

# INFORMATIONAL PROPOSAL (For information only, not to be used for bidding)

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS  
LETTING DATE : June 27, 2013

CALL ORDER: 105            CONTRACT ID: 1234X

CONTROL NO./SEQ. NO.: 13234 /000 PROJECT NO.: MISC-80-9(1194)

TENTATIVE START DATE: 07/29/13            CONTRACT TIME: 97 CALENDAR DAYS

LOCATION: WEST LIMITS - N. 27TH ST. IN LINCOLN  
IN COUNTY: LANCASTER

BIDDER

GROUP 8 SPECIALTY

## NOTES

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WORK WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED IN  
THIS LETTING IS LIMITED TO \$\_\_\_\_\_.

THE NUMBER OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRACTS WHICH WILL BE  
ACCEPTED IN THIS LETTING IS LIMITED TO \_\_\_\_\_.

## NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS

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 and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

## LETTING QUESTIONS

Prior to the letting, any questions pertaining to the Special Provisions or the Plans for this project should be submitted to NDOR in a written format through the Bid Express (BidX) website at <https://www.bidx.com/ne/lettings>. Likewise, NDOR will post answers exclusively to the BidX website. All official answers will be identified as “Authorized by NDOR.” **Questions will not be answered verbally.**

STATE OF NEBRASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

Required Provisions Supplemental to the

**Standard Specifications for Highway Construction**

**I. Application**

These contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor with his own organization and with the assistance of workmen under his immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.

The contractor shall insert in each of his subcontracts all of the stipulations contained in the Special Provisions and these Required Provisions.

A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Provisions may be grounds for termination of the contract.

**II. Equal Opportunity**

1. **Selection of Labor**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not discriminate against labor from any other state.

2. **Nebraska Fair Employment Practices Act**

The contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of this contract with respect to his hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of his race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The contractor agrees to post in a conspicuous place or places a notice to be provided by the State Highway Department which sets forth excerpts of the Act.

3. **Nebraska Equal Pay Act**

The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of sex by paying wages to employees of one sex at a lesser rate than the rate paid to employees of the opposite sex for comparable work on jobs which have comparable requirements. An abstract of the Act is included on the notice which is provided by the State Highway Department.

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### III. Employment of Labor

#### 1. General

No person under the age of sixteen (16) years, and no one whose age or physical condition is such as to make his employment dangerous to his health or safety, or to the health and safety of others shall be employed on any project. This paragraph shall not be construed to deny the employment of older people or physically handicapped persons, otherwise employable, where such persons may be safely assigned to work which they can ably perform.

No person currently serving sentence to a penal or correction institution shall be employed on any project.

Except as specifically provided under this section, workers who are qualified by training or experience to be assigned to projects of this character shall not be discriminated against on any grounds whatsoever.

#### 2. Payrolls

Payrolls and basic records relating thereto will be maintained during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working on the site of the work.

The contractor's and subcontractor's payroll records shall be available for inspection by authorized representatives of the State Highway Department and authorized representatives of Federal Agencies.

The wages of labor shall be paid in legal tender of the United States, except that this condition will be considered satisfied if payment is made by a negotiable check, on a solvent bank, which may be cashed readily by the employee in the local community for the full amount, without discount or collection charges of any kind. Where checks are used for payment the contractor shall make all necessary arrangements for them to be cashed and shall give information regarding such arrangements.

No fee of any kind shall be asked or accepted by the contractor or any of his agents from any person as a condition of employment on the project.

No laborers shall be charged for any tools used in performing their respective duties except for reasonably avoidable loss or damage thereto.

Every employee on the work covered by this contract shall be permitted to lodge, board and trade where and with whom he elects and neither the contractor nor his agents, nor his employees shall directly or indirectly require as a condition of employment that an employee shall lodge, board or trade at a particular place or with a particular person.

No charge shall be made for any transportation furnished by the contractor or his agents to any person employed on the work.

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No individual shall be employed as a laborer on this contract except on a wage basis, but this shall not be construed to prohibit the rental of teams, trucks or other equipment from individuals. No such rental agreement, or any charges for feed, gasoline, supplies, or repairs on account of such agreement, shall cause any deduction from the wages accruing to any employee except as authorized by the regulations hereinbefore cited.

#### **IV. Safety and Accident Prevention**

In the performance of this contract, the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws governing safety, health and sanitation. The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions, on his own responsibility or as the contracting officer may determine, 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.

#### **V. Subletting or Assigning the Contract**

The contractor shall perform with his own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent of the total contract amount except that any items designated in the contract as "Specialty Items" may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such "Specialty Items" so performed may be deducted from the total contract amount before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor with his own organization.

Any items that have been selected as "Specialty Items" for the contract are listed as such in the Special Provisions found elsewhere in the contract.

No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned, or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer or his authorized representative. Requests for permission to sublet assign or otherwise dispose of any portion of the contract shall be in writing and accompanied by a showing that the organization which will perform the work is particularly experienced and equipped for such work. The contractor shall give assurance that the minimum wage for labor as stated in his proposal shall apply to labor performed on all work sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of in any way. Consent to sublet, assign or otherwise dispose of any portion of the contract shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract.

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**SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
FOR  
STATE  
PROJECT NO. MISC-80-9(1194)**

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Bids for the work contemplated in this proposal form will be received at the office of the Nebraska Department of Roads in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Highway 2 at Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 27, 2013, until 1:30 P.M.

- a. Bids submitted by mail should be addressed to the Nebraska Department of Roads, c/o Contract Lettings Section, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759.
- b. Bids submitted electronically over the internet, shall be submitted using [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com).

The 2007 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, including all amendments and additions thereto effective at the date of the contract, are made a part of these Special Provisions, through reference.

The Required Provisions dated April 4, 1995, are attached to and are a part of this proposal form.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Required Provisions covering subletting or assigning the contract.

The proposal contains a statement that the contractor is complying with, and will continue to comply with, fair labor standards in the pursuit of his business and in the execution of the work contemplated in this proposal.

Fair labor standards shall be construed to mean such a scale of wages and conditions of employment as are paid and maintained by at least fifty per cent of the contractors in the same business or field of endeavor as the contractor filing this proposal.

**STATUS OF UTILITIES**

No utilities have been or will be required to relocate within the limits of this project.

Aerial and/or underground utilities may exist within the limits of this project. The Contractor shall determine to his satisfaction the extent of occupancy of any underground utilities located within the respective construction areas and the extent of conflict with the proposed work under this contract.

Any utility adjustments or interruption of service for the convenience of the Contractor shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

To arrange for utilities to locate and flag their underground facilities, contact The Diggers Hotline of Nebraska at 1-800-331-5666 or dial 811.

### STATUS OF RIGHT OF WAY

The right of way for this project has been acquired and physical possession is held by the State of Nebraska and ready for the Contractor's use, except tracts listed below:

**Unacquired Right-of-Way Tracts as follows:**

Tract Number	Status of Tract	Hearing Date
NONE	NONE	NONE

**Right-of-Way Tracts with Pay Items:**

Tract Number	Pay Items
NONE	NONE

- No encroachments on the old right of way.
- Acquisition of right of way is not required for this project.

### SPECIAL PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS (General Requirements)

The following requirements shall apply to this project.

1. The maximum lane closure length will be limited to the amount of work that the Contractor can perform in a day. The Contractor will be allowed one lane closure in each direction (see No. 4). If the Contractor is not working over a weekend or if they plan to leave the project for a period of time exceeding 24 hours, all lane closures shall be removed until the work is resumed.
2. With the exception of holidays and UNL home football game days, there are no peak hours for this project. See **SPECIAL PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS (Holidays & UNL Football Game Day)**.
3. The Contractor shall have a work crew at the closure site at all times during a lane closure during daylight hours, unless otherwise described elsewhere in this proposal.
4. Lane closures shall be limited to the length required for the work being performed.

Although the Department will not unreasonably prevent the Contractor from utilizing a lane closure of the maximum length, lane closures shall not be established for lengths greater than necessary. The Contractor is directed to schedule the placement of traffic control devices to accommodate each day's closure to the extent practical. Accordingly, the Department will only pay for those traffic control devices considered reasonably necessary to protect the actual work area.

5. A lane closure shall not be installed during nighttime hours. Nighttime hours shall be defined as being from sunset to ½ hour after sunrise in the eastbound direction and from ½ hour before sunset to sunrise in the westbound direction.

6. The Contractor shall schedule their operations so that all Interstate ramps shall be open to traffic at all times.

**SPECIAL PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS  
(Holidays and UNL Football Game Day)**

The Contractor will be required to schedule his operations in a manner to have all I-80 traffic lanes open to traffic on the following holidays:

Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends – these holiday weekends shall begin at 3:00 p.m., Friday, and shall include the remainder of Friday and all day Saturday, Sunday and the Monday holiday.

- July 4<sup>th</sup> - If July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Monday or Friday, the Saturday and Sunday either preceding or following July 4<sup>th</sup> shall be included as part of the holiday.
- If July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, only that day will be considered as the holiday.
  - If July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the day preceding and the day following July 4<sup>th</sup> shall be included as part of the holiday.
  - The July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday shall begin at 3:00 p.m. on the day preceding the first day of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, as defined above.

The Contractor will also be required to have all I-80 traffic lanes open to traffic on any day that the University of Nebraska has a home football game (including the Spring game). All lanes shall be open to traffic from 3:00 p.m. of the day before the home football game until 9:00 a.m. of the day following the home football game.

Failure to have all I-80 traffic lanes open to traffic, as specified, on these holidays, UNL home football game day or UNL College World Series game day will result in a liquidated damage assessment of \$5,000 per occurrence. This assessment will be in addition to other liquidated damages described elsewhere in this proposal or in the Standard Specifications used for this project.

**SPECIAL PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS  
(Concrete Sealer)**

All exposed surfaces of any concrete median barrier and bridge rail inside the project limits will be cleaned and sealed. All exposed surfaces of any bridge piers in line with concrete median barrier and inside the project limits shall be cleaned and sealed from ground level to the bottom of the bent cap.

The quantities for this project include approximately 56 bridge piers to be sealed, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to identify, clean, and seal all surfaces covered in the plans and Special Provisions.

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

**Control No.:** 13234                      **Project No.:** MISC-80-9(1194)

**Project Name:** West Limits – N. 27th St. In Lincoln

Below are the Conservation Conditions that will be required for this project. All conditions and regulations of any permit obtained for this project will be followed by the Contractor.

**(Responsible Party for the measure is found in parentheses)**

Conservation Measure for Environmentally Sensitive Areas

No wetland impacts. No 404 permit required. See **Attachment 1** for a list of potential wetlands and/or other potential regulated waters identified from a desktop review of published resources. The Contractor shall not drive through, stage, store, waste or stockpile materials and equipment in areas as listed on Attachment 1. If access to any of these areas is required to complete the project construction, the NDOR Construction Project Manager shall coordinate with the Environmental Permits Unit to determine need for field verification and/or permitting requirements prior to disturbance of the area. (Contractor, District Construction)

Contact Person: Justin Williams, Highway Environmental Biologist, (402) 479-3812

### Attachment 1

NDOR Environmental Permits Unit  
M.M. = Mile Marker/Reference Post  
Rt = Right side  
Lt = Left side

#### Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Wetlands – DO NOT DISTURB (Toe of Slope to edge of R.O.W.)

- M.M. 397+15 to 397+62 Rt
- M.M. 397+62 to 398+45
- M.M. 399+50 to 399+54 Rt
- M.M. 399+96 to 399+98 Rt
- M.M. 400+30, M.M. 400+79
- M.M. 401+35 to 401+39
- M.M. 401+73 to 401+76
- M.M. 402+06 to 402+13
- M.M. 402+29 to 402+34
- M.M. 402+74 to 402+83
- M.M. 403+22 to 403+59

**SPECIAL PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS  
(Migratory Birds)  
(A-42-1112)**

The Department of Roads will, to the extent practicable, schedule the letting of projects such that clearing and grubbing can occur outside of the primary nesting season in Nebraska which has been determined to generally occur between April 1 and September 1. Work on structures, such as but not limited to bridges and culverts, should occur outside the primary swallow nesting season, April 15 to September 30, unless approved methods of avoiding nesting have been taken on the bridge and/or culvert structures. The nesting dates above are a guide only, nesting can occur outside of those dates. Work outside of those dates is not exempt from compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The Contractor shall, to the extent possible, schedule work on structures, such as but not limited to bridges and culverts, and clearing and grubbing activities to occur outside the primary nesting season in Nebraska. However, if circumstances dictate that project construction or demolition must be done when nesting migratory birds may be present, a survey of the number of active nests and species of birds shall be conducted by qualified personnel representing the Contractor, and assisted by the Project Manager (PM), NDOR Environmental Section staff, or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) - Wildlife Services Office. If the survey finds that nests will be impacted by the proposed construction, the Contractor may be responsible for delays.

The following guidance is provided for compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act for construction of NDOR projects:

1. The Contractor shall submit a plan to the NDOR regarding how he intends to accomplish bridge demolition or clearing and grubbing of the project to avoid conflict with nesting migratory birds.
2. The Contractor must submit a temporary erosion control plan tailored to fit the plan for clearing and grubbing.
3. If construction operations result in unavoidable conflict with nesting migratory bird's eggs or young, which will result in "taking" nests and their contents, the Contractor should notify the NDOR Project Manager (PM). The PM shall notify the Environmental Section of Planning and Project Development by telephone at 402-479-4766.
4. The NDOR Environmental Section will then determine if assistance in conducting the survey will be provided by the NDOR Environmental Section (if available) or from the USDA APHIS - Wildlife Services Office and arrange for assistance with the survey of nest numbers, bird species, etc. Results of the survey shall be maintained by the NDOR until project completion.
5. If the nesting survey is required, and the project was awarded prior to the nesting season, and the Contractor did not accomplish clearing/grubbing and/or work on bridge/culvert structures outside the nesting season, the Contractor will reimburse the Department of Roads for each survey required at \$1,000 per survey. If the project was awarded during the nesting season, and construction activities are such that clearing/grubbing and/or work on bridge/culvert structures must be accomplished prior to any other activity on the project, then there will be

no charge assessed for the initial survey. The Contractor is responsible for removing all trees surveyed, that do not contain active nests, and for taking appropriate measures on bridge/culvert structures, within 3 days of the survey. Reimbursement for additional surveys may be charged if the Contractor fails to remove the trees within 3 days of the survey, and requires an additional survey. Survey reimbursement will be determined on a project specific basis, considering the project timeline and associated activities.

6. If an active nest is found during the survey, the Contractor should do everything possible to restructure his activities and leave the nest undisturbed until the young fledge. Fledging could occur within a week, or up to a month, after the survey depending on the species of bird and whether the nest contained eggs or young. Also depending on the species of bird and their sensitivity to disturbance, a buffer of up to 30 feet surrounding the tree with the active nest could be required.
7. If construction cannot be rescheduled to allow the birds to fledge, and it is determined as an unavoidable "take" circumstance, the Contractor shall stop all work within 30 feet of the active nest and coordinate with the Construction Project Manager to determine how to proceed. The Construction Project Manager will then coordinate with the NDOR Environmental Section and they will facilitate coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Highway Administration (for projects using Federal-aid) to determine the appropriate way to address the active nest. No work shall occur within 30 feet of the active nest until US Fish and Wildlife Service coordination is complete and the requirements of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act are satisfied.
8. It is the Contractor's responsibility to schedule his work to accommodate the process of conducting a survey(s) and submitting the necessary documentation if avoidance is not practicable. The Contractor shall be responsible for using any legal and practical method to prevent the nesting of birds in order to prevent the need for any survey and prevent the need for additional surveys. It is understood and agreed that the Contractor has considered in the bid all of the pertinent requirements concerning migratory birds (including endangered species) and that no additional compensation, other than time extensions if warranted, will be allowed for any delays or inconvenience resulting in these requirements.

