-9 or Article 801-1 of the *Standard Specifications*. No direct pay will be made for delineation of the interior boundaries. This delineation will be considered incidental to the work being paid for as *Construction Surveying,* except that where there is no pay item or construction surveying the cost of boundary flagging delineation shall be included in the unit prices bid for the various items in the contract. Installation for delineation of all jurisdictional boundaries at staging areas, waste sites, or borrow pits shall consist of wooden stakes on 25 feet maximum intervals with highly visible orange flagging attached. Stakes shall be installed a minimum of 6" into the ground. Additional flagging may be placed on overhanging vegetation to enhance visibility but does not substitute for installation of stakes.

Installation of boundary flagging for delineation of all jurisdictional boundaries at staging areas, waste sites, or borrow pits shall be performed in accordance with Subarticle 230-4(B)(5) or Subarticle 802-2(F) of the *Standard Specifications*. No direct pay will be made for this delineation, as the cost of same shall be included in the unit prices bid for the various items in the contract.

The Contractor shall be required to maintain alternative stakes and highly visible flagging in a satisfactory condition for the duration of the project as determined by the Engineer.

Measurement and Payment

Safety Fence will be measured and paid as the actual number of linear feet of polyethylene or polypropylene fence installed in place and accepted. Such payment will be full compensation including but not limited to furnishing and installing fence geotextile with necessary posts and post bracing, staples, tie wires, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete this work.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
Safety Fence	Linear Foot

CONCRETE WASHOUT:
(10-22-15)(Rev. 4-15-25)

Description

Concrete washouts are impermeable enclosures, above or below grade, to contain concrete wastewater and associated concrete mix from cleaning of ready-mix trucks, drums, pumps, tools or other equipment. Concrete washouts must collect and retain all the concrete washout water and solids, so that this material does not migrate to surface waters or into the ground water. These enclosures are not intended for concrete waste not associated with washout operations.

Acceptable concrete washouts may include constructed earthen structures, above or below ground, or commercially available devices designed specifically to capture concrete wash water.

Materials

Refer to Division 10 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Item	**Section**
Temporary Silt Fence	1605

Safety Fence shall meet the specifications as provided elsewhere in this contract.

Geomembrane basin liner shall consist of a minimum 10 mil thick polypropylene or polyethylene geomembrane.

Construction Methods

Build an enclosed earthen berm or excavate to form an enclosure in accordance with the details and as directed by the Engineer near the project entrance(s) or at location(s) of concrete operations. Structures shall be constructed a minimum of 50 feet from drainage conveyances or jurisdictional streams or wetlands. Alternate structure designs or plans for management of concrete washout may be submitted for review and approval by the Engineer. Include in the alternate plan the method used to retain, treat and dispose of the concrete washout wastewater generated within the project limits and in accordance with the minimum setback requirements.

Install temporary silt fence around the perimeter of the structure enclosure in accordance with the details and as directed by the Engineer if the structure is not located in an area where existing erosion and sedimentation control devices are capable of containing stormwater runoff.

Post a sign with the words “Concrete Washout” in close proximity of the concrete washout area, so it is clearly visible to site personnel. Install safety fence as directed by the Engineer for visibility to construction traffic.

Install prefabricated concrete washouts, designed specifically to capture concrete wash water, at locations of additional concrete pouring operations. Acceptable systems may include geotextile lined containers, vinyl or plastic containers or roll-off containers, with or without filter bags with a minimum functional holding capacity of 36 cubic feet (1.33 cubic yards). Submit prefabricated concrete washout system for approval by the Engineer prior to installation. Place prefabricated concrete washout devices to a minimum 50 foot setback from drainage conveyances and jurisdictional streams and wetlands. If the minimum setback cannot be achieved, provide secondary containment to prevent accidental release of wastewater from reaching drainage conveyances or streams.

Prefabricated concrete washouts must be clearly and visibly labeled as such, either by the manufacturer on the product itself, or by a sign with the words “Concrete Washout” in close proximity of the concrete washout area so it is clearly visible to site personnel.

Maintenance and Removal

Maintain the concrete washout structure(s) to provide adequate holding capacity plus a minimum freeboard of 12 inches. Remove and dispose of hardened concrete and return the structure to a functional condition after reaching 75% capacity. Inspect concrete washout structures for damage to liner or structure to maintain functionality.

Maintain prefabricated concrete washout systems per manufacturer's recommendations. Inspect concrete washout structures for damage to linings or structure and repair or replace as necessary.

Remove the concrete washout structures and sign upon project completion. Grade the area to match the existing topography and permanently seed and mulch area. Dispose of prefabricated concrete washout structures according to state or local waste regulations.

Measurement and Payment

Concrete Washout Structure will be measured and paid per each enclosure installed in accordance with the details in the plans. If alternate plans or details are approved, those structures will also be paid for per each approved and installed structure. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all work including, but not limited to, furnishing all materials, labor, equipment, signage, slurry solidification and incidentals necessary to construct, maintain and remove *Concrete Washout Structure* and dispose of residual concrete washout wastewater and concrete solids.

Prefabricated Concrete Washout will be measured and paid per each system installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all work including, but not limited to, furnishing all materials, labor, equipment, signage, slurry solidification and incidentals necessary to install, maintain and remove *Prefabricated Concrete Washout*, and dispose of residual concrete washout wastewater and concrete solids.

Temporary Silt Fence will be measured and paid for in accordance with Article 1605-5 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Safety Fence shall be measured and paid for as provided elsewhere in this contract.

No measurement will be made for over excavation or stockpiling or other items necessary to complete this work.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
Concrete Washout Structure	Each
Prefabricated Concrete Washout	Each

LITTER REMOVAL (MOWING AREAS ONLY):

(07-19-22) (Rev 8-25-25)

Description

This work consists of the pickup, removal, and disposal of litter from roadsides within the construction project prior to mowing operations.

Construction Methods

Provide labor, equipment and materials necessary for the pickup and removal of litter from non-construction sources and the disposal of same into state approved landfills. The Contractor shall abide by all ordinances, laws and regulations regarding disposal of litter and recycling of eligible materials. Wastes generated from construction activities shall be managed as provided elsewhere in the contract. Litter items may consist of any item not considered normal to the right-of-way, including but not limited to, varied sizes of bottles, cans, paper, tires, tire pieces, lumber, vehicle parts, building supplies, metals, household furnishings, cardboard, plastics, ladders, brush and other items not considered normal to the right of way. Litter removal shall be performed in designated areas within five days prior to any mowing operations and as directed. Designated areas shall include vegetated medians and shoulders within the project limits including all interchange ramps and other areas to be mown. Designated areas may be omitted for litter removal by the Engineer due to safety concerns.

The Contractor shall provide adequate personnel and materials to collect and remove litter. The Contractor shall be responsible for locating and utilizing approved local landfills and recycling facilities. Refer to Section 107-25 of the *Standard Specifications* for potential hazardous materials. All collected litter shall be containerized immediately and kept off the traveled portions of the roadway, shoulders, and rights-of-way (including paved shoulders). All collected litter that is small enough to be placed in a bag shall be bagged immediately. All collected litter that is too large for a bag shall be placed into a vehicle. Extended storage or stockpiling of collected litter and recyclables will not be permitted.

The Contractor's personnel shall dispose of any litter in a landfill approved by North Carolina Division of Waste Management. The Contractor will not be allowed to use NCDOT accounts at the landfills/recycling centers nor be allowed to dispose of the litter in NCDOT trash containers on any NCDOT property.

The Contractor shall report online the number of bags of litter and any recycling on the NCDOT Litter Management Website on the date of the pickup at the following website:

https://apps.ncdot.gov/LM

An access code ('Pickup Key') for the online reporting portal may be obtained via emailing the Roadside Environmental Unit Litter Management Section at ncdot.clr@ncdot.gov. The Contractor shall request access to the litter removal reporting website prior to starting initial litter collection operations.

