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**April 24, 2026 Letting**

## **Notice to Bidders, Specifications and Proposal**



**Contract No. 62Y31  
Various Counties  
Section 2025-1084-ECO,LS  
Various Routes  
District 1 Construction Funds**

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- 1. TIME AND PLACE OF OPENING BIDS.** Electronic bids are to be submitted to the electronic bidding system (iCX-Integrated Contractors Exchange). All bids must be submitted to the iCX system prior to 12:00 p.m. April 24, 2026 prevailing time at which time the bids will be publicly opened from the iCX SecureVault.
- 2. DESCRIPTION OF WORK.** The proposed improvement is identified and advertised for bids in the Invitation for Bids as:

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Various Counties  
Section 2025-1084-ECO,LS  
Various Routes  
District 1 Construction Funds**

**Roadside development work shall consist of repairing, installing, and establishing landscape materials and features. This work is located within the right-of-way limits along various state-maintained routes located in District One (counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will).**

- 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.** (a) This Notice, the invitation for bids, proposal and letter of award shall, together with all other documents in accordance with Article 101.09 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, become part of the contract. Bidders are cautioned to read and examine carefully all documents, to make all required inspections, and to inquire or seek explanation of the same prior to submission of a bid.  
  
(b) State law, and, if the work is to be paid wholly or in part with Federal-aid funds, Federal law requires the bidder to make various certifications as a part of the proposal and contract. By execution and submission of the proposal, the bidder makes the certification contained therein. A false or fraudulent certification shall, in addition to all other remedies provided by law, be a breach of contract and may result in termination of the contract.
- 4. AWARD CRITERIA AND REJECTION OF BIDS.** This contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder considering conformity with the terms and conditions established by the Department in the rules, Invitation for Bids and contract documents. The issuance of plans and proposal forms for bidding based upon a prequalification rating shall not be the sole determinant of responsibility. The Department reserves the right to determine responsibility at the time of award, to reject any or all proposals, to readvertise the proposed improvement, and to waive technicalities.

By Order of the  
Illinois Department of Transportation

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Secretary

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FOR  
SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS  
AND RECURRING SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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### SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The following Special Provisions supplement the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction," adopted January 1 2022, the latest edition of the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways," and the "Manual of Test Procedures for Materials" in effect on the date of invitation for bids, and the Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions indicated on the Check Sheet included herein which apply to and govern the construction of Various Routes, Section 2025-1084-ECO,LS, Various Counties, Contract No. 62Y31, and in case of conflict with any part or parts of said Specifications, the said Special Provisions shall take precedence and shall govern.

Various Routes  
Section 2025-1084-ECO,LS  
Various Counties  
Contract No. 62Y31

#### LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT

This work is located within the right-of-way limits along various state-maintained routes located in District One (counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will).

#### DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENT

This work shall consist of controlling and/or removing invasive weeds (woody and herbaceous) growing within select native landscapes (prairies, savannahs, woodlands, wetlands, etc.) for ecological management purposes through cultural methods, physical removal, or the application of appropriate herbicides. Roadside development work shall consist of repairing, installing, and establishing landscape materials and features.

Locations proposed by the Department subsequent to final plan preparation shall be repaired as work orders issued by the Engineer.

## **COMPLETION DATE**

The completion date for this Contract is **June 30, 2028**.

## **QUANTITIES**

The quantities specified in this contract are estimated. The Department reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time or to increase the contract quantities as determined by the Engineer. Payment will be made only for the actual quantities completed.

The Contractor is hereby informed and shall understand that payment will be made only for actual quantities utilized and accepted as satisfactory.

Payment for work will be made in accordance with the items listed in the Summary of Quantities in the plans.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The Contractor shall have sufficient equipment, in good working condition, to perform his work in an expedient manner.

The Contractor's personnel will be required to wear high-visibility vests (meeting the requirements of ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 or ANSI/ISEA 107-2010 for Conspicuity Class 2 garments. Other types of garments may be substituted for the vest as long as the garments have a manufacturer's tag identifying them as meeting the ANSI Class 2 requirements), and steel-toed boots when performing any function relative to this contract.

## **LAYOUT**

Contractor shall provide the following: wooden lathe, flags of various colors, and spray paint, to delineate work items. This will not be paid as separate items, but the costs shall be considered as included in the contract prices for landscape items.

## **CONTRACTOR'S WEEKLY WORK SCHEDULE**

The Contractor shall submit a weekly work schedule to the Resident Engineer for the purpose of coordinating the Contractor's activities for the following week. The weekly schedule must be submitted by 10:00 am each Thursday via e-mail, fax, or delivered to the Engineer.

### **Method of Measurement:**

This coordination and schedule development work will not be measured for payment.

### **Basis of Payment:**

Preparation and submittal of the Contractor's Weekly Work Schedule shall not be paid for separately but shall be included in the cost of the Contract items of work.

## **PROSECUTION OF WORK**

The Engineer will issue a work order prior to the Contractor proceeding with any work on this contract.

## **WORK ORDERS**

The Engineer will issue written work orders to the Contractor that authorize work in specific areas and for all work not specifically detailed in the plans. The Contractor shall complete work orders by the completion date written on the work order.

No work may be started by the Contractor until the Engineer has signed and dated the AUTHORIZATION OF WORK ORDER on the work order, and the Contractor has reviewed the work order and signed the AGREEMENT TO WORK on the work order. If the Contractor does not agree to the work order, they must provide a written statement detailing their concerns within two calendar days of when the Engineer signed the AUTHORIZATION OF WORK ORDER.

A work order will show the date issued to the Contractor, completion date, work order number, work location, item description and quantity of work to be completed. Only the amount of work shown on the work order is to be done by the Contractor. If, at the time the work is being done, it appears to the Contractor that work additional to that on the work order is needed, a revised work order must be obtained from the Engineer before any additional work is done. Written authorization of work will be made on forms established for this purpose. The Contractor shall complete work orders by the completion date unless the Engineer has granted a written extension of time.

## **FAILURE TO COMPLETE WORK ORDERS – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

Time is of the essence in the completion of each work order issued by the Department. Failure to timely do the work will result in the loss of optimal timing to perform the work, jeopardize the long-term restoration goals of the Department, and subject the Department to public criticism. All work shall be completed within the assigned time frame for each work order. The Contractor understands and agrees that performance will be expected in varying amounts and at various locations designated in the contract in accordance with the work orders authorized by the Engineer.

Should the Contractor fail to complete the work by the completion date written on the work order 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 two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per occurrence 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 optimal window of opportunity if work 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.

The Department will deduct these liquidated damages from the monies due or to become due to the Contractor from the Department.

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.

### **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 36 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:

- \$50.00 per tree/per day
- \$40.00 per large shrub/per day
- \$35.00 per small shrub/per day
- \$20.00 per vine/per day
- \$20.00 per perennial/per day
- \$20.00 per sq yd sod/per day

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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 tree(s) 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.

### **Equipment**

The 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 vehicles, 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 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 rights-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.

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.

**Notification of Pesticide Application**

The Contractor will be required to properly provide notification of pesticide application as required by the IL Public Act 103-0976 (Pesticide Application on Rights-of Way Notification Act).

Two weeks prior to the application of pesticides, including but not limited to herbicides, insecticides, algaecides, and fungicides, the Contractor shall complete Operations form "OPER 758" which may be found at the following link: <https://idot.illinois.gov/resources/forms.html>

The Contractor shall return the completed form to the Engineer. The completed form will be uploaded on the IDOT website as required by the Department of Agriculture and IL Public Act 103-0976 at:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/natural-resources/roadside-maintenance/pesticide-application.html>

The Contractor shall confirm submission of the form has been uploaded before starting spraying operations. Submissions will be sorted by District (One) and county (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will). Allow at least a week for notifications to be uploaded.

### **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, 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:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/resources/forms.html>

## **WEED CONTROL, NATIVE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT**

### **Description**

This work shall consist of controlling and/or removing invasive weeds (woody and herbaceous) growing within select native landscapes (prairies, savannahs, woodlands, wetlands, etc.) for ecological management purposes through cultural methods, physical removal, or the application of appropriate herbicides. Weed Control priorities are to approach eradication of targeted weed species, encourage the healthy growth of native species, and increase overall site biodiversity. The intent is to develop a dense stand of desirable native species with minimal weed content and minimal threat from invasive species or aggressive native species.

It is anticipated that various methods of weed control including spot herbicide application, spot mowing, and small tree/brush removal will be required depending on the location, type of weeds, and size of weed infestation. The work required under this contract will be accomplished utilizing tools that can be operated by hand (including walk-behind). The use of large (sit on/sit in) equipment is not anticipated.

### **Prosecution of Work**

Individual weed species may be targeted and shall be spot sprayed during the appropriate growth stage. Multiple weed species may be treated during each site visit. Weed control must be completed in a timely manner. Prior to beginning work, Contractor shall submit a proposed work schedule to the Engineer outlining when the required tasks will be completed.

This contract is to be completed as directed by the Engineer. All equipment, method, and/or herbicides shall be approved by the Engineer prior to the start of work. Mixtures of herbicides used shall be determined by the Engineer on a site-by-site basis and will be dependent on the species being targeted, area where work is being performed, and the time of year the work is being performed.

The Engineer must be present during all work. Any work completed without the Engineer present will not be measured for payment. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Engineer, all work for this contract is to be completed Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM-4:30 PM. Work will not be allowed during State of Illinois observed holidays unless otherwise agreed to by the Engineer.

The Contractor shall submit for approval labels for all proposed herbicides, including the following, prior to starting work:

1. The chemical names of the compound and the percentage by weight of the ingredients.
2. A statement that the material will form a satisfactory emulsion for use when diluted with water for normal spraying conditions.
3. A statement that the herbicide, when mixed with water, 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 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.
5. Calibration of equipment.
6. Initial herbicide mixing and any additional herbicide mixing.
7. Assessment of herbicide application coverage.

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

**Experience**

All work shall be performed by a Contractor with at least five (5) years of documented experience in vegetation management for the purposes of ecological restoration within sensitive plant communities. At a minimum, Contractor shall have a minimum of two (2) years of documented experience in the use of herbicides for vegetation management within Illinois natural areas that include at least one of the following:

- A natural community with endangered and threatened species
- Natural areas included on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) for high floristic quality
- Dedicated Nature Preserves
- Registered Land and Water Reserves

At or prior to the Pre-Construction Meeting, the Contractor shall furnish copies of required personnel training records, documented personnel experience, required certifications, and proposed equipment lists to the Engineer. Documentation of Contractor's experience must be provided using the attached form or similar format.

## **STAFF**

The Contractor shall provide staff that meet these minimum requirements:

### **PROJECT MANAGER**

The Contractor shall designate an employee as the Project Manager (PM). This person shall be the sole representative of the Contractor for this work and shall be the point of contact for the Engineer. The PM shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- At a minimum, hold a bachelor's degree in natural resources, ecology, biology, or a related field
- Have a minimum of five (5) years of documented full-time professional ecosystem restoration experience in Midwestern ecosystems/habitat types
- Have a minimum of one (1) year of documented full-time field experience in ecosystem restoration
- Hold a current State of Illinois Pesticide Commercial Applicator license with the Rights- of- Ways and Aquatics categories
- If they meet the minimum requirements, the Project Manager can fulfill the Crew Supervisor role and/or serve as a Crew Member.

### **CREW SUPERVISOR**

The Contractor shall designate an employee as the Crew Supervisor. This person shall be on-site during all work activities, at a minimum the Crew Supervisor shall meet the following qualifications:

- Have five (5) years documented full-time field experience in ecosystem restoration
- Hold a current State of Illinois Pesticide Commercial Applicator license with the Rights- of-Ways and Aquatics categories
- Have two (2) or more years of documented experience in the use of herbicides for vegetation management within Illinois natural areas that include at least one of the following:
  - A natural community with endangered and threatened species
  - Natural areas included on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) for high floristic quality
  - Dedicated Nature Preserves
  - Registered Land and Water Reserves
- If they meet the minimum requirements, the Crew Supervisor can fulfill the Project Manager role and/or serve as a Crew Member.

## **CREW MEMBERS**

All crew members must demonstrate the following:

- A minimum of one (1) year documented full-time field experience in ecosystem restoration
- Hold a current State of Illinois Pesticide Commercial Operator or Applicator license registered to the Contractor's Commercial Pesticide Applicator's license.
- A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the Crew Members applying herbicide shall have two or more years of documented experience in the use of herbicides for vegetation management within Illinois natural areas that include at least one of the following:
  - A natural community with endangered and threatened species
  - Natural areas included on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) for high floristic quality
  - Dedicated Nature Preserves
  - Registered Land and Water Reserves
  - The Crew Supervisor may count toward the 50% Crew Member experience requirement if they are applying herbicide as a Crew Member.

If the personnel on the job do not have the proper license or experience, the job will be postponed until personnel who carry the proper license are on the job, with no additional payment awarded to the Contractor.

All staff provided by the Contractor to complete this work shall demonstrate familiarity with local native and exotic plants. Contractor's staff shall be able to identify such species and have experience with selective species removal techniques. All staff applying herbicide under the Contractor's supervision must be knowledgeable of native flora in Illinois and be able to recognize and avoid spray application to rare plants (especially state threatened or endangered species).

## **Materials**

### **WATER**

Potable water shall be used in the contract. No water will be allowed to be pumped from nearby creeks, ponds, or other bodies of water unless dictated by emergency need. The Contractor shall provide a list of source locations where the potable water will be obtained. The Contractor shall provide this list to the Engineer at or prior to the pre-construction meeting. All proposed sources of water shall meet the approval of the Engineer prior to mobilizing for any work.

### **MARKING DYE**

Marking dye shall be mixed with the approved herbicide and water.

### **Equipment**

The Contractor is solely responsible for transport, operation, repair, maintenance, and extraction of their equipment. The Contractor shall provide all equipment and materials needed for execution of the work; at a minimum the following items are required:

## **VEHICLES**

- One (1) vehicle or trailer equipped with water tanks capable of holding a minimum of sixty (60) gallons, water tanks shall be equipped with pumps as necessary to accommodate the filling of backpack sprayers.

## **HAND TOOLS**

At a minimum the Contractor shall have the following hand tools on site:

- Backpack Sprayers – Minimum of one (1) per crew member, plus a minimum of two (2) additional for backup
- Brush Cutters – Minimum of one (1) per crew member, plus a minimum of one additional for backup (with additional fuel/batteries)
- Chainsaw – Minimum of 2 (with additional fuel/batteries)

## **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

Each of the Contractor's employees shall have all necessary personal protective equipment for herbicide and mowing work, at a minimum this shall include:

- Long pants
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Boots
- Safety glasses
- Chemical resistant rubber gloves
- Protective Chainsaw Chaps
- Hardhat with face shield
- Hearing protection
- Any other PPE required for this work by the Department, OSHA, the herbicide label, equipment manufacturer, or any other regulatory body.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Clean measuring cups with legible markings in standard liquid measures (ounces), measuring cups shall be made of transparent material
- Basin or other equipment to protect the ground during herbicide mixing
- A fully stocked first aid kit shall be readily available to all crew members, including a mobile eyewash station

## **Execution**

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

The Contractor shall keep a log of all maintenance activities performed during the contract period and shall submit it to the Engineer following each workday.

The Contractor shall utilize equipment having low unit pressure ground contact within work areas. They shall take precautions to ensure that equipment and vehicles do not damage the grading, utilities, structures, or existing non-target vegetation during weed control operations. Any damage shall be repaired by the Contractor at no additional cost. The capacity of the equipment shall be sufficient to perform the work and in the time period as specified herein, and as approved by the Engineer.

Herbicide spraying will not be allowed when temperatures exceed 85°F or are under 45°F, when wind velocities exceed ten (10) miles per hour, when foliage is wet or rain is eminent, when visibility is poor, or during legal holiday periods unless prior approval is received from the Engineer. There shall be no spraying during periods of rainfall and spraying shall be halted, in accordance with the herbicide manufacturer's instructions, prior to periods of rainfall. Spraying shall be in accordance with the applicable portions of Section 107.