### **STORM WATER DISCHARGES (A-43-0408)**

In compliance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, authorization to discharge storm water on this project has been granted under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General NPDES Permit Number NER110000 for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Sites to Waters of the State of Nebraska. This permit became effective on January 1, 2008.

Contractors are advised that, under the Construction Storm Water General Permit, ***plant sites, camp sites, storage sites, and borrow or waste sites not shown on the plans may be subject to separate NPDES permit authorization requirements for stormwater discharges***

**from those locations.** Contractors shall be responsible for verifying the need for NPDES permit coverage with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). When required for these locations, the filing of a "Notice of Intent" shall be made by the Contractor directly to the NDEQ.

Additionally, asphalt (SIC Code 2951) or concrete (SIC Code 3273) batch plants that are owned by a private contractor and are operated on a contract-for-service basis to perform work for the Contractor completing the project may be subject to NPDES General Permit Number NER000000 for Industrial Storm Water Discharges. While the plant may be required for completion of the project, it is not under the control of the Department (or other project owner); and the filing of a "Notice of Intent" shall be made by the Contractor directly to the NDEQ.

The NDEQ may be contacted at 402-471-4220 for additional information.

### **REQUIRED SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER QUOTATIONS LIST (A-43-0307)**

All bidders must provide to the NDOR the identity of all firms who provided quotations on all projects, including both DBEs and non-DBEs. This information must be on a form provided by the NDOR Contracts Office.

If no quotations were received, the bidder must indicate this in the space provided.

Each bidder will be required to submit one list per letting to cover all projects bid.

### **PROPOSAL GUARANTY BID BOND (A-43-0307)**

Paragraphs 1.a. and 1.b. of Subsection 102.15 in the *Standard Specifications* are void and superseded by the following:

- a. OPTION 1 - (Project Specific Paper Bid Bond). The Bid Bond shall be executed on an original Department Bid Bond Form, which may be obtained from the Department. The original Bid Bond shall be delivered to the Department with the bid. A reproduction or a copy of the original form will not be accepted and will cause the bid not to be opened and read.
- b. OPTION 2 - (Annual Bid Bond). The Department at its discretion may allow a bidder to place an "Annual Bid Bond" on file with the Department. This bond would cover all projects the bidder bids for a 12-month period shown in the bond. The bidder must indicate in the bid submittal to the Department that their "Annual Bid Bond" applies to the submitted bid. The original Annual Bid Bond shall be executed on the Department of Roads Bid Bond Form, which may be obtained from the Department. A reproduction or a copy of the original form will not be accepted.

**WORKER VISIBILITY  
(A-43-0507)**

Pursuant to Part 634, Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, the following modified rule is being implemented:

Effective on January 1, 2008, all workers within the right-of-way who are exposed either to traffic (vehicles using the highway for purposes of travel) or to construction equipment within the work area shall wear high-visibility safety apparel.

High-visibility safety apparel is defined to mean personal protective safety clothing that:

- 1 - is intended to provide conspicuity during both daytime and nighttime usage, and
- 2 - meets the Performance Class 2 or Class 3 requirements of the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 publication titled "American National Standards for High-Visibility Safety Apparel and Headwear."

**VALUE ENGINEERING PROPOSALS (VEP)  
(A-43-0807)**

Subsection 104.03 in the *Standard Specifications* is amended to include the following:

14. A VEP will not be accepted if the proposal is prepared by an Engineer or the Engineering Firm who designed the contract plans.

**SHOP PLANS  
(A-43-1108)**

Paragraph 5. of Subsection 105.02 in the *Standard Specifications* is amended to provide that the Contractor may furnish shop plans on half-size plan sheets [11x17 inches (297x420 mm)], provided all information is legible.

**LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC  
(A-43-0210)**

Paragraph 4.a. of Subsection 107.01 in the *Standard Specifications* is void and superseded by the following:

4. a. Whenever the Contractor violates any governing Federal, State or local environmental quality regulation and/or is in noncompliance with any environmental commitment, the violating activity must cease immediately until the appropriate remedy can be determined by: the Engineer, the NDOR Environmental Section, the Federal Highway Administration (for projects utilizing Federal-aid) and other agencies, as deemed appropriate. The Engineer, with assistance from the NDOR Environmental Section and the FHWA, will provide a written order confirming the appropriate corrective action to the Contractor. Work can resume to normal conditions once the Engineer determines that the violation or non-compliance has been addressed in accordance with the order for corrective action.

Subsection 107.01 in the *Standard Specifications* is amended to include the following two paragraphs:

5. Should the Contractor encounter any previously unidentified hazardous materials, the Engineer shall be promptly notified. The Contractor shall suspend operations in the area involved until such time that arrangements are made for their proper treatment or removal.
6. The Contractor shall prevent the transfer of invasive plant and animal species. The Contractor shall wash equipment at the Contractor's storage facility prior to entering the construction site. The Contractor shall inspect all construction equipment and remove all attached vegetation and animals prior to leaving the construction site.

**SPECIAL PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS  
(Federal Immigration Verification System)  
(A-43-1209)**

The Contractor shall register with and use a Federal Immigration Verification System to determine the work eligibility status of newly hired employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. The Prime Contractor shall contractually require every subcontractor to register with and use a Federal Immigration Verification System to determine the work eligibility status of newly hired employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska.

The Federal Immigration Verification System shall be an electronic verification of the work authorization program of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program. The Contractor may use an equivalent Federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other Federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee. The equivalent program shall comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

The Prime Contractor shall furnish a letter to the NDOR Construction Division in Lincoln on company letterhead and signed by an officer of the company stating that documentation is on file certifying that the Contractor and all subcontractors have registered with and used a Federal Immigration Verification System. The Contractor shall maintain all records of registration and use for a period of three years and make records available upon request. The Contractor shall contractually require subcontractors to maintain all records for a period of three years and make records available upon request.

Payment will not be made to the Contractor for using the Federal Immigration Verification System or the maintenance of the records. This work shall be subsidiary to the work being performed.

The Contractor's Certification shall become part of the final records of the Contract. The Department considers this document to have direct bearing to the beginning interest date and may affect the amount of interest earned.

### **CONTRACT TIME ALLOWANCE (A-43-0911)**

Paragraph 5. of Subsection 108.02 of the *Standard Specifications* is void and superseded by the following:

5. Each week, the Engineer shall post on the Department's website a report of working days or calendar days charged. The Contractor then has 14 days from the day the Engineer's report is posted to provide a written explanation of why he/she does not concur with the working days or calendar days as assessed.

Paragraph 6.b. of Subsection 108.02 of the *Standard Specifications* is amended to include the following:

- (4) If the time allowance for the contract has been established on a calendar day basis, the Contractor is expected to schedule the work and assign whatever resources are necessary to complete the work in the time allowance provided regardless of the weather. Accordingly, regardless of anything to the contrary contained in these *Specifications*, the Department will not consider delays caused by inclement or unseasonable weather as justification for an extension of the contract time allowance unless:
  - i. the weather phenomena alleged to have contributed to or caused the delay is of such magnitude that it results in the Governor issuing a Disaster Declaration, **and**
  - ii. the weather phenomena alleged to have contributed to or caused the delay can clearly be shown to have directly impacted the work on the critical path identified on the Contractor's schedule.

Paragraphs 10.b. and 10.c. of Subsection 108.02 of the *Standard Specifications* are void and superseded by the following:

- b. (1) If the extra work is not in the original contract, time extensions will be granted by determining the actual time necessary to accomplish the extra work.