Measurement and Payment

The quantity of litter removal to be performed will be affected by the actual conditions that occur during construction of the project. The quantity of litter removal may be increased, decreased, or eliminated entirely as directed. Such variations in quantity will not be considered as alterations in the details of construction or a change in the character of the work.

Manual Litter Removal will be measured and paid as the actual number of man hours each worker spends picking up litter. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all litter removal work covered by *Litter Removal*, including, but not limited to, furnishing all materials, labor, equipment, transport, reporting, and incidentals necessary to accomplish the work.

Litter Disposal will be measured and paid for by the actual number of tons of litter collected and properly disposed of at a state approved landfill. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all fees, labor, transport, and incidentals necessary to dispose of collected litter associated with *Litter Removal*.

All traffic control necessary to provide a safe work area for *Litter Removal* shall be paid for as specified elsewhere in the contract.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
Manual Litter Removal	MHR
Litter Disposal	TON

CONTRACTOR WORKING ON BEHALF OF PROJECT SPONSOR
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NORFOLK SOUTHERN
CONTRACTOR RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, _____
("Principal") has requested that Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("Company") permit Principal to be on or about Company's premises and/or facilities in the vicinity of Company milepost
128.0-AS (Blue Ridge)
(the "Premises") for the sole purpose of repairing US-70 bridge parallel to NS
_____
, on behalf of North Carolina Department of Transportation
(the "Project Sponsor") during the period _____, 20____, to _____, 20____ (the "Right of Entry").

WHEREAS, Company is willing to grant the Right of Entry subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereby agree as follows.

Company hereby grants Principal the Right of Entry. The Right of Entry shall extend to Principal and to subcontractors and other entities affiliated with Principal who are specifically approved for entry by authorized representatives of Company in writing, as well as to the officers and employees of the foregoing (collectively "Licensees"). The Right of Entry shall apply to those portions of the Premises, and to such equipment, machinery, rolling stock and other personal property and fixtures belonging to Company or otherwise located on the Premises, only to the extent specifically designated and approved in writing by authorized representatives of Company (collectively, "Designated Property").

Principal agrees:

(i) that Licensees' access to the Premises shall be limited to the Designated Property and that Principal shall be liable and fully responsible for all actions of Licensees while on the Premises pursuant to the Right of Entry;

(ii) that Licensees shall (a) be subject to Company's direction when upon the Premises, and (b) be subject to Company's removal from the Premises, in Company's sole discretion, due to negligence, misconduct, unsafe actions, breach of this agreement or the failure to act respectfully, responsibly, professionally, and/or in a manner consistent with Company's desire to minimize risk and maintain its property with maximum security and minimum distractions or disruptions or for any other lawful reason;

(iii) that Licensees shall perform all work with such care, diligence and cooperation with Company personnel as to reasonably avoid accidents, damage or harm to persons or property and delays or interference with the operations of any Company's facilities and in accordance with Company's "Special Provisions for Protection of Railway Interest", attached and incorporated herein.

(iv) to give Company's officer signing this agreement, or his or her authorized representative, advance notification of the presence of Licensees on Designated Property in accordance with Company's "Special Provisions for Protection of Railway Interest";

(v) to indemnify and save harmless Company, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, judgments, costs, expenses (including without limitation reasonable attorney's fees) and liability resulting from (a) injury to or death of any person, including without limitation the Licensees, and damage to or loss of any property, including without limitation that belonging to or in the custody of Licensees

(the "Licensee Property"), arising or in any manner growing out of the presence of either the Licensees or the Licensee Property, or both, on or about the Premises, regardless of whether negligence on the part of Company, its officers, agents or employees caused or contributed to said loss of life, personal injury or property loss or damage in whole or in part; (b) any alleged violation of any law, statute, code, ordinance or regulation of the United States or of any state, county or municipal government (including, without limitation, those relating to air, water, noise, solid waste and other forms of environmental protection, contamination or pollution or to discrimination on any basis) that results in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from the activities of Licensees related in any way to their presence on the Premises or from any other act or omission of Licensees contributing to such violation, regardless of whether such activities, acts or omissions are intentional or negligent, and regardless of any specification by Company without actual knowledge that it might violate any such law, statute, code, ordinance or regulation; (c) any allegation that Company is an employer or joint employer of a Licensee or is liable for related employment benefits or tax withholdings; or (d) any decision by Company to bar or exclude a Licensee from the Premises pursuant to subsection (ii)(b) above;

(vi) to have and keep in effect the appropriate kinds of insurance as listed in the Company's "Special Provisions for Protection of Railway Interest, with insurance companies satisfactory to Company, during the entire time Licensees or Licensee Property, or both, is on the Premises: and to provide certificates of insurance showing the foregoing coverage, as well as any endorsements or other proper documentation showing and any change or cancellations in the coverage to the Company officer signing this agreement or to his or her authorized representative;

(vii) to reimburse Company for any costs not covered under the existing project agreement between the Company and the Project Sponsor, including, but not limited to, material, labor, construction submittal review, supervisory and railroad protective services costs, and related taxes and overhead expenses required or deemed necessary by Company because of the presence of either Licensees or Licensee Property on the Premises;

(viii) to exercise special care and precautions to protect the Premises and equipment, machinery, rolling stock and other personal property and fixtures belonging to Company or otherwise located on the Premises (whether or not constituting Designated Property) and to avoid interference with Company's operations;

(ix) to not create and not allow drainage conditions which would be adverse to the Premises or any surrounding areas;

(x) to refrain from the disposal or release of any trash, waste, and hazardous, dangerous or toxic waste, materials or substances on or adjacent to the Premises and to clean up or to pay Company for the cleanup of any such released trash, waste, materials or substances; and

(xi) to restore the Premises and surrounding areas to its original condition or to a condition satisfactory to the Company officer signing this agreement or to his or her authorized representative (ordinary wear and tear to rolling stock and equipment excepted) upon termination of Licensees' presence on the Premises.

As a part of the consideration hereof, Principal further hereby agrees that Company shall mean not only Norfolk Southern Railway Company but also Norfolk Southern Corporation and any and all subsidiaries and affiliates of Norfolk Southern Railway Company or Norfolk Southern Corporation, and that all of Principal's indemnity commitments in this agreement in favor of Company also shall extend to and indemnify Norfolk Southern Corporation and any subsidiaries and affiliated companies of Norfolk Southern Railway Company or Norfolk Southern Corporation and its and/or their directors, officers, agents and employees.

It is expressly understood that the indemnification obligations set forth herein cover claims by Principal's employees, agents, independent contractors and other representatives, and Principal expressly waives any defense to or immunity from such indemnification obligations and/or any subrogation rights available

under any applicable state constitutional provision, laws, rules or regulations, including, without limitation, the workers' compensation laws of any state. Specifically, (i) in the event that all or a portion of the Premises is located in the State of Ohio, the following provision shall be applicable: "Principal, with respect to the indemnification provisions contained herein, hereby expressly waives any defense or immunity granted or afforded it pursuant to Section 35, Article II of the Ohio Constitution and Section 4123.74 of the Ohio Revised Code"; and (ii) in the event that all or a portion of the Premises is located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the following provision shall be applicable: "Principal, with respect to the indemnification provisions contained herein, hereby expressly waives any defense or immunity granted or afforded it pursuant to the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act, 77 P.S. 481".

This agreement shall be governed by the internal laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without regard to otherwise applicable principles of conflicts of laws. If any of the foregoing provisions is held for any reason to be unlawful or unenforceable, the parties intend that only the specific words found to be unlawful or unenforceable be severed and deleted from this agreement and that the balance of this agreement remain a binding enforceable agreement to the fullest extent permitted by law.

This agreement may be amended only in a writing signed by authorized representatives of the parties.

Name of Principal: _____

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title _____

Date _____, 20____

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

By_____

Print Name: A.B. Johnson

Title Chief Engineer Design & Construction

Date _____, 20_____

E. Norfolk Southern – Special Provisions for Protection of Railway Interests

1. AUTHORITY OF RAILROAD ENGINEER AND SPONSOR ENGINEER:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company, hereinafter referred to as "Railroad", and their authorized representative shall have final authority in all matters affecting the safe maintenance of railroad traffic including the adequacy of the foundations and structures supporting the railroad tracks. For Public Projects impacting the Railroad, the Railroad's Public Improvements Engineer or Engineer Planning, hereinafter referred to as "Railroad Engineer", will serve as the authorized representative of the Railroad.

A general engineering consultant may be utilized to assist the Railroad Engineer in handling the Project, hereinafter referred to as "Construction Engineering Representative".

Other designated personnel by the Railroad Engineer shall hereinafter be referred to as "Railroad Representative".

The authorized representative of the Project Sponsor ("Sponsor"), hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsor's Engineer", shall have authority over all other matters as prescribed herein and in the Project Specifications.

The Sponsor's Prime Contractor, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor" shall be responsible for completing any and all work in accordance with the terms prescribed herein and in the Project Specifications. This shall include the qualified protective services of a contractor directly hired by the Contractor to protect their workers and construction activities while working on or adjacent to Railroad property, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor Protective Services".

This document titled E. Norfolk Southern – Special Provisions for Protection of Railway Interests shall hereinafter be referred to as "Special Provisions".

These terms and conditions are subject to change without notice at the sole discretion of the Railroad. The Contractor must request the latest version of these Special Provisions from the Railroad prior to commencing work and must follow the requirements outlined therein.

2. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED:

A. The Contractor shall not commence mobilizing to the Premises, as defined in the Norfolk Southern Contractor Right of Entry Agreement, until the Contractor has complied with the following conditions:

1. Signed and received a fully executed copy of the required Norfolk Southern Contractor Right of Entry Agreement. Contractor Right of Entry Agreements to be submitted via email to the Railroad Engineer.

2. Obtained written approval from the Railroad of Railroad Protective Liability Insurance coverage as required by paragraph 15 herein. It should be noted that the Railroad does not accept notation of Railroad Protective insurance on a certificate of liability insurance form or Binders as Railroad must have the full original countersigned policy. Further, please note that mere receipt of the policy is not the only issue but review for compliance. Due to the number of projects system-wide, it typically takes a minimum of 30-45 days for the Railroad to review.

3. Held a preconstruction meeting between the Contractor, the Sponsor, Railroad Engineer and/or their Construction Engineering Representative and the Railroad Representative(s). NOTE: Railroad Representative(s) may choose to not attend the preconstruction meeting at their discretion.

4. Obtained Contractor Protective Services as required by Section 8 herein.

5. Furnished a schedule for all construction activities which may impact the Railroad's property or operations. NOTE: Contractor Protective Services shall be provided any time construction activities are taking place on or adjacent to the Railroad Property and/or has the potential to foul the Railroad's track or operations as required by Section 8 herein.

6. Schedule an onsite start-of-work meeting between the Contractor, Contractor Protective Services personnel, Railroad Engineer and/or their Construction Engineering Representative and the Railroad Representative(s). NOTE: Railroad Representative(s) may choose to not attend the start-of-work meeting at their discretion.

7. Obtained written authorization to proceed from the Railroad to begin mobilization to the Premises, as defined in the Norfolk Southern Contractor Right of Entry Agreement, such authorization to include an outline of specific conditions with which the Contractor must comply. Written Authorization will be issued by the Railroad once all items on the Norfolk Southern Checklist for Construction - Direct Hire have been completed.

B. The Railroad's written authorization to proceed with the work shall include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Railroad Representative(s) and any specific Construction Engineering Representative who shall be notified as hereinafter required. Where more than one representative is designated, the area of responsibility of each representative shall be specified.

C. All project-related utility work that is to occur on, over, or under Railroad right-of-way must be coordinated with the Norfolk Southern Pipe and Wire Program. The Contractor must receive approval from the Norfolk Southern Pipe and Wire Program prior to commencing any utility work.

3. NOTICE OF STARTING WORK:

A. Before undertaking any construction activities on the Premises, as defined in the Norfolk Southern Contractor Right of Entry Agreement, the Contractor shall:

1. Notify the Railroad Representative(s) at least 72 hours in advance of any construction activities that Contractor Protective Services have been obtained for use.

2. Hold an onsite start-of-work meeting between the Contractor, Contractor Protective Services personnel, Railroad Engineer and/or their Construction Engineering Representative and the Railroad Representative(s). NOTE: Railroad Representative(s) may choose to not attend the start of work meeting at their discretion.

3. Receive assurance from the qualified protective services contractor that the Contractor Protective Services are properly equipped and have been site specific trained by the Railroad Representative prior to performing the full duties of protecting the Contractor. Until assurance from the qualified protective services contractor is obtained, Contractor Protective Services may act as an observer until such Contractor Protective Services are site specific trained by the Railroad Representative. The reference to an "observer" is defined as a person who has the authority to deny access to Contractor's workers and machinery to a specified Railroad operation zone as directed to the qualified protective services contractor by Railroad and prevent those potential to foul work events which may put the Contractor's workers and machinery at risk for injury or damage.

4. INTERFERENCE WITH RAILROAD OPERATIONS:

A. The Contractor shall so arrange and conduct the Contractor's work that there will be no interference with Railroad's operations, including train, signal, telephone and telegraphic services, or damage to the property of the Railroad or to poles, wires, and other facilities of tenants on the rights-of-way of the Railroad. Whenever work is liable to affect the operations or safety of trains, the method of doing such work shall first be submitted to the Railroad Engineer for approval, but such approval shall not relieve the Contractor from liability. Any work to be performed by the Contractor which requires Construction Engineering Representative inspection services shall be deferred by the Contractor until the Construction Engineering Representative inspection services are available at the job site. Contractor Protective Services shall be provided onsite any time construction activities are taking place on or adjacent to the Railroad Property and/or has the potential to foul the Railroad's track or operations

B. Whenever work within Railroad's rights-of-way is of such a nature that impediment to Railroad's operations such as use of runaround tracks or necessity for reduced speed is unavoidable, the Contractor shall schedule and conduct the Contractor's operations so that such impediment is reduced to the absolute minimum.

C. Should conditions arising from, or in connection with the work, require that immediate and unusual provisions be made to protect operations and property of the Railroad, the Contractor shall make such provisions. If in the judgment of the Railroad Engineer, or in the Railroad Engineer's absence, the Railroad's Division Engineer, such provisions are insufficient, either may require or provide such provisions as the Railroad deems necessary. In any event, such unusual provisions shall be at the Contractor's expense and without cost to the Railroad or the Sponsor.

D. "One Call" Services do not locate buried Norfolk Southern Signals and Communications Lines. The contractor shall contact the Railroad's representative 7 days in advance of work at those places where excavation, pile driving, or heavy loads may damage the Railroad's underground facilities. Upon request from the Contractor or Sponsor, Railroad forces will locate and paint mark or flag the Railroad's underground facilities. The Contractor shall avoid excavation or other disturbances of these facilities. If disturbance or excavation is required near a buried Railroad facility, the Contractor shall coordinate with the Railroad to have the facility potholed manually with careful hand excavation. The facility shall be protected by the Contractor during the course of the disturbance under the supervision and direction of the Railroad's Representative.

5. TRACK CLEARANCES:

   A. The minimum track clearances to be maintained by the Contractor during construction are shown on the Project Plans. If temporary clearances are not shown on the project plans, the following criteria shall govern the use of falsework and formwork above or adjacent to operated tracks.

      1. A minimum vertical clearance of 22'-0" above top of highest rail shall be maintained at all times.

      2. A minimum horizontal clearance of 13'-0" from centerline of tangent track or 14'-0" from centerline of curved track shall be maintained at all times. Additional horizontal clearance may be required in special cases to be safe for operating conditions. This additional clearance will be as determined by the Railroad Engineer.

      3. All proposed temporary clearances which are less than those listed above must be submitted to Railroad Engineer for approval prior to construction and must also be authorized by the regulatory body of the State if less than the legally prescribed clearances.

      4. The temporary clearance requirements noted above shall also apply to all other physical obstructions including, but not limited to: stockpiled materials, parked equipment, placement or driving of piles, and bracing or other construction supports.

6. CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES:

   A. General:

      1. Construction work and operations by the Contractor on Railroad property shall be:

         a. Subject to the inspection and approval of the Railroad Engineer or their designated Construction Engineering Representative.

         b. In accordance with the Railroad's written outline of specific conditions.

         c. In accordance with the Railroad's general rules, regulations and requirements including those relating to safety, fall protection and personal protective equipment.

         d. In accordance with these Special Provisions.

      2. Submittal Requirements

         a. The Contractor shall submit all construction related correspondence and submittals electronically to the Railroad Engineer and/or their designated Construction Engineering Representative.

         b. The contractor should anticipate a minimum of 45 days for Railroad and their Construction Engineering Representative to complete the review of all construction submittals. Time frames for reviews can vary significantly depending on the complexity of the project and the quality of submittals. Submittals requiring input from other departments may require additional time.

c. All work in the vicinity of the Railroad's property that has the potential to affect the Railroad's train operations or disturb the Railroad's property must be submitted and approved by the Railroad prior to work being performed.

d. All submittals and calculations must be signed and sealed by a registered engineer licensed in the state of the project work.

e. All submittals shall first be approved by the Sponsor's Engineer prior to submission to the Railroad Engineer for review. Submittals are reviewed by the Railroad for impacts to Railroad operations only; therefore, approval from the Railroad Engineer shall not relieve the Contractor from liability.

f. For all construction projects, the following submittals, but not limited to those listed below, shall be provided for review and approval when applicable:

(1) General Means and Methods
(2) Ballast Protection
(3) Construction Excavation & Shoring
(4) Pipe, Culvert, & Tunnel Installations
(5) Demolition Procedure
(6) Erection & Hoisting Procedure
(7) Debris Shielding or Containment
(8) Blasting
(9) Formwork for the bridge deck, diaphragms, overhang brackets, and protective platforms
(10) Bent Cap Falsework. A lift plan will be required if the contractor want to move the falsework over the tracks.

g. For Undergrade Bridges (Bridges carrying the Railroad) the following submittals in addition to those listed above shall be provided for review and approval:

(1) Girder Shop Drawings including welding/fabrication procedures
(2) Bearing Shop Drawings and Material Certifications
(3) Shop Drawings for drainage, handrails/fencing, and expansion dams
(4) Concrete Mix Design
(5) Structural Steel, Rebar, and/or Strand Certifications
(6) 28-day Cylinder Test for Concrete Strength
(7) Waterproofing Material Certification
(8) Dampproofing materials
(9) Test Reports for all steel
(10) Foundation Construction Reports

Other submittals may be required upon request from the Railroad. Fabrication may not begin until the Railroad has approved the required shop drawings.

h. The Contractor shall include in all submissions a detailed narrative indicating the progression of work with the anticipated timeframe to complete each task. Work will not be permitted to commence until the Contractor has provided the Railroad with a satisfactory plan that the project will be undertaken without scheduling, performance, or safety related issues. Submissions shall also provide: a listing of the anticipated equipment to be used, plan and profile views showing the location of all equipment to be used relative to the track centerline(s) shown, and a contingency plan of action covering the event that a primary piece of equipment malfunctions.

B. Ballast Protection

1. The Contractor shall submit the proposed ballast protection system detailing the specific filter fabric and anchorage system to be used during all construction activities.

2. The ballast protection is to extend 25' beyond the proposed limit of work, be installed at the start of the project and be continuously maintained to prevent all contaminants from entering the ballast section of all tracks for the entire duration of the project.

C. Excavation:

1. The subgrade of an operated track shall be maintained with edge of berm at least 10'-0" from centerline of track and not more than 24-inches below top of rail. Contractor will not be required to make existing section meet this specification if substandard, in which case the existing section will be maintained.

2. Additionally, the Railroad will require the installation of an OSHA approved handrail and orange construction safety fencing for all excavations of the Railroad right-of-way.

D. Excavation for Structures and Shoring Protection:

1. The Contractor will be required to take special precaution and care in connection with excavating and shoring pits, and in driving piles or sheeting for footings adjacent to tracks to provide adequate lateral support for the tracks and the loads which they carry, without disturbance of track alignment and surface, and to avoid obstructing track clearances with working equipment, tools or other material.

2. The use of shoring systems utilizing tiebacks shall not be permitted without written approval from the Railroad Engineer.

3. Shoring systems utilizing trench boxes shall not be permitted within the Theoretical Railroad Embankment (Zones 1, 2, or 3) as shown on NS Typical Drawing No. 4 – Shoring Requirements without written approval from the Railroad Engineer.

4. All plans and calculations for shoring shall be prepared, signed, and sealed by a Registered Professional Engineer licensed in the state of the proposed project, in accordance with Norfolk Southern' s Overhead Grade Separation Design Criteria, subsection H.1.6 - Construction Excavation (Refer to Norfolk Southern Public Improvement Projects Manual Appendix H). The Registered Professional Engineer will be responsible for the accuracy for all controlling dimensions as well as the selection of soil design values which will accurately reflect the actual field conditions.

5. The Contractor shall provide a detailed installation and removal plan of the shoring components. Any component that will be installed via the use of a crane or any other lifting device shall be subject to the guidelines outlined in Section 6.G of these Special Provisions.

6. The Contractor shall be required to survey the track(s) and Railroad embankment and provide a cross section of the proposed excavation in relation to the tracks.

7. Calculations for the proposed shoring should include deflection calculations. The maximum deflection for excavations within 18'-0" of the centerline of the nearest track shall be 3/8". For all other cases, the max deflection shall not exceed ½".

8. Additionally, the Railroad will require the installation of an OSHA approved handrail and orange construction safety fencing for all excavations of the Railroad right-of-way.

9. The front face of shoring located closest to the NS track for all shoring setups located in Zone 2 (shown on NS Typical Drawing No. 4 – Shoring Requirements in Appendix I) shall remain in place and be cut off 2'-0" below the final ground elevation. The remaining shoring in Zone 2 and all shoring in Zone 1 may be removed and all voids must be backfilled with flowable fill.

E. Pipe, Culvert, & Tunnel Installations

1. Pipe, Culvert, & Tunnel Installations shall be in accordance with the appropriate Norfolk Southern Design Specification as noted below:

    a. For Open Cut Method refer to Norfolk Southern Public Improvement Projects Manual Appendix H.4.6.
    b. For Jack and Bore Method refer to Norfolk Southern Public Improvement Projects Manual Appendix H.4.7.
    c. For Tunneling Method refer to Norfolk Southern Public Improvement Projects Manual Appendix H.4.8.

2. The installation methods provided are for pipes carrying storm water or open flow run-off. All other closed pipeline systems shall be installed in accordance Norfolk Southern' s Pipe and Wire Program and the NSCE-8.

F. Demolition Procedures

1. General

    a. Demolition plans are required for all spans over the track(s), for all spans adjacent to the track(s), if located on (or partially on) Railroad right-of-way; and in all situations where cranes will be situated on, over, or adjacent to Railroad right-of-way and within a distance of the boom length plus 15'-0" from the centerline of track.

    b. Railroad tracks and other Railroad property must be protected from damage during the procedure.

c. A pre-demolition meeting shall be conducted with the Sponsor, the Railroad Engineer and/or the Construction Engineering Representative, and the key Contractor's personnel prior to the start of the demolition procedure.

d. The Railroad Engineer and/or the Construction Engineering Representative must be present at the site during the entire demolition procedure period.

e. Demolition of existing bridge decks in spans over the Railroad shall be performed in a controlled manner (i.e. saw-cutting). No impact equipment (track-mounted hoe-ram, jackhammers, etc.) may be used over the Railroad without approval by the Railroad Engineer.

f. Existing, obsolete, bridge piers shall be removed to a sufficient depth below grade to enable restoration of the existing/proposed track ditch, but in no case less than 2'-0" below final grade.

2. Submittal Requirements

a. In addition to the submittal requirements outlined in Section 6.A.2 of these Special Provisions, the Contractor shall submit the following for approval by the Railroad Engineer:

(1) A plan showing the location of cranes, horizontally and vertically, with proposed boom lengths, operating radii, counterweights, and delivery or disposal locations shown. The location of all tracks and other Railroad facilities as well as all obstructions such as wire lines, poles, adjacent structures, etc. must also be shown.

(2) Rating sheets showing that cranes or lifting devices are adequate for 150% of the actual weight of the pick, including all rigging components. A complete set of crane charts, including crane, counterweight, and boom nomenclature is to be submitted. Safety factors that may have been "built-in" to the crane charts are not to be considered when determining the 150% factor of safety.

(3) Plans and computations showing the weight of the pick must be submitted. Calculations shall be made from plans of the existing structure showing complete and sufficient details with supporting data for the demolition of the structure. If plans do not exist, lifting weights must be calculated from field measurements. The field measurements are to be made under the supervision of the Registered Professional Engineer submitting the procedure and calculations.

(4) The Contractor shall provide a sketch of all rigging components from the crane's hook block to the object being hoisted. Catalog cuts or information sheets of all rigging components with their lifting capacities shall be provided. All rigging must be adequate for 150% of the actual weight of the pick. Safety factors that may have been "built-in" to the rating charts are not to be considered when determining the 150% factor of safety. All rigging components shall be clearly identified and tagged with their rated lifting capacities. The position of the rigging in the field shall not differ from what is shown on the final plan without prior review from the Sponsor and the Railroad.

(5) A complete demolition procedure, including the order of lifts, time required for each lift, and any repositioning or re-hitching of the crane or cranes.

(6) Design and supporting calculations for the temporary support of components, including but not limited to the stability of the superstructure during the temporary condition, temporary girder tie-downs and falsework.

3. Overhead Demolition Debris Shield

a. The demolition debris shield shall be installed prior to the demolition of the bridge deck or other relevant portions of the superstructure over the track area to catch all falling debris.

b. The demolition debris shield shall provide a minimum vertical clearance as specified in Section 5.A.1 of these Special Provisions or maintain the existing vertical clearance if the existing clearance is less than that specified in Section 5.A.1.

c. The Contractor shall include the demolition debris shield installation/removal means and methods as part of the proposed demolition procedure submission.

d. The Contractor shall submit the demolition debris shield design and supporting calculations for approval by the Railroad Engineer.

e. The demolition debris shield shall have a minimum design load of 50 pounds per square foot plus the weight of the equipment, debris, personnel, and other loads to be carried.

f. The Contractor shall include the proposed bridge deck removal procedure in its demolition means and methods and shall verify that the size and quantity of the demolition debris generated by the procedure does not exceed the shield design loads.

g. The Contractor shall clean the demolition debris shield daily or more frequently as dictated either by the approved design parameters or as directed by the Railroad Engineer.

4. Vertical Demolition Debris Shield

    a. A vertical demolition debris shield may be required for substructure removals in close proximity to the Railroad's track and other facilities, as determined by the Railroad Engineer.

G. Erection & Hoisting Procedures

1. General

    a. Erection plans are required for all spans over the track(s), for all spans adjacent to the track(s), if located on (or partially on) Railroad right-of-way; and in all situations where cranes will be situated on, over, or adjacent to Railroad right-of-way and within a distance of the boom length plus 15'-0" from the centerline of track.

    b. Neither crane handoffs nor "walking" of cranes with suspended load will be permitted for erection on or over Railroad right-of-way.

    c. Railroad tracks and other Railroad property must be protected from damage during the erection procedure.

    d. A pre-erection meeting shall be conducted with the Sponsor, the Railroad Engineer and/or the Construction Engineering Representative, and the key Contractor's personnel prior to the start of the erection procedure.

    e. The Railroad Engineer and/or the Construction Engineering Representative must be present at the site during the entire erection procedure period.

    f. For field splices located over Railroad property, a minimum of 50% of the holes for each connection shall be filled with bolts or pins prior to releasing the crane. A minimum of 50% of the holes filled shall be filled with bolts. All bolts must be appropriately tightened. Any changes to previously approved field splice locations must be submitted to the Railroad for review and approval. Refer to Norfolk Southern' s Overhead Grade Separation Design Criteria for additional splice details (Norfolk Southern Public Improvement Projects Manual Appendix H.1, Section 4.A.3.).

2. Submittal Requirements

    a. In addition to the submittal requirements outlined in Section 6.A.2 of these provisions, the Contractor shall submit the following for approval by the Railroad Engineer:

        (1) As-built beam seat elevations - All as-built bridge seats and top of rail elevations shall be furnished to the Railroad Engineer for review and verification at least 30 days in advance of the erection, to ensure that minimum vertical clearances as approved in the plans will be achieved.

        (2) A plan showing the location of cranes, horizontally and vertically, with proposed boom lengths, operating radii, counterweights, and delivery or staging locations shown. The location of all tracks and other Railroad facilities as well as all obstructions such as wire lines, poles, adjacent structures, etc. must also be shown.

(3) Rating sheets showing that cranes or lifting devices are adequate for 150% of the actual weight of the pick, including all rigging components. A complete set of crane charts, including crane, counterweight, and boom nomenclature is to be submitted. Safety factors that may have been "built-in" to the crane charts are not to be considered when determining the 150% factor of safety.

(4) Plans and computations showing the weight of the pick must be submitted. Calculations shall be made from plans of the proposed structure showing complete and sufficient details with supporting data for the erection of the structure. If plans do not exist, lifting weights must be calculated from field measurements. The field measurements are to be made under the supervision of the Registered Professional Engineer submitting the procedure and calculations.

(5) The Contractor shall provide a sketch of all rigging components from the crane's hook block to the object being hoisted. Catalog cuts or information sheets of all rigging components with their lifting capacities shall be provided. All rigging must be adequate for 150% of the actual weight of the pick. Safety factors that may have been "built-in" to the rating charts are not to be considered when determining the 150% factor of safety. All rigging components shall be clearly identified and tagged with their rated lifting capacities. The position of the rigging in the field shall not differ from what is shown on the final plan without prior review from the Sponsor and the Railroad.

(6) A complete erection procedure, including the order of lifts, time required for each lift, and any repositioning or re-hitching of the crane or cranes.

(7) Design and supporting calculations for the temporary support of components, including but not limited to temporary girder tie-downs and falsework.

H. Blasting:

1. The Contractor shall obtain advance approval of the Railroad Engineer and the Sponsor Engineer for use of explosives on or adjacent to Railroad property. The request for permission to use explosives shall include a detailed blasting plan. If permission for use of explosives is granted, the Contractor will be required to comply with additional provisions as designated by the Railroad Engineer.

I. Track Monitoring

1. At the direction of the Railroad Engineer, any activity that has the potential to disturb the Railroad track structure may require the Contractor to submit a detailed track monitoring program for approval by the Railroad Engineer.

2. The program shall specify the survey locations, the distance between the location points, and frequency of monitoring before, during, and after construction. Railroad reserves the right to modify the survey locations and monitoring frequency as necessary during the project.

3. The survey data shall be collected in accordance with the approved frequency and immediately furnished to the Railroad Engineer for analysis.

4. If any movement has occurred as determined by the Railroad Engineer, the Railroad will be immediately notified. Railroad, at its sole discretion, shall have the right to immediately require all Contractor operations to be ceased and determine what corrective action is required. Any corrective action required by the Railroad or performed by the Railroad including the monitoring of corrective action of the Contractor will be at project expense.

J. Maintenance of Railroad Facilities:

1. The Contractor will be required to maintain all ditches and drainage structures free of silt or other obstructions which may result from the Contractor's operations and provide and maintain any erosion control measures as required. The Contractor will promptly repair eroded areas within Railroad rights-of-way and repair any other damage to the property of the Railroad or its tenants.

2. If, in the course of construction, it may be necessary to block a ditch, pipe or other drainage facility, temporary pipes, ditches, or other drainage facilities shall be installed to maintain adequate drainage, as approved by the Railroad Engineer. Upon completion of the work, the temporary facilities shall be removed, and the permanent facilities restored.

