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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 the Schedule of Prices
2. Revised page iii of the Table of Contents to the Special Provisions
3. Revised pages 5, 17 & 18 of the Special Provisions
4. Added pages 142-158 to the Special Provisions
5. Revised sheets 2-22 of the Plans

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'.

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WORK RESTRICTIONS

The contractor will not be allowed to begin work on IL 19 (Irving Park Road) from Roselle Road to Lawrence Avenue until **June 2, 2025** due to the Village of Roselle's annual Rose Parade to be held on June 1, 2025.

Due to the Taste of Roselle, all sidewalk and traffic signal work at IL 19 (Irving Park Road) and Park Street must either be completed by **July 25, 2025** or must begin after **August 5, 2025**.

WORK RESTRICTIONS FOR TREE REMOVAL

No removal of trees measuring three (3) inches in diameter or greater at a point of 4.5 feet (4.5') above the highest ground level at the base of the tree shall occur between **April 1 and October 31** of any given year to conserve the threaten and endangered Northern Long-Eared Bat (NLEB). Tree trimming and clearing of hazards can occur at any time as directed by the Resident Engineer.

CONTRACTOR COOPERATION

It is anticipated that this contract will be constructed concurrently with another project in the same area. The project that may be constructed concurrently with this project is as follows:

***Tollway Contract RR-23-4920
IL 390 Tollway (US 20/Lake St to I-290)
Pavement and Structural Preservation and Rehabilitation***

It is anticipated that a potential source of conflict or inconvenience may result with the possible presence of another contractor working in the same general vicinity.

The Contractor shall schedule their work in order to minimize any conflicts that may arise between contracts as specified in Article 105.08 of the Standard Specifications. No additional compensation will be allowed for delays or inconveniences resulting from activities of other contractors.

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SELECTIVE CLEARING

Description. This work shall consist of extensive removal and disposal of shrubs, brush, fallen trees and limbs, debris (including rocks, bottles, etc.) and selected trees up to six (6) inches in diameter. Selective clearing shall include removal of typical amounts of litter and debris encountered during tree removal operations. All trees and shrubs to be saved shall be carefully protected as provided by Article 201.05 of the Standard Specifications. Locations for selective clearing and vegetation to be saved shall be designated by the Roadside Development Unit. Contractor shall contact a representative of the Roadside Development Unit at (847) 705-4171 at least 2 weeks prior to work.

Damages to existing vegetation to remain, such as broken limbs, or other plantings or roadside appurtenances caused by the Contractor's tree removal or trimming operations shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

The undesirable trees and brush (i.e. Tree of Heaven, Callery Pear, Siberian Elm, European Buckthorn, Mulberry, Ash, Russian Olive, Eurasian Honeysuckle, etc.) shall be cut flush with the ground. All stumps shall be cut flat with no sharp points, and less than two (2) inches of surrounding grade.

All stumps shall be treated with an approved resprout herbicide mixed with a marking dye within twenty-four (24) hours of the tree being cut to prevent regrowth from those stumps. Resprout herbicide shall be included in the cost of SELECTIVE CLEARING.

All herbicides shall be applied according to the manufacturer's label specifications. Contractor's personnel applying the resprout herbicide shall have a valid pesticide applicator license issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Branches on remaining trees shall be pruned off up to 6 feet from the ground.

All cleared areas shall be graded, trimmed, smoothed, finished uniformly, and left ready to be seeded and blanketed to the satisfaction of the Engineer with equipment approved by the Engineer. The ground shall be relatively free of rocks over 1 ½ inch diameter, slash, and sticks or other foreign material which will prevent the close contact of the mulch or blanket. Disposal of material shall be done in accordance with Article 202.03.

Damage to the turf, such as ruts or wheel tracks more than 2 inches (50 MM) in depth, caused by the selective clearing operation shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense.

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Method of Measurement. Selective clearing will be measured in units of 1,000 square feet. The unit price shall include the cost of all material, equipment, labor, disposal and incidental items required to complete the work as specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

If the inspection discloses any work as being unsatisfactory, the Engineer will give the Contractor the necessary instructions for correction of same, and the Contractor shall immediately comply with such instructions and correct the unsatisfactory work. Areas not meeting the satisfaction of the Engineer shall not be measured for payment. Plan quantities are estimates only. Actual quantities will be measured in place. Agreement to plan quantities will not be allowed.

Basis of Payment: This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per unit for SELECTIVE CLEARING. Payment for selective clearing shall include the cost of all minor grading, debris removal and disposal, trimming, pruning, smoothing, finishing, labor, materials, tools and equipment required to complete the work as specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

EMBANKMENT II (D1)

Effective: March 1, 2011

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Description. This work shall be according to Section 205 of the Standard Specifications except for the following.

Material. Reclaimed asphalt shall not be used within the ground water table or as a fill if ground water is present. The RAP used shall be according to the current Bureau of Materials and Physical Research Policy Memorandum, "Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) for Aggregate Applications". Gradation deleterious count shall not exceed 10% of total RAP and 5% of other by total weight.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Samples. Embankment material shall be sampled and tested before use. The contractor shall identify embankment sources, and provide equipment as the Engineer requires, for the collection of samples from those sources. Samples will be furnished to the Geotechnical Engineer a minimum of three weeks prior to use in order that laboratory tests for compaction can be performed. Embankment material placement cannot begin until tests are completed.

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MOWING

Description: This work shall consist of mowing turf grass areas to a height not more than 3 inches.

Schedule: As directed by the Engineer.

Equipment: The Contractor shall keep all mowing equipment sharp and properly equipped for operation along an urban arterial route. The equipment used shall be capable of completely severing all growth at the cutting height and distributing it evenly over the mowed area. Special equipment may be required on steep slopes, in narrow areas, and for trimming around posts, poles, fences, trees, shrubs, seedlings, etc.

Method: All mowing and trimming operations are to proceed in the direction of traffic flow. The cut material shall not be windrowed or left in a lumpy or bunched condition. Additional mowing or trimming may be required to obtain the height specified or to disperse mowed material.

Debris encountered during the mowing operations which hampers the operation or is visible from the roadway shall be removed and disposed of according to Article 202.03. All trimmings, windrowed material, and debris removal must be complete to the satisfaction of the Engineer. Damage to the turf, such as ruts or wheel tracks more than 2 inches in depth, or other plantings or highway appurtenances caused by the mowing or trimming operation shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense.

Method of Measurement: Mowing and trimming will be measured in acres of surface area mowed at the completion of each mowing cycle.

Plan quantities are estimates only. Actual quantities will be measured in place. Agreement to plan quantities will not be allowed. Shrub beds or perennial beds within the mowed area that are less than 1000 square feet will not be subtracted from the area mowed.

Basis of Payment: This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per acre for MOWING. Any additional mowing or trimming required to obtain the height specified or to disperse mowed material will be considered as included in the cost of the initial mowing. Payment for mowing and trimming shall include the cost of all material, equipment, labor, removal, disposal, and incidentals required to complete the work as specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

TREE LIMB REMOVAL

This work consists of removing limbs as required by the Engineer on existing plant material within the right-of-way according to the Section 201 of the Standard Specifications.

A limb will be defined as follows in either case:

- a) Considered any of the main branches arising from the trunk.
- b) Any part of the tree that overhangs into the right-of-way with an origination outside of the right-of-way (i.e. adjacent property)

Prior to beginning limb removal, the Engineer shall mark or otherwise indicate to the Contractor which tree limbs are to be removed. All limb removal shall be performed by an ISA Certified Arborist. The limb shall be removed as close as possible to the branch collar without wounding the trunk of the tree. The branch collar shall not be injured or removed. Limb removal may also be directed by the Engineer due to certain circumstances that may arise.

Method of Measurement: Tree Limb Removal will be measured for payment in place as individual limbs are properly removed.

Basis of Payment: This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per each for TREE LIMB REMOVAL (4 TO 10 INCHES DIAMETER) and TREE LIMB REMOVAL (OVER 10 INCHES DIAMETER). Payment for tree limb removal shall include the cost of equipment, labor, removal, clean-up, disposal, and incidentals required to complete the work as specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

SCOPE OF TREE REMOVAL

This work shall be done in accordance with Section 201 of the Standard Specifications for all tree removal pay items (i.e. tree removal, limb removal, tree pruning, stump removal, selective clearing, and modified tree pay items herein). All trees to be removed shall be designated by the Engineer. In most cases, the trees will be previously marked with a painted number.

Any tree to be removed that is trapped within the access control fence shall be cut flush with the fence.

The removal of stumps shall be done with mechanical equipment normally used for this type of operation. The Engineer shall have the authority to determine what is considered acceptable stump removal equipment. Saws, axes and similar items shall not be considered proper equipment for removal of stumps over six (6) inches diameter.

The Engineer shall have the ultimate authority to approve the final condition of slash. Slash is acceptable at a maximum depth of two (2) inches. No slash shall be left in drainage ways and be blocking drainage structures. No slash shall be left in piles.

At all work sites, cleanup shall be done.

Clean up:

- The work area shall be kept free of debris by the Contractor. At no time shall empty herbicide containers, trash, or other material be allowed to accumulate at the project site. Parking areas, roads, sidewalks, paths, drainage ways, and paved areas shall be kept free of woody debris, mud, and dirt.
- All tools, empty containers, and all other debris generated by the Contractor shall be removed after work has been completed.
- Wood chips shall be removed and not blown back onto the site.
- Any damages caused by the Contractor including, but not limited to tire ruts, damage to turf, damage to trails, damage to road pavement, etc. shall be repaired by the Contractor, at the Contractor's own expense.
- In the event any vegetation designated to be preserved is damaged, the Contractor shall notify the Engineer within 24 hours. The Contractor shall be liable for remedying damages to plant material.
- Tree debris, logs, equipment, etc. should not be stored within clear zone.
- All cut trees and shrubs shall be removed off site within 24 hours.

TREE REMOVAL

Description: This work shall be done in accordance with Section 201 of the Standard Specifications for Tree Removal, except that stumps are to be removed to a minimum of six (6) inches below the natural surface of the ground. This work shall consist of tree removal, stump grinding, grading of area to match existing grade, topsoil placement or removal if necessary, Seeding, Class 2A, and installation of erosion control blanket, and other work items necessary as described herein and as directed by the Engineer.

The trees to be removed shall be designated by the Engineer.

The removal of stumps shall be done with mechanical equipment normally used for this type of operation. The Engineer shall have the authority to determine what is considered acceptable stump removal equipment. Saws, axes and similar items shall not be considered proper equipment for removal of stumps over six (6) inch diameter.

Area where tree(s) have been removed shall be restored to turf grass. All work shall meet the requirements of Section 250 of the Standard Specifications, except herein.

Turf Restoration Requirements:

- Wood chips must be removed and properly disposed of.
- Area shall be left smooth and level to maintain uniform surface and appearance. Grade as necessary, place or remove topsoil if required.
- Agricultural Ground Lime Stone nor fertilizers will be required.
- Seed bare soil with Seeding, Class 2A and install erosion control blanket.
- Seeding shall be conducted April 1 to June 15 or August 1 to November 1.
- Wood chips must be raked out of surrounding turf or swept off the surrounding hardscape (sidewalks/streets/curbs/etc.).
- All debris that results from this operation shall be removed from the right-of-way and disposed of at the end of the day in accordance with Article 202.03.

Method of Measurement: This work will be measured per unit of diameter where one unit is equal to 1 inch and will be paid for at the contract unit price per unit diameter for TREE REMOVAL (6 TO 15 UNITS DIAMETER) including restoration of the turf area.

Placement of topsoil; Seeding, Class 2A; and erosion control blanket shall be included in the cost of TREE REMOVAL (6 TO 15 UNITS DIAMETER). Topsoil shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 211. Excelsior blanket shall be applied in accordance with Article 251.04 of the Standard Specifications.

If the inspection discloses any work as being unsatisfactory due to erosion and/or the seed does not fully establish, the Engineer will give the Contractor the necessary instructions for correction of same, and the Contractor shall immediately comply with such instructions and correct the unsatisfactory work. The limits and magnitude of the repairs are at the discretion of the Engineer. The cost of any repair shall be included in the cost of the Contract and will not be paid for separately. Work that is not acceptable on the inspection date will not be measured for payment.

Basis of Payment: This work will be paid for at the contract unit price each for TREE REMOVAL (6 TO 15 UNITS DIAMETER) which unit price shall include the cost of all labor, transportation, materials, hauling, loading, unloading, placing, installing, removing, equipment, disposal of all materials off-site, topsoil, seed, erosion control blanket, materials, clean-up, and incidentals required to complete the work as specified herein to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

TREE REMOVAL, ACRES (SPECIAL)

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Project objectives and general requirements:

- 100% removal via mechanical and/or hand cutting methods of woody plant material (trees and shrubs).
- Disposal of all cut trees, shrubs, and chips should be hauled off-site.
- Wood chips shall be removed and not blown back onto the site.
- Preservation of all native shrubs and trees that are marked with green flagging.
- Damages to existing vegetation to remain, such as broken limbs, frayed limbs, or other plantings or roadside appurtenances caused by the Contractor's tree removal or trimming operations shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense to the satisfaction of the Engineer.
- Protection of soils from compaction, erosion, and disturbance are the Contractor's responsibility prior to start of work. Any damage caused by Contractor including but not limited to tire ruts, damage to turf, damage to drainage swales, damage to trails, damage to road pavement, etc. shall be repaired by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense to the satisfaction of the Engineer.
- Tree Removal, Acres (Special) shall include removal of typical amounts of litter and debris encountered during tree removal operations.
- No slash shall be left in drainage ways and be blocking drainage structures. No slash shall be left in piles.
- The Engineer shall have the ultimate authority to approve the final condition of slash. In areas where seeding will take place, a forestry mower should be used to manage minor woody vegetation, grind slash, stumps under 6", and any remaining woody plant debris down to the surface of the soil to prepare the site for future seeding.
- The Engineer shall have the ultimate authority to approve the final condition of slash. In areas where seeding will not take place, slash is acceptable at a maximum depth of no more than two (2) inches to act as a mulch.
- Tree debris, logs, equipment, etc. should not be stored within clear zone.
- All cut trees and shrubs shall be removed off site within 24 hours.

Project Preparation

This shall include preparation of a clearing access plan and identification of sensitive natural resources. Mechanical clearing operations shall not begin until the Engineer indicates that ground conditions are appropriate to commence mechanical work.

Contractor shall contact the Roadside Development Unit at 847.705.4171, at least 2 weeks prior to beginning forestry work for layout.

Contractor shall furnish at time of layout the following as requested: wooden lathe, neon pink ribbon, neon green ribbon, pink marking paint.

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A site visit prior to work shall be arranged with the Contractor, Tree Removal Contractor, the Engineer, and the Roadside Development Unit to do a walk through to review vegetation to protect and remain. Extreme care shall be taken when conducting work within the work site to lessen damage to native vegetation to remain.

Submittals

Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a list of herbicides, surfactants, water conditioners, dyes, pH balancers, and other chemicals and adjuvants to be used for implementation of this project for prior approval.

Prior to commencement of any work, submit to the Engineer a written description of all mechanical equipment and its intended use during the execution of the work for prior approval.

Tree Removal and Initial Cut Stump Treatment

All cutting of material shall be completed via mechanical (e.g., tracked skid-loaders, forestry mowers) and/or hand cutting (chain saws, clearing saws) methods. Any mechanized clearing equipment must be approved for use on the work site prior to its implementation.

In general, mechanical cutting equipment with all steel tracks or a ground pressure rating of greater than 9.0 psi will not be allowed unless the Contractor can adequately demonstrate that the use of such equipment will not cause adverse rutting/soil compaction to the work site and will not damage the pavement adjacent to the work site.

The Engineer may specify certain areas as "HAND CLEAR ONLY" to be avoided by mechanical equipment or access paths. In these areas, the Contractor is prohibited from using mechanical clearing equipment due to sensitive site conditions.

All woody trees and shrubs over two (2) feet in height of any diameter, including protruding stumps or fallen trees within the defined area shall be removed. Any woody vegetation under two (2) feet in height shall be treated with a foliar herbicide or resprout herbicide.

Branches on remaining trees shall be pruned off up to twelve (12) feet from the ground or as directed by Engineer depending on tree species.

All stumps shall be cut flat with no sharp points, and less than two (2) inches of surrounding grade shall be treated with an approved resprout herbicide mixed with a marking dye within twenty-four (24) hours of the tree being cut to prevent regrowth from those stumps.

All herbicides shall be applied according to the manufacturer's label specifications. Contractor personnel applying the resprout herbicide shall have a valid pesticide applicator license issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

The resprout herbicide shall be approved by the Engineer. Resprout herbicide shall be labeled to control woody species present within clearing areas. Resprout herbicide shall be included in the cost of TREE REMOVAL, ACRES (SPECIAL).

The Contractor shall maintain copies at the project site of all current pesticide herbicide labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all chemicals utilized during completion of the work.

Method of Measurement: TREE REMOVAL, ACRES (SPECIAL) will be measured in units of 1 square acre. Plan quantities are estimates only. Actual quantities will be measured in place. Agreement to plan quantities will not be allowed.

If the inspection discloses any work as being unsatisfactory, the Engineer will give the Contractor the necessary instructions for correction of same, and the Contractor shall immediately comply with such instructions and correct the unsatisfactory work within forty-eight (48) hours. Work that is not acceptable on the inspection date will not be measured for payment. Individual areas will not be measured for payment if any portion of the area has not been completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

Basis of Payment: Tree removal shall be paid for at the contract unit price per acre for TREE REMOVAL, ACRES (SPECIAL). Payment for TREE REMOVAL, ACRES (SPECIAL) shall include the cost of all material, equipment, labor, removal, herbicide application, disposal, cleanup, and incidentals required to complete the work as specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

HEAVY DUTY EROSION CONTROL BLANKET, SPECIAL (WILDLIFE FRIENDLY)

This Special Provision revises Section 251 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction to eliminate the use of Excelsior Blanket for Erosion Control Blanket. This work shall consist of furnishing, transporting, and placing 100 % biodegradable erosion control blanket over seeded areas as detailed on the plans, according to Section 251 except as modified herein.

Delete the first and second paragraph of Article 1081.10(a) Excelsior Blanket and substitute the following:

Excelsior blanket shall consist of a machine produced mat of wood excelsior of 100 percent, 6 in. (150 mm) or longer fiber length. The wood from which the excelsior blanket is cut shall be properly cured to achieve adequately curled and barbed fibers.

The blanket shall be of consistent thickness, with the fiber evenly distributed over the entire area of the blanket. The excelsior blanket shall be covered on the top side with a 90 day 100 percent biodegradable, plastic-free netting. Netting material shall be made of natural fiber, including coil (coconut husk fibers), jute or sisal, not altered by synthetic materials. Netting shall be "leno-weave" with movable joints (not fixed or welded), allowing each opening between vertical and horizontal twines in the netting stretchable and thus reducing the wildlife entanglement potential. Degradable, photodegradable, UV-degradable, oxo-degradable, or oxo-biodegradable plastic netting (including polypropylene, nylon, polyethylene, and polyester) are **not** acceptable alternatives. The netting shall be substantially adhered to the excelsior blanket by a knitting process using biodegradable thread. The netting shall also be entwined with the excelsior blanket for maximum strength and ease of handling.

Delete the first paragraph of Article 1081.10 (b) Knitted Straw Mat and substitute the following:

Knitted Straw Mat. Knitted straw mat shall be a machine-produced mat of 100% clean, weed free agricultural straw. The blanket shall be of consistent thickness with the straw evenly distributed over the entire area of the blanket with a functional longevity of up to 12 months. The blanket shall be covered on top side with a 100% biodegradable woven natural organic fiber netting. No plastic netting will be allowed. Netting shall be "leno-weave" with movable joints (not fixed or welded). The netting consists of machine directional strands formed from two intertwined yarns with cross directional strands interwoven through the twisted machine strands to form an approximate 0.50 x 1.0 (1.27 x 2.54 cm) mesh. The blanket shall be sewn together with flexible joints on 1.50 inch (3.81 cm) centers with biodegradable thread. The blanket shall be manufactured with a colored thread stitched along both outer edges (approximately 2-5 inches (5-12.5cm) from the edge) as an overlap guide for adjacent mats.

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Delete the second paragraph of Article 1081.10(c) (1) Excelsior Blanket and substitute the following:

Both top and bottom sides of each blanket shall be covered with 100 percent biodegradable, plastic-free netting. Netting material shall be made of natural fiber, including coir (coconut husk fibers), jute or sisal, not altered by synthetic materials. Netting shall be "leno-weave" with movable joints (not fixed or welded). The netting consists of machine directional strands formed from two intertwined yarns with cross directional strands interwoven through the twisted machine strands to form an approximate 0.50 x 1.0 (1.27 x 2.54 cm) mesh.

Delete the first paragraph of Article 1081.10 (c) (2) Knitted Straw Mat and substitute the following:

Knitted Straw Mat. The blanket shall be machine-produced 100% biodegradable blanket, which contains 70% agricultural straw and 30% coconut fiber with a functional longevity of up to 18 months. The blanket shall be of consistent thickness with the straw and coconut evenly distributed over the entire area of the mat. The blanket shall be covered on the top and bottom sides with 100% biodegradable woven natural organic fiber netting. The top netting shall be "leno-weave," with movable joints (not fixed or welded). The netting consists of machine directional strands formed from two intertwined yarns with cross directional strands interwoven through the twisted machine strands to form an approximate 0.50 x 1.0 (1.27 x 2.54 cm) mesh. The blanket shall be sewn together on 1.50 inch (3.81 cm) centers with degradable thread. The blanket shall be manufactured with a colored thread stitched along both outer edges (approximately 2-5 inches (5-12.5cm) from the edge) as an overlap guide for adjacent mats.

Delete Article 1081.10(d) Wire Staples.

Add the following to Article 1081.10 (e) Wood Stakes:

Biodegradable plastic stakes will be allowed. The biodegradable plastic anchor shall be approximately 10 inches in length. No metal wire stakes will be allowed.

Add the following to Article 251.06(b) Method of Measurement:

- (b) Measured Quantities. HEAVY DUTY EROSION CONTROL BLANKET, SPECIAL will be measured for payment in place in square yards of actual surface area covered.

Add the following to Article 251.07 Basis of Payment:

HEAVY DUTY EROSION CONTROL BLANKET, SPECIAL shall be paid at the Contract unit price per square yard.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE PLANT CARE AND ESTABLISHMENT WORK ON TIME

Should the Contractor fail to complete the plant care and/or supplemental watering work as per the standard specifications or within 24 hours notification from the Engineer, or within such extended times as may have been allowed by the Department, the Contractor shall be liable to the Department in the amount of:

- \$20.00 per sq yd sod/per day

not as penalty but as liquidated damages, for each calendar day or a portion thereof of overrun in the contract time or such extended time as may have been allowed.

In fixing the damages as set out herein, the desire is to establish a mode of calculation for the work since the Department's actual loss, in the event of delay, cannot be predetermined, would be difficult of ascertainment, and a matter of argument and unprofitable litigation. This said mode is an equitable rule for measurement of the Department's actual loss and fairly takes into account the loss of the sod if the watering or plant care is delayed. The Department shall not be required to provide any actual loss in order to recover these liquidated damages provided herein, as said damages are very difficult to ascertain. Furthermore, no provision of this clause shall be construed as a penalty, as such is not the intention of the parties.

A calendar day is every day shown on the calendar and starts at 12:00 midnight and ends at the following 12:00 midnight, twenty-four hours later.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WEED CONTROL SPRAYING

Experience

The Contractor shall have previous experience with the use of weed control chemicals. He/she shall have had at least three (3) season's experience in ecological restoration and the ability to identify and differentiate between targeted weeds and vegetation to remain. The Contractor shall observe and comply with all sections of the Illinois Custom Spray Law, including licensing. Contractor personnel applying herbicides shall have a valid pesticide applicator license issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

The licensed pesticide applicator shall attend the preconstruction meeting and submit their current license to the Engineer. The licensed pesticide applicator shall be qualified at a minimum in Right-of-Way and Aquatics. The licensed applicator shall work on-site.

Equipment

The equipment used shall consist of a vehicle-mounted tank, pump, spray bar and handgun, plus any other accessories needed to complete the specified work. Spraying shall be done through multiple low-pressure flooding or broad jet nozzles mounted on spray bars operated not more than 36" above the ground. If different sizes or types of nozzles are used to make up the spray pattern, the pressure, sizes, and capacities shall be adjusted to provide a uniform rate of application for each segment of the spray pattern. Hand spray guns may be used for spraying areas around traffic control devices, lighting standard and similar inaccessible areas. Maximum speed of the spray vehicle during application of chemical shall be ten (10) miles per hour.

Pumps used shall have a volume and pressure capacity range sufficient to deliver the mixture at a pressure to provide the required coverage and to keep the spray pattern full and steady without pulsation or excessive pressure as to cause fogging. Maximum pressure for application shall be 15 PSI. Quick acting shut-off valves and spring-loaded ball check valves shall be provided to stop the spray pattern with a minimum of nozzle drip. In areas where the spray vehicle must traverse the right-of-way, a four-wheel drive vehicle with flotation tires will be required to minimize damage to the ground surface.

Additional equipment used shall consist of swiping gloves, wicks, wands, hand spray guns and/or backpack sprayers, plus any other accessories needed to complete the specified work as directed by the Engineer. Wick applicators, swiping gloves, or other such devices may be required to ensure herbicides are applied only to target species. If hand spray guns used are attached to spray vehicle, maximum speed of the spray vehicle during application of chemical shall be five (5) miles per hour. In areas where a vehicle is needed to traverse the right-of-way, a four-wheel drive vehicle with flotation tires will be required to minimize damage to the ground surface.

Prior to beginning work, the Contractor shall obtain approval from the Engineer of the spraying equipment proposed for completing this work. The proposed equipment shall be in an operational condition and available for inspection by the Engineer at least two (2) weeks prior to the proposed starting time. If requested by the Engineer, the Contractor shall demonstrate the calibration of the equipment.

The equipment must provide consistently uniform coverage and keep the spray mixture sufficiently agitated or the work will be suspended until the equipment is repaired or replaced.

Spraying Areas

This work includes roadsides and other types of right-of-way of various widths and gradients. Spray areas often extend more than thirty (30) feet from the edge of the roadway, requiring both spray bar and handgun applications.

When the description of work requires weed control of a stated species, such as teasel, the chemical shall be applied only to locations where the stated species is present. When the description of work requires general weed control within a bed or area, such as broadleaf weed control in turf, then the chemical shall be applied to the entire bed or area.

Exclusion of Spraying Areas

Areas where weed control spraying is inappropriate or detrimental to the environment, desirable planting, or private property shall be excluded from the spray area.

Spraying will not be permitted over any drainage swales or waterways, or other areas where the chemical label prohibits application. Spraying within 150 feet of a natural area or site where endangered or threatened species occur.

Responsibility for Prevention of Damage to Private Property

The Contractor shall, at all times, exercise extreme caution to prevent damage to residential plantings, flower or vegetable gardens, vegetable crops, farm crops, orchard or desirable plants adjacent to the roadside.

The Contractor or Department receives a complaint; the Contractor shall contact a complaint within ten (10) days after receiving a claim for damages, either in person or by letter. The Contractor, or his authorized representative, shall make a personal contact with the complainant within twenty (20) days. The Engineer shall also be notified by the Contractor of all claims for damage he received and shall keep the Engineer informed as to the progress in arriving at a settlement for such claims.

Communication with the Engineer

The Contractor is required to communicate with the Engineer to receive all required approvals in a timely way and to assure that the Engineer can accurately document the work performed.

All herbicide application shall be directly supervised by the Engineer for quality assurance and for payment purposes. If the Contractor performs work without the Engineer's supervision, work will not be paid for.

