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SUBJECT: CH 6 (270<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Section 18-00113-00-BR  
Mercer County  
Contract No. 89756  
Item 155  
January 19, 2024 Letting  
Addendum (A)

## NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

Attached is an addendum to the plans or proposal. This addendum involves revised and/or added material.

- 1. Revised Plan Sheets 13 & 22**
- 2. Revised Special Provision Index**
- 3. Added pages 5A & 5B to the Special Provisions**

Prime contractors must utilize the enclosed material when preparing their bid and must include any changes to the Schedule of Prices in their bid.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack A. Elston'.

Jack A. Elston, P.E.  
Bureau Chief, Design and Environment

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**PCC PLACEMENT BY PUMP REQUIREMENTS**

These provisions are required for concrete structures and drilled shaft construction.

Revise the 7th paragraph of Article 503.07 to read:

"When air entrained concrete is pumped, a reduction hose at point of placement will be utilized. In addition, the pump shall be operated with sufficient minimum pressure and flow rate to create a steady stream of material at the point of placement. The maximum allowable air loss caused by the pumping operation shall be 3.0 percent with the minimum air content at the point of discharge meeting the requirements of Article 1020.04. The initial air test utilized to determine the air content correction factor shall not be conducted within the confines of the pour. A pneumatic or mechanical shut-off device shall be incorporated in the pump apparatus as close as practical to point of placement; the device shall be utilized to maintain a full surcharge of material in the pump during pump stoppage."

Revise the 4th paragraph of Article 503.08 to read:

"At the Contractor's option, pumping equipment may be used in lieu of a tremie to deposit concrete underwater. The Engineer will approve the concrete pumping equipment and its piping before the work is started. If pumping equipment is used to deliver concrete to a tremie and hopper, a reduction hose at point of placement will be utilized. In addition, the pump shall be operated with sufficient minimum pressure and flow rate to create a steady stream of material at the point of placement. The maximum allowable air loss caused by the pumping operation shall be 3.0 percent with the minimum air content at the point of discharge meeting the requirements of Article 1020.04. The initial air test utilized to determine the air content correction factor shall not be conducted within the confines of the pour. A pneumatic or mechanical shut-off device shall be incorporated in the pump apparatus as close as practical to point of placement; the device shall be utilized to maintain a full surcharge of material in the pump during pump stoppage."

**PCC SUPERSTRUCTURE AGGREGATE OPTIMIZATION**

Delete Note 7/ of Article 1004.01(c) and replace Article 1004.02(d)(1) with the following:

For the bridge superstructure and bridge approach slab, the Class BS concrete shall be uniformly graded.

This may be accomplished by using a uniformly graded single coarse aggregate, or by blending two or more coarse aggregate sizes. As a minimum for multiple coarse aggregate sizes, CA 7 or CA 11 shall be blended with CA 13, CA 14, or CA 16. The final single coarse aggregate or combined coarse aggregate gradation shall have minimum 45 percent and maximum 60 percent passing the 1/2 in. (12.5 mm) sieve. However, the Contractor may propose for approval by the Engineer an alternate uniformly graded concrete mixture using the information in the "Portland Cement Concrete Level III Technician Course – Manual of Instructions for Design of Concrete Mixtures".

For bridge decks and bridge approach slabs, the as-placed water cement ratio shall be between 0.39 and 0.41. The coarse aggregate shall be listed on the Department's Bureau of Materials and Physical Research "Freeze Thaw Rating List".

Concrete Superstructures Aggregate Optimization will not be paid for separately but shall be considered as included in the unit cost of CONCRETE SUPERSTRUCTURES.

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**PCC OMP ELECTRONIC REPORT SUBMITTALS**

The Contractor’s QC personnel shall be responsible for electronically submitting the following reports to the Department: PRO and IND data for BMPR MI654 "Air, Slump, & Quantity"; PRO data for BMPR MI655 "PCC Strength"; and PRO data for BMPR MI504 "Field/Lab Gradation". The format for the electronic submittals will be the "QMP" reporting program which will be provided by the Department. Microsoft Office 2007 or newer is required for this program which must be provided by the Contractor.

**PCC AUTOMATIC BATCHING EQUIPMENT**

Portland cement concrete provided shall be produced from batch plants that conform to the requirements of Article 1103.03 (a) and (b) of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Semi-automatic batching will not be allowed.

Plants shall have computerized batching interfaced with a printer. IDOT Producer Number, IDOT Concrete Material Code, batch weights, aggregate mixtures, water added, amount of each admixture or additive, and percent variance from design shall be printed for each batch. The ticket shall state the actual water-cement ratio as batched, and the amount of water that can be added to the batch without exceeding the maximum water-cement ratio. Truck delivery tickets will still be required as per Article 1020.11 (a)(7) of the Standard Specifications.