3. All such maintenance and repair of damages due to the Contractor's operations shall be done at the Contractor's expense.

K. Storage of Materials and Equipment:

1. Materials and equipment shall not be stored where they will interfere with Railroad operations, nor on the rights-of-way of the Railroad without first having obtained permission from the Railroad Engineer, and such permission will be with the understanding that the Railroad will not be liable for damage to such material and equipment from any cause and that the Railroad Engineer may move or require the Contractor to move, at the Contractor's expense, such material and equipment.

2. All grading or construction machinery that is left parked near the track unattended by Contractor Protective Services shall be effectively immobilized so that it cannot be moved by unauthorized persons. The Contractor shall protect, defend, indemnify and save the Railroad, and any associated, controlled or affiliated corporation, harmless from and against all losses, costs, expenses, claim, or liability for loss or damage to property or the loss of life or personal injury, arising out of or incident to the Contractor's failure to immobilize grading or construction machinery.

L. Cleanup:

1. Upon completion of the work, the Contractor shall remove from within the limits of the Railroad rights-of-way, all machinery, equipment, surplus materials, falsework, rubbish or temporary buildings of the Contractor, and leave said rights-of-way in a neat condition satisfactory to the Railroad Engineer or the Railroad Representative.

7. DAMAGES:

A. The Contractor shall assume all liability for any and all damages to the Contractor's work, employees, servants, equipment, and materials caused by Railroad traffic.

B. Any cost incurred by the Railroad for repairing damages to its property or to property of its tenants, caused by or resulting from the operations of the Contractor, shall be paid directly to the Railroad by the Contractor.

8. CONTRACTOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

A. Requirements:

1. Qualified protective services are those services of a contractor, directly hired by the Prime Contractor, that have been vetted through the Railroad and are allowed to be performed on Railroad property.

2. Contractor Protective Services shall be onsite anytime construction activities are taking place on or adjacent to the Railroad Property and/or have the potential to foul the Railroad's track or operations.

3. Contractor Protective Services shall be those services of a subcontractor to the Contractor who have the ability to fully protect the Contractor's workers and machinery once the qualified protective services contractor confirms the Contractor Protective Services are properly equipped and site specific trained by the Railroad Representative. Contractor Protective Services may act as an observer until such Contractor Protective Services are site specific trained by the Railroad Representative. The reference to an "observer" is defined as a person who has the authority to deny access to Contractor's workers and machinery to a specified Railroad operation zone as directed to the qualified protective services contractor by Railroad and prevent those potential to foul work events which may put the Contractor's workers and machinery at risk for injury or damage.

4. Contractor Protective Services will not be allowed on the property until all items on the Norfolk Southern Checklist for Construction- Direct Hire have been completed and the authorization to proceed is given by the Railroad Engineer.

5. Under the terms of the agreement between the Sponsor and the Railroad, the Railroad has sole authority to determine the need for any Railroad Protective Services required to protect its operations or work designated to be done by the Railroad through the force account estimate.

9. HAUL ACROSS RAILROAD TRACK:

   A. Where the plans show or imply that materials of any nature must be hauled across the Railroad's track, unless the plans clearly show that the Sponsor has included arrangements for such haul in its agreement with the Railroad, the Contractor will be required to make all necessary arrangements with the Railroad regarding means of transporting such materials across the Railroad's track. The Contractor or Sponsor will be required to bear all costs incidental to such crossings whether services are performed by the Contractor's own forces or by Railroad personnel.

   B. No crossing may be established for use by the Contractor for transporting materials or equipment across the tracks of the Railroad unless specific authority for its installation, maintenance, use, until the Contractor has a fully executed a temporary private crossing agreement between the Contractor and Railroad. The approval process for an agreement normally takes 90 days.

10. WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CONTRACTOR:

   A. All temporary or permanent changes in wire lines or other facilities which are considered necessary to the project are shown on the plans; included in the force account agreement between the Sponsor and the Railroad or will be covered by appropriate revisions to same which will be initiated and approved by the Sponsor and/or the Railroad.

   B. Should the Contractor desire any changes in addition to the above, then the Contractor shall make separate arrangements with the Railroad for same to be accomplished at the Contractor's expense.

11. COOPERATION AND DELAYS:

   A. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to arrange a schedule with the Railroad for accomplishing stage construction involving work by the Railroad or tenants of the Railroad. In arranging the Contractor's schedule, the Contractor shall ascertain, from the Railroad, the lead time required for assembling crews and materials and shall make due allowance therefore.

   B. No charge or claim of the Contractor against either the Sponsor or the Railroad will be allowed for hindrance or delay on account of railroad traffic; any work done by the Railroad or other delay incident to or necessary for safe maintenance of railroad traffic or for any delays due to compliance with these Special Provisions.

12. TRAINMAN'S WALKWAYS:

   A. Along the outer side of each exterior track of multiple operated track, and on each side of single operated track, an unobstructed continuous space suitable for trainman's use in walking along trains, extending to a line not less than 10 feet from centerline of track, shall be maintained. Any temporary impediments to walkways and track drainage encroachments or obstructions allowed during work hours while Contractor Protective Service is provided shall be removed before the close of each workday. If there is any excavation near the walkway, a handrail, with 10'-0" minimum clearance from centerline of track, shall be placed and must conform to AREMA and/ or FRA standards.

13. GUIDELINES FOR PERSONNEL ON RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

A. The Contractor and/or the Sponsor's personnel authorized to perform work on the Railroad's property as specified in Section 2 above are not required to complete Norfolk Southern Roadway Worker Protection Training; However, the Contractor and the Sponsor's personnel must be familiar with Norfolk Southern' s standard operating rules and guidelines, should conduct themselves accordingly, and may be removed from the property for failure to follow these guidelines.

B. All persons shall wear hard hats. Appropriate eye and hearing protection must be used. Working in shorts is prohibited. Shirts must cover shoulders, back and abdomen. Working in tennis or jogging shoes, sandals, boots with high heels, cowboy and other slip-on type boots is prohibited. Hard-sole, lace-up footwear, zippered boots or boots cinched up with straps which fit snugly about the ankle are adequate. Wearing of safety boots and reflective vests are required.

C. No person is allowed to perform construction activities which may impact the Railroad's property or operations without specific authorization from the Contractor Protective Services.

D. All persons working near track while train is passing are to lookout for dragging bands, chains and protruding or shifted cargo.

E. No person is allowed to cross tracks without specific authorization from the Contactor Protective Services.

F. All welders and cutting torches working within 25' of track must stop when train is passing.

G. No steel tape or chain will be allowed to cross or touch rails without permission from the Contactor Protective Services.

14. GUIDELINES FOR EQUIPMENT ON RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

A. No crane or boom equipment will be allowed to set up to work or park within boom distance plus 15' of centerline of track without specific permission from Railroad Representative and Contractor Protective Services personnel.

B. No crane or boom equipment will be allowed to foul track or lift a load over the track without the authorization from the Contractor Protective Services personnel who are site specific trained and properly equipped.

C. All employees will stay with their machines when crane or boom equipment is pointed toward track.

D. All cranes and boom equipment under load will stop work while train is passing (including pile driving).

E. Swinging loads must be secured to prevent movement while train is passing.

F. No loads will be suspended above a moving train.

G. No equipment will be allowed within 25' of centerline of track without specific authorization of the Railroad Representative and Contractor Protective Services personnel.

H. Trucks, tractors, or any equipment will not touch ballast line without specific permission from Railroad Representative and Contractor Protective Services personnel. At the beginning of each project that involves the Contractor working within 25' of the centerline of any track, orange construction fencing must be established. Orange construction fencing shall be established in accordance with the minimum temporary horizontal clearances contained in Section 5.A.2 and shall be maintained for the duration of construction.

I. No equipment or load movement is permitted within 25' or above a standing train or Railroad equipment without specific authorization of the Contractor Protective Services personnel.

J. All operating equipment within 25' of track must halt operations when a train is passing. All other operating equipment may be halted by the Contractor Protective Services personnel if said personnel views the operation to be dangerous to the passing train.

K. All equipment, loads and cables are prohibited from touching rails.

L. While clearing and grubbing, no vegetation will be removed from Railroad embankment with heavy equipment without specific permission from the Railroad Engineer, Railroad Representative and Contractor Protective Services personnel.

M. No equipment or materials will be parked or stored on Railroad's property unless specific authorization is granted from the Railroad Engineer.

N. All unattended equipment that is left parked on Railroad property shall be effectively immobilized so that it cannot be moved by unauthorized persons.

O. All cranes and boom equipment will be turned away from track after each workday or whenever unattended by an operator.

P. Prior to performing any crane operations, the Contractor shall establish a single point of contact for the Contractor Protective Services personnel to remain in communication with at all times. Contractor Protective Services personnel must also be in direct contact with the individual(s) directing the crane operation(s).

15. INSURANCE:

A. In addition to any other forms of insurance or bonds required under the terms of the contract and specifications, the Prime Contractor will be required to carry insurance of the following kinds and amounts:

1. A Commercial General Liability ("CGL") policy containing products and completed operations, bodily injury, property damage, and contractual liability coverage, with a combined single limit of not less than $5,000,000 for each occurrence with a general aggregate limit of not less than $5,000,000. Any portion of this requirement may be satisfied by a combination of General Liability and/or Excess/Umbrella Liability Coverage. The CGL policy shall provide additional insured coverage equivalent to at least as broad as ISO CG 20 10 11/85.

2. Automobile Liability Insurance with a current ISO occurrence form policy (or equivalent) and apply on an "any auto" (Symbol 1) basis, including coverage for all vehicles used in connection with the Work or Services on the leased property, providing annual limits of at least $1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage combined including uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage, medical payment protection, and loading and unloading. This policy shall be endorsed to include Transportation Pollution Liability Broadened Coverage ISO CA 99 48 03 06 or MCS-90 if vehicles are subject to Federal jurisdiction. If this coverage is on a claims-made form, the Retro Active Date must be prior to the date of this Agreement and the policy endorsement must be maintained for not less than seven (7) years.

3. Workers' Compensation Insurance to meet fully the requirement of any compensation act, plan, or legislative enactment applicable in connection with the death, disability or injury of Licensee's officers, agents, servants, or employees arising directly or indirectly out of the performance of the work.

4. Employers' Liability Insurance with limits of not less than $1,000,000 each accident, $1,000,000 policy limit for disease, and $1,000,000 each employee for disease.

5. All insurance required in Section 15.A (excluding any Workers' Compensation policy) shall name Norfolk Southern Railway and its parent, subsidiary, and affiliated companies as additional insureds with an appropriate endorsement to each policy.

6. All policies secured by Contractor, whether primary, excess, umbrella or otherwise, and providing coverage to the Railroad as an additional insured (i) are intended to take priority in responding and to pay before any insurance policies Railroad may have secured for itself must respond or pay and (ii) may not seek contribution from any policies the Railroad may have secured for itself.

7. No cross-liability exclusions are permitted that would apply to the additional insureds, and there may not be any restrictions in any policy that limits coverage for a claim brought by an additional insured against a named insured.

8. To the fullest extent permitted by law, all insurance furnished by Contractor in compliance with Section 15.A shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of Railroad with an appropriate endorsement to each policy.

9. All policies required in Section 15.A shall not be subject to cancellation, termination, modification, changed, or non-renewed except upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the additional insureds.

10. The insurance coverages maintained by Contractor shall not limit any indemnity obligations or other liabilities. The insurance available to Railroad and its parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies as additional insureds shall not be limited by these requirements should Licensee maintain higher coverage limits.

11. Any deductibles or retentions in excess of $50,000 maintained on any insurance required in 15.A shall be disclosed and approved by Railroad with a request made for approval to NSRISK3@nscorp.com.

12. Anyone subcontractor providing work on this project must extend CG 20 38 (or broader coverage) additional Insured endorsement to provide coverage for up stream parties.

13. Contractor shall require all subcontractors who are not covered by the insurance carried by Contractor to obtain commercially reasonable insurance coverage, but not less than the requirements of 15.A.

B. In addition to the insurances required in Section 15.A, the Contractor shall also procure on behalf of the Railroad for the entirety of the project:

1. Railroad Protective Liability (RPL) Insurance having a combined single limit of not less than $5,000,000 each occurrence and $10,000,000 in the aggregate applying separately to each annual period. Said policy shall provide coverage for all loss, damage or expense arising from bodily injury and property damage liability, and physical damage to property attributed to acts or omissions at the job site.

   The standards for the Railroad Protective Liability Insurance are as follows:

   a. The insurer must be rated A- or better by A.M. Best Company, Inc.

   b. The policy must be written using one of the following combinations of Insurance Services Office ("ISO") RPL Insurance Form Numbers:
      (1) CG 00 35 01 96 and CG 28 31 10 93; or
      (2) CG 00 35 07 98 and CG 28 31 07 98; or
      (3) CG 00 35 10 01; or
      (4) CG 00 35 12 04; or
      (5) CG 00 35 12 07; or
      (6) CG 00 35 04 13.

   c. The named insured shall read:

      Norfolk Southern Corporation and its subsidiaries and affiliates
      650 West Peachtree Street NW – Box 46
      Atlanta, GA 30308
      Attn: Risk Manager

      (NOTE: Railroad does not share coverage on RPL with any other entity on this policy)

   d. The description of operations must appear on the Declarations, must match the project description in this agreement, and must include the appropriate Sponsor project and contract identification numbers.

   e. The job location must appear on the Declarations and must include the city, state, and appropriate highway name/number. **NOTE: Do not include any references to milepost, valuation station, or mile marker on the insurance policy.**

   f. The name and address of the prime Contractor must appear on the Declarations.

g. The name and address of the Sponsor must be identified on the Declarations as the "Involved Governmental Authority or Other Contracting Party."

h. Endorsements/forms that are **required** are:

(1) Physical Damage to Property Amendment
(2) Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) coverage must be included

i. Other endorsements/forms that will be accepted are:
(1) Broad Form Nuclear Exclusion – Form IL 00 21
(2) 30-day Advance Notice of Non-renewal or cancellation
(3) Required State Cancellation Endorsement
(4) Quick Reference or Index Form CL/IL 240

j. Endorsements/forms that are NOT acceptable are:
(1) Any Pollution Exclusion Endorsement except CG 28 31
(2) Any Punitive or Exemplary Damages Exclusion
(3) Known injury or Damage Exclusion form CG 00 59
(4) Any Common Policy Conditions form
(5) An Endorsement that limits or excludes Professional Liability coverage
(6) A Non-Cumulation of Liability or Pyramiding of Limits Endorsement
(7) An Endorsement that excludes TRIA coverage
(8) A Sole Agent Endorsement
(9) Any type of deductible endorsement or amendment
(10) Any other endorsement/form not specifically authorized in item no. 2.h above.

SPONSOR:

RAILROAD:
Risk Management
Norfolk Southern Corporation and its subsidiaries
650 West Peachtree Street NW – Box 46
Atlanta, GA 30308
NSRISK3@NSCORP.COM

C. All insurance required under Section 15.A and 15.B shall be underwritten by insurers and be of such form and content, as may be acceptable to the Railroad. Prior to entry on Railroad right-of-way, the original electronic RPL Insurance Policy shall be submitted by the Prime Contractor to the Railroad at NSRISK3@NSCORP.COM for review and approval. In addition, certificates of insurance evidencing the Prime Contractor's insurance compliant with the requirements in 15.A shall be issued to the Railroad at NSRISK3@NSCORP.COM at the same time the RPL Policy is submitted.

D. The insurance required herein shall in no way serve to limit the liability of Sponsor or its Contractors under the terms of this agreement.

