

0080303DB - PROSECUTION OF WORK (DESIGN BUILD)
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comment: (6-17-14)

1. In most of the spec you state that the Department will be issuing the NTP, then in the last sentence you state that the Engineer will issue the NTP. Shouldn't it be one or the other? What if the Engineer is not part of the Department but just a representative of?

Response:

2. Are the "designated points" physical where the contractor will actually physically start the work or are they points in time? If they are physical maybe the word location would be better.

Response:

3. How is "date issued" defined? Is it the date that the Engineer dates the NTP or is it the date that the contractor actually receives it? It seems like you could have two different dates there.

Response:

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In Spec. 8-7.2 the word "issued" requires the Notice be faxed or emailed that same date.

Response:

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Comments by TCOP s, Fort Pierce:

The date on which the Contract Time begins is the date the Notice to Proceed is issued plus 3 work days. (This is to account for shipping time or delivery time the NTP may take to reach the bidder team.)

Response:

Comments from Mike Irwin:

I'd recommend this change be issued in bold in the boilerplate and made an items of discussion at the Q&A or Pre-Bid meeting. As this is written, the NTP is issued within 20 days of Contract Execution and the date that the NTP is issued is the first chargeable day of the DB Contract. Sounds fine to me but I would think most contractors would not be in favor of this change as they often request delay to the start of time to get ready to proceed, or for some other reason. Their request, if reasonable is usually approved by the Department.

As this spec removes the Department's flexibility that has been a past custom, the contractor who does not understand this new spec will most definitely not bid the time correctly. Thus my recommendation to agenda this item at pre-bid and/or Q&A meetings with the design-build team.

Response:
