

Requirements to be on the Florida Department of Transportation's list of Prequalified Fabricators of Painted Galvanized Steel Strain Poles, Mast Arms and Monotube Assemblies

In order to be listed a fabricator must meet all of the following requirements.

- 1) The fabricator of painted galvanized steel products must be listed as a manufacturer in the specific portion of section 649 of the Florida Department of Transportation's (Department's) Qualified Products List (QPL) for the specific types of steel products the fabricator wishes to supply. This applies to the specific portions of section 649 of the QPL for mast arm assemblies, monotube assemblies, and strain poles with the following exception. Any manufacturer listed in the portions section 649 of the QPL for mast arm assemblies, monotube assemblies, or strain poles may also be considered as meeting this requirement for painted galvanized steel highway lighting poles.
 - 2) The fabricator must, prior to providing any such items on a Department contract on or after September 1, 2007, complete and provide to the Department an assumption of obligations by the fabricator as the responsible party for color and adhesion warranties on painted galvanized structures (Department Form No. 700-010-20) as to any painted galvanized steel strain poles, mast arms and monotube assemblies the fabricator supplies for use on any Department contract on or after September 1, 2007.
 - 3) The fabricator must provide a performance bond (Department Form No. 375-020-65) against any color retention or adherence failures as described in section 975 of the Department's Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction for any painted galvanized steel strain poles, mast arms and monotube assemblies which that fabricator supplies for use on any Department contract on or after September 1, 2007. This performance bond shall only apply to color retention or adherence failures which occur within 5 years from the date of final acceptance of the contract under which the painted galvanized steel strain poles, mast arms or monotube assemblies were installed pursuant to an assumption of obligations by the fabricator as the responsible party for color and adhesion warranties on painted galvanized structures (Department Form No. 700-010-20). The first year this performance bond is provided the effective period for that bond shall end on the next June 30th. After the first year, this performance bond shall have a one year effective period beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th of the following year. This performance bond shall also provide that, should the fabricator fail to provide a performance bond annually after the fabricator stops selling the painted steel products mentioned above for use on Department contracts until such time as 5 years has elapsed from the final acceptance of all Department contracts for which the fabricator sold painted galvanized steel items covered by these requirements, the last-in-time provided performance bond shall by its terms be extended pursuant to paragraph 5 of such bond to up to 3 years following the stated term of such bond.
 - 4) The fabricator shall provide a written statement by an officer of the company with the capacity to bind the company certifying the number of painted galvanized steel strain poles, highway lighting poles, signal mast arm assemblies and monotube assemblies which it has sold for use on Department contracts in the previous calendar year. For subsequent years, the total bond amount shall be an accumulation of the previous year(s) calculated bond amount plus the calculated bond amount for current reporting period.
 - 5) The dollar amount of the current years performance bond described above shall be a minimum of \$100,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000 with amounts in between calculated in accordance with the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & \$2,500 \times (\text{the number of painted galvanized steel signal mast arm assemblies sold by that fabricator for use on} \\ & \text{Department contracts in the previous calendar year}) \dots \\ & \text{plus } \$3,500 \times (\text{the number of painted galvanized steel monotube assemblies sold by that fabricator for use on} \\ & \text{Department contracts in the previous calendar year}) \dots \\ & \text{plus } \$200 \times (\text{the number of painted galvanized steel highway lighting poles sold by that fabricator for use on Department} \\ & \text{contracts in the previous calendar year}) \end{aligned}$$
- Fabricators who have not supplied painted galvanized steel products for Department contracts within the last year shall submit a written estimate of the quantities of the products in the formula above to be sold for use on Department contracts within the next calendar year and a bond for that year in an amount based on those estimated quantities. Within seven months after a bond based on estimated quantities has been provided the fabricator shall submit a certification of the quantities of the products mentioned in the formula above which were actually sold during the first six months of the effective period for that bond. If the bond amount required by estimating twice the six month quantities is larger than that previously estimated the fabricator shall submit and amended performance bond in the increased amount.
- 6) A copy of this annual performance bond, stating the maximum limit of the bond and the effective fiscal year period of the bond ending June 30th, must be provided to the Performance Bond Coordinator at the Departments' State Construction Office by April 30th of the year in which the bond's effective period begins, in order to be considered a timely renewal. A timely renewal of this performance bond is required to continue being listed as one of the prequalified fabricators of painted galvanized steel strain poles, mast arms and Monotube assemblies shown on the Department's State Construction Office internet website.
 - 7) The surety providing the performance bond must be authorized to write surety bonds by the Florida Department of financial Services, Office of Insurance Regulation and must use a Resident Florida Agent.