Two weeks prior to the application of pesticides, including but not limited to herbicides, insecticides, algaecides, and fungicides, the Contractor shall complete Operations form "OPER 758" which may be found at the following link: <https://idot.illinois.gov/resources/forms.html>

The Contractor shall return the completed form to the Engineer. The completed form will be uploaded on the IDOT website as required by the Department of Agriculture and IL Public Act 103-0976 at:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/natural-resources/roadside-maintenance/pesticide-application.html>

The Contractor shall confirm submission of the form has been uploaded before starting spraying operations. Submissions will be sorted by District (One) and county (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will). Allow at least a week for notifications to be uploaded.

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:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/resources/forms.html>

The Contractor will be required to have all equipment in proper working order before starting the job. An inspection of the Contractor's equipment will be completed by the Engineer prior to starting any work. If equipment is not working properly, the Contractor will be required to fix the problem prior to starting the work. The Contractor may be required to demonstrate the calibration of their equipment up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time of spraying operations are to begin.

### **SPOT MOWING**

Spot mowing shall be conducted with the use of a hand-held gas-powered brush cutter equipped with a metal tri-blade (such as the Stihl FS240 equipped with the Stihl Brush Knife tri-blade or similar) and/or walk-behind brush cutters (such as Billy Goat BC26 or similar) targeting areas containing a mix of weed species and mature/flowering desirable native species. Spot mowing shall be utilized to eliminate the reproduction of non-native and non-desirable native species by not allowing the dispersal of seed from those targeted species.

Species targeted for spot mowing shall include removal of plant reproductive parts (e.g., flower stalks, un-developed seed heads, etc.). Spot mowing of perennial species may be conducted in concert with or be followed up with herbicide applications at the Engineer's direction.

Spot-mown vegetative materials shall be left on-site in a manner that will not allow regeneration or seed set of the mown species. Weeds shall be removed in a manner that does not damage the underlying native grasses and forbs. The cut material from common reed (*Phragmites australis*), teasel species (*Dipsacus* spp.), and thistle species (*Cirsium* spp.) shall be removed and disposed of according to Article 202.03.

### **SPOT HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS**

Small, scattered populations or individual specimens of undesirable species shall be controlled with spot herbicide applications mixed with a marking dye. The following methods are appropriate:

- Backpack Spray Treatments – Contractor shall utilize a minimum 4-gallon backpack style sprayer (such as Birchmeier Iris 15 AT3 or similar).
- Herbicide Wicking – In areas of high-quality native vegetation where desirable species are directly adjacent to targeted plants, or where the growth habit of the target plant makes it impossible to avoid off-target damage, the appropriate herbicide shall be selectively wiped onto the target plant utilizing a sponge-wicking applicator or a cloth glove saturated with herbicide worn over an appropriate chemical resistant glove (a common technique referred to as “hand-wicking”).

### **TREATMENT OF WOODY SPECIES**

The Contractor shall remove target woody species that are less than six inches (6”) DBH\* utilizing hand-operated equipment, such as chainsaws, brush cutters, handsaws, or loppers. Upon approval by the Engineer, small walk behind mower-type brush cutters may be utilized provided that their use does not result in rutting or pitting of the soil while in operation. (*\*Due to IDOT policy, the cutting of trees measuring three inches (3”) in diameter or larger at 4.5 feet (4.5’) above the highest ground level at the base of the tree is restricted to be completed only between November 1 to March 30. If the Contractor is executing WEED CONTROL, NATIVE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT outside of these dates, they will be required to leave any of these restricted trees in place until the appropriate time.*)

The Contractor shall conduct woody species herbicide treatments to all cut-stumps, re-sprouts, re-growth, or other remaining live plants of all target species.

Woody species herbicide treatments may be applied using foliar applications and/or cut-stump application using an appropriate herbicide and marking dye.

- **Foliar Treatment:** Apply an appropriate herbicide spray mixture to the leaves of target species after leaves have fully opened in the spring and up to a few weeks prior to fall senescence. Provide full coverage of the leaves while limiting overspray and dripping. To reduce the chance for overspray, Foliar Treatments shall only be applied to smaller re-sprouts that are low to the ground.
- **Cut-Stump Treatment:** All cut-stumps shall be treated with an appropriate herbicide spray mixture immediately after cutting (no longer than eight (8) hours following cutting). Treat the cut area around the edge with herbicide so the cambium layer will take up the active ingredient. *Juniper spp* that has been cut below the last bottom branch shall be exempt from herbicide requirements.

Wherever possible herbicide applications to woody species shall be accomplished by utilizing wick or sponge-type applicators.

All cuttings longer than one (1) foot in length and/or larger than one (1) inch in diameter shall be piled within the project site at locations approved by the Engineer. The cut material shall be removed and disposed of according to Article 202.03. Smaller cuttings and cutting debris that have been shredded or chipped using hand-held mechanical equipment may be left on site. Cuttings and cutting debris shall not be allowed to accumulate to a depth that will smother existing desirable native species or prevent existing desirable native species from emerging (approximately one-half inch (1/2") maximum depth).

Remove litter, including plastic bags, paper, bottles, etc. prior to weed control. All weeds, litter, and debris removal must be complete to the satisfaction of the Engineer and disposed of according to Article 202.03.

**Method of Measurement:**

The work will be measured in units of 1 (one) square acre of surface area effectively treated as determined by 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 within 7 calendar days.

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.

Removal and disposal of debris will not be measured separately but shall be considered included. Disposal of material shall be done in accordance with Article 202.03.

**Basis of Payment:**

This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per ACRE for WEED CONTROL, NATIVE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT. Payment for Weed Control, Native Landscape Enhancement shall include all labor, material, equipment, removal, disposal, and incidentals required to complete the work as specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

## APPENDIX A – LIST OF TARGET WEED SPECIES

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to locate, identify, and treat targeted species that may endanger the long-term health of existing native plant communities within the project area/site. Following is a list of targeted invasive and weedy species that can inhibit the successful establishment of desirable native species. This list is not representative of the site and should not be considered an inventory. When present, the listed species shall be targeted by the Contractor:

<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	TREE OF HEAVEN
<i>Alliaria petiolate</i>	GARLIC MUSTARD
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	WILD CHERVIL
<i>Arctium minus</i>	BUR DOCK
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	MUSK THISTLE <sup>1</sup>
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	ASIAN BITTERSWEET <sup>1</sup>
<i>Centaurea maculosa</i>	SPOTTED KNAPWEED
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	CANADA THISTLE <sup>1</sup>
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	BULL THISTLE
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	POISON HEMLOCK <sup>1</sup>
<i>Dipsacus</i> spp.	TEASEL <sup>1</sup>
<i>Elaeagnus</i> spp.	OLIVE <sup>1</sup>
<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	JAPANESE KNOTWEED <sup>1</sup>
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	GIANT HOGWEED
<i>Lonicera</i> spp.	HONEYSUCKLE (non-native) <sup>1</sup>
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	BIRDS FOOT TREFOIL
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	WHITE SWEET CLOVER
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	YELLOW SWEET CLOVER
<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	JAPANESE STILTGRASS
<i>Morus alba</i>	WHITE MULBERRY
<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>	WILD PARSNIP
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	REED CANARY GRASS
<i>Phragmites australis</i> (non-native)	COMMON REED (non-native) <sup>1</sup>
<i>Pyrus</i> spp.	ORNAMENTAL PEAR
<i>Rhamnus</i> spp.	BUCKTHORN
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	BLACK LOCUST
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	CURLY DOCK
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	MULTIFLORA ROSE
<i>Salix interior</i>	SANDBAR WILLOW
<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>	BOUNCING BET
<i>Securigaria varia</i>	CROWN VETCH
<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	SEASIDE GOLDENROD

<sup>1</sup>Species classified as a Noxious Weed in the State of Illinois as of the date of this document

## **APPENDIX B – GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THIS SPECIAL PROVISION**

**Growing Season:** The part of a calendar year during which rainfall and temperature allow plants to grow. In the Midwest the growing season typically occurs between the months of April through October or November.

**Invasive Species:** An undesirable species of plant or animal, often non-native, that competes with desirable, native plants and animals for light, space, water, food, and nutrients. An invasive species, left untreated, will destroy the integrity of an ecosystem and will often become the only plant or animal inhabiting a particular landscape.

**Native Species:**

- 1) an indigenous species that is normally found as part of a particular ecosystem
- 2) a species that was present in a defined North American area prior to European settlement

**Plant Community:** A group of plants that need a particular set of environmental conditions (i.e., light, soil type, moisture) to thrive. Examples include dry prairie, mesic prairie, wet prairie, wetland, emergent, savanna, dry-mesic woodland, etc.

**Weedy Species:** A species that displays weedy characteristics, such as:

- 1) an excessive growth habit that may inhibit the healthy growth of other more desirable native species
- 2) the ability to produce an abundance of seed, spread rapidly, and inhibit the healthy growth of other more desirable native species
- 3) an extensive root system or other vegetative structure that spreads aggressively above or below ground
- 4) the ability to produce chemicals that are toxic to surrounding plants (allelopathy).

**CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATION FORMS**

**VENDOR DOCUMENTATION OF WEED CONTROL, NATIVE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT EXPERIENCE (PAY ITEM X0327120)**

- > Must meet requirements given in the special provisions for this project.
- > At least one reference project must be from a time period that will demonstrate the 5 years experience required.
- > At least one reference project must be from a time period that will demonstrate the 2 years experience working in sensitive areas required.
- > Reference projects must be from sites with a natural community with endangered and threatened species, natural areas included on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INA) for high floristic quality, dedicated Nature Preserves, or registered Land and Water Reserves.

VENDOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

	PROJECT 1	PROJECT 2	PROJECT 3	PROJECT 4
Project Name and Location				
Reference Name and Phone Number or Email Address				
Native Plant Community Type (e.g. prairie, wetland, forest, etc.)				
Land Use Type (e.g. Nature Preserve, State Park, CRP, municipal park, NWR, etc.)				
Approximate Acreage				
Type of Work Completed				
Date Completed				

DOCUMENTATION OF VENDOR'S ONSITE STAFF EXPERIENCE - WEED CONTROL, NATIVE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Must meet requirements given in the special provisions for this project.</li> <li>&gt; Copies of training record, certifications, etc. that document the Vendor's staff experience required for this project shall be submitted with this form.</li> </ul>			
VENDOR NAME:			
STAFF POSTION: PROJECT MANAGER			
NAME			
START DATE			
EDUCATION	SCHOOL NAME:		
	GRADUATION YEAR:		
	APPLICABLE DEGREE:		
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE	# OF TOTAL YEARS EXPERIENCE:		
	REFERENCE PROJECT 1 (NAME/LOCATION/DATE COMPLETED):		
	REFERENCE PROJECT 2 (NAME/LOCATION/DATE COMPLETED):		
YEARS OF FIELD EXPERIENCE (ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION)	# OF TOTAL YEARS EXPERIENCE:		
	REFERENCE PROJECT 1 (NAME/LOCATION/DATE COMPLETED):		
	REFERENCE PROJECT 2 (NAME/LOCATION/DATE COMPLETED):		
PESTICIDE COMMERCIAL LICENSE	GENERAL STANDARDS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	RIGHTS-OF-WAY CATEGORY:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	AQUATICS CATEGORY:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
WILL THIS STAFF MEMBER ALSO FILL THE CREW SUPERVISOR ROLE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
WILL THIS STAFF MEMBER ALSO FILL THE CREW MEMBER ROLE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			

DOCUMENTATION OF VENDOR'S ONSITE STAFF EXPERIENCE - WEED CONTROL, NATIVE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Must meet requirements given in the special provisions for this project.</li> <li>&gt; Copies of training record, certifications, etc. that document the Vendor's staff experience required for this project shall be submitted with this form.</li> </ul>	
VENDOR NAME:	
STAFF POSTION: CREW SUPERVISOR	
NAME	
START DATE	
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE (ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION)	# OF TOTAL YEARS EXPERIENCE: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
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	REFERENCE PROJECT 2 (NAME/LOCATION/DATE COMPLETED): <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
YEARS OF FIELD EXPERIENCE (ILLINOIS NATURAL AREAS)	# OF TOTAL YEARS EXPERIENCE: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
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PESTICIDE COMMERCIAL LICENSE	GENERAL STANDARDS: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	RIGHTS-OF-WAY CATEGORY: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	AQUATICS CATEGORY: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
WILL THIS STAFF MEMBER ALSO FILL THE CREW MEMBER ROLE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	

<b>DOCUMENTATION OF VENDOR'S ONSITE STAFF EXPERIENCE - WEED CONTROL, NATIVE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Must meet requirements given in the special provisions for this project.</li> <li>&gt; Copies of training record, certifications, etc. that document the Vendor's staff experience required for this project shall be submitted with this form.</li> </ul>	
VENDOR NAME:	
STAFF POSTION: CREW MEMBER	
NAME	
START DATE	
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE (ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION)	# OF TOTAL YEARS EXPERIENCE: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
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YEARS OF FIELD EXPERIENCE (ILLINOIS NATURAL AREAS)	# OF TOTAL YEARS EXPERIENCE: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
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PESTICIDE COMMERCIAL LICENSE	GENERAL STANDARDS: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	RIGHTS-OF-WAY CATEGORY: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	AQUATICS CATEGORY: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
WILL THIS STAFF MEMBER ALSO FILL THE CREW MEMBER ROLE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	

## **WEED CONTROL, NON-SELECTIVE AND NON-RESIDUAL**

### **Description**

This work shall consist of the application of a non-selective and non-residual herbicide to kill all existing vegetation at designated areas along highway roadsides.

### **Materials**

The non-selective and non-residual herbicide shall have the following formulation:

A. Active Ingredient	
*Glyphosate, N- (phosphonomethyl) glycine, in the form of its isopropylamine salt	41.00%
B. Inert Ingredients (including surfactant)	<u>59.00%</u>
	TOTAL 100.00%

\*Contains 480 grams per liter or 4 pounds per U.S. gallon of the active ingredient Glyphosate, in the form of its isopropylamine salt. Equivalent to 356 grams per liter or 3 pounds per U.S. gallon of the acid, glyphosate.

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 water for normal spraying conditions.
3. A statement that the herbicide, when mixed with water, 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 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 manufacture. Required additives will not be paid for separately.

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

### **Schedule**

Spraying will not be allowed when temperatures exceed 90° F or under 60° F, when wind velocities exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour, when foliage is wet or rain is eminent, when visibility is poor or during legal holiday periods.

**Application Rate**

The non-selective and non-residual herbicide shall be applied at the rate of one (1) gallon per acre.

One (1) gallon of herbicide formulation shall be diluted with a minimum of fifty-five (55) gallons of water and applied as a mixture. Water for dilution of the mixture will not be paid for separately.

Method of Measurement: Weed Control, Non-selective and Non-residual will be measured for payment in gallons of undiluted herbicide applied as specified. The gallons for payment will be determined based on the gallons specified on the label attached to the original container supplied by the manufacturer.

Basis of Payment: Weed Control, Non-Selective and Non-residual will be paid for at the contract unit price per gallon for WEED CONTROL, NON-SELECTIVE AND NON-RESIDUAL. Water for dilution of the mixture and additives required for application will not be paid for as separate items, but the costs shall be considered as included in the contract unit price for Weed Control, Non-selective and Non-residual, and no additional compensation will be allowed.

**SUPPLEMENTAL WATERING**

This work will include watering sod, trees, shrubs, vines, and perennials at the rates specified and as directed by the Engineer.

**Schedule**

Water trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, and sod throughout the growing season (April 1 to November 30) as per the special provisions: Planting Woody Plants and Planting Perennials. 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 each watering are as follows. The Engineer may adjust these rates as needed depending upon weather conditions.

- 15 gallons per tree
- 10 gallons per large shrub
- 5 gallons per small shrub
- 2 gallons per vine
- 6gallons per square foot for perennial plants
- 6 gallons per square yard for Sodded Areas
- 15 gallons per transplanted tree

**Method of Application**

A spray nozzle that does not damage small plants must be used when watering all vegetation. Water shall be applied at the base of the plant to keep as much water as possible off plant leaves. An open hose may be used to water trees, shrubs, and seedlings if mulch and soil are not displaced by watering. The water shall be applied to individual plants in such a manner that the plant hole shall be saturated without allowing the water to overflow beyond the earthen saucer. 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.

