**Painting Existing WEATHERING STEEL structure (2-11-19)**

**Description**

This work shall consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to clean and paint the ends of the weathering steel girders, zones of excessive corrosion, bent diaphragms, all bearing plates, anchor bolts, nuts, and washers of the existing structure. Work includes: removal, containment and disposal of the existing paint system; preparation of the surface to be painted and applying the new paint system; a containment enclosure; and any incidentals necessary to complete the project as specified and shown on the plans.

**Twelve-Month Observation Period**

The Contractor maintains responsibility for the coating system for a 12-month observation period beginning upon the satisfactory completion of all the work required in the plans or as directed by the Engineer. The Contractor shall guarantee the coating system under the payment and performance bond (refer to Article 109-10 of the *Standard Specifications*). To complete successfully the observation period, the coating system shall meet the following requirements after 12 months service:

(A) No visible rust, contamination or application defect is observed in any coated area.

(B) Painted surfaces have a uniform color and gloss.

(C) Painted surfaces have an adhesion that meets an ASTM D3359, 3A rating.

Final acceptance is made only after the paint system meets the above requirements.

**Submittals**

Submit all of the following to the Engineer for review and approval before scheduling the pre-construction meeting. Allow at least two (2) weeks for the review process.

1. The existing paint systems include toxic substances such as red lead oxide, which are considered hazardous if improperly removed. The contractor shall be currently Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC) Quality Program (QP) 2, Category A certified, and have successfully completed lead paint removal and field painting on similar structures within 18 months prior to this bid. Lead abatement work completed within the 18 month period shall have been completed in accordance with contract specifications, free of citation from safety or environmental agencies. Lead abatement work shall include, but not be limited to: abrasive blasting; waste handling, storage and disposal; worker safety during lead abatement activities (fall protection, personal protective equipment (PPE), etc.); and containment. This requirement is in addition to the contractor pre-qualification requirements covered by Article 102-2 of the *Standard Specifications*.

The apparent low bidder shall submit a list of projects for which QP 2 work was performed within the last 18 months including owner contact information and submit to the Engineer a “Lead Abatement Affidavit”. This form may be downloaded from:<https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/bridges/Documents/leadabatementaffidavit.pdf>

1. Work schedule which shall be kept up to date, with a copy of the revised schedule being provided to the Engineer in a timely manner.
2. Containment system plans and design calculations in accordance with SSPC Guide 6, Class 3A and other project requirements, signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer licensed by the State of North Carolina.
3. Bridge wash water sampling and disposal plan.
4. Subcontractor identification.
5. Lighting plan for night work in accordance with Section 1413 of the *Standard Specifications*.
6. Traffic control plan with NCDOT certified supervisors, flaggers and traffic control devices.
7. Health and safety plan addressing at least the required topics as specified by the SSPC QP 1 and QP 2 program and including hazard communication, respiratory health, emergency procedures, and local hospital and treatment facilities with directions and phone numbers, disciplinary criteria for workers who violate the plan and accident investigation. The plan shall address the following: hazardous materials, personal protective equipment, general health and safety, occupational health and environmental controls, fire protection and prevention, signs signals, and barricades, materials handling, storage, use, and disposal, hand and power tools, welding and cutting, electrical, scaffolds, fall protection, cranes, derricks, hoists, elevators, and conveyors, ladders, toxic and hazardous substances, airless injection and high pressure water jet (HPWJ).
8. Provide the Engineer a letter of certification that all employees performing work on the project have blood lead levels that are below the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) action level.
9. Provide the Engineer with Competent Person qualifications and summary of work experience.
10. Environmental Compliance Plan.
11. Quality Control Plan (Project Specific) with quality control qualifications and summary of work experience.
12. Bridge and Public Protection Plan (Overspray, Utilities, etc. - Project/Task Specific).
13. Abrasive Blast Media:
14. Product Data Sheet.
15. Blast Media Test Reports in accordance with Article 1080-12 of the*Standard Specification*.
16. Coating Material:
    1. NCDOT HICAMS Test Reports (testing performed by NCDOT Materials and Tests Unit).
    2. Product Data Sheets.
    3. Material Safety Data Sheets.
    4. Product Specific Repair Procedures.
    5. Acceptance letters from paint manufacturer’s for work practices that conflict with special provisions and/or paint manufactures product data sheets.

**Pre-Construction Meeting**

Submittals shall be reviewed and approved by the Engineer prior to scheduling the pre-construction meeting. Allow no less than two (2) weeks for a review process. When requesting a  
pre-construction meeting, contact the Engineer at least seven (7) working days in advance of the desired pre-construction date. The contractor’s project supervisor, Competent Person, quality control personnel and certified traffic control supervisor shall be in attendance at the pre-construction meeting in order for the Contractor and NCDOT team to establish responsibilities for various personnel during project duration and to establish realistic timeframes for problem escalation.

**Containment System**

Prior to performing any construction or painting operations on the structure, the Contractor shall furnish the Engineer with plans and design calculations for a sufficiently designed containment system, which will provide access for any repairs on structural steel members, cleaning and surface preparations for structural steel members, and coating operations for structural steel members of the bridge. The containment system shall not be installed, and no work shall begin, until the Engineer has reviewed and approved, in writing, the submitted containment system plans and design calculations. Containment system plans and design calculations shall be prepared, sealed, and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed by the State of North Carolina. Allow a minimum of two (2) weeks for review of the containment plans and calculations.

The containment system shall meet or exceed the requirements of Class 3A containment in accordance with SSPC Guide 6. The Contractor shall determine the required capacity of the containment system, which, at a minimum, shall include loads due to wind, repair materials and repair operations, equipment, and tools; however, the capacity shall not be less than that required by Federal or State regulations. Design steel members to meet the requirements of the *American Institute of Steel Construction Manual*. Design timber members in accordance with the *National Design Specification for Stress-Grade Lumber and Its Fastenings* of the National Forest Products Association. The containment system shall be constructed of materials capable of withstanding damage from any of the work required on this project and shall provide a two (2) hour resistance to fire.

In the containment system plans, describe how debris is contained and collected. Describe the type of tarpaulin, bracing materials, and the maximum designed wind load. Design wind loads shall be in accordance with the Falsework and Formwork special provision. Describe the dust collection system and how a negative pressure of 0.03 inches of water column is maintained inside the enclosure, while blasting operations are being conducted. Describe how the airflow inside the containment structure is designed to meet all applicable OSHA Standards. Describe how water run-off from rain will be routed by or through the enclosure. Describe how wash water will be contained and paint chips separated. Describe what physical containment will be provided during painting application to protect the public and areas not to be painted.

Drilling holes in the superstructure for the purpose of attaching the containment system is prohibited.

The Contractor will be responsible for certifying the containment system has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans.

The containment system shall be cleaned after each workday.

Upon completion of work, remove all anchorages in the substructure and repair the substructure at no additional cost to the Department.

Protect non-metallic parts of bearings from blasting and painting (i.e.: Pot Bearings, Elastomeric Pads, and Disc Bearings).

**Wash Water Sampling and Disposal Plan**

All wash water shall be collected and sampled prior to disposal. Representative sampling and testing methodology shall conform to North Carolina Administrative Code 15A NCAC 02B.0103, “Analytical Procedures”. Wash water shall be tested for pollutants listed in 15A NCAC 02B.0211(3), 15A NCAC 02T.0505(b)(1) and 15A NCAC 2T.0905(h). Depending on the test results, wash water disposal methods shall be described in the disposal plan. Wash water shall be disposed of in accordance with all current Federal and State regulations. See link for NCDOT Guidelines for Managing Bridge Wash Water: <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/bridges/Documents/WashWater.pdf>

**Waste Handling of Paint and Abrasives**

Comply with all Federal, State, and local regulations. Failure to comply with the regulations could result in fines and loss of qualified status with NCDOT.

