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**August 21, 2013
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

New Specification Revisions. The CAS Bureau is proposing revisions to 22 Standard Specifications. The proposed revisions will be open for comment during the month of August, 2013. Each specification was briefly discussed.

Supplemental Specifications

1. 101.03 Definitions

2. 107.11.7A Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Contractors asked for a better understanding of an active nest and what to do about birds in the process of building a nest.

3. 108.07 Contract Time

4. 109.02.2 Significant Digits (new)

Contractors asked how/why the State adopted the rounding system it uses for calculating pay factors.

5. 411.03.1 Milling Equipment

A contractor mentioned that they and other contractors may have purchased smaller mills due to the spec as it is written now. MDT mentioned that there could be instances when smaller mills would or could be used.

6. 551 Concrete

Contractors wished to discuss some of the changes made since the last revision was out. MDT requested comments be sent in and MDT will address those.

7. 552 Concrete Structures

8. 553.03.18 Bearing and Anchorage

9. 556.03.2 Fabrication Drawings

10. 556.03.5C Workmanship and Finish

11. 556.03.9E6 Testing (new)

12. 556.03.10,11,12 Welding Requirements

13. 556.03.19 Bearing and Anchorage

14. 603.03.1 General

A supplier mentioned that it was necessary to receive the staked lengths of culverts at the earliest convenience, box culverts in particular. MDT acknowledged their comments and would pass the request onto the Districts and Project Managers.

15. 609.04 Method of Measurement

Contractors mentioned that the more incidental items were included, the more difficult bidding can be. Bid histories can also be skewed.

16. 618.05 Traffic Control – Units

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A Contractor asked for an explanation and examples for the change. MDT responded that the change clarifies how portable signs should be getting paid. Non-uniformity issues were mentioned as well.

17. 701.01.4 Aggregates for Latex Modified Concrete (new)

18. 711.06 High Strength Bolts

19. 711.14.1 Reinforced Elastomeric Devices (new)

20. 711.20 Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) (new)

21. 713.06 Mineral Filler

22. 717 Concrete Sealants (new)

A Contractor asked if some of the requirements for HMWM could be rescinded, since the product must be on the QPL. MDT will look into this.

MCA NEW BUSINESS

- 1. CRS-2P.** MCA's July comment letter discussed CRS-2P at length. That letter was discussed. The 3% latex has caused use of softer asphalt, resulting in a change of the base asphalt. In hot weather, this is causing tracking issues, raveling of chips, etc. Testing procedures were discussed regarding ASTM D 44 (evaporation vs. distillation). MDT mentioned that several years back, at the request of the Industry, changes were made to the asphalt materials specifications which resulted in poor performance. The spec has since changed back. Suppliers discussed how they need to stay ahead of the changes being made in asphalts. Western Emulsions is researching these issues. MDT is open to change but does not want to react without researching. MDT and Contractors/suppliers agreed to meet to discuss Chip Seal asphalt.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. DBE Program.** Contractor's asked if any changes have been implemented due to legal issues concerning a non-award of an apparent low bidder due to GFE criteria not being met. MDT stated that the process is in place and will not be changed and that it has been defined.
- 2. Liquidated Damages.** MDT handed out graphs/charts of LD's illustrating that a few projects skew the totals. MDT is aware of the amount of projects being let and is trying to be cognizant of contract time and Notice to Proceed dates. Contractors expressed concern about the Subcontractor who gets held responsible by the Prime when projects go into LDs. One contractor asked if the LDs could be accessed on items of work, so that Subcontractors which have no direct influence on late projects don't get hit with pass-down penalties from Prime Contractors. That is between the prime and the sub. MDT stated that the LD process is and has been well developed and established by past case law.
- 3. Finalization Process.** MDT stated that the revision of the process is coming together. MDT stated that Prime Contractors still have a large part of the process. MDT stated they are looking for ways to help speed up the transfer of permits.

AD-HOC ITEMS

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- 1. Plant Mix Industry Meeting.** A Contractor requested if MDT could send reports of Plant Mix incentives/deducts information by a project or per ton basis. MDT is not sure what format the information is in but will investigate.
- 2. LS Erosion Control.** MDT stated that LS erosion control is here to stay. MDT stated they would be willing to discuss other issues regarding erosion control processes, but no more discussion on how it is to be paid for. MDT wished to meet with MCA about the June comments regarding LS erosion control. MCA asked if MDT could review how the Utah DOT handles permitting and erosion control.
- 3. 3/8" PMS.** Contractors voiced concerns regarding 3/8" mix, particularly with the difficulty of bidding projects as a commercial mix due to the lack of history. MDT uses the same criteria as other mixes for determining the administration method.

The next MCA-MDT Highway Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 18, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the MCA Office in Helena.