**INTERSEEDING, CLASS 4A (MODIFIED)**

This work shall consist of Interseeding of Class 4A (Modified) in areas as shown in the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

All work, materials, and equipment shall conform to Sections 250 and 1081 of the Standard Specifications except as modified herein.

The Class 4A (Modified) seed mixture shall be supplied in labeled bags which the Resident Engineer will inspect prior to opening the bag. All native species will be local genotype and will be from a radius of 200 miles from the project area. Fertilizer is not required.

Article 250.07 Seeding Mixtures – Delete sentence 4. Add the following to Table 1 – Seeding Mixtures:

<u>CLASS – TYPE</u>	<u>SEEDS</u>	<u>PURE LIVE SEED LB/ACRE</u>
4A (Modified) Low Profile Native Grass		10.0
	Bouteloua curtipendula (Side Oats Grama)	4.0
	Koeleria cristata (June Grass)	1.0
	Schizachyrium scoparium (Little Bluestem)	5.0

Variation in the Class 3, 4, 5, or 6 seed quantities or varieties may be allowed in the event of a crop failure or other unforeseen conditions. Quantities of proposed substitutions shall be determined by seed count. The Contractor shall provide for the approval of the Engineer a written description of the proposed changes to the Class 3, 4, 5, or 6 Mixture(s), the reasons for the change, and the name of the seed suppliers who were contacted in an effort to obtain the specified species. Adjustments will be made at no cost to the contract. Approval of substitutes shall in no way waive any requirements of the contract

**Seeding Time**

Interseeding shall be completed between November 1 to March 15 but not when raining or when the ground is covered with snow unless prior written approval is received from Engineer. No seed shall be sown when the ground is not in proper condition for interseeding. Seeding done outside of this time frame will not be measured for payment unless approved in writing by Engineer in advance.

### **Bagging, Transporting, and Storing Seed**

Seed mixtures of the specified classes shall be thoroughly mixed, labeled and bagged by the supplier. Purity and germination tests no older than twelve (12) months old must be submitted for all seed supplied to verify quantities of bulk seed required to achieve LB PLS specified.

Seed shall be thoroughly mixed, labeled and bagged by the supplier. Seed shall be bagged, transported, and stored in such a manner to protect it from damage and to maintain the viability of the seed. All seed mixtures shall be brought to the site in clearly labeled and unopened bags.

Seed shall be adequately protected from rain, temperature extremes, rodents, insects, and other such factors that could adversely affect seed viability during transport or while being stored prior to planting. Bags of seed that are leaking, wet, moldy, or otherwise damaged shall be rejected and promptly removed from the site of work. Prior to application, the Engineer must approve the seed mix in the bags on site.

### **Layout of Seeding**

The Contractor shall be responsible for filed verifying the acreage of the area(s) to be seeded. The amount of seed ordered shall match the area(s) to be seeded during the pending planting season. A minimum of 30 days shall be allowed for seed acquisition, testing, and inspection.

The Contractor shall demarcate all areas to be seeded and estimate quantities of each area to determine the quantity of seed necessary to achieve the specified seed rate per acre. The Contractor shall delineate the perimeter of the seedbed with wooden lathe. The wooden lathe shall remain in place. The contractor shall provide a minimum of seven calendar days notice to the Engineer to allow for review and approval of seeding layout.

### **Inspection**

The Engineer must witness the delivery of seed with original labels attached in the field. A bag ticket must be affixed to each bag of seed upon delivery and shall not be removed until the Engineer has reviewed and accepted each bag of seed. The label shall bear the dealer's guarantee of mixture and year grown, purity and germination, and date of test. Purity and germination tests no older than twelve months of the date of sowing must be submitted to verify all of bulk seed required to achieve LB PLS specified.

### **Seed Bed Preparation**

All area(s) to be interseeded must be properly prepared prior to planting seed. Interseeding is the sowing of seed into areas of existing turf or other vegetation. For areas where existing turf or other desirable existing vegetation is to remain and be interseeded to improve cover, prior to interseeding all existing turf or other vegetative cover shall be mowed one or more times to a height of not more than 3 inches. The equipment used shall be capable of completely severing all growth at the cutting height and distributing it evenly over the mowed area. The cut material shall not be windrowed or left in a lumpy or bunched condition. Additional mowing may be required, as directed by the Engineer, to disperse the mowed material and allow penetration of the seed. If necessary, the cut material shall be removed from the site of work to allow penetration of the seed and disposed of according to Article 202.03. Alternative site preparation methods for interseeding may be approved by the Engineer with proper justification.

For areas where existing vegetation is specified to be eradicated an application of a non-residual, non-selective herbicide will be required. Ten to fourteen (10-14) calendar days after the herbicide application, the existing vegetation shall be mowed to a height of not more than 3 inches, removed from the site of work, and disposed of according to Article 202.03.

Debris encountered during the mowing or interseeding operations which hamper the operation or are visible from the roadway shall be removed and disposed of according to Article 202.03. Damage to the right-of-way and turf, such as ruts or wheel tracks more than 2 inches in depth, shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the engineer prior to the time of interseeding.

### **Seeding Methods**

No seed shall be sown when wind gusts exceed 15 miles per hour or when the ground is not in proper condition for seeding, nor shall any seed be sown until the purity test has been completed for the seeds to be used, and said tests show that the seed meets the noxious weed seed requirements. All equipment shall be approved by the Engineer prior to being used. Prior to starting work, interseeders shall be calibrated and adjusted to sow seeds at the required seeding rate. Equipment shall be operated in a manner to ensure complete coverage of the entire area to be interseeded. The Engineer shall be notified 48 hours prior to beginning the seeding operations so that the Engineer may determine by trial runs that a calibration of the seeder will provide uniform distribution at the specified rate per acre.

All mixture classes to be interseeded shall be sown using a no—till drill such as rangeland type seed drill specifically manufactured for planting native seeds with an interseeding attachment. Interseeding by slit seeder will not be accepted. 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. The Contractor shall demonstrate proper calibration of the equipment. If the site is too wet or muddy to use a no-till drill seeder, the Contractor must submit a written description of alternative installation method(s) and equipment for consideration by the Engineer. No alternative installation method(s) and equipment shall be used prior to receipt of written approval of them from the Engineer.

Hand broadcasting or broadcast seeders will be allowed as approved by the Engineer on steep slopes (1:3 (V:H) or steeper) or in inaccessible areas where use of the equipment specified is physically impossible. Broadcast seed shall be mixed with an equal volume of inert material as a carrier such as sand, wheat bran, rice hulls, etc. to prevent separation of seed in the hopper and enable an even distribution of seed at specified rates. Broadcast seeding when snowfall is predicted within 24 hours shall be the preferred method.

### **Method of Measurement**

INTERSEEDING, CLASS 4A (MODIFIED) will be measured for payment in acres of surface area of seeding for the seed mix type specified.

### **Basis of Payment**

INTERSEEDING, CLASS 4A (MODIFIED) shall be paid at the Contract unit price per acre. Payment shall be in full for seed, planting, and furnishing all materials and labor to complete the work as set forth above.

## **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.

## **MOWING (SPECIAL)**

### **Description**

This work shall consist of mowing and or hand trimming grass areas to the height of 1 inch to 4 inches dependent on the ground cover type (turf or native) and intent (interseeding or maintenance). It shall take place in difficult to mow areas that may consist of one or more of the following scenarios: narrow spaces less than 2 feet wide, steep slopes greater than 2:1, excessive debris and brush, areas of permanently wet conditions, and/or areas of uneven ground. These areas may not be able to be mowed with typical roadside mowing equipment.

### **Schedule and Height of Mowing**

As directed by the Engineer.

### **Equipment**

The Contractor shall keep all mowing equipment sharp and properly equipped for operation within 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 to cut weed trees and brush up to 2" diameter on steep slopes, in narrow areas, and for trimming around posts, poles, trees, shrubs, seedlings, along fences and concrete retaining walls, 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. All drain inlets must be kept clean and drain freely. Additional mowing or trimming may be required to obtain the height specified or to disperse mowed material, and to allow penetration of the seed. When amount of grass is heavy, cut grass shall be removed to prevent destruction of underlying turf. If weeds or other undesirable vegetation threatens to smother planted species, or in case of weeds exceeding growth of planted species, at the direction of the Engineer, the weeds shall be uprooted, raked, and removed from the area. No more than 1/3 of the total growth of grass shall be cut off at one time and only when plants are dry, and soil is not wet.

Remove litter, including plastic bags, paper, bottles, etc. prior to mowing. Debris encountered during the mowing operations, including the cut material from *Phragmites* species and *Teasel* species, shall be removed, and disposed of according to Article 202.03. All trimmings, windrowed material, litter, 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, scalping of the mowed areas, or other plantings or highway appurtenances caused by the mowing or trimming operation shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

**Method of Measurement**

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

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. Work that is not acceptable on the inspection date will 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 acre for MOWING (SPECIAL). 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.

**REQUIRED INSPECTION OF WOODY PLANT MATERIAL**

Delete the first sentence of Article 1081.01(c)(1) and substitute the following:

Inspection of plant material will be made at the nursery by the Engineer, or a duly authorized representative of the Department; all plant material must be grown in the field of the nursery supplying the material.

The place of growth for all material, and subsequent inspection, must be located within 150 miles of the project.

The Contractor shall provide the Engineer 30 calendar days advance notice of the plant material to be inspected. Written certification by the Nursery will be required certifying that the plants are true to their species and/or cultivar specified in the plans.

## **PLANTING WOODY PLANTS**

This work shall consist of planting woody plants as specified in Section 253 of the Standard Specifications with the following revisions:

### **Delete Article 253.03 Planting Time and substitute the following:**

Spring Planting. This work shall be performed between March 15th and May 31st except that evergreen planting shall be performed between March 15th and April 30th in the northern zone.

### **Add the following to Article 253.03 (a) (2) and (b):**

All plants shall be obtained from Illinois Nurserymen's Association or appropriate state chapter nurseries. All trees and shrubs shall be dug prior to leafing out (bud break) in the spring or when plants have gone dormant in the fall, except for the following species which are only to be dug prior to leafing out in the spring:

- Red Maple (*Acer rubra*)
- Buckeye (*Aesculus* spp.)
- Hickory (*Carya* spp.)
- Eastern Redbud (*Cercis* spp.)
- American Yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentuckea* spp.)
- Tuliptree (*Liriodendron* spp.)
- American Hophornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)
- Oak (*Quercus* spp.)
- Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
- Vines (all)

Fall Planting. This work shall be performed between October 1 and November 30 except that evergreen planting shall be performed between August 15 and October 15.

Planting dates are dependent on species of plant material and weather. Planting might begin or end prior or after above dates as approved by the Engineer. Do not plant when soil is muddy or during frost.

### **Add the following to Article 253.05 Transportation:**

Cover plants during transport to prevent desiccation. Plant material transported without cover shall be automatically rejected. During loading and unloading, plants shall be handled such that stems are not stressed, scraped, or broken and that root balls are kept intact.

**Delete the third sentence of Article 253.07 and substitute the following:**

Trees must be installed first to establish proper layout and to avoid damage to other plantings such as shrubs and perennials.

The Contractor shall be responsible for all tree, shrub, and vine layout. The layout must be performed by qualified personnel. The planting locations must be laid out as shown in the landscape plan. This will require the use of an engineer's scale to determine dimensions.

Tree and shrub locations within each planting area shall be marked with different color stakes/flags and labeled to denote the different tree and shrub species.

Shrub and vine beds will first be marked out with flags to delineate the perimeter of the planting bed. Once the planting bed has been approved by the Roadside Development Unit, the perimeter shall be painted prior to the removal of the flags and turf. The removal of the existing turf will be by a method approved by the Engineer.

Prior to shrub, at vine installation, all plants shall be laid out above ground for layout approval or planting locations clearly marked out.

All utilities shall have been marked prior to contacting the Roadside Development Unit. The Engineer will contact the Roadside Development Unit at (847) 705-4171 to approve the layout prior to installation. Allow a minimum of seven (7) working days prior to installation for approval.

**Delete the first paragraph to Article 253.08 Excavation of Plant Holes and substitute with the following:**

Protect structures, utilities, sidewalks, bicycle paths, knee walls, fences, pavements, utility boxes, other facilities, lawns, and existing plants from damage caused by planting operations. Excavation of the planting hole may be performed by either hand, machine excavator, or auger.

The excavated material shall not be stockpiled on turf, in ditches, or used to create enormous water saucer berms around newly installed trees or shrubs. Remove all excess excavated subsoil from the site and dispose as specified in Article 202.03.

**Delete the second sentence of Article 253.08 Excavation of Plant Holes (a) and the third paragraph of Article 253.08(b) and substitute with the following:**

Excavation of planting hole width. Planting holes for trees, shrubs, and vines shall be three times the diameter of the root mass and with 45-degree sides sloping down to the base of the root mass to encourage rapid root growth. Roots can become deformed by the edge of the hole if the hole is too small and will hinder root growth.

Planting holes dug with an auger shall have the sides cut down with a shovel to eliminate the glazed, smooth sides and create sloping sides.

Excavation of planting hole depth. The root flare shall be visible at the top of the root mass. If the trunk flare is not visible, carefully remove soil from around the trunk until the root flare is visible without damaging the roots. Remove excess soil until the top of the root mass exposes the root collar.

The root flare shall always be slightly above the surface of the surrounding soil. The depth of the hole shall be equal to the depth of the root mass minus one (1) inch allowing the tree or shrub to sit one (1) inch higher than the surrounding soil surface for trees that have a 1-inch caliper or smaller. The depth of the hole shall be equal to the depth of the root mass minus two (2) inches allowing the tree or shrub to sit two (2) inches higher than the surrounding soil surface for trees that have a 2-inch caliper or larger.

For stability, the root mass shall sit on existing undisturbed soil. If the hole was inadvertently dug too deep, backfill and recompact the soil to the correct depth.

Excavation of planting hole on slopes. Excavate away the slope above the planting hole to create a flattened area uphill of the planting hole to prevent the uphill roots from being buried too deep. Place the excess soil on the downslope of the planting hole to extend the planting shelf to ensure roots on the downhill side of the tree remain buried. The planting hole shall be three times the diameter of the root mass and saucer shaped. The hole may be a bit elongated to fit the contour of the slope as opposed to the typical round hole on flat ground.

Add backfill to create a small berm on the downhill portion of the planting shelf to trap water and encourage movement into the soil to increase water filtration around the tree. Smooth out the slope above the plant where you have cut into the soil so the old slope and the new slope transition together smoothly.

**Add the following to Article 253.08 Excavation of Plant Holes (b):**

When planting shrubs in shrub beds or vines in vine beds as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer, the Contractor will contact the Roadside Development Unit at (847) 705-4171 to approve the layout prior to removing the existing turf. The removal of the existing turf will be by a method approved by the Engineer. Areas damaged outside the delineated planting beds shall be restored at the Contractor's expense.

Spade a planting bed edge at approximately a 45-degree angle and to a depth of approximately 3-inches around the perimeter of the shrub bed or vine bed prior to placement of the mulch. Remove any debris created in the spade edging process and dispose of as specified in Article 202.03.

**Delete Article 253.09 (b) Pruning and substitute with the following:**

Deciduous Shrubs. Shrubs shall be pruned to remove dead, conflicting, or broken branches and shall preserve the natural form of the shrub.

**Delete the third and fourth paragraphs of Article 253.10 Planting Procedures and Article 253.10 (a) and substitute the following:**

Approved watering equipment shall be in the immediate work site area and in operational condition PRIOR TO STARTING the planting operation and DURING all planting operations OR PLANTING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

All plants shall be placed in a plumb position and avoid the appearance of leaning. Confirm the tree is straight from two directions prior to backfilling.

Before the plant is placed in the hole, any paper or cardboard trunk wrap shall be removed. Check that the trunk is not damaged. Any soil covering the tree's root flare shall be removed to expose the crown prior to planting.

