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GENERAL NOTES

1. ALL REFERENCES TO "STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS" IN THESE GENERAL NOTES SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN "STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION" ADOPTED BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT), JANUARY 1, 2012.
2. ALL REFERENCES TO "ENGINEER" SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THE RESIDENT ENGINEER.
3. PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS AND CONDITIONS AFFECTING THEIR WORK WITH THE ACTUAL CONDITIONS AT THE JOB SITE. IN ADDITION, THE CONTRACTOR MUST VERIFY THE ENGINEER'S LINE AND GRADE STAKES. IF THERE ARE ANY DISCREPANCIES FROM WHAT IS SHOWN ON THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS, HE MUST IMMEDIATELY REPORT SAME TO THE ENGINEER BEFORE DOING ANY WORK, OTHERWISE THE CONTRACTOR ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY. IN THE EVENT OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS, STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND/OR SPECIAL DETAILS, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SECURE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH ANY PART OF THE WORK AFFECTED BY OMISSIONS OR DISCREPANCIES. FAILING TO SECURE SUCH INSTRUCTIONS, THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE PROCEEDED AT HIS OWN RISK AND EXPENSE. IN THE EVENT OF ANY DOUBT OR QUESTION ARISING WITH RESPECT TO THE TRUE MEANING OF THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS OR SPECIFICATIONS, THE DECISION OF THE ENGINEER SHALL BE FINAL AND CONCLUSIVE.
4. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ASCERTAIN EXISTING FIELD CONDITIONS PRIOR TO BIDDING ON THE PROJECT.
5. BEFORE STARTING ANY EXCAVATION, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CALL "JULIE" (JOINT UTILITY LOCATION INFORMATION FOR EXCAVATION) AT 8-1-1 FOR FIELD LOCATIONS OF BURIED UTILITIES (48 HOURS NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED).
6. THE CONTRACTOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SET UP A YARD OR FIELD OFFICE ON STATE OR VILLAGE PROPERTY WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM IDOT OR VILLAGE.
7. SAW CUTTING OF PAVEMENTS, SIDEWALK, ETC. SHALL BE TO FULL DEPTH AND SHALL RESULT IN A CLEAN STRAIGHT EDGE ON THE PORTION REMAINING. ALL SAW CUTTING SHALL BE CONSIDERED INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THE ITEM REMOVED.
8. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT AND CAREFULLY PRESERVE ALL SECTION OR SUBSECTION MONUMENTS, PROPERTY CORNERS, AND REFERENCE MARKERS UNTIL THE OWNER, HIS AGENT, OR AN AUTHORIZED SURVEYOR HAS WITNESSED OR OTHERWISE REFERENCED THEIR LOCATIONS.
9. OFFSET LOCATIONS GIVEN IN THE PLANS FOR STRUCTURES, EDGE OF PAVEMENT, ETC. ARE FROM THE ROADWAY CENTERLINE.
10. THE INDISCRIMINATE USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS, EXISTING STREAMS, CREEKS, WETLANDS, OR PONDS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A WATER TRUCK AND DRIVER AS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AND TRANSPORT THIS WATER. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING WATER FROM AN APPROVED SOURCE. IF THIS WATER IS FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN HIS YARD, WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE AGENCY HAVING JURISDICTION FOR THE SOURCE OF THE WATER MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO USE OF THE WATER.
11. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SWEEPING AND CLEANING STREETS OF ANY DEBRIS AND MATERIAL THAT HAS ACCUMULATED AS A RESULT OF THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY. A MECHANICAL SWEEPER, MECHANICALLY DRIVEN AIR AND HANDWORK WITH SHOVEL AND BROOM SHALL BE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE A CLEAN STREET FOR THE MOTORING PUBLIC. WITHIN 24 HOURS OF PLACING PRIME COAT AND THE LAYING OF HMA, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SWEEP THE PAVEMENT AND REMOVE STANDING WATER, EARTH, WEEDS, LEAVES, DIRT, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS AND ALL LOOSE MATERIAL.
12. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO TEMPORARILY RESET ALL SUCH SIGNS THAT INTERFERE WITH CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS. ALL SUCH SIGNS MUST BE MAINTAINED STRAIGHT AND CLEAN FOR THE DURATION OF THE TEMPORARY SETTING AND MUST BE RE-ERECTED AT A TEMPORARY LOCATION IN A WORKMANLIKE MANNER AND BE VISIBLE TO THE TRAFFIC FOR WHICH IT IS INTENDED. THIS WORK WILL NOT BE PAID FOR SEPERATELY, BUT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE UNIT BID PRICES OF THE CONTRACT.
13. AT LOCATIONS OF COMBINATION CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT, RESTORATION WILL NOT BE PAID FOR SEPERATELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD DETAIL. SODDING, SALT TOLERANT (SPECIAL) WILL BE MEASURED FOR PAYMENT ONLY AT LOCATIONS WHERE SIDEWALK DID NOT PREVIOUSLY EXIST AND NEW SIDEWALK HAS BEEN PROPOSED.

BOXED ITEMS INDICATE WORK INCIDENTAL TO THE CONTRACT OR BY OTHERS.

GENERAL NOTES (CONT.)

STORM SEWERS, WATER MAINS, AND UTILITIES

1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING THE OWNERS OF ALL UTILITIES PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF ALL UTILITY EQUIPMENT. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL COOPERATE WITH ALL UTILITY OWNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS IF UTILITY RELOCATION, ADJUSTMENT, OR PROTECTION IS NECESSARY.
2. THE LOCATION OF EXISTING DRAINAGE STRUCTURES, STORM SEWERS, WATER MAINS, SANITARY SEWERS, AND ANY OTHER PUBLIC UTILITIES AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS IS APPROXIMATE AND THEIR EXACT LOCATION IS TO BE DETERMINED IN THE FIELD BY THE CONTRACTOR.
3. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL UNDERGROUND AND SURFACE UTILITIES EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT NOT BE SHOWN ON THE PLANS. ANY UTILITY PROPERTY DAMAGED DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE OWNER AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.
4. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL USE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS AND PROTECTION MEASURES REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN EXISTING UTILITIES, SEWERS, AND APPURTENANCES THAT MUST BE KEPT IN OPERATION.
5. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL WATER SYSTEM VALVES, VALVE VAULTS, AND SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES REMAIN READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE VILLAGE FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS. THE LOCATIONS OF ALL WATER AND SANITARY FACILITIES SHALL BE MARKED AND READILY VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES.