



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

May 30, 2025

SUBJECT: FAP Route 525 (US 20)
Section 5TR
Winnebago County
Contract No. 64T74
Item No. 41, June 13, 2025 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 pages 2-3 and 5-7 of 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

No more than one kind of alteration shall be used to alter a sign.

Any post stubs without a sign in place and visible shall have a reflector placed on each post.

Flaggers:

Flaggers shall comply with all requirements and signaling methods contained in the Department's "Traffic Control Field Manual" current at the time of letting. The flagger equipment listed for flaggers employed by the Illinois Department of Transportation shall apply to all flaggers.

In addition to the flaggers shown on applicable standards, on major sideroads, flaggers shall be required on all legs of the intersection.

When the mainline flagger is within 200 feet of an intersection, the sideroad flagger shall be required.

When the road is closed to through traffic and it is necessary to provide access for local traffic, all flaggers as shown on the applicable standards will be required. No reduction in the number of flaggers shall be allowed.

Interstates and multi-lane divided highways where the existing speed is greater than 45mph:

The Contractor shall equip all machinery and vehicles with flashing amber lights, installed so the illumination is visible from all directions.

Parking of personal vehicles within the right-of-way is strictly prohibited. Parking of construction equipment within the right-of-way will be permitted only at locations approved by the Engineer.

Work Restrictions.

Lane closures will not be allowed on US 20 / Harrison Ave. Any closures along US 20/ Harrison Ave for the tree removal contract will be restricted to shoulder closures only.

Setting and removal of traffic control must follow the lane closure restrictions.

Additional restrictions due to local events or inclement weather may also be imposed.

Any additional lane closures on other than what is shown on the Plans shall be approved by Traffic Operations in advance. Work hour restrictions may be impacted.

COMPLETION DATE PLUS WORKING DAYS

Revise Article 108.05(b) of the Standard Specifications to read:

"(b) Completion Date Plus Working Days. When a completion date plus working days is specified, the Contractor shall complete all contract items to safely open all roadways to traffic by 11:59 p.m. on or prior to **Friday, October 10, 2025**, except as specified herein.

The Contractor will be allowed 5 working days after the completion date for opening the roadway to traffic to complete clean-up work and

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punch list items, which includes stump grinding. Miscellaneous items may be completed within the working days allowed for clean-up work and punch list items if approved by the Engineer. Temporary lane closures for this work may be allowed at the discretion of the Engineer.”

All trees must be felled and removed between the dates of **August 1, 2025 and October 10, 2025** exclusively, and no exceptions will be allowed. No trees shall be felled or removed from the project site after **October 10, 2025**.

AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC FILES

Effective 10/16

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Electronic files of this project will be made available to the Contractor after the contract has been awarded. This information will be provided upon request in a Bentley CONNECT Platform software format ONLY. If data is required in other formats, it will be your responsibility to make these conversions. The Contractor shall coordinate obtaining electronic files through the Project Engineer. If there is a conflict between the electronic files and the printed contract plans and documents, the printed contract plans and documents shall take precedence over the electronic files. The Contractor shall accept all risk associated with using the electronic files and shall hold the Department harmless for any errors or omissions in the electronic files and the data contained therein. Errors or delays resulting from the use of the electronic files by the Contractor shall not result in an extension of time for any interim or final completion date or shall not be considered cause for additional compensation. The Contractor shall not use, share, or distribute these electronic files except for the purpose of constructing this contract. Any claims by third parties due to use or errors shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall include this disclaimer with the transfer of these electronic files to any other parties and shall include appropriate language binding them to similar responsibilities.

COORDINATION WITH ADJACENT AND/ OR OVERLAPPING CONTRACTS

This contract overlaps with other concurrent Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) contracts as listed below.

Each contract includes work items requiring close coordination between the various Contractors regarding the timing for execution of work items in accordance with Article 105.08 of the Standards Specifications and as herein noted.

The following paragraph shall be added to the beginning of Article 105.08. “The Contractor shall identify such work items (including the critical items listed in the Contract and these Special Provisions) at the beginning of the contract and coordinate the sequence and timing for their execution and completion with the other Contractors through the Engineer. All of these work items shall be identified as separate line items in the Contractor’s proposed Construction Progress Schedule. Additional compensation or the extension of contract time will not be allowed for the progress of the work items affected by the lack of such coordination by the Contractor”.

The adjacent and/or overlapping Contracts will be (but not limited to):

- I-39 Reconstruction Contracts:
 - IDOT Contract 64C24 (I-39 Mainline Reconstruction)
 - IDOT Contract 64R71 (Harrison Avenue Reconstruction)

No adjustments will be made for delay or suspension of the work due to the fault of the Contractor in coordinating project schedule, staging and work items with adjacent Contracts.

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AVAILABILITY OF RIGHT-OF-WAY / TEMPORARY EASEMENT

Contractor shall be aware that there are several property parcels for which Proposed ROW have not yet been acquired at the time of this contract letting. A chart showing the various contract parcels (and respective ROW status at the time of Letting) are included in the contract plan General Notes.

- Contractor shall NOT perform any type of TREE REMOVAL or CLEARING (SPECIAL) on any parcels for which Right of Way has NOT yet been acquired.
- Contractor shall be aware that IF additional parcels are acquired after the Letting (and prior to start of work), then additional TREE REMOVAL and/or CLEARING (SPECIAL) areas will be added to the contract scope of work, prior to start of work.
- Any TREE REMOVAL and/or CLEARING (SPECIAL) items added to the contract after Letting, shall also adhere strictly to the tree removal restriction/ commitment, and can only be cleared from **August 1, 2025 thru October 10, 2025**.

Method of Measurement. Any TREE REMOVAL added to the contract shall be measured for payment per UNIT or ACRE for TREE REMOVAL (OF THE UNIT OR AREA SPECIFIED).

Any clearing areas added to the contract within the construction limits shall NOT be measured for payment separately, but shall be included in the LUMP SUM measurement for CLEARING (SPECIAL).

Basis of Payment. Any TREE REMOVAL added to the contract shall be paid for at the contract unit price per UNIT or ACRE for TREE REMOVAL (OF THE UNIT OR AREA SPECIFIED).

Any clearing items added to the contract within the construction limits shall NOT be paid separately, but shall be included in the LUMP SUM price for CLEARING (SPECIAL).

WETLAND AREAS

Description. According to Federal Executive Order 11990, dated May 24, 1977, and Articles 107.01 and 107.23 of the Standard Specifications, the Contractor shall protect the wetland areas on or adjacent to this project.

This work shall consist of constructing, maintaining, removing, and disposing of a temporary fence, and signs as shown on the plans and as described herein.

Materials. Temporary fence shall be a minimum of 4 ft. in height and shall be a high visibility orange snow fence. Fence stakes shall meet the requirements of Article 1081.15(b) of the Standard Specifications.

Signs shall meet the requirements of Article 720.02 of the Standard Specifications and shall be 9" x 12" and shall read "Federally Protected Wetlands: KEEP OUT." Sign supports shall meet the requirements of Section 1093 of the Standard Specifications.

Construction Requirements. The Contractor shall install fence at wetland areas as shown on the plans prior to start of work. The Contractor shall also install a minimum of two signs at each wetland location. Signs shall not be spaced greater than 300' apart.

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The Contractor shall remove the temporary fence and signs at the completion of the project.

Method of Measurement. This work will be measured for payment in place per foot along the temporary fence. Signs, sign supports, and fence stakes will not be measured for payment but shall be considered incidental to TEMPORARY FENCE.

Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per foot for TEMPORARY FENCE which shall include all material, equipment and labor required to complete the placement and removal.

MOWING

Description. This work consists of mowing the existing turf areas from the edge of shoulder to the right-of-way at the locations indicated in the plan schedule prior to the start of removing trees. The vegetation shall be mowed to obtain a height of not more than 6 inches.

Requirements. The equipment used for mowing shall be capable of completely severing growth at the cutting height and distributing evenly over the mowed area. The cut material shall not be windrowed or left in a lumpy or bunched condition.

Debris encountered during the mowing operation which hamper the operation or are visible from the roadway shall be removed and disposed of according to Article 202.03. All debris must be cleared from the right-of-way immediately after the mowing.

Damage to the right-of-way and turf, such as ruts or wheel tracks more than 2 inches in depth in areas that will not be regraded with the contract, shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Engineer prior to final inspection.

This work shall be performed only a single time, on a date between 7 to 14 days in advance of the **August 1** start of tree removal activities.

Method of Measurement. This work will be measured one time for payment in place and the area computed in acres.

Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per acre for MOWING.

CLEARING (SPECIAL)

This work shall be performed in accordance with Sections 201 and 202 of the Standard Specifications, and as specified in the Plans and Specifications.

This work shall consist of the removal and disposal of all obstructions including accumulation of rubbish, all logs, shrubs, bushes, saplings, grass, weeds other vegetation and stumps of diameter less than 6 inches within the construction limits and that will be impacted by the project.

Although this clearing work may overlap with the TREE REMOVAL work, this clearing work does not include the removal of trees greater than 6" in diameter, which will be paid for separately as TREE REMOVAL (of the unit or area specified).

Construction Requirements. Locations for CLEARING (SPECIAL) shall be designated and clearly marked by the Contractor for Engineer review and approval, at least 2 weeks prior to start of any removal activities. Contractor shall not begin removals until the Engineer approves of the CLEARING (SPECIAL) locations identified by the Contractor.

The CLEARING (SPECIAL) removals shall adhere strictly to the tree removal restriction/commitment and can only be cleared from **August 1, 2025 thru October 10, 2025**.

Any earth displaced by the clearing activities shall be used to fill in the resulting hole, and such displaced earth shall not be taken off the project site.

Method of Measurement. Removal of individual obstructions (including Shrubs, Bushes and Saplings of diameter less than 6"), will not be measured for payment individually, but shall be included in the LUMP SUM measurement for CLEARING (SPECIAL).

Basis of Payment. This work shall be paid for at the contract unit price per LUMP SUM for CLEARING (SPECIAL).

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