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FROM: R.E. Davenport, Jr., PE
State Contract Officer

SUBJECT: DOT-AGC Roadway Subcommittee Meeting from 06/16/2022

The AGC Roadway Subcommittee met in the Riverwood Conference Room at NCDOT Century Center on June 16, 2022, at 10:00 am. Microsoft Teams was available for virtual attendance. The following are items were discussed:

FHWA 1446B (NCDOT)

NCDOT is utilizing the electronic process like it was performed last year. There were issues with the password to the account being sent to the wrong emails. Now the contractor will be able to request a new password through the portal.

All Subcontract information is sent to Prime for review and Second Tier Subcontractors will be sent to the subcontractor and up the chain.

NCDOT is working on making this process easy for both the contractors and the reviewers. NCDOT will be hosting a webinar on June 30th at 2:30PM and it will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

Material Lead Times (NCDOT)

Contract Standards has been tracking the lead times on some materials and coordinating with Divisions about any potential delays with upcoming projects. In doing so, Contract Standards is considering these factors when developing the contract times for those projects. Some contracts are including sliding availability dates to avoid claims. If you see any issues, reach out during advertisement so NCDOT can actively correct it.

M&T may be willing to approve different products when items are not available. For concrete products, M&T is allowing suppliers to modify mixes so they can continue producing even with cement shortage.

There are lead times on several materials now and everyone is competing to acquire them. Contractors may request that NCDOT acknowledge the delays, and request that additional contract time be granted when appropriate.

Side Drain Material Types (AGC)

NCDOT is allowing contractors to utilize three types of plastic pipe in lieu of concrete pipe due to the delays. Mr. Barbour stated that some Divisions are not allowing certain types, and that field personnel should be flexible to minimize delays.

Cross pipes are allowed to be plastic pipe with a few exceptions such as Interstates and high-volume primary and secondary routes.

Precast Box Approvals for Municipal Projects (AGC)

Producers are sending precast boxes to Municipal Projects that may be installed on state-maintained facilities and they do not have appropriate documentation showing approval. M&T stated that all producers are required to have RFIDs on their NCDOT approved precast items. It is possible that the producer started loading and they loaded a few beyond the stack that had been inspected and uploaded into the database by M&T. Inform M&T of issues of receiving boxes not in the database, or without tags so they can address the issue with the producer.

Steel Price Adjustment Update (AGC)

There was an instance where the contractor submitted the performance bond documents except the Steel Price Adjustment (SPA-1) form and Mr. Davenport's group executed the contract. The SPA-1 form was received the next day and they had to make revisions. The steel price adjustment form is not required to be submitted until 14 days. The performance bonds may be sent earlier, and Contract Standard time is now waiting 14 days to see if the SPA-1 form is submitted. The language in the contract is being revised to address this issue. Now if it is not received with the required documentation, the contractor has opted out of the steel price adjustment.

Division will need to be trained before the special provision gets added into Division let projects.

Interested Parties (AGC)

Contractors need to register on the Interested Parties List by 11:59:59PM the night before to be able to bid. Contract Standards sent several notifications in different ways to let everyone know of the new process. This saves everyone money because buying plans is no longer a requirement.

Fuel Price Adjustment Update (AGC)

Mr. Tharrington and Mr. Barbour spoke about what line items may need to be added to the fuel price adjustment. One item is Rip Rap, because it is done very frequently and in large quantities. Adjusting factors for a few line items because of the distance of hauling that affect it. NCDOT is ready for the industry to review and provide feedback.

Anything not on the list, NCDOT and AGC will continue to review how to address the high fuel costs.

Standard Drawings and Standard Specifications Updates (NCDOT)

Standard Drawings and Standard Specifications are being updated so if you have any comments inform NCDOT. The goal is to have these completed by May 2023. A summary of changes will be sent, so everyone knows the changes.

Mr. Davenport provided the following timeline:

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS TIMELINE

- FALL 2022– 2-month comment period on subset of Standard Specifications Divisions
- January 2023– 2-month comment period on remainder of Standard Specifications Divisions
- May 2023– Standard Specifications released electronically including addressed comments
- June 2023– Standard Specifications sent to publisher for printing
- September 2023 – Standard Specifications printed copies distributed

STANDARD DRAWINGS TIMELINE

- March 2023– 1-month comment period on revised Standard Drawings
- May 2023 – Revised Standard Drawings released electronically including addressed comments
- June 2023– Standard Drawings sent to publisher for printing
- September 2023 – Standard Drawings printed copies distributed

Mr. Barbour requested a list of subcontractors from the primes that do certain work. Those subcontractors should be reviewing and commenting on specific Divisions within the Specifications.

ORD Updates (NCDOT)

There are a few pilot projects right now with design firms and field personnel involvement. These are small project and do not have a lot of data. Mr. Barbour inquired about getting a list of the larger projects that will pilot the program. Some of the contractors may be interested in participating in these projects.

NCDOT thinking it will probably be in 2024 lettings.

Construction Inflation (AGC)

They adjust STIP projects assuming 3.5 inflation per year. There are fewer STIP projects being let. This may become a problem in the future as inflation percent may be different in the next few years.

2022 Meeting Dates

August 18

October 20

December 15