Check the depth of the root ball in the planting hole. With the root flare exposed, one-inch caliper trees shall be set one inch higher than the surrounding soil and two-inch and larger caliper trees shall be set two inches higher than the surrounding soil. The root flare shall always be slightly above the surface of the surrounding soil. For stability, the root ball shall sit on existing undisturbed soil. If the hole was inadvertently dug too deep, backfill and recompact the soil to the correct depth.

After the plant is placed in the hole, all cords and burlap shall be removed from the trunk. Remove the wire basket from the top three quarters (3/4) of the root ball. The remaining burlap shall be loosened and scored to provide the root system with quick contact with the soil. All ropes or twine shall be removed from the root ball and tree trunk. All materials shall be disposed of properly.

The plant hole shall be backfilled with the same soil that was removed from the hole. Clay soil clumps shall be broken as much as possible. Where rocks, gravel, heavy clay, or other debris are encountered, clean topsoil shall be used. Do not backfill excavation with subsoil.

The hole shall be 1/3 filled with soil and firmly packed to assure the plant remains in plumb, then saturated with water. After the water has soaked in, complete the remaining backfill in 8" lifts, tamping the topsoil to eliminate voids, and then the hole shall be saturated again. Maintain plumb during backfilling. Backfill to the edge of the root mass and do not place any soil on top of the root mass. Visible root flair shall be left exposed, uncovered by the addition of soil.

**Add the following to Article 253.10 (b):**

After removal of the container, inspect the root system for circling, matted or crowded roots at the container sides and bottom. Using a sharp knife or hand pruners, prune, cut, and loosen any parts of the root system requiring corrective action.

**Delete the first sentence of Article 253.10(e) and substitute the following:**

Water Saucer. All plants placed individually and not specified to be bedded with other plants, shall have a water saucer constructed of soil by mounding up the soil 4-inches high x 8-inches wide outside the edge of the planting hole.

**Delete Article 253.11 and substitute the following:**

A sample must be supplied to the Roadside Development Unit for approval prior to performing any work. Allow a minimum of seven (7) working days prior to installation for approval.

Individual trees, shrubs, shrub beds, and vines shall be mulched within 48 hours after being planted. No weed barrier fabric will be required for tree and shrub plantings.

The mulch shall consist of wood chips or shredded tree bark free not to exceed two (2) inches in its largest dimension, free of foreign matter, sticks, stones, and clods. Mulch shall be aged in stockpiles for a minimum of four (4) months where interior temperatures reach a minimum of 140-degrees. The mulch shall be free from inorganic materials, contaminants, fuels, invasive weed seeds, disease, harmful insects such as emerald ash borer or any other type of material detrimental to plant growth.

Mulch shall be applied at a depth of 4-inches around all plants within the entire mulched bed area or around each individual tree forming a minimum 5-foot diameter mulch ring around each tree. An excess of 4-inches of mulch is unacceptable, and excess shall be removed. Mulch shall not be tapered so that no mulch shall be placed within 6-inches of the shrub base or trunk to allow the root flare to be exposed and shall be free of mulch contact.

Care shall be taken not to bury leaves, stems, or vines under mulch material. All finished mulch areas shall be left smooth and level to maintain uniform surface and appearance. After the mulch placement, any debris or piles of material shall be immediately removed from the right of way, including raking excess mulch out of turf areas in accordance with Article 202.03.

**Delete Article 253.12 Wrapping and substitute the following:**

Within 48 hours after planting, screen mesh shall be wrapped around the trunk of all deciduous trees with a caliper of 1-inch or greater. Multi-stem or clump form trees, with individual stems having a caliper of 1-inch or greater, shall have each stem wrapped separately. The screen mesh shall be secured to itself with staples or single wire strands tied to the mesh. Trees shall be wrapped at time of planting before the installation of mulch. The lower edge of the screen wire shall be in continuous contact with the ground and shall extend up to a minimum of 36-inches or to the lowest major branch, whichever is less. Replacement plantings shall not be wrapped.

**Delete Article 253.13 Bracing and substitute with the following:**

Unless otherwise specified by the Engineer, within 48 hours after planting all deciduous and evergreen trees, with the exception of multi-stem or clump form specimens, over 8-foot in height shall require three 5-foot-long steel posts so placed that they are equidistant from each other and adjacent to the outside of the ball. The posts shall be driven vertically to a depth of 18-inches below the bottom of the hole. The anchor plate shall be aligned perpendicular to a line between the tree and the post. The tree shall be firmly attached to each post with a double guy of 14-gauge steel wire. The portion of the wire in contact with the tree shall be encased in a hose of a type and length approved by the Engineer.

During the life of the contract, within 72 hours the Contractor shall straighten any tree that deviates from a plumb position. The Contractor shall adjust backfill compaction and install or adjust bracing on the tree as necessary to maintain a plumb position. Replacement trees shall not be braced.

**Delete the second sentence of the first paragraph of Article 253.14 Period of Establishment and substitute the following:**

This period shall begin in April and end in November of the same year.

**Delete the first paragraph of Article 253.15 Plant Care and substitute the following:**

During the period of establishment, the Contractor shall properly care for all plants including weeding, watering, adjusting of braces, repair of water saucers, pruning, cultivating, tightening, and repairing supports, repair of wrapping, and furnishing and applying sprays as necessary to keep the plants free of insects and disease, or other work which is necessary to maintain the health and satisfactory appearance of the plantings. The Contractor shall provide plant care a minimum of every two weeks, or within 36 hours following notification by the Engineer. All requirements for plant care shall be considered as included in the cost of the contract.

**Delete the first paragraph of Article 253.15 Plant Care (a) and substitute the following:**

During the period of establishment, watering shall be performed at least every 10 days following installation during the months of May through November. The first watering of the month is included in the cost of the contract unit price per each for TREES, SHRUBS, or VINES, of the species, root type, and plant size specified. The Contractor shall apply per week a minimum of 15 gallons of water per tree, 10 gallons per large shrub, 5 gallons per small shrub, and 2 gallons per vine.

Additional watering will be done every 10 days (2 times a month) following installation during the months of May through November. Any required additional watering in between the regularly scheduled (initial) watering(s) will be paid for as Supplemental Watering.

Special consideration in determining water needs must be given during extreme weather conditions or if plants exhibit any signs of stress in between the regularly scheduled every thirty-day watering during the period of establishment. Water immediately if plants show signs of wilting or if top (1) inch to two (2) inches of soil is dry. Water to ensure that moisture penetrates throughout the root zone, including the surrounding soil, and only as frequently as necessary to maintain healthy growth. **Do not overwater.**

The Engineer may direct the Contractor to adjust the watering rate and frequency depending upon weather conditions. Should excess moisture prevail, the Engineer may delete any or all the additional watering cycles.

**Add the following to Article 253.15 Plant Care (c):**

The contractor shall correct any vine growing across the ground plane that should be growing up desired vertical element (noise wall, retaining wall, fence, knee wall, etc.). Work may include but is not limited to carefully weaving vines through fence and/or taping vines to vertical elements.

**Add the following to Article 253.15 Plant Care (d):**

The Contractor shall inspect all trees, shrubs, and vines for pests and diseases at least every two weeks during the months of initial planting through final acceptance. The Contractor must identify and monitor pest and diseases and determine action required to maintain the good appearance, health, and top performance of all plant material. Contractor shall notify the Engineer with their inspection findings and recommendations within twenty-four (24) hours of findings. The recommendations for action by the Contractor must be reviewed and by the Engineer for approval/rejection. All approved corrective activities will be considered as included in the cost of the contract and shall be performed within thirty-six (36) hours following notification by the Engineer.

**Add the following to Article 253.16 Method of Measurement:**

Additional Watering will be measured for payment as specified in Supplemental Watering.

**Delete Article 253.17 Basis of Payment and substitute the following:**

This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per each for TREES, SHRUBS, or VINES, of the species, root type, and plant size specified, and per unit for SEEDLINGS. The unit price shall include the cost of all materials, equipment, labor, plant care, removal, disposal, and incidentals required to complete the work as specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer. Payment will be made according to the following schedule:

- (a) Initial Payment. Upon completion of planting, mulching, wrapping, and bracing, 75 percent of the pay item(s) will be paid.
- (b) Final Payment. Upon inspection and acceptance of the plant material, or upon execution of a third-party bond, the remaining 25 percent of the pay item(s) will be paid.”
- (c) Additional Watering will be paid for as specified in SUPPLEMENTAL WATERING.

**PLANTING PERENNIAL PLANTS**

**Delete Article 254.03(a) Planting Time and substitute the following:**

Bulbs shall be planted between October 15 and November 30. Bulbs shall not be installed prior to the planting of trees, shrubs, perennials, and ornamental grasses

**Delete Article 254.03(b) Planting Time and substitute the following:**

Perennial plants shall be planted between May 1 and June 15 or between August 15 and September 15. All perennials not planted according to the specified seasonal date shall require prior written approval from the Engineer. Trees, shrubs, and vines must be installed first to establish proper layout and to avoid damage to other plantings.

**Delete Article 254.05 Layout of Planting and substitute the following:**

The Contractor will place marking flags and outline the entire planting bed. The layout must be performed by qualified personnel. The planting bed must be laid out as shown in the landscape plan. This will require the use of an engineer’s scale to determine dimensions. The Contractor will contact the Roadside Development Unit at (847) 705-4171 to approve the layout prior to removing the existing turf. The removal of the existing turf will be by a method approved by the Engineer.

Spade a planting bed edge at approximately a 45-degree angle and to a depth of approximately 3-inches around the perimeter of the perennial bed. The area to be planted shall be relatively free from weeds, clods, roots, stones, and sticks. Remove any debris and dispose of as specified in Article 202.03.

When plants are specified to be planted in prepared soil planting beds, the prepared planting bed shall be approved by the Engineer prior to planting. The Contractor shall be responsible for all individual perennial plant layout. Prior to perennial installation, all plants shall be placed above ground or planting locations clearly marked out. The Contractor will contact the Roadside Development Unit at (847) 705-4171 to approve the layout prior to installation. Notify and coordinate with the Roadside Development Unit a minimum of seven (7) days prior to installation.

**Add the following to Article 254.06 Planting Procedures:**

When planting perennials in bed areas shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer, the following work shall be performed prior to planting:

- Do not plant when soil is muddy.
- Perennial plants shall be planted by a hand method approved by the Engineer. Open holes sized to accommodate roots, place plants so they are level with the surrounding soil and backfill with soil, working carefully to avoid damage to roots and to leave no voids. Build up a small water basin of soil around each plant.
- Thoroughly water plant beds within two (2) hours of installation. Do not wash soil onto crowns of plants.

**Delete the first sentence of Article 254.07 Mulching and substitute the following:**

A mulch sample shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval seven (7) days prior to placing.

Within 24 hours, the entire perennial plant bed shall be mulched with two (2) inches of fine grade Shredded Hardwood Bark Mulch. Mulch in excess of two (2) inches shall be removed. Hardwood bark mulch shall be clean, finely shredded mixed-hardwood bark not to exceed two (2) inches in its largest dimension, free of foreign matter, sticks, stones, and clods. All hardwood mulch shall be processed through a hammer mill. Hardwood bark not processed through a hammer mill shall not be accepted.

Care shall be taken to place the mulch to form a saucer around each perennial without touching the base of the plant so as not to smother the plants or bury leaves, stems, or vines under mulch material.

**Delete Article 254.08(b) Period of Establishment and substitute the following:**

Perennial plants must undergo a 30-day period of establishment. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to determine and implement whatever procedures they deem necessary to establish the plants as part of this work. This includes planting, watering, pruning, weed control, insect control, disease control, and re-mulching as needed.

Watering (Initial) shall be performed at least once within every seven days for four weeks following installation and is included in the cost of Planting Perennial Plants. Water shall be applied at the rate of a minimum of 3 gallons per square foot. Special consideration in determining water needs must be given during extreme weather conditions or if perennials exhibit any signs of stress in between the regularly scheduled every seven-day watering during the 30-day period of establishment. Water immediately if plants begin to wilt or if top (1) inch to two (2) inches of soil is dry. Water to ensure that moisture penetrates throughout the root zone, including the surrounding soil, and only as frequently as necessary to maintain healthy growth. **Do not overwater.**

Any required additional watering in between the regularly scheduled (initial) watering(s) will be paid for as Supplemental Watering.

Should excess moisture prevail, the Engineer may delete any or all of the additional watering cycles.

Water must be applied in such a manner so as not to damage plant material. Water must trickle slowly into soil and completely soak the root zone. An open-ended hose is unacceptable. Water early in the day and apply water as close to the soil as possible without washing out soil or mulch. Water at the base of the plant to keep as much water as possible off plant leaves to minimize fungus problems. Watering plants in beds shall be applied in such a manner that all plant holes are uniformly saturated without allowing water to flow beyond the periphery of the bed. Thoroughly saturate all areas of the perennial bed, not just individual plants. The plants to be watered and the method of application will be approved by the Engineer.

The Contractor will not be relieved in any way from the responsibility for unsatisfactory plants due to the amount of watering. Any loss of newly installed plant material determined by the Engineer to be due to lack of water, is the responsibility of the Contractor to replace at no additional cost. Any damage to plant material due to incorrect watering must be corrected or replaced at the Contractor's expense, to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

During the period of establishment, weeds and grass growth shall be removed from within the mulched perennial beds. This hand weeding shall be performed at a minimum of once per week or within forty-eight (48) hours following notification by the Engineer during the 30-day period of establishment. The Contractor will not be relieved in any way from the responsibility for unsatisfactory plants due to the extent of weeding.

The weeding may be performed in any manner approved by the Engineer, provided the weed and grass growth, including their roots and stems, are removed from the area specified. Weed whacking is an unacceptable method. Mulch disturbed by the weeding operation shall be returned to its original condition. All debris that results from this operation must be removed from the right-of-way and disposed of at the end of each day in accordance with Article 202.03.

**Add the following to Article 254.09 Method of Measurement:**

This work will be measured for payment in units of 100 perennial plants of the type and size specified. Measurement for payment of this work will not be performed until at the end of the 30-day establishment period for the replacement planting. Only plants that are in place and alive at the time of measurement will be measured for payment, except that if fewer than 25 percent of the plants are acceptable, a quantity equal to 25 percent of the number of units of plants originally planted will be considered measured for payment.

Additional Watering will be measured for payment as specified in Supplemental Watering.

**Add the following to Article 254.10 Basis of Payment:**

This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per unit for PERENNIAL PLANTS, of the type and size specified.

Shredded Mulch shall be included in contract unit price of the perennial plant pay item.

Initial watering shall be included in contract unit price of the perennial plant pay item.

Additional Watering will be paid for as specified in SUPPLEMENTAL WATERING.

The unit price shall include the cost of all materials, equipment, labor, plant care, removal, disposal, and incidentals required to complete the work as specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

## **PERENNIAL PLANT CARE**

### **Description**

This work shall consist of weeding, replenishing mulch, trimming and other perennial plant care work items for each work cycle as described herein and as directed by the Engineer. The work required for each work cycle shall be scheduled to be complete and acceptable at the time of inspection.

### **Inspection Date**

Perennial plant care will be inspected on the date specified in the plans and calendar or as directed by the Engineer. The work required for each work cycle must be 100 percent complete on the inspection date. Partial inspections will not be made.

### **Work Cycle Requirements**

- Perennial plant beds must be 100 percent weed-free and clear of litter and debris to be acceptable. Control weeds in landscaped areas by pulling the entire plant and roots. (The Contractor may apply a pre-emergent herbicide, approved by the Engineer, during Spring perennial plant care cycles). Disturbed areas shall be raked level and mulch adjusted.
- Dead flowers, stems, and leaves must be trimmed and removed.
- Monitor mulch depths to maintain a two-inch depth around perennial plants (no more, no less). Rake mulch any away from perennial crowns.
- Finely shredded hardwood bark mulch must be replenished to maintain a two-inch depth around perennial plants, if necessary. Hardwood mulch shall not exceed two (2) inches in its largest dimension, free of foreign matter, sticks, stones, and clods. (Mulch must be approved by the Engineer prior to placement).
- Plants must be free of insect infestations and sprayed with herbicides if necessary.
- Beds must be maintained with a neatly spaded edge between the mulched bed and the turf.
- Mulch must be raked out of turf surrounding the mulched bed.
- Trim dead tips of vines and ground covers.
- In the spring (March/April), cut back ornamental grasses to six (6) inches in height. Cut down any perennial left over the winter to a height of six (6) inches or less and remove any dead leaves around the crowns of the plants. Rake beds free of accumulated debris, dead leaves, and other materials, leaving mulch in place and being careful not to damage emerging bulb foliage and flowers. Rake back any mulch that covers plant crowns.
- Remove litter and other debris. All drain inlets must be kept clean and draining freely. All walls, pavement, curb and gutters, and concrete pads are to be left clean and swept free of all debris.
- All debris that results from this operation must be removed from the right-of-way and disposed of in accordance with Article 202.03 at the end of each day.

**Method of Measurement**

The work will be measured for payment of surface area cared for to the satisfaction of the Engineer on the inspection date specified in the plans. The area will be computed in square yards. Measurement for payment of this work will be performed on the inspection date specified in the plans.

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 on the inspection date. Work that is not acceptable on the inspection date will not be measured for payment. Individual perennial plant areas within a perennial plant bed will not be measured for payment if any portion of the perennial plant bed has not been cared for to the satisfaction of the Engineer. Each perennial plant care work cycle specified in the plans will be measured separately for payment.

**Basis of Payment**

This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per square yard for PERENNIAL PLANT CARE, which price shall include all materials, equipment, labor, herbicide spraying, removal, disposal, and incidentals required to complete the work as specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

**EROSION CONTROL BLANKET STAKES**

This Special Provision revises Section 251 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction to eliminate the use of metal wire stakes.

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 6 - inches in length.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN (D1)**

Effective: September 30, 1985

Revised: January 1, 2007

Traffic Control shall be according to the applicable sections of the Standard Specifications, the Supplemental Specifications, the "Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways", any special details and Highway Standards contained in the plans, and the Special Provisions contained herein.

Special attention is called to Article 107.09 of the Standard Specifications and the following Highway Standards, Details, Quality Standard for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices, Recurring Special Provisions and Special Provisions contained herein, relating to traffic control.

The Contractor shall contact the District One Bureau of Traffic at least 72 hours in advance of beginning work.

STANDARDS: 701001, 701006, 701106, 701201, 701301, 701311, 701421, 701422, 701427, 701501, 701502, 701601, 701606, 701611, 701701, 701801, 701901

DETAILS: (TC-10) Traffic Control and Protection for Side Roads, Intersections, and Driveways  
(TC-17) Traffic Control and Protection for Freeway Shoulder Closure and Partial Ramp Closure

SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- Public Convenience and Safety (District 1)
- Work Zone Traffic Control (D-1 Maintenance)
- Failure to Open Traffic Lanes to Traffic
- Traffic Control and Protection (Expressways)
- Keeping Arterial Roadways Open to Traffic (Lane Closures Only)
- Keeping Arterial Roadways Open to Traffic (With 15 MIN Full Stops)
- Keeping the Expressway Open to Traffic
- Work Zone Traffic Control Devices (BDE)
- Vehicle & Equipment Warning Lights (BDE)
- Traffic Control for Work Zone Areas

**PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY (D1)**

Effective: May 1, 2012

Revised: July 15, 2012

Add the following to the end of the fourth paragraph of Article 107.09:

“If the holiday is on a Saturday or Sunday, and is legally observed on a Friday or Monday, the length of Holiday Period for Monday or Friday shall apply.”

Add the following sentence after the Holiday Period table in the fourth paragraph of Article 107.09:

“The Length of Holiday Period for Thanksgiving shall be from 5:00 AM the Wednesday prior to 11:59 PM the Sunday After”

Delete the fifth paragraph of Article 107.09 of the Standard Specifications:

“On weekends, excluding holidays, roadways with Average Daily Traffic of 25,000 or greater, all lanes shall be open to traffic from 3:00 P.M. Friday to midnight Sunday except where structure construction or major rehabilitation makes it impractical.”

**WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL (D-1 MAINTENANCE)**

Effective: May 30, 2006

Revised: June 15, 2010

Revise Article 701.19 Method of Measurement to read:

"Traffic Control and Protection will not be measured for payment."

Revise Article 701.20 Basis of Payment to read:

"(a) Traffic Control and Protection will not be paid for as separate items, but the costs shall be considered as included in the contract unit prices for the construction items involved, and no additional compensation will be allowed.

(b) Work or revisions in the phasing of construction or maintenance operations may require traffic control to be installed in accordance with a Standard other than those included in the plans. In such cases, the Standards will be made available to the Contractor at least one week in advance of the change in traffic control. Payment for traffic control required by these added Standards will be according to Article 109.04. Revisions or modifications to increase the traffic control protection shown in the contract shall be submitted by the Contractor for approval by the Engineer. A reduction of the traffic control shown in the contract will not be allowed."

## **KEEPING THE EXPRESSWAY OPEN TO TRAFFIC**

Effective: March 22, 1996  
Revised: October 9, 2020

Whenever work is in progress on or adjacent to an expressway, the Contractor shall provide the necessary traffic control devices to warn the public and to delineate the work zone as required in these Special Provisions, the Standard Specifications, the State Standards and the District Freeway details. All Contractors' personnel shall be limited to these barricaded work zones and shall not cross the expressway.

The Contractor shall request and gain approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation's Expressway Traffic Operations Engineer at [www.idotlcs.com](http://www.idotlcs.com) twenty-four (24) hours in advance of all daily lane, ramp and shoulder closures and 7 days in advance of all permanent and weekend closures on all Freeways and/or Expressways in District One. This advance notification is calculated based on workweek of Monday through Friday and shall not include weekends or Holidays.

In addition to the hours noted above, temporary shoulder and non-system interchange partial ramp closures are allowed weekdays between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. and between 7:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. or as approved by the Expressway Traffic Operations Engineer.

Narrow Lanes and permanent shoulder closures will not be allowed between Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Permanent shoulder closures per District Detail TC-17 will only be permitted if called for in the plans or as approved by the Expressway Traffic Operations Engineer.

Full Expressway Closures will only be permitted for a maximum of 15 minutes at a time during the low traffic volume hours of 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. Monday thru Friday and from 1:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. on Sunday. During Full Expressway Closures, the Contractor will be required to close off all lanes except one, using Freeway Standard Closures. Police forces should be notified and requested to close off the remaining lane at which time the work item may be removed or set in place. The District One Expressway Traffic Control Supervisor (847-705-4151) **shall be** notified at least 3 working days (weekends and holidays DO NOT count into this 72 hours notification) in advance of the proposed road closure and will coordinate the closure operations with police forces. Liquidated Damages as specified in the Failure to Open Traffic Lanes to Traffic for One lane or ramp blocked shall be assessed to the Contract for every 15 minutes beyond the initial 15 minutes all lanes are blocked.

All stage changes requiring the stopping and/or the pacing of traffic shall take place during the allowable hours for Full Expressway Closures and shall be approved by the Department. The Contractor shall notify the District One Expressway Traffic Control Supervisor at least 3 working days (weekends and holidays DO NOT count into this 72 hours notification) in advance of any proposed stage change.

A Maintenance of Traffic Plan shall be submitted to the District One Expressway Traffic Control Supervisor 14 days in advance of any stages changes or full expressway closures. The Maintenance of Traffic Plan shall include, but not be limited to: lane and ramp closures, existing geometrics, and equipment and material location.

All daily lane closures shall be removed during adverse weather conditions such as rain, snow, and/or fog and as determined by the Engineer. Also, the contractor shall promptly remove their lane closures when Maintenance forces are out for snow and ice removal.

Additional lane closure hour restrictions may have to be imposed to facilitate the flow of traffic to and from major sporting events and/or other events.

All lane closure signs shall not be erected any earlier than one-half (1/2) hour before the starting hours listed above. Also, these signs should be taken down within one-half (1/2) hour after the closure is removed.

The Contractor will be required to cooperate with all other contractors when erecting lane closures on the expressway. All lane closures (includes the taper lengths) without a three (3) mile gap between each other, in one direction of the expressway, shall be on the same side of the pavement. Lane closures on the same side of the pavement with a one (1) mile or less gap between the end of one work zone and the start of taper of next work zone should be connected. The maximum length of any lane closure on the project and combined with any adjacent projects shall be three (3) miles. Gaps between successive permanent lane closures shall be no less than two (2) miles in length.

Private vehicles shall not be parked in the work zone. Contractor's equipment and/or vehicles shall not be parked on the shoulders or in the median during non-working hours. The parking of equipment and/or vehicles on State right-of-way will only be permitted at the locations approved by the Engineer.

Check barricades shall be placed every 1000' within a lane closure to prevent vehicles from driving through closed lanes.

Temporary ramp closures for service interchanges will only be permitted at night during the restricted hours listed for temporary one-lane closures within the project limits. However, no two (2) adjacent entrance and exit ramps in one direction of the expressway shall be closed at the same time.

Freeway to freeway (system interchange) full ramp closures for two lane ramps will not be permitted. Partial ramp closures of system ramps may be allowed during the 1-lane closure hours above. System ramp full closures for single lane ramps are only permitted for a maximum of four (4) hours

- between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on Monday thru Friday
- between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, and
- between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Sunday.

The Contractor shall furnish and install large (48" X 48") "DETOUR with arrow" signs as directed by the Engineer for all system ramp closures. In addition, one portable changeable message sign will be required to be placed in advance of the ramp closure. The cost of these signs and PCMS board shall be included in the cost of traffic control and protection (6 static signs maximum per closure).

Should the Contractor fail to completely open, and keep open, the ramps to traffic in accordance with the above limitations, the Contractor shall be liable to the Department for liquidated damages as noted under the Special Provision, "Failure to Open Traffic Lanes to Traffic".

#### **FAILURE TO OPEN TRAFFIC LANES TO TRAFFIC**

Effective: March 22, 1996

Revised: February 9, 2005

Should the Contractor fail to completely open and keep open all the traffic lanes to traffic in accordance with the limitations specified under the Special Provisions for "Keeping the Expressway Open to Traffic", the Contractor shall be liable to the Department for the amount of:

One lane or ramp blocked = \$ 2,000

Two lanes blocked = \$ 3,300

Not as a penalty but as liquidated and ascertained damages for each and every 15 minute interval or a portion thereof that a lane is blocked outside the allowable time limitations. Such damages may be deducted by the Department from any monies due the Contractor. These damages shall apply during the contract time and during any extensions of the contract time.

#### **TRAFFIC CONTROL AND PROTECTION (EXPRESSWAYS)**

Effective: March 8, 1996

Revised: January 25, 2024

Description. This work shall include furnishing, installing, maintaining, replacing, relocating, and removing all traffic control devices used for the purpose of regulating, warning, or directing traffic. Traffic control and protection shall be provided as called for in the plans, applicable Highway Standards, District One Expressway details, Standards and Supplemental Specifications, these Special Provisions, or as directed by the Engineer.

General. The governing factor in the execution and staging of work for this project is to provide the motoring public with the safest possible travel conditions on the expressway through the construction zone. The Contractor shall arrange his operations to keep the closing of lanes and/or ramps to a minimum.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the proper location, installation, and arrangement of all traffic control devices. Special attention shall be given to existing warning signs and overhead guide signs during all construction operations. Warning signs and existing guide signs with down arrows shall be kept consistent with the barricade placement at all times. The Contractor shall immediately remove, completely cover, or turn from the motorist's view all signs which are inconsistent with lane assignment patterns.

The Contractor shall coordinate all traffic control work on this project with adjoining or overlapping projects, including barricade placement necessary to provide a uniform traffic detour pattern. When directed by the Engineer, the Contractor shall remove all traffic control devices that were furnished, installed, or maintained by him under this contract, and such devices shall remain the property of the Contractor. All traffic control devices shall remain in place until specific authorization for relocation or removal is received from the Engineer.

Additional requirements for traffic control devices shall be as follows.

(a) Traffic Control Setup and Removal. The setting and removal of barricades for the taper portion of a lane closure shall be done under the protection of a vehicle with a truck/trailer mounted attenuator and arrow board per State Standard 701428 and Section 701 of the Standard Specifications. Failure to meet this requirement will be subject to a Traffic Control Deficiency. The deficiency will be calculated as outlined in Article 105.03 of the Standard Specifications. Truck/trailer mounted attenuators shall comply with Article 1106.02(g) or shall meet the requirements of NCHRP 350 Test Level 3 with vehicles used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and requirements.

(b) Sign Requirements

(1) Sign Maintenance. Prior to the beginning of construction operations, the Contractor will be provided a sign log of all existing signs within the limits of the construction zone. The Contractor is responsible for verifying the accuracy of the sign log. Throughout the duration of this project, all existing traffic signs shall be maintained by the Contractor. All provisions of Article 107.25 of the Standard Specifications shall apply.

(2) Work Zone Speed Limit Signs. Work zone speed limit signs shall be installed as required in Article 701.14(b) and as shown in the plans and Highway Standards. Based upon the existing posted speed limit, work zone speed limits shall be established and signed as follows.

a. Existing Speed Limit of 55mph or higher. The initial work zone speed limit assembly, located approximately 4200' before the closure, and shall be 55mph as shown in 701400. Additional work zone 45mph assemblies shall be used as required according to Article 701.14(b) and as shown in the Highway Standards and plans. WORK ZONE SPEED LIMIT 55 PHOTO ENFORCED assemblies may be omitted when this assembly would normally be placed within 1500 feet of the END WORK ZONE SPEED LIMIT sign. If existing speed limit is over 65mph then additional signage should be installed per 701400.

- b. Existing Speed Limit of 45mph. The advance 55mph work zone speed limit assembly shown in 701400 shall be replaced with a 45mph assembly. Additional work zone 45mph assemblies shall be used as required according to Article 701.14(b) and as shown in the Highway Standards and plans. WORK ZONE SPEED LIMIT 55 PHOTO ENFORCED assemblies shall be eliminated in all cases. END WORK ZONE SPEED LIMIT signs are required.
- (3) Exit Signs. The exit gore signs as shown in Standard 701411 shall be a minimum size of 48 inch by 48 inch with 12 inch capital letters and a 20 inch arrow. EXIT OPEN AHEAD signs shown in Standard 701411 shall be a minimum size of 48 inch by 48 inch with 8 inch capital letters.
- (4) Uneven Lanes Signs. The Contractor shall furnish and erect "UNEVEN LANES" signs (W8-11) on both sides of the expressway, at any time when the elevation difference between adjacent lanes open to traffic equals or exceeds one inch. Signs shall be placed 500' in advance of the drop-off, within 500' of every entrance, and a minimum of every mile.
- (c) Drums/Barricades. Check barricades shall be placed in work areas perpendicular to traffic every 1000', one per lane and per shoulder, to prevent motorists from using work areas as a traveled way. Check barricades shall also be placed in advance of each open patch, or excavation, or any other hazard in the work area, the first at the edge of the open traffic lane and the second centered in the closed lane. Check barricades, either Type I or II, or drums shall be equipped with a flashing light.
- To provide sufficient lane widths (10' minimum) for traffic and also working room, the Contractor shall furnish and install vertical barricades, in lieu of Type II or drums, along the cold milling and asphalt paving operations. The vertical barricades shall be placed at the same spacing as the drums.
- (d) Vertical Barricades. Vertical barricades shall not be used in lane closure tapers, lane shifts, exit ramp gores, or staged construction projects lasting more than 12 hours. Also, vertical barricades shall not be used as patch barricades or check barricades. Special attention shall be given, and ballast provided per manufacture's specification, to maintain the vertical barricades in an upright position and in proper alignment.
- (e) Temporary Concrete Barrier Wall. Prismatic barrier wall reflectors shall be installed on both the face of the wall next to traffic, and the top of sections of the temporary concrete barrier wall as shown in Standard 704001. The color of these reflectors shall match the color of the edgelines (yellow on the left and crystal or white on the right). If the base of the temporary concrete barrier wall is 12 inches or less from the travel lane, then the lower slope of the wall shall also have a 6 inch wide temporary pavement marking edgeline (yellow on the left and white on the right).

- (f) **Flaggers.** One flagger will be required for each separate activity of an operation that requires frequent construction vehicles to enter or leave a work zone to or from a lane open to traffic. Temporary traffic control and flagger position shall be according to District One Detail TC-18 – Expressway Flagging, or as directed by the Engineer.
- (g) **Full Expressway Closures.** Full Expressway Closures will only be permitted for a maximum of 15 minutes during the allowable hours listed in the Keeping the Expressway Open to Traffic Special Provision. During Full Expressway Closures, the Contractor will be required to close off all lanes except one, using Freeway Standard Closures. The Contractor will be required to provide one changeable message sign to be placed at the direction of the Engineer. The sign shall display a message as directed by the Engineer. A Maintenance of Traffic Plan shall be submitted to the District One Expressway Traffic Control Supervisor 14 days in advance of the planned work; including all stage changes. The Maintenance of Traffic Plan shall include, but not be limited to: lane and ramp closures, existing geometrics, and equipment and material location. The District One Expressway Traffic Control Supervisor (847-705-4151) shall be contacted at least 3 working days in advance of the proposed road closure and will coordinate the closure operation with police forces.

Method of Measurement. Traffic Control and Protection will not be measured for payment.

All work for furnishing, installing, maintaining, replacing, relocating, and removing traffic control devices required in the plans and these Special Provisions.

Basis of Payment.

- (a) Traffic Control and Protection will not be paid for as separate items, but the costs shall be considered as included in the contract unit prices for the construction items involved, and no additional compensation will be allowed.
- (b) Work or revisions in the phasing of construction or maintenance operations may require traffic control to be installed in accordance with a Standard other than those included in the plans. In such cases, the Standards will be made available to the Contractor at least one week in advance of the change in traffic control. Payment for traffic control required by these added Standards will be according to Article 109.04. Revisions or modifications to increase the traffic control protection shown in the contract shall be submitted by the Contractor for approval by the Engineer. A reduction of the traffic control shown in the contract will not be allowed.

**KEEPING ARTERIAL ROADWAYS OPEN TO TRAFFIC (LANE CLOSURES ONLY)**

Effective: January 22, 2003

Revised: August 10, 2017

The Contractor shall provide the necessary traffic control devices to warn the public and to delineate the work zone as required in these Special Provisions, the Standard Specifications, the State Standards, and the District Details.

Arterial lane closures shall be in accordance with the Standard Specifications, Highway Standards, District Details, and the direction of the Engineer. The Contractor shall request and gain approval from the Engineer seventy-two (72) hours in advance of all long-term (24 hrs. or longer) lane closures.

Arterial lane closures not shown in the staging plans will not be permitted during **peak traffic volume hours**.

Peak traffic volume hours are defined as weekdays (Monday through Friday) from **6:00 AM to 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM**.

Private vehicles shall not be parked in the work zone. Contractor's equipment and/or vehicles shall not be parked on the shoulders or in the median during non-working hours. The parking of equipment and/or vehicles on State right-of-way will only be permitted at locations approved by the Engineer in accordance with Articles 701.08 and 701.11 of the Standard Specifications.

Should the Contractor fail to completely open and keep open all the traffic lanes to traffic in accordance with the limitations specified above, the Contractor shall be liable to the Department for the amount of:

One lane or ramp blocked = \$ \$1,000

Two lanes blocked = \$ \$2,500

Not as a penalty but as liquidated and ascertained damages for each and every 15 minute interval or a portion thereof that a lane is blocked outside the allowable time limitations. Such damages may be deducted by the Department from any monies due the Contractor. These damages shall apply during the contract time and during any extensions of the contract time.

**KEEPING ARTERIAL ROADWAYS OPEN TO TRAFFIC (WITH 15 MIN FULL STOPS)**

Effective: January 22, 2003

Revised: August 10, 2017

The Contractor shall provide the necessary traffic control devices to warn the public and to delineate the work zone as required in these Special Provisions, the Standard Specifications, the State Standards, and the District Details.

Arterial lane closures shall be in accordance with the Standard Specifications, Highway Standards, District Details, and the direction of the Engineer. The Contractor shall request and gain approval from the Engineer seventy-two (72) hours in advance of all long-term (24 hrs. or longer) lane closures.

Arterial lane closures not shown in the staging plans will not be permitted during **peak traffic volume hours**.

Peak traffic volume hours are defined as weekdays (Monday through Friday) from **6:00 AM to 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM**.

Full closure of all arterial lanes in one or both directions will only be permitted for a maximum of 15 minutes at a time **Sunday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 PM and 5:00 AM**. During full roadway closures, the Contractor will be required to reduce the roadway to only one open traffic lane in the affected direction(s) of travel using the appropriate State Standard(s) and District Detail(s). Police forces shall be notified and requested to close the remaining lane to facilitate the necessary work activities, except that a flagger may be substituted for daytime closures with the approval of the Engineer. The Contractor shall notify the District One Arterial Traffic Control Supervisor at 847-705-4470 at least three (3) working days (weekends and holidays DO NOT count into this notification time) in advance of the proposed road closures.

Private vehicles shall not be parked in the work zone. Contractor's equipment and/or vehicles shall not be parked on the shoulders or in the median during non-working hours. The parking of equipment and/or vehicles on State right-of-way will only be permitted at locations approved by the Engineer in accordance with Articles 701.08 and 701.11 of the Standard Specifications.

Should the Contractor fail to completely open and keep open all the traffic lanes to traffic in accordance with the limitations specified above, the Contractor shall be liable to the Department for the amount of:

One lane or ramp blocked = \$ \$1,000

Two lanes blocked = \$ \$2,500

Not as a penalty but as liquidated and ascertained damages for each and every 15 minute interval or a portion thereof that a lane is blocked outside the allowable time limitations. Such damages may be deducted by the Department from any monies due the Contractor. These damages shall apply during the contract time and during any extensions of the contract time.

## **TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR WORK ZONE AREAS**

Effective: September 14, 1995

Revised: January 1, 2007

Work zone entry and exit openings shall be established daily by the Contractor with the approval of the Engineer. All vehicles including cars and pickup trucks shall exit the work zone at the exit openings. All trucks shall enter the work zone at the entry openings. These openings shall be signed in accordance with the details shown elsewhere in the plans and shall be under flagger control during working hours.

The Contractor shall plan his trucking operations into and out of the work zone as well as on to and off the expressway to maintain adequate merging distance. Merging distances to cross all lanes of traffic shall be no less than 1/2 mile. This distance is the length from where the trucks enter the expressway to where the trucks enter the work zone. It is also the length from where the trucks exit the work zone to where the trucks exit the expressway. The stopping of expressway traffic to allow trucks to change lanes and/or cross the expressway is prohibited.

Failure to comply with the above requirements will result in a Traffic Control Deficiency charge. The deficiency charge will be calculated as outlined in Article 105.03 of the Standard Specifications. The Contractor will be assessed this daily charge for each day a deficiency is documented by the Engineer.

## **COMPENSABLE DELAY COSTS (BDE)**

Effective: June 2, 2017

Revised: April 1, 2019

Revise Article 107.40(b) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(b) Compensation. Compensation will not be allowed for delays, inconveniences, or damages sustained by the Contractor from conflicts with facilities not meeting the above definition; or if a conflict with a utility in an unanticipated location does not cause a shutdown of the work or a documentable reduction in the rate of progress exceeding the limits set herein. The provisions of Article 104.03 notwithstanding, compensation for delays caused by a utility in an unanticipated location will be paid according to the provisions of this Article governing minor and major delays or reduced rate of production which are defined as follows.

- (1) Minor Delay. A minor delay occurs when the work in conflict with the utility in an unanticipated location is completely stopped for more than two hours, but not to exceed two weeks.
- (2) Major Delay. A major delay occurs when the work in conflict with the utility in an unanticipated location is completely stopped for more than two weeks.
- (3) Reduced Rate of Production Delay. A reduced rate of production delay occurs when the rate of production on the work in conflict with the utility in an unanticipated location decreases by more than 25 percent and lasts longer than seven calendar days.”

Revise Article 107.40(c) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(c) Payment. Payment for Minor, Major, and Reduced Rate of Production Delays will be made as follows.

- (1) Minor Delay. Labor idled which cannot be used on other work will be paid for according to Article 109.04(b)(1) and (2) for the time between start of the delay and the minimum remaining hours in the work shift required by the prevailing practice in the area.

Equipment idled which cannot be used on other work, and which is authorized to standby on the project site by the Engineer, will be paid for according to Article 109.04(b)(4).

- (2) Major Delay. Labor will be the same as for a minor delay.

Equipment will be the same as for a minor delay, except Contractor-owned equipment will be limited to two weeks plus the cost of move-out to either the Contractor’s yard or another job and the cost to re-mobilize, whichever is less. Rental equipment may be paid for longer than two weeks provided the Contractor presents adequate support to the Department (including lease agreement) to show retaining equipment on the job is the most economical course to follow and in the public interest.

- (3) Reduced Rate of Production Delay. The Contractor will be compensated for the reduced productivity for labor and equipment time in excess of the 25 percent threshold for that portion of the delay in excess of seven calendar days. Determination of compensation will be in accordance with Article 104.02, except labor and material additives will not be permitted.

Payment for escalated material costs, escalated labor costs, extended project overhead, and extended traffic control will be determined according to Article 109.13.”

Revise Article 108.04(b) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(b) No working day will be charged under the following conditions.

- (1) When adverse weather prevents work on the controlling item.
- (2) When job conditions due to recent weather prevent work on the controlling item.
- (3) When conduct or lack of conduct by the Department or its consultants, representatives, officers, agents, or employees; delay by the Department in making the site available; or delay in furnishing any items required to be furnished to the Contractor by the Department prevents work on the controlling item.

- (4) When delays caused by utility or railroad adjustments prevent work on the controlling item.
- (5) When strikes, lock-outs, extraordinary delays in transportation, or inability to procure critical materials prevent work on the controlling item, as long as these delays are not due to any fault of the Contractor.
- (6) When any condition over which the Contractor has no control prevents work on the controlling item.”

Revise Article 109.09(f) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(f) **Basis of Payment.** After resolution of a claim in favor of the Contractor, any adjustment in time required for the work will be made according to Section 108. Any adjustment in the costs to be paid will be made for direct labor, direct materials, direct equipment, direct jobsite overhead, direct offsite overhead, and other direct costs allowed by the resolution. Adjustments in costs will not be made for interest charges, loss of anticipated profit, undocumented loss of efficiency, home office overhead and unabsorbed overhead other than as allowed by Article 109.13, lost opportunity, preparation of claim expenses and other consequential indirect costs regardless of method of calculation.

The above Basis of Payment is an essential element of the contract and the claim cost recovery of the Contractor shall be so limited.”

Add the following to Section 109 of the Standard Specifications.

“**109.13 Payment for Contract Delay.** Compensation for escalated material costs, escalated labor costs, extended project overhead, and extended traffic control will be allowed when such costs result from a delay meeting the criteria in the following table.

Contract Type	Cause of Delay	Length of Delay
Working Days	Article 108.04(b)(3) or Article 108.04(b)(4)	No working days have been charged for two consecutive weeks.
Completion Date	Article 108.08(b)(1) or Article 108.08(b)(7)	The Contractor has been granted a minimum two week extension of contract time, according to Article 108.08.

Payment for each of the various costs will be according to the following.

- (a) **Escalated Material and/or Labor Costs.** When the delay causes work, which would have otherwise been completed, to be done after material and/or labor costs have increased, such increases will be paid. Payment for escalated material costs will be limited to the increased costs substantiated by documentation furnished by the Contractor. Payment for escalated labor costs will be limited to those items in Article 109.04(b)(1) and (2), except the 35 percent and 10 percent additives will not be permitted.

(b) Extended Project Overhead. For the duration of the delay, payment for extended project overhead will be paid as follows.

(1) Direct Jobsite and Offsite Overhead. Payment for documented direct jobsite overhead and documented direct offsite overhead, including onsite supervisory and administrative personnel, will be allowed according to the following table.

Original Contract Amount	Supervisory and Administrative Personnel
Up to \$5,000,000	One Project Superintendent
Over \$ 5,000,000 - up to \$25,000,000	One Project Manager, One Project Superintendent or Engineer, and One Clerk
Over \$25,000,000 - up to \$50,000,000	One Project Manager, One Project Superintendent, One Engineer, and One Clerk
Over \$50,000,000	One Project Manager, Two Project Superintendents, One Engineer, and One Clerk

(2) Home Office and Unabsorbed Overhead. Payment for home office and unabsorbed overhead will be calculated as 8 percent of the total delay cost.

(c) Extended Traffic Control. Traffic control required for an extended period of time due to the delay will be paid for according to Article 109.04.

When an extended traffic control adjustment is paid under this provision, an adjusted unit price as provided for in Article 701.20(a) for increase or decrease in the value of work by more than ten percent will not be paid.

Upon payment for a contract delay under this provision, the Contractor shall assign subrogation rights to the Department for the Department's efforts of recovery from any other party for monies paid by the Department as a result of any claim under this provision. The Contractor shall fully cooperate with the Department in its efforts to recover from another party any money paid to the Contractor for delay damages under this provision."

## CONSTRUCTION AIR QUALITY – DIESEL RETROFIT (BDE)

Effective: June 1, 2010

Revised: January 1, 2025

The reduction of emissions of particulate matter (PM) for off-road equipment shall be accomplished by installing retrofit emission control devices. The term “equipment” refers to diesel fuel powered devices rated at 50 hp and above, to be used on the jobsite in excess of seven calendar days over the course of the construction period on the jobsite (including rental equipment).

Contractor and subcontractor diesel powered off-road equipment assigned to the contract shall be retrofitted according to the table below.

Horsepower Range	Model Year and Older
50-99	2003
100-299	2002
300-599	2000
600-749	2001
750 and up	2005

The retrofit emission control devices shall achieve a minimum PM emission reduction of 50 percent and shall be:

- a) Included on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) *Verified Retrofit Technology List* (<https://www.epa.gov/verified-diesel-tech/verified-technologies-list-clean-diesel>), or verified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/vt/cvt.htm>); or
- b) Retrofitted with a non-verified diesel retrofit emission control device if verified retrofit emission control devices are not available for equipment proposed to be used on the project, and if the Contractor has obtained a performance certification from the retrofit device manufacturer that the emission control device provides a minimum PM emission reduction of 50 percent.

Note: Large cranes (Crawler mounted cranes) which are responsible for critical lift operations are exempt from installing retrofit emission control devices if such devices adversely affect equipment operation.

Diesel powered off-road equipment with engine ratings of 50 hp and above, which are unable to be retrofitted with verified emission control devices or if performance certifications are not available which will achieve a minimum 50 percent PM reduction, may be granted a waiver by the Department if documentation is provided showing good faith efforts were made by the Contractor to retrofit the equipment.

Construction shall not proceed until the Contractor submits a certified list of the diesel powered off-road equipment that will be used, and as necessary, retrofitted with emission control devices. The list(s) shall include (1) the equipment number, type, make, Contractor/rental company name; and (2) the emission control devices make, model, USEPA or CARB verification number, or performance certification from the retrofit device manufacturer. Equipment reported as fitted with emissions control devices shall be made available to the Engineer for visual inspection of the device installation, prior to being used on the jobsite.

The Contractor shall submit an updated list of retrofitted off-road construction equipment as retrofitted equipment changes or comes on to the jobsite. The addition or deletion of any diesel powered equipment shall be included on the updated list.

If any diesel powered off-road equipment is found to be in non-compliance with any portion of this special provision, the Engineer will issue the Contractor a diesel retrofit deficiency deduction.

Any costs associated with retrofitting any diesel powered off-road equipment with emission control devices shall be considered as included in the contract unit prices bid for the various items of work involved and no additional compensation will be allowed. The Contractor's compliance with this notice and any associated regulations shall not be grounds for a claim.

#### **Diesel Retrofit Deficiency Deduction**

When the Engineer determines that a diesel retrofit deficiency exists, a daily monetary deduction will be imposed for each calendar day or fraction thereof the deficiency continues to exist. The calendar day(s) will begin when the time period for correction is exceeded and end with the Engineer's written acceptance of the correction. The daily monetary deduction will be \$1,000.00 for each deficiency identified.

The deficiency will be based on lack of diesel retrofit emissions control.

If a Contractor accumulates three diesel retrofit deficiency deductions for the same piece of equipment in a contract period, the Contractor will be shutdown until the deficiency is corrected. Such a shutdown will not be grounds for any extension of the contract time, waiver of penalties, or be grounds for any claim.

## **ILLINOIS WORKS APPRENTICESHIP INITIATIVE – STATE FUNDED CONTRACTS (BDE)**

Effective: June 2, 2021

Revised: April 2, 2024

Illinois Works Jobs Program Act (30 ILCS 559/20-1 et seq.). For contracts having an awarded contract value of \$500,000 or more, the Contractor shall comply with the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative (30 ILCS 559/20-20 to 20-25) and all applicable administrative rules. The goal of the Illinois Apprenticeship Works Initiative is that apprentices will perform either 10% of the total labor hours actually worked in each prevailing wage classification or 10% of the estimated labor hours in each prevailing wage classification, whichever is less. Of this goal, at least 50% of the labor hours of each prevailing wage classification performed by apprentices shall be performed by graduates of the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program, the Illinois Climate Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program, or the Highway Construction Careers Training Program.

The Contractor may seek from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) a waiver or reduction of this goal in certain circumstances pursuant to 30 ILCS 559/20-20(b). The Contractor shall ensure compliance during the term of the contract and will be required to report on and certify its compliance. An apprentice use plan, apprentice hours, and a compliance certification shall be submitted to the Engineer on forms provided by the Department and/or DCEO.

## **REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF REGULATED SUBSTANCES (BDE)**

Effective: January 1, 2024

Revised: April 1, 2026

Revise the first paragraph of Article 669.04 of the Standard Specifications to read:

**“669.04 Regulated Substances Monitoring.** Regulated substances monitoring includes environmental observation and field screening during regulated substances management activities. The excavated soil and groundwater within the work areas shall be managed as either uncontaminated soil, hazardous waste, special waste, or non-special waste.

As part of the regulated substances monitoring, the monitoring personnel shall perform and document the applicable duties listed on form BDE 2732 “Regulated Substances Monitoring Daily Record (RSMDR).”

Revise the first two sentences of the nineteenth paragraph of Article 669.05 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“The Contractor shall coordinate waste disposal approvals with the disposal facility and provide the specific analytical testing requirements of that facility. The Contractor shall make all arrangements for collection, transportation, and analysis of landfill acceptance testing.”

Revise the last paragraph of Article 669.05 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“The Contractor shall select a permitted landfill facility or CCDD/USFO facility meeting the requirements of 35 Ill. Admin. Code Parts 810-814 or Part 1100, respectively. The Department will review and approve or reject the facility proposed by the Contractor based upon information provided in BDE 2730. The Contractor shall verify whether the selected facility is compliant with those applicable standards as mandated by their permit and whether the facility is presently, has previously been, or has never been, on the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) National Priorities List or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) List of Violating Facilities. The use of a Contractor selected facility shall in no manner delay the construction schedule or alter the Contractor's responsibilities as set forth.”

Revise the first paragraph of Article 669.07 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“**669.07 Temporary Staging.** Soil classified according to Articles 669.05(a)(2), (b)(1), or (c) may be temporarily staged at the Contractor's option. All other soil classified according to Articles 669.05(a)(1), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6), or (b)(2) shall be managed and disposed of without temporary staging to the greatest extent practicable. If circumstances beyond the Contractor's control require temporary staging of these latter materials, the Contractor shall request approval from the Engineer in writing.

Topsoil for re-use as final cover which has been field screened and found not to exhibit PID readings over daily background readings as documented on the BDE 2732, visual staining or odors, and is classified according to Articles 669.05(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (b)(1), or (c) may be temporarily staged at the Contractor's option.”

Add the following paragraph after the fourth paragraph of Article 669.10 of the Standard Specifications.

“Regulated substances monitoring will be measured for payment per calendar day, where 4 or more hours of monitoring activities is defined as 1.0 calendar day and less than 4 hours of monitoring activities is defined as 0.5 calendar day.”

Revise the second paragraph of Article 669.11 of the Standard Specification to read:

“Regulated substances monitoring, including completion of form BDE 2732 for each day of work, will be paid for at the contract unit price per calendar day for REGULATED SUBSTANCES MONITORING. In no case will more than 1.0 calendar day be paid on a given calendar day.”

Add the following paragraph after the sixth paragraph of Article 669.11 of the Standard Specifications.

“The sampling and testing of effluent water derived from dewatering discharges for priority pollutants volatile organic compounds (VOCs), priority pollutants semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), or priority pollutants metals, will be paid for at the contract unit price per each for VOCS GROUNDWATER ANALYSIS using EPA Method 8260B, SVOCs GROUNDWATER ANALYSIS using EPA Method 8270C, or RCRA METALS GROUNDWATER ANALYSIS using EPA Methods 6010B and 7471A. This price shall include transporting the sample from the job site to the laboratory.”

Revise the first sentence of the eight paragraph of Article 669.11 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“Payment for temporary staging of soil classified according to Articles 669.05(a)(1), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6), or (b)(2) to be managed and disposed of, if required and approved by the Engineer, will be paid according to Article 109.04.”

## **SEEDING (BDE)**

Effective: November 1, 2022

Revise Article 250.07 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“**250.07 Seeding Mixtures.** The classes of seeding mixtures and combinations of mixtures will be designated in the plans.

When an area is to be seeded with two or more seeding classes, those mixtures shall be applied separately on the designated area within a seven day period. Seeding shall occur prior to placement of mulch cover. A Class 7 mixture can be applied at any time prior to applying any seeding class or added to them and applied at the same time.

TABLE 1 - SEEDING MIXTURES		
Class - Type	Seeds	lb/acre (kg/hectare)
1 Lawn Mixture 1/	Kentucky Bluegrass	100 (110)
	Perennial Ryegrass	60 (70)
	<i>Festuca rubra</i> ssp. <i>rubra</i> (Creeping Red Fescue)	40 (50)
1A Salt Tolerant Lawn Mixture 1/	Kentucky Bluegrass	60 (70)
	Perennial Ryegrass	20 (20)
	<i>Festuca rubra</i> ssp. <i>rubra</i> (Creeping Red Fescue)	20 (20)
	<i>Festuca brevipilla</i> (Hard Fescue)	20 (20)
	<i>Puccinellia distans</i> (Fulfs Saltgrass or Salty Alkaligrass)	60 (70)
1B Low Maintenance Lawn Mixture 1/	Turf-Type Fine Fescue 3/	150 (170)
	Perennial Ryegrass	20 (20)
	Red Top	10 (10)
	<i>Festuca rubra</i> ssp. <i>rubra</i> (Creeping Red Fescue)	20 (20)
2 Roadside Mixture 1/	<i>Lolium arundinaceum</i> (Tall Fescue)	100 (110)
	Perennial Ryegrass	50 (55)
	<i>Festuca rubra</i> ssp. <i>rubra</i> (Creeping Red Fescue)	40 (50)
	Red Top	10 (10)
2A Salt Tolerant Roadside Mixture 1/	<i>Lolium arundinaceum</i> (Tall Fescue)	60 (70)
	Perennial Ryegrass	20 (20)
	<i>Festuca rubra</i> ssp. <i>rubra</i> (Creeping Red Fescue)	30 (20)
	<i>Festuca brevipilla</i> (Hard Fescue)	30 (20)
	<i>Puccinellia distans</i> (Fulfs Saltgrass or Salty Alkaligrass)	60 (70)
3 Northern Illinois Slope Mixture 1/	<i>Elymus canadensis</i> (Canada Wild Rye) 5/	5 (5)
	Perennial Ryegrass	20 (20)
	Alsike Clover 4/	5 (5)
	<i>Desmanthus illinoensis</i> (Illinois Bundleflower) 4/ 5/	2 (2)
	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> (Little Bluestem) 5/	12 (12)
	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> (Side-Oats Grama) 5/	10 (10)
	<i>Puccinellia distans</i> (Fulfs Saltgrass or Salty Alkaligrass)	30 (35)
	Oats, Spring	50 (55)
	Slender Wheat Grass 5/	15 (15)
	Buffalo Grass 5/ 7/	5 (5)
	3A Southern Illinois Slope Mixture 1/	Perennial Ryegrass
<i>Elymus canadensis</i> (Canada Wild Rye) 5/		20 (20)
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> (Switchgrass) 5/		10 (10)
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> (Little Blue Stem) 5/		12 (12)
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> (Side-Oats Grama) 5/		10 (10)
<i>Dalea candida</i> (White Prairie Clover) 4/ 5/		5 (5)
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> (Black-Eyed Susan) 5/		5 (5)
Oats, Spring		50 (55)

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4 Native Grass 2/ 6/	<i>Andropogon gerardi</i> (Big Blue Stem) 5/	4 (4)
	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> (Little Blue Stem) 5/	5 (5)
	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> (Side-Oats Grama) 5/	5 (5)
	<i>Elymus canadensis</i> (Canada Wild Rye) 5/	1 (1)
	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> (Switch Grass) 5/	1 (1)
	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> (Indian Grass) 5/	2 (2)
	Annual Ryegrass	25 (25)
	Oats, Spring	25 (25)
	Perennial Ryegrass	15 (15)
	4A Low Profile Native Grass 2/ 6/	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> (Little Blue Stem) 5/
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> (Side-Oats Grama) 5/		5 (5)
<i>Elymus canadensis</i> (Canada Wild Rye) 5/		1 (1)
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> (Prairie Dropseed) 5/		0.5 (0.5)
Annual Ryegrass		25 (25)
Oats, Spring		25 (25)
Perennial Ryegrass		15 (15)
4B Wetland Grass and Sedge Mixture 2/ 6/		Annual Ryegrass
	Oats, Spring	25 (25)
	Wetland Grasses (species below) 5/	6 (6)
<u>Species:</u>		<u>% By Weight</u>
<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> (Blue Joint Grass)		12
<i>Carex lacustris</i> (Lake-Bank Sedge)		6
<i>Carex slipata</i> (Awl-Fruited Sedge)		6
<i>Carex stricta</i> (Tussock Sedge)		6
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i> (Fox Sedge)		6
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i> (Needle Spike Rush)		3
<i>Eleocharis obtusa</i> (Blunt Spike Rush)		3
<i>Glyceria striata</i> (Fowl Manna Grass)		14
<i>Juncus effusus</i> (Common Rush)		6
<i>Juncus tenuis</i> (Slender Rush)		6
<i>Juncus torreyi</i> (Torrey's Rush)		6
<i>Leersia oryzoides</i> (Rice Cut Grass)		10
<i>Scirpus acutus</i> (Hard-Stemmed Bulrush)		3
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i> (Dark Green Rush)		3
<i>Bolboschoenus fluviatilis</i> (River Bulrush)		3
<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i> (Softstem Bulrush)		3
<i>Spartina pectinata</i> (Cord Grass)		4

Class – Type	Seeds	lb/acre (kg/hectare)
5	Forb with Annuals Mixture 2/ 5/ 6/	1 (1) 10 (10)
	Annuals Mixture - Mixture not exceeding 25 % by weight of any one species, of the following:	
	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> (Sand Coreopsis)	
	<i>Leucanthemum maximum</i> (Shasta Daisy)	
	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> (Blanket Flower)	
	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i> (Prairie Coneflower)	
	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> (Black-Eyed Susan)	
	Forb Mixture - Mixture not exceeding 5 % by weight PLS of any one species, of the following:	
	<i>Amorpha canescens</i> (Lead Plant) 4/	
	<i>Anemone cylindrica</i> (Thimble Weed)	
	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> (Butterfly Weed)	
	<i>Aster azureus</i> (Sky Blue Aster)	
	<i>Symphotrichum leave</i> (Smooth Aster)	
	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i> (New England Aster)	
	<i>Baptisia leucantha</i> (White Wild Indigo) 4/	
	<i>Coreopsis palmata</i> (Prairie Coreopsis)	
	<i>Echinacea pallida</i> (Pale Purple Coneflower)	
	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i> (Rattlesnake Master)	
	<i>Helianthus mollis</i> (Downy Sunflower)	
	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> (Ox-Eye)	
	<i>Liatris aspera</i> (Rough Blazing Star)	
	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> (Prairie Blazing Star)	
	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> (Prairie Bergamot)	
	<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i> (Wild Quinine)	
	<i>Dalea candida</i> (White Prairie Clover) 4/	
	<i>Dalea purpurea</i> (Purple Prairie Clover) 4/	
	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i> (False Dragonhead)	
	<i>Potentilla arguta</i> (Prairie Cinquefoil)	
	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i> (Yellow Coneflower)	
	<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i> (Fragrant Coneflower)	
	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i> (Compass Plant)	
	<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i> (Prairie Dock)	
	<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i> (Rigid Goldenrod)	
	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i> (Spiderwort)	
	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> (Culver's Root)	

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5A Large Flower Native Forb Mixture 2/ 5/ 6/	Forb Mixture (see below)	5 (5)
	<u>Species:</u>	<u>% By Weight</u>
	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i> (New England Aster)	5
	<i>Echinacea pallida</i> (Pale Purple Coneflower)	10
	<i>Helianthus mollis</i> (Downy Sunflower)	10
	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> (Ox-Eye)	10
	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> (Prairie Blazing Star)	10
	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i> (Yellow Coneflower)	5
	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> (Black-Eyed Susan)	10
	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i> (Compass Plant)	10
	<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i> (Prairie Dock)	20
	<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i> (Rigid Goldenrod)	10
5B Wetland Forb 2/ 5/ 6/	Forb Mixture (see below)	2 (2)
	<u>Species:</u>	<u>% By Weight</u>
	<i>Acorus calamus</i> (Sweet Flag)	3
	<i>Angelica atropurpurea</i> (Angelica)	6
	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> (Swamp Milkweed)	2
	<i>Aster puniceus</i> (Purple Stemmed Aster)	10
	<i>Bidens cernua</i> (Beggarticks)	7
	<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i> (Spotted Joe Pye Weed)	7
	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i> (Boneset)	7
	<i>Helenium autumnale</i> (Autumn Sneezeweed)	2
	<i>Iris virginica shrevei</i> (Blue Flag Iris)	2
	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> (Cardinal Flower)	5
	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> (Great Blue Lobelia)	5
	<i>Lythrum alatum</i> (Winged Loosestrife)	2
	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i> (False Dragonhead)	5
	<i>Persicaria pensylvanica</i> (Pennsylvania Smartweed)	10
	<i>Persicaria lapathifolia</i> (Curlytop Knotweed)	10
	<i>Pychanthemum virginianum</i> (Mountain Mint)	5
	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i> (Cut-leaf Coneflower)	5
	<i>Oligoneuron riddellii</i> (Riddell Goldenrod)	2
	<i>Sparganium eurycarpum</i> (Giant Burreed)	5
6 Conservation Mixture 2/ 6/	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> (Little Blue Stem) 5/ <i>Elymus canadensis</i> (Canada Wild Rye) 5/ Buffalo Grass 5/ 7/ Vernal Alfalfa 4/ Oats, Spring	5 (5) 2 (2) 5 (5) 15 (15) 48 (55)
6A Salt Tolerant Conservation Mixture 2/ 6/	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> (Little Blue Stem) 5/ <i>Elymus canadensis</i> (Canada Wild Rye) 5/ Buffalo Grass 5/ 7/ Vernal Alfalfa 4/ Oats, Spring <i>Puccinellia distans</i> (Fults Saltgrass or Salty Alkaligrass)	5 (5) 2 (2) 5 (5) 15 (15) 48 (55) 20 (20)
7 Temporary Turf Cover Mixture	Perennial Ryegrass Oats, Spring	50 (55) 64 (70)

Notes:

- 1/ Seeding shall be performed when the ambient temperature has been between 45 °F (7 °C) and 80 °F (27 °C) for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive days and is forecasted to be the same for the next five (5) days according to the National Weather Service.
- 2/ Seeding shall be performed in late fall through spring beginning when the ambient temperature has been below 45 °F (7 °C) for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive days and ending when the ambient temperature exceeds 80 °F (27 °C) according to the National Weather Service.
- 3/ Specific variety as shown in the plans or approved by the Engineer.
- 4/ Inoculation required.
- 5/ Pure Live Seed (PLS) shall be used.
- 6/ Fertilizer shall not be used.
- 7/ Seed shall be primed with KNO<sub>3</sub> to break dormancy and dyed to indicate such.

