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Monica Gourdine
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545 John Knox Road, Suite 200
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section **009**
Proposed Specification: **0090103SLLS Measurement and Payment**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Special Provision.

These changes are proposed by Rudy Powell of the State Construction Office to correct misleading wording regarding payment by "invoice". Electronic Estimate Disbursement (EED) payments are required to be based on the estimate of work performed and not an invoice. Changes also remove incorrect and outdated language.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to SP965TT or trey.tillander@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4140.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

V. Y. "Trey" Tillander, III, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

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MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT.

(REV ~~12-14-11~~ ~~2-7-13~~) (~~FA-1-10-12~~) (~~1-13~~)

SUBARTICLE 9-1.3 (Page 92) is deleted and the following substituted:

9-1.3 Determination of Pay Reduction : In measurement of areas of work, where pay reductions are to be assessed, the Engineer will use the lengths and widths in the calculations based upon station to station dimensions in the Contract Documents, the station to station dimensions actually constructed within the limits designated by the Engineer; or the final dimensions measured along the final surface of the completed work within the neat lines shown in the Contract Documents or designated by the Engineer. The Engineer will use the method or combination of methods of measurement which will reflect with reasonable accuracy, the actual surface area of the finished work as the Engineer determines.

Failure on the part of the Contractor to construct any item of work in compliance with the Contract requirements; or to plan or authorized dimensions within the Specification tolerances will result in: reconstruction to acceptable tolerances at no additional cost to the Department; or acceptance at no pay at the discretion of the Engineer.

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The Contract Lump Sum Price will include overhead, profits, and direct and indirect costs required to complete the project except as described below.

9-2.2 General Basis of Adjusted Pay:

9-2.2.1 Asphalt Overbuild: Adjustment in the lump sum payment will be made for actual quantities installed of asphalt overbuild, as additions or deletions, based on the quantity shown in the Contract Documents. The upward tonnage adjustment will not exceed 5 % of the asphalt overbuild quantity shown in the Contract Documents.

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9-2.2.3 Adjustment to the Lump Sum Payment for Deleted Items of Work: When items of work are shown in the Contract Documents to be constructed or installed and due to actual field conditions, it is determined by the Engineer that the items are not needed, a negative adjustment to the Contract will be made. The negative adjustment will be based on the actual cost of the items being deleted less all costs incurred prior to the date the Engineer determined the items are not needed and the Contractor will retain ownership. The negative adjustment will be processed in accordance with 4-3.2.

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SUBARTICLE 9-5.1 (Page 97) is deleted and the following substituted:

9-5.1 General: The Engineer will make partial payments based on the estimated amount of work that the Contractor completes during the month (including delivery of certain materials, as specified herein below). The Department will base the amount of such payments on *verified Contractor* certified monthly ~~invoies~~ *estimates* submitted by the Contractor for progress payments each month, less any retainage withheld.

Retainage will not be withheld until the percent of allowable Contract time used exceeds 75%. From that time forward, the Department will withhold retainage of 10% of the amount due on the current estimate as retainage when the percent of

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Contract amount is defined as the original Contract amount adjusted by approved supplemental agreements.

Contract time is defined as the original Contract time adjusted by approved Contract time extensions.

Retainage will be determined for each job on multiple job Contracts. The Department will not accept Securities, Certificates of Deposit or letters of credit as a replacement for retainage. Amounts withheld will not be released until payment of the final ~~invoice~~ *Contractor certified estimate*.

SUBARTICLE 9-8.1 (Pages 100 - 102) is deleted and the following substituted:

9-8 Acceptance and Final Payment.

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(a) The Contractor has provided the Acceptance Letter.

(b) The Contractor has properly maintained the project, as specified hereinbefore.

(c) The Contractor has furnished a sworn affidavit to the effect that the Contractor has paid all bills and no suits are pending (other than those exceptions listed, if any) in connection with work performed under the Contract and that the Contractor has not offered or made any gift or gratuity to, or made any financial transaction of any nature with, any employee of the Department in the performance of the Contract. Include with the listed tort liability exceptions, if any, evidence of adequate insurance coverage as required in 7-13.

(d) The surety on the Contract bond consents, by completion of their portion of the affidavit and surety release subsequent to the Contractor's completion of his portion, to final payment to the Contractor and agrees that the making of such payment does not relieve the surety of any of its obligations under the bond.

(e) The Contractor has complied with and settled all requirements pertaining to any wage-rate provisions.

(f) The Contractor has furnished all required mill tests and analysis reports to the Engineer.

(g) The Contractor has furnished the Construction Compliance with Specifications and Plans Certification. Provide the Engineer with a notarized final certification of compliance with the requirements of Section 105 to accompany the final estimate.

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(h) The Contractor has furnished and the Department has accepted the as-built drawings and certified survey in accordance with the requirements of Section 555, 556, 557 and 611.

~~ARTICLE 9-9 (Page 102) is expanded as follows:~~

~~Section 215.422(5), Florida Statutes, requires the Department to include a statement of vendor (Contractor) rights. Contractors are hereby advised of the following:~~

~~Contractors providing goods and services to an agency should be aware of the following time frames: Upon receipt, an agency has five working days to inspect and approve the goods and services, unless the bid specifications, purchase order or Contract specifies otherwise. An agency has 20 days to deliver a request for payment (voucher) to the Department of Banking and Finance. The 20 days are measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected and approved, by the Department.~~

~~If a payment is not made within 40 days, a separate interest penalty at the rate established pursuant to Section 55.03(1), Florida Statutes will be due and payable, in addition to the invoice amount, to the Contractor. The interest penalty provision applies after a 35 day time period to health care providers, as defined by rule. Interest penalties of less than one dollar will not be enforced unless the Contractor requests payment. Invoices that have to be returned to a Contractor because of Contractor preparation errors will result in a delay in the payment. The invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the Department.~~

~~A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of Banking and Finance. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for Contractors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment(s) from a state agency. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted by calling the State Comptroller's Hotline, 1-800-848-3792.~~

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