Comply with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA - 40 CFR 261 - 265) and the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA - 29 CFR 1910 - 1926) regulations for employee training, and for the handling, storage, labeling, recordkeeping, reporting, inspections and disposal of all hazardous waste generated during paint removal.

A summary of Generator Requirements is available at the above NCDOT web link, which cites the specific regulations for each Generator category. Quantities of waste by weight and dates of waste generation shall be recorded. Waste stored at the project site shall be properly labeled. All waste, hazardous or non-hazardous, requires numbered shipping manifests.

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) have adopted RCRA as the North Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Rules and are responsible for enforcement. The *Hazardous Waste Generator Compliance Manual* is published by the Compliance Branch of the Division of Waste Management of NCDEQ, and can be found at: <https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Waste%20Management/DWM/HW/Compliance/Generator%20Compliance%20Manual.pdf>

Immediately after award of the contract, arrange for waste containers, sampling, testing, transportation, and disposal of all waste. No work shall begin until the Contractor furnishes the Engineer with a written waste disposal plan. Any alternative method for handling waste shall be pre-approved by the Engineer. Use an approved waste management company from the following link:

<https://www.ebs.nc.gov/VendorDirectory/results.html?sap-params=cD0xJTIwJmN1cnJlbnRfc2VhcmNoX3BhZ2U9d2Mmc2VsZWN0aW9uX2Zpcm1fbmFtZT0mc2VsZWN0aW9uX2NlcnQ9JnNlbGVjdGlvbl9maXJtdHlwZT0meXNjX2Zpcm10eXBlPSZzZWxlY3Rpb25fd29ya2xvY2F0aW9uPSZ5c2Nfd29ya2xvY2F0aW9uPSZzZWxlY3Rpb25fYWRkcnN0YXRlPSZ5c2NfYWRkcnN0YXRlPSZzZWxlY3Rpb25fYWRkcmNvdW50eT0meXNjX2FkZHJjb3VudHk9JnNlbGVjdGlvbl93a2NvZGU9MDAzMDQwJnlzY193a2NvZGU9MDAzMDQwJTIwQ09OVEFNSU5BVEVEJTIwTUFURVJJQUxTJTIwUkVNT1ZBTCZzZWxlY3Rpb25fZGlzYz0meXNjX2Rpc2M9JnNlbGVjdGlvbl9uYWljcz0meXNjX25haWNzPSZzZWxlY3Rpb25fY3R5cGU9MA%3d%3d>

All removed paint and spent abrasive media shall be tested for lead following the SW-846 Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) Method 1311 Extraction, as required in 40 CFR 261, Appendix 11, to determine whether it shall be disposed of as hazardous waste. Furnish the Engineer certified test reports showing TCLP results of the paint chips stored on site, with disposal in accordance with “Flowchart on Lead Waste Identification and Disposal” at:

<https://ncdenr.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/document-library/Lead%20Disposal.pdf>

All sampling shall be done in presence of the Engineer’s representative.

The Competent Person shall obtain composite samples from each barrel of the wash water and waste generated by collecting two or more portions taken at regularly spaced intervals during accumulation. Composite the portions into one sample for testing purposes. Acquire samples after 10% or before 90% of the barrel has accumulated. The intent is to provide samples that are representative of widely separated portions, but not the beginning and end of wash water or waste accumulation.

Perform sampling by passing a receptacle completely through the discharge stream or by completely diverting the discharge into a sample container. If discharge of the wash water or waste is too rapid to divert the complete discharge stream, discharge into a container or transportation unit sufficiently large to accommodate the flow and then accomplish the sampling in the same manner as described above.

Comply with the NCDEQ *Hazardous Waste Compliance Generator Manual*. Record quantities of waste by weight and dates of waste generation. Until test results are received, store all waste, and label as “NCDOT Bridge Paint Removal Waste - Pending Analysis” and include the date generated and contact information for the Engineer. Store waste containers in an enclosed, sealed, and secured storage container protected from traffic from all directions. Obtain approval for the protection plan for these containers from the Engineer. If adequate protection cannot be obtained by use of existing guardrail, provide the necessary supplies and equipment to maintain adequate protection. Once test results are received and characterized, label waste as either “Hazardous Waste - Pending Disposal” or “Paint Waste - Pending Disposal”.

Once the waste has been collected, and the quantities determined, prepare the appropriate shipping documents and manifests and present them to the Engineer. The Engineer will verify the type and quantity of waste and obtain a Provisional Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ID number from:

Melodi Deaver

Division of Waste Management/Hazardous Waste Section

North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

1646 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699

Phone: (919) 707-8204, Email: [melodi.deaver@ncdenr.gov](mailto:melodi.deaver@ncdenr.gov)

At the time of shipping, the Engineer will sign, date, and add the ID number in the appropriate section on the manifest. The maximum on-site storage time for collected waste shall be 90 calendar days. All waste whether hazardous or non-hazardous will require numbered shipping manifests. The cost for waste disposal (including lab and Provisional EPA ID number) is included in the bid price for this contract. Note NC Hazardous Waste Management Rules (15A NCAC 13A) for more information. Provisional EPA ID numbers may be obtained at:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/hw/provisional-notification>

Testing labs shall be certified in accordance with North Carolina State Laboratory Public Health Environmental Sciences. List of certified laboratories may be obtained at:

<https://slphreporting.ncpublichealth.com/Certification/CertifiedLaboratory.asp>

All test results shall be documented on the lab analysis as follows:

1. For leachable lead:
   1. Soils/Solid/Liquid- EPA 1311/200.7/6010

Area sampling will be performed for the first two (2) days at each bridge location. The area sample will be located within five (5) feet of the containment and where the highest probability of leakage will occur (access door, etc.). Results from the area sampling will be given to the Engineer within 72 hours of sampling (excluding weekends). If the results of the samples exceed 20 µg/m3 corrective measures shall be taken and monitoring shall be continued until two (2) consecutive sample results are less than 20 µg/m3.

Time Weighted Average (TWA) may suspend the work if there are visible emissions outside the containment enclosure or pump monitoring results exceeding the level of 30 µg/m3.

Where schools, housing and/or buildings are within 500 feet of the containment, the Contractor shall perform initial Total Suspended Monitoring (TSP) Lead monitoring for the first ten (10) days of the project during abrasive blasting, vacuuming and containment removal. Additional monitoring will be required during abrasive blasting two (2) days per month thereafter. Results of the TSP monitoring at any location shall not exceed 1.5 µg/m3.

**Equipment Mobilization**

The equipment used in any travel lanes and paved shoulder shall be mobile equipment on wheels that has the ability to move on/off the roadway in less than 30 minutes. All work conducted in travel lanes shall be from truck or trailer supported platforms and all equipment shall be self-propelled or attached to a tow vehicle at all times.

**Quality Control Inspector**

Provide a quality control (QC) inspector in accordance with the SSPC QP guidelines to ensure that all processes, preparation, blasting and coating application are in accordance with the requirements of the contract. The inspector shall have written authority to perform QC duties to include continuous improvement of all QC internal procedures. The presence of the engineer or inspector at the work site shall in no way lessen the contractor's responsibility for conformity with the contract.

**Quality Assurance Inspector**

The quality assurance inspector which may be a Department employee or a designated representative of the Department shall observe, document, assess, and report that the Contractor is complying with all of the requirements of the contract. Inspectors employed by the Department are authorized to inspect all work performed and materials furnished. Such inspection may extend to all or any part of the work and to the preparation, fabrication, or manufacture of the materials to be used. The inspector is not authorized to alter or waive the requirements of the contract. Each stage in preparing the structure to be coated which includes but not limited to washing, blasting, coating testing and inspection shall be inspected and approved by the Engineer or an authorized representative.

**Subletting of Contract**

Only contractors certified to meet SSPC QP 2, Category A, and have successfully completed lead paint removal and field painting on all similar structures within 18 months prior to this bid are qualified for this work. Work is only sublet by approval of the Engineer.