It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to assure that all chemical containers are opened and added to the spray mixture in the presence of the Engineer.

The Contractor shall obtain approval from the Engineer to proceed with spraying at each location 24 hours prior to the proposed spray operations.

The Contractor's superintendent shall closely coordinate work with the Engineer at all times in accordance with Article 105.06. The superintendent shall attend weekly progress meetings with the Engineer at the Engineer's office or other mutually agreed upon location. The superintendent shall communicate with the Engineer in the field during weed control activities to facilitate accurate completion of work while it is occurring. At the request of the Engineer, the Contractor shall provide a cell phone number where the superintendent can be reached during working hours. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either discontinuing or resuming operations.

Pesticide Application Daily Spray Record

The Contractor will be required to properly track pesticide applications as required by the ILG87 Permit. Reported data from this form will be collected and compiled annually and reported to the IEPA as required.

Within 48 hours of the application of pesticides, including but not limited to herbicides, insecticides, algaecides, and fungicides, the Contractor shall complete and return to the Engineer, Operations form "OPER 2720". OPER 2720 may be found at the following link:

WEED CONTROL, BASAL TREATMENT

Cut Stump Treatment

To control resprouting of cut stumps of susceptible species, spray mixture must consist of 20 % Herbicide Type A, 3% Herbicide Type B, and 77% basal oil. Apply with a backpack or knapsack sprayer using low pressures and a solid cone or flat fan nozzle. Spray the root collar area, sides of the stump, and the outer portion of the cut surface including the cambium until thoroughly wet, but not to the point of runoff. Spray mixture concentration should vary with size and susceptibility of species treated. Apply at any time, including winter months, except when snow or water prevents spraying to the ground line.

Low Volume Basal Bark Treatment

To control susceptible woody plants with stems less than 6 inches in basal diameter, spray mixture must consist of 20 % Herbicide Type A, 3% Herbicide Type B, and 77% bark oil. Apply with a backpack or knapsack sprayer using low pressure and a solid cone or flat fan nozzle. Mixture should be applied from the root collar up to 18 inches. Spray the basal parts of brush and tree trunks in a manner which thoroughly wets the lower stems, including the root collar area, but not to the point of runoff. Herbicide concentration should vary with size and susceptibility of species treated. Apply at any time, including winter months, except when snow or water prevent spraying to the ground line or when stem surfaces are saturated with water.

Bark oil is for low-volume basal bark and stump treatments, to be used only with oil-miscible woody plant herbicides that permit dilution with oil on their labels. Follow all use directions and precautions on the label of the herbicide.

Description: This work shall consist of the application of a herbicide mixture to control undesirable brush areas along highway roadsides. The solution shall apply to areas for low volume basal treatment and cut stump treatment only.

Materials: The mixture shall contain twenty percent (20%) Herbicide Type A, three percent (3%) Herbicide Type B, and seventy-seven percent (77%) bark oil. Substitutions are allowable with herbicides of equal formulation. The mixture shall have the following formulation:

Herbicide Type A

Active Ingredient:		
triclopyr: 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinyloxyacetic acid, butoxyethyl ester		61.6%
Inert Ingredients		<u>38.4%</u>
TOTAL		100.00%

Herbicide Type B

Active Ingredient:		
Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr (2-[4,5-dihydro-4- methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl] -3-pyridinecarboxylic acid)*		27.6%
Inert Ingredients		<u>72.4%</u>
TOTAL		100.00%

*Equivalent to 22.6% (2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)
-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid)
or 2 pounds acid per gallon

The Contractor shall submit a certificate, including the following, prior to starting work:

1. The chemical names of the compound and the percentage by volume of the ingredients which must match the above specified formulation.
2. A statement that the material is in a solution which will form a satisfactory emulsion for use when diluted with oil for normal spraying conditions.
3. A statement that the herbicide, when mixed with oil, will be completely soluble and dispersible and remain in suspension with continuous agitation.
4. A statement describing the products proposed for use when the manufacturer of herbicide requires that surfactants, drift control agents, or other additives be used with the product. These tank mix additives shall be used as specified by the manufacturer. Required additives will not be paid for separately.

All material shall be brought to the spray area in the original, unopened containers supplied by the manufacturer.

Application Rate: The Basal Treatment solution shall be applied at the rate specified herein. Additional information is located in Cut Stump Treatment and Low Volume Basal Bark Treatment within this contract.

Method of Measurement.

This item of work will not be measured separately.

Basis of Payment.

This item of work will not be measured separately but shall be included in the cost of SELECTIVE CLEARING, TREE REMOVAL, OR TREE REMOVAL, ACRES (SPECIAL).