E. Insurance Submission Procedures

1. The Railroad will only accept initial insurance submissions via email to NSRISK3@NSCORP.COM. The Railroad will NOT accept initial insurance submissions via hard copies that would be sent either US Mail or Overnight carrier or faxes as only electronic versions only are to be submitted to Railroad. **Please provide point of contact information with the submission including a phone number and email address.**

   For email insurance submissions, the subject line should follow the format provided unless otherwise directed by the Railroad Engineer:

   Insurance Submittal: City, State – NS File Number – NS Milepost – Project Name – Sponsor Project #

2. Railroad requires the following two (2) forms of insurance in the initial electronic insurance submission to NSRISK3@NSCORP.COM to be submitted under a cover letter providing details of the project and containing the contact information:

   a. The full original or certified true electronic countersigned copy of the RPL Insurance Policy in its entirely inclusive of all declarations, schedule of forms and endorsements along with the policy forms and endorsements as required in Section 15.B.

   b. A certificate of insurance from the Contractor evidencing the Contractor's insurance in Section 15.A (i.e. the Contractor's commercial general, automobile, and workers' compensation liability insurance, etc.). The certificate must show Norfolk Southern Railroad and its subsidiaries and affiliated companies as an additional insured on the General Liability and Auto policies. The certificate should also indicate that the Workers' Compensation policy waives subrogation against Norfolk Southern Corporation and its subsidiaries. See Appendix J for a Sample Certificate of Insurance.

16. FAILURE TO COMPLY:

A. In the event the Contractor violates or fails to comply with any of the requirements of these Special Provisions:

1. The Railroad Engineer may require that the Contractor vacate Railroad property.

2. The Sponsor's Engineer may withhold all monies due the Contractor on monthly statements.

B. Any such orders shall remain in effect until the Contractor has remedied the situation to the satisfaction of the Railroad Engineer and the Sponsor's Engineer.

17. PAYMENT FOR COST OF COMPLIANCE:

A. No separate payment will be made for any extra cost incurred on account of compliance with these Special Provisions. All such costs shall be included in prices bid for other items of the work as specified in the payment items.

18. PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Date: _____
B. NS File No.: _____
C. NS Milepost: _____
D. Sponsor's Project No. _____

County: BUNCOMBE

Line #	Item Number	Sec #	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Amount
			ROADWAY ITEMS			
0001	0000100000-N	800	MOBILIZATION	Lump Sum	L.S.	
0002	0000400000-N	801	CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING	Lump Sum	L.S.	
0003	0000820000-N	SP	GENERIC MISCELLANEOUS ITEM (RAILROAD CONTRACTOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES)	15 DAY		
0004	0043000000-N	226	GRADING	Lump Sum	L.S.	
0005	0194000000-E	265	SELECT GRANULAR MATERIAL, CLASS III	60 CY		
0006	0196000000-E	270	GEOTEXTILE FOR SOIL STABILIZATION	160 SY		
0007	0335200000-E	305	15" DRAINAGE PIPE	94 LF		
0008	0335300000-E	305	18" DRAINAGE PIPE	30 LF		
0009	1491000000-E	610	ASPHALT CONC BASE COURSE, TYPE B25.0C	15 TON		
0010	1503000000-E	610	ASPHALT CONC INTERMEDIATE COURSE, TYPE I19.0C	13 TON		
0011	1519000000-E	610	ASPHALT CONC SURFACE COURSE, TYPE S9.5B	10 TON		
0012	1575000000-E	620	ASPHALT BINDER FOR PLANT MIX	11 TON		
0013	2077000000-E	815	6" OUTLET PIPE	15 LF		
0014	2275000000-E	SP	FLOWABLE FILL	6 CY		
0015	2286000000-N	840	MASONRY DRAINAGE STRUCTURES	2 EA		
0016	2355000000-N	840	FRAME WITH GRATE, STD 840.29	1 EA		
0017	2374000000-N	840	FRAME WITH GRATE & HOOD, STD 840.03, TYPE ** E	1 EA		

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0018	2549000000-E	846	2'-6" CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	22 LF		
0019	2556000000-E	846	SHOULDER BERM GUTTER	14 LF		
0020	3345000000-E	864	REMOVE & RESET EXISTING GUARDRAIL	80 LF		
0021	3635000000-E	876	RIP RAP, CLASS II	40 TON		
0022	3649000000-E	876	RIP RAP, CLASS B	7 TON		
0023	3656000000-E	876	GEOTEXTILE FOR DRAINAGE	215 SY		
0024	4402000000-E	SP	HIGH VISIBILITY STATIONARY SIGNS	256 SF		
0025	4407000000-E	SP	HIGH VISIBILITY PORTABLE SIGNS	314 SF		
0026	4415000000-N	1115	FLASHING ARROW BOARD	2 EA		
0027	4420000000-N	1120	PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGN	2 EA		
0028	4424000000-N	SP	WORK ZONE PRESENCE LIGHTING	14 EA		
0029	4432000000-N	SP	HIGH VISIBILITY DRUMS	130 EA		
0030	4432000000-N	SP	HIGH VISIBILITY DRUMS (SKINNY DRUMS)	55 EA		
0031	4434000000-N	1140	SEQUENTIAL FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS	20 EA		
0032	4465000000-N	1160	TEMPORARY CRASH CUSHIONS	1 EA		
0033	4480000000-N	1165	TMA	2 EA		
0034	4485000000-E	1170	PORTABLE CONCRETE BARRIER	465 LF		

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0035	4600000000-N	SP	GENERIC TRAFFIC CONTROL ITEM (CONNECTED LANE CLOSURE SYSTEM)	2 EA		
0036	4650000000-N	1251	TEMPORARY RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS	50 EA		
0037	4770000000-E	1205	COLD APPLIED PLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKING LINES, TYPE ** (4") (4)	805 LF		
0038	4775000000-E	1205	COLD APPLIED PLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKING LINES, TYPE ** (6") (4)	510 LF		
0039	6000000000-E	1605	TEMPORARY SILT FENCE	750 LF		
0040	6006000000-E	1610	STONE FOR EROSION CONTROL, CLASS A	70 TON		
0041	6009000000-E	1610	STONE FOR EROSION CONTROL, CLASS B	30 TON		
0042	6012000000-E	1610	SEDIMENT CONTROL STONE	60 TON		
0043	6015000000-E	1615	TEMPORARY MULCHING	1 ACR		
0044	6018000000-E	1620	SEED FOR TEMPORARY SEEDING	200 LB		
0045	6021000000-E	1620	FERTILIZER FOR TEMPORARY SEEDING	1 TON		
0046	6024000000-E	1622	TEMPORARY SLOPE DRAINS	400 LF		
0047	6029000000-E	SP	SAFETY FENCE	120 LF		
0048	6030000000-E	1630	SILT EXCAVATION	50 CY		
0049	6036000000-E	1631	MATTING FOR EROSION CONTROL	2,000 SY		
0050	6042000000-E	1632	1/4" HARDWARE CLOTH	245 LF		
0051	6084000000-E	1660	SEEDING & MULCHING	1 ACR		

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Line #	Item Number	Sec #	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Amount
0052	6087000000-E	1660	MOWING	1 ACR		
0053	6090000000-E	1661	SEED FOR REPAIR SEEDING	100 LB		
0054	6093000000-E	1661	FERTILIZER FOR REPAIR SEEDING	0.5 TON		
0055	6096000000-E	1662	SEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SEEDING	100 LB		
0056	6108000000-E	1665	FERTILIZER TOPDRESSING	0.5 TON		
0057	6114500000-N	1667	SPECIALIZED HAND MOWING	20 MHR		
0058	6114800000-N	SP	MANUAL LITTER REMOVAL	2 MHR		
0059	6114900000-E	SP	LITTER DISPOSAL	2 TON		
0060	6117000000-N	1675	RESPONSE FOR EROSION CONTROL	26 EA		
0061	6117500000-N	SP	CONCRETE WASHOUT STRUCTURE	2 EA		
0062	6132000000-N	SP	GENERIC EROSION CONTROL ITEM (PREFABRICATED CONCRETE WASHOUT)	4 EA		

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