**Limits of Zone Painting**

If any girder has excessive corrosion along its bottom flange, beyond the distance of 1.5 times the depth of the beam or girder, at the bearing, the area of the affected girder indicated on the plans, and other girders as directed by the Engineer, shall be cleaned in accordance with the requirements of System 5 painting system. The horizontal limits of zone painting shall extend 12” beyond the maximum horizontal extent of web/flange corrosion. The vertical limits of zone painting shall extend 3” beyond the maximum vertical extent of web corrosion.

Areas designated for zone coating shall be primed and coated in accordance with System 5 as outlined in Article 442-8 of the *Standard Specifications.*

System 5 is one coat of primer, one intermediate acrylic coat, one stripe coat of paint, and one topcoat of paint and over non-weathering steel surfaces cleaned to an SSPC SP-6 finish.

Painting shall be performed in accordance with Section 442 and Section 1080 of the *Standard Specifications,* and/ or these special provisions; the more restrictive requirement shall apply. Perform all mixing operations over an impervious surface with provisions to prevent runoff to grade of any spilled material.

**Preparation of Surfaces**

Before any other surface preparation is conducted, all surfaces shall be power washed to remove dust, salts, dirt, and other contaminants. All wash water shall be contained, collected, and tested in accordance with the requirements of NCDOT Guidelines for Managing Bridge Wash Water. Obtain approval of the Engineer and allow all cleaned surfaces to dry to the touch and without standing water before beginning surface preparation or painting activities.

Surface preparation is done with materials meeting Article 1080-12 of the*Standard Specifications*. No silica sand or other silica materials are permitted for use. The profile shall be between 1.0 and 3.0 mils when measured on a smooth steel surface. Conduct and document at least two (2) tests per beam/girder and two (2) tests per span of diaphragms/cross bracing.

Spread tarpaulins over all pavements and surfaces underneath equipment used for abrasive blasting as well as equipment and containers used to collect abrasive media. This requirement will be enforced during activity and inactivity of equipment.

Before the Contractor departs from the work site at the end of the workday, collect all debris generated during surface preparation and all dust collector hoses, tarps or other appurtenances containing blasting residue in approved containers.

Clean a 3" x 3" area at each structure to demonstrate the specified finish, and the inspector will preserve this area by covering it with tape, plastic or some other suitable means so that it can be retained as the Dry Film Thickness (DFT) gauge adjustment standard. An acceptable alternative is for the Contractor to provide a steel plate with similar properties and geometry as the substrate to be measured.

The contractor and or quality assurance representative shall notify the Engineer of any area of corroded steel that has lost more than 50% of its original thickness.

All parts of the bridges not to be painted and the travelling public shall be protected from overspray. Submit a plan to protect all parts of bridge that are not required to be painted and a plan to protect the traveling public and surrounding environment while applying all coats of paint to a structure.

Ensure that chloride levels on the surfaces are 7 µg/cm2 or lower using an acceptable sample method in accordance with SSPC Guide 15. The frequency of testing shall be two (2) tests per span after all surface preparation has been completed and immediately prior to painting. Select test areas representing the greatest amount of corrosion in the span as determined by the Engineers’ representative. Additional testing may be required if significant amounts of chloride are detected.

All weld splatter, slag or other surface defects resulting in a raised surface above the final paint layer shall be removed prior to application of primer coat.

**Painting of Steel**

Paint System 5, as specified in these special provisions and Article 442-8 of the *Standard Specifications*, is to be used for this work. System 5 is one coat of primer, one intermediate acrylic coat, one stripe coat of paint, and one topcoat of paint over non-weathering steel surfaces blast-cleaned surfaces in accordance with SSPC-SP-6 (Commercial Blasting). Perform all mixing operations over an impervious surface with provisions to prevent runoff to grade of any spilled material. The contractor is responsible for reporting quantities of thinner purchased as well the amounts used. No container with thinner shall be left uncovered, when not in use.