- (2) If the extra work is the result of the addition of additional quantities of existing contract items, time extensions will be granted by either:
    - (i) determining the actual time necessary to accomplish the extra work; or
    - (ii) determining the additional time to be granted by comparing the value of the additional quantities of work to the total amount of the original contract when measurement of the actual additional time is not possible or practical.
  - (3) In either case, only the time necessary to perform the extra work of the additional quantities of existing contract items when the extra work or the additional quantities of existing contract items are deemed to be the current controlling operation will be granted as a time extension.
- c. Increases in quantities of work associated with traffic control items measured by the day will not be considered for extending the contract time allowance. Overruns of traffic control items that are measured by methods other than time may be considered for extending the contract time allowance, but they must be deemed to be a controlling operation when the overrun of quantities occurs.

**PARTIAL PAYMENT  
(A-43-1110)**

Paragraph 2. of Subsection 109.07 of the *Standard Specifications* is void and superseded by the following:

2. When the value of the work completed during a semi-monthly period exceeds \$10,000, the Contractor will receive semi-monthly progress estimates from which the Department shall make such retentions as may be allowed by the contract, provided that the nature and quality of the completed work are satisfactory and provided further that the progress of the work conforms to the requirements of Subsection 108.07.

Paragraph 3.b. of Subsection 109.07 of the *Standard Specifications* is void and superseded by the following:

- b. Under normal circumstances, the Department shall not retain any earnings on a progress estimate. However, the Department reserves the right to retain such amounts as are necessary for material deficiencies, anticipated liquidated damages, unpaid borrow, and for other reasons to protect the Department's interests.

**PARTIAL PAYMENT  
(A-43-0611)**

Paragraph 4. of Subsection 109.07 of the *Standard Specifications* is void and superseded by the following:

4. a. (1) Upon presentation by the Contractor of receipted bills, billing invoices, or such other documentation sufficient to satisfy the Engineer and verify the Contractor's or subcontractor's actual costs for the materials, payments may also be allowed for acceptable nonperishable materials purchased expressly to be incorporated into the work and delivered in the vicinity of the project or stored in acceptable storage places within Nebraska.
- (2) Materials not delivered and stored in the immediate vicinity of or on the actual project site must be clearly marked to identify the project on which they are to be used, must be segregated from similar materials at the storage site, and cannot be included in a supplier's inventory of material available for sale for other purposes.
- (3) All items eligible for partial payment as stored materials must be available for verification, sampling, and measurement.
- b. The amount to be included in the payment will be determined by the Engineer, but in no case shall it exceed 100 percent of the value of the materials documented. This value may not exceed the appropriate portion of the value of the contract item or items in which such materials are to be incorporated, nor shall the quantity in any case exceed the total estimated quantity required to complete the project.
- c. Payment will not be approved when the documented value of such materials amounts to less than \$1,000.00, when the progress of the work is not in accordance with the requirements set forth in Subsection 108.07, or when the material can reasonably be expected to be incorporated into the work and eligible for payment as completed work on a progress estimate within 15 days of being placed into storage.
- d. Deductions at rates and in amounts which are equal to the payments will be made from estimates as the materials are incorporated into the work.
- e. Payment for the materials shall not in itself constitute acceptance, and any materials which do not conform to the specifications shall be rejected in accordance with Subsection 106.05.
- f. The Contractor shall be responsible for all damages and material losses until the material is incorporated into the work and the work is accepted.
- g. Partial payment will not include payment for fuels, supplies, form lumber, falsework, other materials, or temporary structures of any kind which will not become an integral part of the finished construction.
- h. No partial payments will be made on living or perishable plant materials until planted.

**BUY AMERICA  
(A-43-0212)**

Subsection 106.07 in the *Standard Specifications* is void and superseded by the following:

**106.07 -- Buy America**

1. The Buy America rule requires that steel or iron materials be produced domestically, and only those products which are brought to the construction site and permanently incorporated into the completed project are covered. Construction materials, forms, etc., which remain in place at the Contractor's convenience, but are not required by the contract, are not covered.
2. To further define the coverage, a domestic product is a manufactured steel construction material that was produced in one of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or in the territories and possessions of the United States.
3. All manufacturing processes to produce steel or iron materials (i.e., smelting, and any subsequent process which alters the steel or iron material's physical form or shape, or changes its chemical composition) must occur within one of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or in the territories and possessions of the United States, to be considered of domestic origin. This includes processes such as casting, rolling, extruding, machining, bending, grinding, drilling, and coating. Coating includes epoxy coating, galvanizing, painting, and any other coating that protects or enhances the value of the material. The manufacturer shall include a statement on the material test report or certification that all material described above except the coating material is a domestic product.
4. Raw materials used in the steel or iron materials may be imported. All manufacturing processes to produce steel or iron materials must occur domestically. Raw materials are materials such as iron ore, limestone, waste products, etc., which are used in the manufacturing process to produce the steel products. Waste products would include scrap; i.e., steel no longer useful in its present form from old automobiles, machinery, pipe, railroad tracks and the like. Also, steel trimmings from mills or product manufacturing are considered waste. Extracting, crushing, and handling the raw materials, which is customary to prepare them for transporting, are exempt from Buy America. The use of pig iron and processed, pelletized, and reduced iron ore manufactured outside of the United States may be used in the domestic manufacturing process for steel and/or iron materials.
5. Notwithstanding this requirement, a minimum of foreign steel or iron materials will be permitted if its value is less than one-tenth of one percent of the total contract cost or \$2,500, whichever is greater.

6. Upon completion of all work utilizing steel or iron products, the prime Contractor shall furnish a letter to the State on company letterhead and signed by an officer of the company stating that documentation is on file certifying that all steel or iron materials brought to the construction site and permanently incorporated into the work complied in all respects with the Buy America requirements.

**BORROW, WASTE, STOCKPILE, AND PLANT SITE APPROVAL  
(A-43-0512)**

Subsection 107.02 in the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

4. Site Approval:
  - a. When borrow is obtained from a borrow site or waste excavation is placed at sites which are not shown in the contract, or the Contractor plans to use a plant or stockpile site which is not shown in the contract, the Contractor shall be solely responsible for obtaining all necessary site approvals. The Department will provide the procedures necessary to obtain approvals from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nebraska State Historical Society, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and Nebraska Department of Natural Resources on the NDOR website. The Contractor shall also be responsible for obtaining a Discharge Number from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) that allows work under the current Construction Stormwater Permit. The Contractor shall also be responsible for obtaining any and all other permits required by local governments.
  - b. It is anticipated that it may require 60 calendar days or more for the Contractor to obtain the necessary approvals. The Contractor will not be allowed to begin work at borrow or waste sites until the necessary approvals are obtained. No extension of completion time will be granted due to any delays in securing approval of a borrow or disposal site unless a review of the time frames concludes that there were conditions beyond the Contractor's control.

Paragraph 7. of Subsection 205.02 in the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

7. Borrow and Waste Site Approval:
  - a. Borrow and waste site approvals shall be in accordance with Section 107.02.
  - b. Material shall not be removed from borrow sites until preliminary cross sections and representative soil samples have been taken by the Engineer. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer a sufficient time in advance of the opening of any borrow site so that cross sections may be taken.

- c. Material shall be removed in a manner that will allow accurate final cross sections to be taken for determining the quantity of excavation. The surfaces of the borrow sites shall be bladed and shaped to drain as shown in the contract or as directed by the Engineer.

**SPECIAL PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS  
(Subletting or Assigning of Contract)  
(A-43-0613)**

Paragraph 3. of Subsection 108.01 in the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

On all FHWA "full oversight" projects, a scanned copy (.pdf format) of the signed subcontract agreement shall be included with the subcontracting request.

Paragraph 5. of Subsection 108.01 is void and superseded by the following:

5. All subcontract documents relating to the contract shall be maintained during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter. These documents shall be available for inspection by authorized representatives of State and Federal agencies. Scanned copies (.pdf format) of the signed subcontract agreements not specifically identified elsewhere in this subsection shall be furnished to the Department upon request.

Paragraph 7. of Subsection 108.01 is void and superseded by the following:

7. Scanned copies (.pdf format) of all executed subcontracts, written agreements, and/or lease agreements used to meet DBE goals shall be submitted to the NDR Construction Engineer with the subcontracting request. These copies must show labor cost, material prices, overhead, and profit.