Seeding will be inspected after a period of establishment. The period of establishment shall be six (6) months minimum, but not to exceed nine (9) months. After the period of establishment, areas not exhibiting 75 percent uniform growth shall be interseeded or reseeded, as determined by the Engineer, at no additional cost to the Department.”

**SUBCONTRACTOR AND DBE PAYMENT REPORTING (BDE)**

Effective: April 2, 2018

Add the following to Section 109 of the Standard Specifications.

**“109.14 Subcontractor and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Payment Reporting.**  
The Contractor shall report all payments made to the following parties:

- (a) first tier subcontractors;
- (b) lower tier subcontractors affecting disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goal credit;
- (c) material suppliers or trucking firms that are part of the Contractor’s submitted DBE utilization plan.

The report shall be made through the Department’s on-line subcontractor payment reporting system within 21 days of making the payment.”

**SUBCONTRACTOR MOBILIZATION PAYMENTS (BDE)**

Effective: November 2, 2017  
Revised: April 1, 2019

Replace the second paragraph of Article 109.12 of the Standard Specifications with the following:

“This mobilization payment shall be made at least seven days prior to the subcontractor starting work. The amount paid shall be at the following percentage of the amount of the subcontract reported on form BC 260A submitted for the approval of the subcontractor’s work.

Value of Subcontract Reported on Form BC 260A	Mobilization Percentage
Less than \$10,000	25%
\$10,000 to less than \$20,000	20%
\$20,000 to less than \$40,000	18%
\$40,000 to less than \$60,000	16%
\$60,000 to less than \$80,000	14%
\$80,000 to less than \$100,000	12%
\$100,000 to less than \$250,000	10%
\$250,000 to less than \$500,000	9%
\$500,000 to \$750,000	8%
Over \$750,000	7%”

**SUBMISSION OF BIDDERS LIST INFORMATION (BDE)**

Effective: January 2, 2025

Revised: March 2, 2025

In accordance with 49 CFR 26.11(c) all DBE and non-DBEs who bid as prime contractors and subcontractors shall provide bidders list information, including all DBE and non-DBE firms from whom the bidder has received a quote or bid to work as a subcontractor, whether or not the bidder has relied upon that bid in placing its bid as the prime contractor.

The bidders list information shall be submitted with the bid using the link provided within the “Integrated Contractor Exchange (iCX)” application of the Department’s “EBids System”.

**SUBMISSION OF PAYROLL RECORDS – STATE CONTRACT (BDE)**

Effective: April 1, 2021  
2026

Revised: April 1,

Revise Item 3 of Section IV of Check Sheet #5 of the Recurring Special Provisions to read:

- “3. Submission of Payroll Records. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall, no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar month, file a certified payroll for the immediately preceding month to the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) through the Certified Transcript of Payroll Portal in compliance with the State Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130). The portal can be found on the IDOL website at <https://labor.illinois.gov>. Payrolls shall be submitted in the format prescribed by the IDOL.

In addition to filing certified payroll(s) with the IDOL, the Contractor and each subcontractor shall certify and submit payroll records to the Department each week from the start to the completion of their respective work, except that full social security numbers shall not be included on weekly submittals. Instead, the payrolls shall include an identification number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee’s social security number). In addition, starting and ending times of work each day may be omitted from the payroll records submitted. The submittals shall be made using LCPtracker Pro software. The software is web-based and can be accessed at <https://lcptracker.com/>. When there has been no activity during a work week, a payroll record shall still be submitted with the appropriate option (“No Work”, “Suspended”, or “Complete”) selected.”

**SURVEYING SERVICES (BDE)**

Effective: April 1, 2025

Delete the fourth paragraph of Article 667.04 of the Standard Specifications.

Delete Section 668 of the Standard Specifications.

## **IDOT TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING SPECIAL PROVISION**

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In addition to the Contractor's equal employment opportunity (EEO) affirmative action efforts undertaken as required by this Contract, the Contractor is encouraged to participate in the incentive program described below to provide additional on-the-job training to certified graduates of the IDOT pre-apprenticeship training program, as outlined in this Special Provision.

IDOT funds, and various Illinois community colleges operate, pre-apprenticeship training programs throughout the State to provide training and skill-improvement opportunities to promote the increased employment of minority groups, disadvantaged persons and women in all aspects of the highway construction industry. The intent of this IDOT Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program Graduate (TPG) special provision (Special Provision) is to place these certified program graduates on the project site for this Contract in order to provide the graduates with meaningful on-the-job training. Pursuant to this Special Provision, the Contractor must make every reasonable effort to recruit and employ certified TPG trainees to the extent such individuals are available within a practicable distance of the project site.

Specifically, participation of the Contractor or its subcontractor in the Program entitles the participant to reimbursement for graduates' hourly wages at \$15.00 per hour per utilized TPG trainee, subject to the terms of this Special Provision. Reimbursement payment will be made even though the Contractor or subcontractor may also receive additional training program funds from other non-IDOT sources for other non-TPG trainees on the Contract, provided such other source does not specifically prohibit the Contractor or subcontractor from receiving reimbursement from another entity through another program, such as IDOT through the TPG program. With regard to any IDOT funded construction training program other than TPG, however, additional reimbursement for other IDOT programs will not be made beyond the TPG Program described in this Special Provision when the TPG Program is utilized.

No payment will be made to the Contractor if the Contractor or subcontractor fails to provide the required on-site training to TPG trainees, as solely determined by IDOT. A TPG trainee must begin training on the project as soon as the start of work that utilizes the relevant trade skill and the TPG trainee must remain on the project site through completion of the Contract, so long as training opportunities continue to exist in the relevant work classification. Should a TPG trainee's employment end in advance of the completion of the Contract, the Contractor must promptly notify the IDOT District EEO Officer for the Contract that the TPG's involvement in the Contract has ended. The Contractor must supply a written report for the reason the TPG trainee involvement terminated, the hours completed by the TPG trainee on the Contract, and the number of hours for which the incentive payment provided under this Special Provision will be, or has been claimed for the separated TPG trainee.

Finally, the Contractor must maintain all records it creates as a result of participation in the Program on the Contract, and furnish periodic written reports to the IDOT District EEO Officer that document its contractual performance under and compliance with this Special Provision. Finally, through participation in the Program and reimbursement of wages, the Contractor is not relieved of, and IDOT has not waived, the requirements of any federal or state labor or employment law applicable to TPG workers, including compliance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

**Method of Measurement:** The unit of measurement is in hours.

**Basis of Payment:** This work will be paid for at the contract unit price of \$15.00 per hour for each utilized certified TPG Program trainee (TRAINEES TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATE). The estimated total number of hours, unit price, and total price must be included in the schedule of prices for the Contract submitted by Contractor prior to beginning work. The initial number of TPG trainees for which the incentive is available for this contract is 4.

The Department has contracted with several educational institutions to provide screening, tutoring and pre-training to individuals interested in working as a TPG trainee in various areas of common construction trade work. Only individuals who have successfully completed a Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program at these IDOT approved institutions are eligible to be TPG trainees. To obtain a list of institutions that can connect the Contractor with eligible TPG trainees, the Contractor may contact: HCCTP TPG Program Coordinator, Office of Business and Workforce Diversity (IDOT OBWD), Room 319, Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764. Prior to commencing construction with the utilization of a TPG trainee, the Contractor must submit documentation to the IDOT District EEO Officer for the Contract that provides the names and contact information of the TPG trainee(s) to be trained in each selected work classification, proof that that the TPG trainee(s) has successfully completed a Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program, proof that the TPG is in an Apprenticeship Training Program approved by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, and the start date for training in each of the applicable work classifications.

To receive payment, the Contractor must provide training opportunities aimed at developing a full journeyworker in the type of trade or job classification involved. During the course of performance of the Contract, the Contractor may seek approval from the IDOT District EEO Officer to employ additional eligible TPG trainees. In the event the Contractor subcontracts a portion of the contracted work, it must determine how many, if any, of the TPGs will be trained by the subcontractor. Though a subcontractor may conduct training, the Contractor retains the responsibility for meeting all requirements imposed by this Special Provision. The Contractor must also include this Special Provision in any subcontract where payment for contracted work performed by a TPG trainee will be passed on to a subcontractor.

Training through the Program is intended to move TPGs toward journeyman status, which is the primary objective of this Special Provision. Accordingly, the Contractor must make every effort to enroll TPG trainees by recruitment through the Program participant educational institutions to the extent eligible TPGs are available within a reasonable geographic area of the project. The Contractor is responsible for demonstrating, through documentation, the recruitment efforts it has undertaken prior to the determination by IDOT whether the Contractor is in compliance with this Special Provision, and therefore, entitled to the Training Program Graduate reimbursement of \$15.00 per hour.

Notwithstanding the on-the-job training requirement of this TPG Special Provision, some minimal off-site training is permissible as long as the offsite training is an integral part of the work of the contract, and does not compromise or conflict with the required on-site training that is central to the purpose of the Program. No individual may be employed as a TPG trainee in any work classification in which he/she has previously successfully completed a training program leading to journeyman status in any trade, or in which he/she has worked at a journeyman level or higher.

**VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT WARNING LIGHTS (BDE)**

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Add the following paragraph after the first paragraph of Article 701.08 of the Standard Specifications:

“The Contractor shall equip all vehicles and equipment with high-intensity oscillating, rotating, or flashing, amber or amber-and-white, warning lights which are visible from all directions. In accordance with 625 ILCS 5/12-215, the lights may only be in operation while the vehicle or equipment is engaged in construction operations.”

**WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (BDE)**

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Add the following to Article 701.03 of the Standard Specifications:

“(q) Temporary Sign Supports ..... 1106.02”

Revise Article 701.03(p) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(p) Detectable Pedestrian Channelizing Barricades ..... 1106.02(m)”

Revise the third paragraph of Article 701.14 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“For temporary sign supports, the Contractor shall provide a FHWA eligibility letter for each device used on the contract. The letter shall provide information for the set-up and use of the device as well as a detailed drawing of the device. The signs shall be supported within 20 degrees of vertical. Weights used to stabilize signs shall be attached to the sign support per the manufacturer’s specifications.”

Revise the first paragraph of Article 701.15 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“ **701.15 Traffic Control Devices.** For devices that must meet crashworthiness standards, the Contractor shall provide a manufacturer’s self-certification or a FHWA eligibility letter for each Category 1 device and a FHWA eligibility letter for each Category 2 and Category 3 device used on the contract. The self-certification or letter shall provide information for the set-up and use of the device as well as a detailed drawing of the device.”

Revise the first six paragraphs of Article 1106.02 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“ **1106.02 Devices.** Work zone traffic control devices and combinations of devices shall meet crashworthiness standards for their respective categories. The categories are as follows.

Category 1 includes small, lightweight, channelizing and delineating devices that have been in common use for many years and are known to be crashworthy by crash testing of similar devices or years of demonstrable safe performance. These include cones, tubular markers, plastic drums, and delineators, with no attachments (e.g. lights). Category 1 devices shall be MASH compliant.

Category 2 includes devices that are not expected to produce significant vehicular velocity change but may otherwise be hazardous. These include vertical panels with lights, barricades, temporary sign supports, and Category 1 devices with attachments (e.g. drums with lights). Category 2 devices shall be MASH compliant.

Category 3 includes devices that are expected to cause significant velocity changes or other potentially harmful reactions to impacting vehicles. These include crash cushions (impact attenuators), truck mounted attenuators, and other devices not meeting the definitions of Category 1 or 2. Category 3 devices manufactured after December 31, 2019 shall be MASH compliant. Category 3 devices manufactured on or before December 31, 2019, and compliant with NCHRP 350, may be used on contracts let before December 31, 2029. Category 3 devices shall be crash tested for Test Level 3 or the test level specified.

Category 4 includes portable or trailer-mounted devices such as sign supports, speed feedback displays, arrow boards, changeable message signs, temporary traffic signals, and area lighting supports. It is preferable for Category 4 devices manufactured after December 31, 2019 to be MASH-16 compliant; however, there are currently no crash tested devices in this category, so it remains exempt from the NCHRP 350 or MASH compliance requirement.

For each type of device, when no more than one MASH compliant is available, an NCHRP 350 compliant device may be used, even if manufactured after December 31, 2019.”

Revise the first paragraph of Section 1106.02(a) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(a) Lights. Lights shall meet the requirements of Chapter 13 of the “Equipment and Materials Standards of the Institute of Transportation Engineers,” 1998, Institute of Transportation Engineers, and shall be visible on a clear night from a distance of 3000 ft (900 m). Lights are classified as follows.”

Revise Articles 1106.02(g), 1106.02(k), 1106.02(l), and 1106.02(m) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(g) Truck Mounted/Trailer Mounted Attenuators. The attenuator shall be approved for use at Test Level 3. Test Level 2 may be used for normal posted speeds less than or equal to 45 mph.

(k) Temporary Water Filled Barrier. The water filled barrier shall be a lightweight plastic shell designed to accept water ballast and be on the Department’s qualified product list.

Shop drawings shall be furnished by the manufacturer and shall indicate the deflection of the barrier as determined by acceptance testing; the configuration of the barrier in that test; and the vehicle weight, velocity, and angle of impact of the deflection test. The Engineer shall be provided one copy of the shop drawings.

(l) Movable Traffic Barrier. The movable traffic barrier shall be on the Department’s qualified product list.

Shop drawings shall be furnished by the manufacturer and shall indicate the deflection of the barrier as determined by acceptance testing; the configuration of the barrier in that test; and the vehicle weight, velocity, and angle of impact of the deflection test. The Engineer shall be provided one copy of the shop drawings. The barrier shall be capable of being moved on and off the roadway on a daily basis.

(m) Detectable Pedestrian Channelizing Barricades. The top panel or handrail shall be continuous and there should be at least a 2 in. (50 mm) gap between the hand trailing edge and its support. When visible to vehicular traffic, the top rail shall have alternating white and orange retroreflective stripes sloping at 45 degrees. The bottom panel shall be continuous and have alternating white and orange retroreflective stripes sloping at 45 degrees. Barricade stripes shall be 6 in. (150 mm) in width. The predominant color for other barricade components shall be white, orange, or silver.”

## **REVISIONS TO THE ILLINOIS PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

The Prevailing rates of wages are included in the Contract proposals which are subject to Check Sheet #5 of the Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions. The rates have been ascertained and certified by the Illinois Department of Labor for the locality in which the work is to be performed and for each craft or type of work or mechanic needed to execute the work of the Contract. As required by Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01, et seq.) and Check Sheet #5 of the Contract, not less than the rates of wages ascertained by the Illinois Department of Labor and as revised during the performance of a Contract shall be paid to all laborers, workers and mechanics performing work under the Contract. Post the scale of wages in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site of work.

If the Illinois Department of Labor revises the prevailing rates of wages to be paid as listed in the specification of rates, the contractor shall post the revised rates of wages and shall pay not less than the revised rates of wages. Current wage rate information shall be obtained by visiting the Illinois Department of Labor web site at <http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/> or by calling 312-793-2814. It is the responsibility of the contractor to review the rates applicable to the work of the contract at regular intervals in order to insure the timely payment of current rates. Provision of this information to the contractor by means of the Illinois Department of Labor web site satisfies the notification of revisions by the Department to the contractor pursuant to the Act, and the contractor agrees that no additional notice is required. The contractor shall notify each of its subcontractors of the revised rates of wages.