Apply 2" stripe coat, by brush or roller only, to all exposed edges of steel including fasteners before applying the finish coat. Locate the edge or corner in the approximate center of the paint stripe.

Any area where newly applied paint fails to meet the specifications shall be repaired or replaced by the Contractor, at no additional cost to the Department. The Engineer approves all repair processes before the repair is made. Repaired areas shall meet the *Standard Specifications*. The Contractor applies an additional finish coat of paint to areas where the tape adhesion test is conducted.

**Materials**

Only paint suppliers that have a NCDOT qualified inorganic zinc primer may furnish paints for this project. All paints applied to a structure shall be from the same supplier. Before any paints are applied the Contractor shall provide the Engineer a manufacturer’s certification that each batch of paint meets the requirements of the applicable Section 1080 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Color of the paint shall match that of the existing paint on the structure steel.

The inspector randomly collects a one pint sample of each paint product used on the project. Additional samples may be collected as needed to verify compliance to the specifications.

Do not expose paint materials to rain, excessive condensation, long periods of direct sunlight, or temperatures above 110°F or below 40°F. In addition, the Contractor shall place a device that records the high, low, and current temperatures inside the storage location. Follow the manufacturer’s storage requirements if more restrictive than the above requirements.

**Inspection**

Surface Preparation for System 5 shall be in accordance with SSPC SP-6. Any area(s) not meeting the requirements of SSPC SP-6 shall be remediated prior to application of coating. Surface inspection is considered ready for inspection when all blast abrasive, residue and dust is removed from surfaces to be coated.

1. Quality Assurance Inspection

The Contractor furnishes all necessary OSHA approved apparatus such as ladders, scaffolds and platforms as required for the inspector to have reasonable and safe access to all parts of the work. The contractor illuminates the surfaces to be inspected to a minimum of 50-foot candles of light. All access points shall be illuminated to a minimum of 20-foot candles of light.

NCDOT reserves the right for ongoing Quality Assurance (QA) inspection to include but not limited to surface contamination testing, adhesion pull testing, and DFT readings as necessary to assure quality.

Inform the Engineer and the Division Safety Engineer of all scheduled and unannounced inspections from SSPC, OSHA, EPA and/or others that come on site. Furnish the Engineer a copy of all inspection reports except for reports performed by a third party and or consultant on behalf of the Contractor.

1. Inspection Instruments

At a minimum, furnish the following calibrated instruments and conduct the following quality control tests:

* 1. Sling Psychrometer - ASTM E337 - bulb type
  2. Surface Temperature Thermometer
  3. Wind Speed Indicator
  4. Tape Profile Tester - ASTM D4417 Method C
  5. Surface Condition Standards - SSPC VIS-1 and VIS-3
  6. Wet Film Thickness Gage - ASTM D4414
  7. Dry Film Thickness Gage - SSPC-PA2 Modified
  8. Solvent Rub Test Kit - ASTM D4752
  9. Adhesion Test Kit - ASTM D3359 Method A (Tape Test)
  10. Adhesion Pull test - ASTM D4541
  11. Surface Contamination Analysis Kit or (Chloride Level Test Kit) SSPC Technology Guide 15

1. Quality Control

Maintain a daily quality control record in accordance with Subarticle 442-12(D) of the *Standard Specifications* and make such records available at the job site for review by the inspector and submit to the Engineer as directed. In addition to the information required on Form M&T-610, submit all Dry Film Thickness (DFT) readings on a form equivalent to Form M&T-611. These forms can be found at:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Materials/Pages/Materials-Manual-by-Material.aspx?Order=MM-03-02>

1. Measure DFT at each spot on the attached diagram and at the required number of locations as specified below:
2. For span members less than 45 feet; three (3) random locations along each girder in each span.
3. For span members greater than 45 feet; add one additional location for each additional ten (10) feet in span length.

DFT measurements for the prime coat shall not be taken for record until the zinc primer has cured in accordance with ASTM D4752 (MEK Rub Test) with no less than a four (4) resistance rating.