Bark oil for dilution of the mixture and additives required for basal treatment application will not be paid for as separate items, but the costs shall be considered as included in the contract price for SELECTIVE CLEARING, TREE REMOVAL, OR TREE REMOVAL, ACRES (SPECIAL) and no additional compensation will be allowed.

LAYOUT MATERIALS

The Contractor shall furnish the necessary wooden lathe, flags of various colors, ribbon of various colors, and spray paint required for the delineation and marking of work through the duration of the contract. The paint and ribbon shall be of the color(s) as specified by the Engineer. The Contractor shall provide the requested items within seven (7) working days after the Engineer's request. These will not be paid as separate items, but the costs shall be considered as included in the contract prices for landscape items. No additional compensation will be allowed.

PRUNING FOR SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT CLEARANCE

Description: All work, materials, and equipment shall conform to Section 201 of the Standard Specifications except as modified herein.

Prior to start of any work, the Contractor shall inspect all tree branches that overhang into the roadway. Any branches that will be in conflict with construction equipment shall be reported to the Engineer. The Engineer will make the final decision on trees requiring tree pruning.

Pruning will be done on tree branches that overhang into the roadway and will be in conflict with construction equipment along roadsides. All pruning shall be done according to the current ANSI A300 (Part 1) – Pruning standard. Plant material shall be pruned to provide a minimum vertical clearance of 14 ft from the finished surface of the roadbed and shoulders. Pruning for sight distance and other safety purposes shall be as directed by the Engineer. Branches on existing trees to remain that need to be removed for safety and equipment clearance shall be pruned prior to the resurfacing operation.

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Breaking off branches of plant material to remain during construction operations will not be allowed. Pruning shall be done in the presence of the Engineer and in such a manner as to preserve the natural growth habit of each tree.

If a dead and/or hazardous limb is found to be at a higher elevation than the pruning clearance requirement, the Contractor shall prune the limb and will not be paid separately.

Any tree limbs that are broken by construction equipment after the initial pruning must be pruned correctly within 72 hours.

Method of Measurement: Pruning for Safety and Equipment Clearance will be measured for payment on a lump sum basis.

Basis of Payment: Pruning for Safety and Equipment Clearance will be paid for at the contract lump sum price for PRUNING FOR SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT CLEARANCE.

SUPPLEMENTAL WATERING

This work will include watering sod at the rates specified and as directed by the Engineer.

Schedule: Watering will only begin after the successful completion of all period of establishment requirements. Water sod a minimum of twice a week. The Engineer may direct the Contractor to adjust the watering rate and frequency depending upon weather conditions.

Watering must be completed in a timely manner. When the Engineer directs the Contractor to do supplemental watering, the Contractor must begin the watering operation within 24 hours of notice. **The Contractor shall give an approximate time window of when they will begin at the work location to the Engineer. The Engineer shall be present during the watering operation.** A minimum of 10 units of water per day must be applied until the work is complete.

Should the Contractor fail to complete the work on a timely basis or within such extended times as may have been allowed by the Department, the Contractor shall be liable to the Department liquidated damages as outlined in the **“Failure to Complete Plant Care and Establishment Work on Time” special provision.**

In fixing the damages as set out herein, the desire is to establish a mode of calculation for the work since the Department’s actual loss, in the event of delay, cannot be predetermined, would be difficult of ascertainment, and a matter of argument and unprofitable litigation. This said mode is an equitable rule for measurement of the Department’s actual loss and fairly takes into account the loss of the trees if the watering is delayed. The Department shall not be required to provide any actual loss in order to recover these liquidated damages provided herein, as said damages are very difficult to ascertain. Furthermore, no provision of this clause shall be construed as a penalty, as such is not the intention of the parties.

A calendar day is every day shown on the calendar and starts at 12:00 midnight and ends at the following 12:00 midnight, twenty-four hours later.

Source of Water: The Contractor shall notify the Engineer of the source of water used and provide written certification that the water does not contain chemicals harmful to plant growth.

Rate of Application: The normal rates of application for watering are as follows. The Engineer will adjust these rates as needed depending upon weather conditions.

27 gallons per square yard for Sodded Areas

Method of Application: Watering of plants in beds shall be applied in such a manner that all plant holes are uniformly saturated without allowing the water flow beyond the periphery of the bed. Water shall slowly infiltrate into soil and completely soak the root zone. The Contractor must supply metering equipment as needed to assure the specified application rate of water.

Method of Measurement: Supplemental watering will be measured in units of 1000 gallons of water applied as directed.

Basis of Payment: This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per unit of SUPPLEMENTAL WATERING, measured as specified. Payment will include the cost of all water, equipment and labor needed to complete the work specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

PROPOSED STORM SEWER CONNECTION TO EXISTING DRAINAGE STRUCTURE

The connection of proposed storm sewer to an existing drainage structure and the removal work required to make the connection will not be paid for separately, but shall be included in the contract unit price for the item being installed.