Paragraph 9. of Subsection 108.01 is void and superseded by the following:

9. a. The prime Contractor, and subcontractors when subletting work to lower tier subcontractors, shall include language which can be identified as a "Prompt Payment Clause" as a part of every subcontract for work and materials.
  - b.(1)The language constituting the "Prompt Payment Clause" will require payment to all first tier subcontractors for all labor and materials --- for work completed to date --- within 20 calendar days of receipt of progress payments from the Department for said work. Similar language in a contract between a subcontractor and a lower-tier subcontractor will require payment to the lower tier subcontractor for all labor and materials --- for work completed to date --- within 10 calendar days of receipt of progress payments from the prime Contractor for said work.
  - (2)The language constituting the "Prompt Payment Clause" will also stipulate the return of retainage within 30 calendar days after the satisfactory completion of the work by the subcontractor as evidenced by inclusion of the work on a progress payment.

- (3) Additionally, the language constituting the "Prompt Payment Clause" may stipulate the subcontractor's obligation to return to the Contractor or subcontractor, as the case may be, any overpayments which result from adjustments to measured and recorded quantities as part of the preparation of subsequent progress payments or the final records. Overpayments shall be returned to the prime Contractor or subcontractor, as the case may be, within 20 calendar days of receiving notice of the adjusted quantities and the amount of the overpayment.
- c. The prime Contractor or subcontractors, as the case may be, may withhold payment only for just cause and shall not withhold, delay, or postpone payment without first receiving written approval from the Department.
- d.(1) The failure by the prime Contractor to abide by the agreements identified in the "Prompt Payment Clause" without just cause, including the timely return of retainage, is a material breach of this contract which may result in the Department withholding the amount of payment from the prime Contractor that should have been paid to the subcontractor, termination of this contract, or other such remedy as the Department deems necessary.
- (2) Additionally, the failure of any subcontractor to abide by the agreements identified in the "Prompt Payment Clause" without just cause, including the timely return of retainage to lower tier subcontractors, or by failing to return overpayments in a timely manner when the language permitted in Paragraph 9.b.(3) above is included in the subcontract may result in the Department withholding subcontract approval for other work until the overpayments have been returned.

### **LIABILITY INSURANCE (A-55-0611)**

Subsection 107.13 in the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

#### **107.13 – Liability Insurance**

Prior to execution of the contract, the Contractor shall obtain insurance coverage to fully protect it from loss associated with the work, and have at a minimum the insurance described below:

1. General Liability:  
Limits of at least:
  - \$ 1,000,000 per Occurrence
  - \$ 2,000,000 General Aggregate
  - \$ 2,000,000 Completed Operations Aggregate
  - \$ 1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury
- a. Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of any deductibles.
- b. Coverage shall be provided by a standard form Commercial General Liability Policy (CG0001 or equivalent) covering bodily injury, property damage including loss of use, and personal injury.

- c. The General Aggregate shall apply on a Per Project Basis.
  - d. The State of Nebraska, Department of Roads, shall be named as an Additional Insured on a primary and non-contributory basis including completed operations for three (3) years after final acceptance and payment.
  - e. Contractor agrees to waive its rights of recovery against the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads. Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads shall be added to the policy.
  - f. Contractual liability coverage shall be on a broad form basis and shall not be amended by any limiting endorsements.
  - g. If work is being performed near a railroad track, the 50' railroad right-of-way exclusion must be deleted.
  - h. Products and completed operations coverage in the amount provided above shall be maintained for the duration of the work, and shall be further maintained for a minimum period of three years after final acceptance and payment.
  - i. Coverage shall be included for demolition of any building or structure, collapse, explosion, blasting, excavation and damage to property below surface of ground (XCU coverage).
  - j. Policy shall not contain a total or absolute pollution exclusion. Coverage shall be provided for pollution exposures arising from products and completed operations as per standard CG0001 Pollution Exclusion or equivalent. If the standard pollution exclusion as provided by CG0001 has been amended, coverage must be substituted with a separate Pollution Liability policy of \$1.0 million per occurrence and \$2.0 million aggregate. If coverage is provided by a "claims made" form, coverage will be maintained for three years after project completion. Any applicable deductible is the responsibility of the Contractor.
2. Automobile Liability:  
Limits of at least:  
\$ 1,000,000 CSL per Accident
- a. Coverage shall apply to all Owned, Hired, and Non-Owned Autos.
  - b. If work is being performed near a railroad track, the 50-foot railroad right-of-way exclusion must be deleted.
  - c. Contractor agrees to waive its rights of recovery against the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads. Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads, shall be added to the policy.
  - d. Automobile liability coverage shall be obtained from an insurance carrier who is licensed with the Nebraska Department of Insurance.

3. Workers' Compensation:  
Limit: Statutory coverage for the State where the project is located.  
Employer's Liability limits: \$500,000 Each Accident  
\$500,000 Disease – Per Person  
\$500,000 Disease – Policy Limit
  - a. Contractor agrees to waive its rights of recovery against the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads. Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads shall be added to the policy.
  - b. Workers' compensation coverage shall be obtained from an insurance carrier who is licensed with the Nebraska Department of Insurance.
  - c. Where applicable, the Longshore and Harborworkers Compensation Act endorsement shall be attached to the policy.
4. Umbrella/Excess:  
Limits of at least:  
\$1,000,000 per Occurrence
  - a. Policy shall provide liability coverage in excess of the specified Employers Liability, Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability.
  - b. The State of Nebraska, Department of Roads, shall be an "Additional Insured."
  - c. Contractor agrees to waive its rights of recovery against the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads. Waiver of subrogation in favor of the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads shall be provided.
5. Pollution Liability:
  - a. When "hazardous wastes" or contaminated or polluted materials must be handled and/or moved, the Contractor shall obtain Pollution Liability Coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate.
  - b. If, during the course of construction, hazardous wastes, contaminated or polluted material are discovered on the project, the Contractor shall immediately cease any operation that may disturb these materials, and shall immediately notify the Engineer of all facts related to the discovery of these materials.
  - c. Unforeseen work related to the discovery of hazardous, contaminated or polluted materials on the project, and the extra cost, if any, of pollution liability coverage will be handled as "extra work."
6. Additional Requirements:
  - a. The Contractor shall provide and carry any additional insurance required by the Special Provisions.
  - b. Except as otherwise provided herein, all insurance shall be kept in full force and effect until after the State releases the Contractor from all obligations under the contract.
  - c. If any of the work is sublet, equivalent insurance shall be provided by or on behalf of the subcontractor or subcontractors (at any tier) to cover all operations.

- d. Any insurance policy shall be written by an insurance company with a Best's Insurance Guide Rating of A – VII or better.
- e. Prior to execution of the contract, Contractor shall provide the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads, evidence of such insurance coverage in effect in the form of an Accord (or equivalent) certificate of insurance executed by a licensed representative of the participating insurer(s). Certificates of insurance shall show the Nebraska Department of Roads as the certificate holders.
- f. For so long as insurance coverage is required under this agreement, the Contractor shall have a duty to notify the Department when the Contractor knows, or has reason to believe, that any insurance coverage required under this agreement will lapse, or may be cancelled or terminated. The Contractor must forward any pertinent notice of cancellation or termination to the Department at the address listed below by mail (return receipt requested), hand-delivery, or facsimile transmission within 2 business days of receipt by Contractor of any such notice from an insurance carrier. Notice shall be sent to:

Nebraska Department of Roads  
Construction Division --- Insurance Section  
1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4759

Facsimile No. 402-479-4854

- g. Failure of the owner or any other party to review, approve, and/or reject a certificate of insurance in whole or in part does not waive the requirements of this agreement.
- h. The limits of coverage set forth in this document are suggested minimum limits of coverage. The suggested limits of coverage shall not be construed to be a limitation of the liability on the part of the Contractor or any of its subcontractors/tier subcontractors. The carrying of insurance described shall in no way be interpreted as relieving the Contractor, subcontractor, or tier subcontractors of any responsibility or liability under the contract.
- i. If there is a discrepancy of coverage between this document and any other insurance specification for this project, the greater limit or coverage requirement shall prevail.