Stiffeners and other attachments to beams and or plate girders shall be measured at no less than five (5) random spots per span. Also, dry film thickness is measured at no less than six (6) random spots per span on diaphragms/cross frames.

Each spot is an average of three (3) to five (5) individual gage readings as defined in SSPC PA-2. No spot average shall be less than 80% of minimum DFT for each layer applied; this does not apply to stripe coat application. Spot readings that are non-conforming shall be re-assessed by performing additional spot measurements not to exceed one-foot intervals on both sides of the low areas until acceptable spot averages are obtained. These non-conforming areas shall be corrected by the Contractor prior to applying successive coats.

**Less than 36" in height and/or bottom flanges less than 16" in width.**

**7 Spot Areas**

**21 Individual DFT Readings**

**7 Spot Areas**

**21 Individual DFT Readings**

**E1**

**C1**

**C2**

**A1**

**\*D**

**A2**

**\*D**

**B1**

**B2**

**\*D areas are only included when flange thickness is one inch (1") or greater.**

**36" in height or greater and/or bottom flanges greater than 16" in width.**

**10 Spot Areas**

**30 Individual DFT Readings**

**7 Spot Areas**

**21 Individual DFT Readings**

**D1**

**C1**

**C2**

**A1**

**\*D**

**A2**

**\*D2**

**B1, B2**

**F1, F2**

**\*D areas are only included when flange thickness is one inch (1") or greater.**

**D2**

* 1. Two (2) random adhesion tests (1 test = 3 dollies) per span are conducted on interior surfaces in accordance with ASTM D4541 (Adhesion Pull Test) after the prime coat has been properly cured in accordance with ASTM D3363 (Pencil Hardness) with no less than 2H, and will be touched up by the Contractor. The required minimum average adhesion is 400 psi.
  2. Cure of the intermediate and stripe coats shall be accessed by using the thumb test in accordance with ASTM D1640 (Curing Formation Test) prior to the application of any successive layers of paint.
  3. One random Cut Tape adhesion test per span is conducted in accordance with ASTM D3359 (X-Cut Tape Test) on interior surface after the finish coat is cured. Repair areas shall be properly tapered and touched up by the Contractor.

**Zone Painting**

If any girder has excessive corrosion along its bottom flange, beyond the distance of 1.5 times the depth of the beam or girder, at the bearing, the area of the affected girder indicated on the plans, and other girders as directed by the Engineer, shall be cleaned in accordance with the requirements of System 5 painting system. The horizontal limits of zone painting shall extend 12” beyond the maximum horizontal extent of web/flange corrosion. The vertical limits of zone painting shall extend 3” beyond the maximum vertical extent of web corrosion.

Areas designated for zone coating shall be primed and coated in accordance with System 5 as outlined in the *Structural Steel Shop Coatings Program.*

System 5 is one coat of primer, one intermediate acrylic coat, one stripe coat of paint, and one topcoat of paint and over non-weathering steel surfaces cleaned to an SSPC SP-6 finish.

Painting shall be performed in accordance with Section 442 and Section 1080 of the *Standard Specifications,* and/ or these special provisions; the more restrictive requirement shall apply. Perform all mixing operations over an impervious surface with provisions to prevent runoff to grade of any spilled material.

**Safety and Environmental Compliance Plans**

Personnel access boundaries are delineated for each work site using signs, tape, cones, or other approved means. Submit copies of safety and environmental compliance plans that comply with SSPC QP 2 Certification requirements.

**Health and Safety Responsibilities**

This project may involve toxic metals such as arsenic, lead, cadmium and hexavalent chromium. It is the contractor’s responsibility to test for toxic metals and if found, comply with the OSHA regulations, which may include medical testing.

Ensure a “Competent Person” as defined in OSHA 29 CFR 1926.62; one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them; is on site during all surface preparation activities and monitors the effectiveness of containment, dust collection systems and waste sampling.Before any work begins, provide a written summary of the Competent Person’s safety training.

Comply with Subarticle 442-14(B) of the *Standard Specifications*.

Comply with Subarticle 442-14(D) of the *Standard Specifications*. Ensure employee blood sampling test results are less than 50 micrograms per deciliter. Remove employees with a blood sampling test of 50 or more micrograms per deciliter from work activities involving any lead exposure.

An employee who has been removed with a blood level of 50 micrograms per deciliter or more shall have two (2) consecutive blood sampling tests spaced one week apart indicating that the employee’s blood lead level is at or below 40 micrograms per deciliter before returning to work activities involving any lead exposure.

All OSHA recordable accidents that occur during the project duration are to be reported to the Engineer within twenty-four (24) hours of occurrence. In addition, for accidents that involve civilians or property damage that occurs within the work zone the Division Safety Engineer shall be notified immediately.

Prior to blasting operations, the Contractor shall have an operational OSHA approved hand wash station at each bridge location and a decontamination trailer at each bridge or between bridges unless the work is on the roadway, or the Contractor shall show reason why it is not feasible to do so and provide an alternative site as approved by the Engineer. The Contractor shall assure that all employees whose airborne exposure to lead is above the Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) shall shower at the end of their work shift.

**Storage of Paint and Equipment**

Provide a location for materials, equipment, and waste storage. Spread tarpaulins over all pavements and surfaces underneath equipment used for abrasive recycling and other waste handling equipment or containers. All land and or lease agreements that involve private property shall disclose to the property owner that heavy metals may be present on the Contractor’s equipment. Prior to storing the Contractor’s equipment on private property, provide a notarized written consent signed by the land owner received by the Engineer at least forty-eight (48) hours before using property. All storage of paint, solvents, and other materials applied to structures shall be stored in accordance with Subarticle 442-9(C) of the *Standard Specifications* or the manufacturers’ requirements. The more restrictive requirements will apply.

**Utilities**

Protect all utility lines or mains that may be supported on, under, or adjacent to bridge work sites from damage and paint overspray.

**Measurement and Payment**

The cost of inspection, surface preparation and repainting the existing structure is included in the lump sum price bid for *Cleaning and Painting Existing Weathering Steel for Bridge #\_\_\_.* This price is full compensation for furnishing all inspection equipment, all paint, cleaning abrasives, cleaning solvents and all other materials; preparing and cleaning surfaces to be painted; applying paint in the field; protecting work area, traffic and property; furnishing blast cleaning equipment, paint spraying equipment, brushes, rollers, any other hand or power tools and any other equipment.

*Pollution Control* will be paid at the contract lump sum price which will be full compensation for all collection, handling, storage, air monitoring, and disposal of debris and wash water, all personal protective equipment, and all personal hygiene requirements, and all equipment, material and labor necessary for the daily collection of the blast debris into specified containers; and any measures necessary to ensure conformance to all safety and environmental regulations as directed by the Engineer.

*Painting Containment for Bridge #\_\_\_* will be paid at the lump sum contract price and will be full compensation for the design, materials, installation, maintenance, and removal of the containment system.

Payment will be made under:

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| **Pay Item** | **Pay Unit** | |
| Cleaning and Painting Existing Weathering Steel for Bridge #\_\_\_ | Lump Sum | |
| Pollution Control | Lump Sum | |
| Painting Containment for Bridge #\_\_\_ | | | Lump Sum | |
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EXAMPLE

**Scope of Work**

**Bridge #16**: This bridge was built in 1986 and carries US 701, NC 41 & 242 over Cape Fear River. The superstructure consists of 9 simple spans with 4 lines of Prestressed Girders @ 8’-8” spacing with concrete diaphragms and 3 continuous spans with 4 lines of steel plate girders @ 8’-8” spacing with steel cross frames. The continuous span consists of steel plate girders with a 58” web depth and 18” top flange width and 18” bottom flange width. The bridge has an overall length of 1178’-0” with a concrete deck and a 32’-5” total deck width. The existing paint system is weathering steel, and the estimated area to be cleaned and painted is **1,388** sq. ft.

NOTE: This part of the Special Provision must be written for each project.