### **AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT**

The first sentence of Subsection 103.04 in the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

The bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall furnish within 10 days after the award, a contract bond, in a sum equal to the full amount of the contract.

The first sentence of Subsection 103.05 is void and superseded by the following:

The contract shall be signed by the successful bidder and returned, together with a satisfactory bond, within 10 days from the date of award.

Paragraph 1.a. of Subsection 103.06 is void and superseded by the following:

- a. Fails to file an acceptable performance bond within 10 days from the date of award.

## **CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

### **TEMPORARY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (B-3-0509)**

Section 204 in the Standard Specifications is void.

### **CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CONTROL (B-3-0509)**

#### **General**

1. This Section defines some best management practices (BMPs) for erosion and sediment control measures and construction practices the Contractor shall use to prevent soil erosion and avoid water pollution.
2. The Contractor shall exercise every reasonable precaution throughout the life of the contract to prevent silting of the waters of the state, the project site, and adjacent property. Construction of drainage facilities, as well as performance of other contract work which will contribute to the control of siltation, shall be carried out in conjunction with earthwork operations or as soon thereafter as is practicable.
3. a. The Contractor shall take sufficient precautions to prevent pollution of the waters of the state, the project site, and adjacent property with construction debris, petroleum products, chemicals, or other harmful materials.  
b. The Contractor shall conduct and schedule the operations to avoid interference with any protected species.  
c. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes relating to pollution of the waters of the state and fish and game regulations.
4. All construction debris shall be disposed in a manner that it cannot enter any waterway. Excavation shall be deposited as to protect the waters of the state from siltation.
5. The erosion and sediment control measures shall continue until the permanent drainage facilities have been constructed and the slopes are sufficiently vegetated to be an effective erosion deterrent or until tentative acceptance of the work.
6. All erosion and sediment control measures shall be properly maintained by the Contractor.

7. All erosion and sedimentation resulting from the Contractor's operations and the weather conditions must be corrected by the Contractor.

### **LIMITATION OF OPERATIONS (B-3-0509)**

#### **General**

1. The maximum exposed surface area for the Contractor's operations in excavation, borrow, and embankment is 18 acres (72,800 m<sup>2</sup>) plus an equal area of clearing and grubbing/large tree removal. A written request for an increase in the maximum exposed surface area may be approved by the Engineer unless an equal amount of finished grading and seeding has been completed in the previously opened area. This approval will be based on the soil, moisture, seasonal conditions, the Contractor's operation, or other conditions.
2. The Engineer shall have the authority to reduce the maximum exposed surface area when any of the following conditions warrant:
  - a. Soil and moisture conditions are such that erosion is probable.
  - b. Seasonal conditions may force extended delays.
  - c. Proximity to the waters of the state require more stringent controls.
  - d. Equipment and personnel available on the job is not sufficient to properly maintain erosion and dust control measures.
  - e. Any other environmental condition in the area that may exist which would be affected by erosion from the project.
3. Construction operations in rivers, streams, wetlands, and impoundments shall be restricted to those areas specifically shown in the contract. Rivers, streams, wetlands, and impoundments shall be promptly cleared of all false work, piling, debris, or other obstructions placed therein or caused by the construction operations.
4. Fording and operation of construction equipment within live streams and wetlands will not be allowed, unless explicitly allowed in the contract.

### **CONSTRUCTION METHODS (B-3-0509)**

#### **General**

1. The Contractor shall conduct all construction activities to control sediment and avoid soil erosion.
2. The Contractor shall incorporate all permanent erosion control features into the project at the earliest practicable time.

3. Construction stormwater management control measures for Contractor obtained construction work areas located outside the right-of-way, such as borrow pit operations, haul roads, plant sites, staging areas, equipment storage sites, etc. are the sole responsibility of the Contractor. All construction stormwater management control measures for these areas are at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor is responsible for securing all required permits for use of these areas.
4. The construction stormwater management procedures contained herein shall be coordinated with any permanent erosion control measures specified elsewhere in the contract to the extent practical to assure economical, effective, and continuous erosion and sediment control throughout the construction period.
5. The Contractor shall be responsible to limit erosion and prevent siltation into the waters of the state during the construction period, as well as during the times that work may be suspended.
6. a. The installation of all erosion and sediment control items shall be installed by qualified personnel who are knowledgeable in the principles and practice of various BMP installations.  
  
b. The installation of all erosion and sediment control items shall be done under the direct supervision of the Contractor's NDOR-Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector. The Contractor's NDOR-Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector shall be present at each site during installation to direct and inspect all erosion and sediment control BMP installations.  
  
c. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer of all Contractor NDOR-Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspectors who will be on the project to direct and inspect all erosion and sediment control BMP installations.  
  
d. No payment will be made for any erosion and sediment control item unless a Contractor NDOR Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector was present to directly supervise and inspect the work.  
  
e. No payment will be made for any erosion and sediment control item that is not properly installed. All erosion and sediment control items shall be installed as per the NDOR Standard Plan or the manufacturer's instructions.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT DOCUMENT  
(B-3-0509)**

**General**

This specification establishes the required documentation included in the Environmental Commitment Document and Project Erosion and Sediment Control Inspection. The Department and the Contractor, as co-permittees, will comply with all conditions required by the current NPDES Construction Storm Water General Permit.

## **Environmental Commitment Document**

1. An Environmental Commitment Document will be created by the Department to identify all project specific environmental commitments, when applicable.
  - a. (Pre-Bid) The Department will provide information related to commitments made for but not limited to:
    - i. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
    - ii. U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit.
    - iii. Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 401 Water Quality Certification.
    - iv. State Title 117 Waters (COE Non-Jurisdictional).
    - v. Floodplain Permit.
    - vi. Historic Clearance.
    - vii. Threatened & Endangered Species Clearance.
    - viii. FHWA Environmental Clearance.
    - ix. NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit (within Right-of-Way limits, only).
    - x. Conservation Measures.
    - xi. Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
    - xii. Other pertinent issues.
  - b. (Post-Bid) The Contractor shall provide the following information that will be included in the Environmental Commitment Document but not limited to:
    - i. Temporary Erosion Control Plan.
    - ii. Spill Prevention and Control Plan.
    - iii. Name and telephone number of the Contractor's representative responsible for the Environmental Commitments.
    - iv. Name and telephone number of the employees that are NDOR-Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspectors.
    - v. Construction Schedule/Critical Path.

## **Temporary Erosion Control Plan**

1. The Contractor shall prepare and submit the Temporary Erosion Control Plan prior to the start of any work. The Contractor shall not begin work until the Temporary Erosion Control Plan has been submitted to the Engineer and appropriate erosion control measures are in place. Payment for any work on the contract will be withheld if erosion control measures are not in place or properly maintained.
2. The submittal of the Temporary Erosion Control Plan, the approval to increase the maximum surface area, or any payment for or acceptance of any or all of the work shall not operate as a waiver of the Contractor's responsibility under this specification.
3. The Temporary Erosion Control Plan shall be amended as work progresses and site conditions change.
4. The Temporary Erosion Control Plan will be reviewed at the project progress meeting. All active Contractors will have their Inspectors present, and work as a team to determine Temporary Erosion Control BMP's as they are needed.

5. Payment for preparing the Temporary Erosion Control Plan is subsidiary to items that direct payment is made.

### **Spill Prevention and Control Plan**

1. The Contractor shall prepare and submit the Spill Prevention and Control Plan prior to the start of any work. The Contractor shall not begin work until the Spill Prevention and Control Plan has been submitted to the Engineer and appropriate Spill Prevention and Control measures are in place.
  - a. Spill Prevention and Control Plan should clearly state measures to stop the source of the spill, contain the spill, clean up the spill, dispose of contaminated materials, and train personnel to prevent and control future spills.
  - b. Spill Prevention and Control Plans are applicable to construction sites where hazardous wastes are stored or used. Hazardous wastes include, but not limited to: pesticides, paints, cleaners, petroleum products, fertilizers, and solvents.
2. The Spill Prevention and Control Plan will be included in the Environmental Commitment Document.
3. Direct payment will not be made for the Spill Prevention and Control Plan.

### **Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)**

1. The Contractor shall comply with all conditions required by the current NPDES Construction Storm Water General Permit.
2. The Department will prepare the NDOR Project SWPPP for construction activities causing a land disturbance within the Right-of-Way, temporary easements, and permanent easements of one (1) acre or more.
  - a. Areas of construction support activities located on private property, obtained by the Contractor, are not included in the NDOR Project SWPPP.
3. The Engineer and the Contractor will perform inspections as required by the current NPDES Construction Storm Water General Permit. Payment for project inspection is subsidiary to items that direct payment is made.
4. The SWPPP will be maintained and updated by the Engineer as work progresses and site conditions change, to accurately describe the BMPs that are currently in place.
5. The Contractor's participation in SWPPP inspections, maintenance and updates shall begin on the first day construction activities cause land disturbance and end on the date of project completion as evidenced as the completion date in the District Engineer's Letter of Tentative Acceptance.

### **Project Erosion and Sediment Control Inspection**

1. Inspections must be conducted by a NDOR-Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector. The Contractor and the Engineer shall conduct inspections in accordance with the NPDES Construction Storm Water General Permit.

2. The NDOR-Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector certification is obtained by completing an erosion and sediment control inspector training course provided by the Nebraska Department of Roads and passing the examination that accompanies the training.
3. The Contractor's NDOR-Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector shall be responsible for ensuring that all BMPs are installed in accordance with NDOR Specifications, Special Provisions, NDOR Standard Plans, or the manufacturers' recommended installation instructions. The Contractor's NDOR-Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector shall be capable of reading and interpreting these documents. The Inspector shall be familiar with product and structural BMPs. The Contractor's NDOR-Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector is required to inspect, assess, and supervise the maintenance of erosion and sediment control BMPs to ensure compliance with the NPDES Construction Storm Water General Permit while preserving BMP functionality.
4. Payment for project inspection is subsidiary to items that direct payment is made.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT DOCUMENT ENFORCEMENT (B-3-0509)**

#### **General**

1. This specification establishes a disincentive assessment for the Contractor's failure to comply with Environmental Commitments.
2. Deficiencies are described but not limited to:
  - a. Failure to install pollution prevention control BMPs as work progresses or as described in the SWPPP.
  - b. Failure to maintain existing pollution prevention control BMPs.
  - c. Failure to remove non-functioning pollution prevention control BMPs.
  - d. Failure to comply with U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit requirements.
  - e. Failure to comply with NPDES Construction Storm Water General Permit requirements.
  - f. Failure to comply with all applicable statutes relating to pollution of the waters of the state.
  - g. Exceeding the maximum exposed surface area for excavation of 18 Acres without written request for permission and written approval.
  - h. Failure to comply with Plans, Specifications, and Contract requirements for the Environmental Commitment Document.

## Conditions

1. a. The count of Working Days and Calendar Days shall continue during the time period that corrective work is being performed.
  - i. Delays to the project as a result of the Contractor conducting corrective actions for the Environmental Commitment Document shall not constitute a valid reason for an extension of the contract time allowance.
- b. The Contractor shall begin maintenance operations, provide adequate equipment and personnel, and diligently pursue the work without cessation until all deficiencies have been corrected.

## Corrective Actions

1. a. Deficiencies shall be corrected within seven calendar days of notification. When deficiencies are not corrected within seven calendar days, the Engineer will make a disincentive assessment to the contract as stated herein.
2. If soil, weather, or other conditions prevent the Contractor from completing the corrective actions within seven calendar days, the Contractor shall notify the Engineer in writing. The Contractor's letter shall state the reasons preventing corrective action within the time allowed. The Contractor shall propose a Corrective Action Plan within 48 hours. Corrective work shall continue while the Plan is developed. The Contractor's Corrective Action Plan must contain a course of action and a time frame for completion. If the reasons and the Corrective Action Plan are acceptable to the Engineer, the Contractor will be allowed to proceed with the plan as proposed without incurring a disincentive assessment. If work described in the approved Corrective Action Plan does not commence as proposed, the Engineer may immediately invoke the NDOR Environmental Commitment Control Deficiency Notification Shut-Down Notice.
3. The Engineer may require the Contractor to provide a written Procedures Plan. The Procedures Plan shall detail the process to prevent reoccurrence of deficiencies. The written Procedures Plan shall be provided within seven calendar days of the request. Failure to correct all deficiencies and provide a Procedures Plan may result in payments being withheld until such time that procedures are outlined.

## Notification

1. Deficiencies will be documented using the NDOR Environmental Commitment Deficiency Notification Form and the Corrective Action Log.
2. Initial Notice:
  - a. The Initial Notice will notify the Contractor of Environmental Commitment deficiencies and direct that they be corrected.
  - b. If all corrective work is completed within the time allowance shown in the initial notice or time shown in the Contractor's approved Corrective Action Plan, a disincentive assessment will not be imposed upon the Contractor.

3. Shut-Down Notice:
  - a. If all corrective work identified in the Corrective Action Log attached to the Initial Notice has not been completed at the end of the seventh calendar day after the Initial Notice Date, a Shut-Down Notice will become effective on the eighth calendar day after the Initial Notice Date.
  - b. All current operations shall cease as of the date and time cited by the Shut-Down Notice. The Contractor shall only work on Environmental Commitment deficiencies. After the Shut-Down Notice, the penalty day assessment will be counted as a Calendar Day.

**Disincentive Assessments**

1. If the corrective work is not complete within seven Calendar Days after the Initial Notice, a disincentive assessment of \$250.00 per Deficiency Location per Calendar Day for each Deficiency Location remaining uncorrected will begin on the eighth calendar day after the Initial Notice Date and continue through and count the day the last corrective work was completed for each Deficiency Location.

**Corrective Action Incentive**

1. The Contractor shall comply with the NPDES Construction Storm Water General Permit to correct all pollution prevention control deficiencies within 7 calendar days from when the Contractor was notified of the Environmental Commitment deficiencies and prior to the next storm event. The Contractor shall begin maintenance operations, provide adequate equipment and personnel, and diligently pursue the work --- without cessation --- until all deficiencies have been corrected.
2. The Department will pay an incentive as outlined in Table A when the Contractor is notified by the Environmental Commitment Deficiency Notification and Corrective Action Log and commences work to correct deficiencies resulting from a storm event that exceeded 0.50 inch of rain. One payment per notification will be made. Multiple deficiencies may be included in one notification.

<b>Table A</b>	
<b>Corrective Action Incentive Payment Schedule</b>	
Incentive to commence corrective work within:	
24 Hours of Notification	\$300.00
48 Hours of Notification	\$200.00

3. An incentive payment will not be paid if corrective work does not commence as outlined in Table A and completed within 7 days, or if an unscheduled visit coincides with a normally scheduled visit.
4. An incentive payment will not be paid for scheduled maintenance visits, expected to occur every 14 days, or pollution prevention BMP installations, maintenance, and removals required due to daily Contractor operations.

5. Immediate Action Deficiencies are not eligible for incentive payment.

**Immediate Action Deficiencies**

1. Deficiencies that pose an imminent threat to the environment are considered an emergency situation. These deficiencies will be identified in the Immediate Action Deficiencies section of the Environmental Commitment Notification Form. The corrective work for Immediate Action Deficiencies shall begin immediately and continue without cessation until completed.
2. The Contractor will be assessed a disincentive assessment of \$500.00 per Deficiency per Calendar Day for failure to begin corrective actions or failing to continue to completion.
3. Examples of Immediate Action Deficiencies include but not limited to:
  - a. Threatened & Endangered Species habitat protection deficiencies
  - b. U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit Noncompliance
  - c. Petroleum Spills/Tank Leakage
  - d. Hazardous Material Spills

**Rights Reserved**

1. The Department reserves the right to initiate and perform corrective action on any deficiencies and then assess the costs to perform the work against the Contractor.
2. The Contractor shall be liable to the Department for any and all costs incurred by the Department as a result of the Contractor's actions, inactions, or for failure to comply with the NPDES Construction Storm Water General Permit, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit, or any other applicable permit.
3. It is expressly understood that the provisions of this specification will not relieve the Contractor of his/her responsibilities nor shall it relieve the surety of its obligation for and concerning any just claim.

**TYPE B HIGH INTENSITY WARNING LIGHTS  
(D-6-0307)**

All references in the plans to Type B High Intensity Warning Lights shall be considered void. The plans will not be revised to reflect this change.

**TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES  
(Type II Barricades, Reflectorized Drums, 42" (1070 mm) Reflective Cones, and  
Vertical Panels)  
(D-6-1112)**

Paragraph 2.d. of Subsection 422.03 in the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

- d. (1) Reflectorized drums used for traffic warning or channelization shall be constructed of lightweight, flexible, and deformable materials, be a minimum of 36 inches (900 mm) in height, and have a minimum width of 18 inches (450 mm), regardless of orientation. The predominant color of the drum shall be orange.
- (2) Steel drums shall not be used.
- (3) The markings on drums shall be horizontal, shall be circumferential, and shall display four 6-inch (150 mm) wide bands of retroreflective sheeting, alternating fluorescent orange - white – fluorescent orange - white. The fluorescent orange sheeting shall meet the luminance requirements of the following table.

**FHWA Luminance Factor**

Sheeting Type	Luminance Factor $Y_T$		
	Min	Max	Fluorescence Luminance Factor Limit, $Y_F$
Fluorescent Orange	25	None	15

- e. When approved by the Engineer or shown in the plans, 42" (1070 mm) reflective cones may be used in lieu of Type II Barricades or Reflectorized Drums. 42" (1070 mm) reflective cones shall include a 30-pound (14 kg) rubber base and display four 6-inch (150 mm) wide bands of retroreflective sheeting, alternating fluorescent orange - white - fluorescent orange - white. 42" (1070 mm) reflective cones shall not be used for lane-closure tapers or shifts.
- f. Rubber base-mounted 36-inch vertical panels shall not be used for channelization when the speed limit exceeds 40 miles per hour.

Paragraph 2.b. of Subsection 422.04 of the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

- b. (i) Type II Barricades, Reflectorized Drums, and 42" (1070 mm) Reflective Cones shall be counted as "Barricades, Type II" and measured for payment by the number of calendar days each is in place and positioned as shown in the plans or as directed by the Engineer.
- (ii) Vertical Panels shall be measured for payment as permanent "Sign Days" (by the each) by the number of calendar days each vertical panel unit is in place and positioned as shown in the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

Paragraph 2.c. of Subsection 422.04 of the Standard Specifications is amended to include Reflectorized Drums.

Paragraphs 3. and 4. of Subsection 422.05 of the Standard Specifications are void and superseded by the following:

- 3. a. The pay item "Barricade, Type II" is used to pay for three items ("Barricades, Type II", "42" (1070 mm) Reflectorized Cones", and "Reflectorized Drums").

- b. "Barricades, Type II", which includes "42" (1070 mm) Reflectorized Cones", and "Reflectorized Drums", is paid for as an "established" contract unit price item. The established unit price is identified on the "Schedule of Items" shown in the Proposal.
4. Payment for vertical panels includes all posts, brackets, or hardware necessary to install and maintain the vertical panel units.

### **WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS (D-6-1212)**

The Department has adopted the FHWA 2009 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control (MUTCD) and the 2011 Nebraska Supplement to the MUTCD as the official guidance for work zone traffic control signs. Many work zone traffic control signs have been revised, redesigned, or replaced in the 2009 MUTCD (and 2011 Nebraska Supplement). Accordingly, all work zone signs shall comply with the following:

- 1 - All signs, regardless of age, shall meet the design standards of the 2009 MUTCD (and 2011 Nebraska Supplement).

### **CONCRETE MEDIAN BARRIER SEALER**

#### **Description**

This work shall consist of furnishing and applying Concrete Sealers to Concrete Median Barriers at the locations shown in the plans or ordered by the Engineer in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications.

#### **Material Requirements**

The concrete sealer shall be 100 percent Active Silane. The sealer shall meet the requirements of Bridge Penetrating Concrete Sealers on the Nebraska's Approved Product List (APL).

#### **Application Methods**

##### **Prior to Application**

1. The sealer shall be placed on concrete that has cured for a minimum of 28 days.
2. All surfaces shall be cleaned of sand, surface dust, dirt, oil, grease, chemical films, cure compounds and coatings with a high pressure water washer capable of delivering water at not less than 2,000 psi. If high pressure water does not remove surface contaminants, sand blasting may be required at the engineer's discretion.
3. Surfaces shall be allowed to air dry for a minimum of 48 hours.
4. A 2 x 2 foot clear plastic sheet shall be taped around all of its edges in the area of the cleaned concrete for not less than 20 minutes. If upon removal of the plastic sheet, moisture is observed on its surface, additional drying time shall be required before application of Concrete Sealer.

5. Test applications of the Concrete Sealer may be required at the discretion of the Engineer.

**Application**

1. Ambient and surface temperatures shall be 40°F or higher during application. Concrete Sealers shall not be applied when temperatures are expected to fall below 30°F within 12 hours. Do not apply sealer materials during wet weather conditions or if adverse weather conditions are anticipated within 12 hours of the completion of the sealer application.
2. Horizontal Application: Concrete Sealer shall be applied with low pressure sprayer (10 - 25 psi) or roller so as to thoroughly saturate the concrete surface. Sufficient quantity is indicated when Concrete Sealer stands for a few seconds before completely penetrating the concrete surface.
3. Vertical Application: Apply from bottom up with low pressure sprayer (10 - 25 psi) or roller so as to thoroughly saturate the concrete surface and create a uniform wet appearance.
4. Precise Application Rates will vary with concrete mix, porosity, finish and environment, but may be estimated at 200 - 300 sq. ft. per gallon. The concrete sealer shall be applied according to the manufacture recommended rate.

**Method of Measurement**

1. "Penetrating Concrete Sealer" is measured by the Square Foot.

**Basis of Payment**

- |    |                             |                 |
|----|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | <b>Pay Item</b>             | <b>Pay Unit</b> |
|    | Penetrating Concrete Sealer | SQ. FT.         |
2. Payment is full compensation for all work prescribed in this provision.

**PROPOSAL GUARANTY  
(A-40-0307)**

As an evidence of good faith in submitting a bid for this work, the bidder shall indicate the type of bid bond applied to this project in accordance with the Proposal Guaranty Bid Bond Section of these Special Provisions.

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SCHEDULE OF ITEMS

CONTRACT ID: 1234X

PROJECT(S): MISC-80-9(1194)

CALL ORDER NO. : 105

LINE NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QUANTITY AND UNITS	UNIT PRICE		BID AMOUNT		
			DOLLARS	CTS	DOLLARS	CTS	
SECTION 0001 GROUP 8 SPECIALTY							
0001	0001.08 BARRICADE, TYPE II	10000.000 BDAY	0.50000		5000.00		
0002	0001.10 BARRICADE, TYPE III	468.000 BDAY	.		.		
0003	0001.90 SIGN DAY	2865.000 EACH	.		.		
0004	0002.97 FLASHING ARROW PANEL	80.000 DAY	.		.		
0005	0030.80 MOBILIZATION	LUMP		LUMP		.	
0006	6131.23 PENETRATING CONCRETE SEALER	323675.000 SF	.		.		
	SECTION 0001 TOTAL					.	
	TOTAL BID					.	