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November 20, 2013
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

New Specification Revisions. The CAS Bureau is proposing revisions to 9 Standard Specifications. The proposed revisions will be open for comment during the month of November, 2013.

Supplemental Specifications

1. 103.06 Contract Bond

2. 105.08 Contractor Survey and Layout

MCA commented that they were still awaiting comments from some of their members regarding the new specification.

One MCA Contractor made reference to grading operations not beginning within a balance until that balance has been staked. Their concern was that on small projects, the entire job could be a balance.

There was discussion regarding predetermined pay quantities and the variance of 5%. MCA Contractors asked if MDT could look into whether the 5% could be held for smaller projects, while larger scale projects we set to less than 5%.

3. 105.17 Finalization (See link below for forms)

An MCA Contractor asked the time frame from when final acceptance is complete until Final Estimate is received. MDT responded that is 90 days. Contractor asked why the 90 days was not written in the spec and only on a flow chart. MDT explained that the finalization process was following the newly established law and that MDT had only 90 days to submit the final estimate.

Another Contractor expressed concern over the 30 day period between punch lists. Their concern was their crews and equipment may be mobilized off the job prior to receiving punch list items that would need additional equipment and manpower to complete. MDT responded that the punch list was created to identify deficiencies of the work on that site that would need to be addressed by the contractor. Additional items of "New" work would or should be taken care of prior to the punch list items. MDT explained the process should help alleviate past issues with how the finalization worked between contractor, EPM's and Maintenance.

MCA Contractor asked that a separate list be created to address the material and civil rights issues. MDT responded that some of the material certification deficiencies do not show up until the finalization process has started and Materials Bureau has done their audit.

MCA Contractor referred to Subsection 105.17.2 point 4, and asked for clarification. They asked MDT if the final estimate would be withheld if there were open investigations of nonpayment to suppliers. MDT responded that a final estimate could not be processed until all claims against the contract have been settled.

4. 212 Obliterate Roadway

MCA Contractors asked that for future projects, that quantities be included in the summary frames. MDT responded that a meeting had already taken place with the DCE's

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and Design management and that information would be collected and added to the summaries when possible.

Another Contractor mentioned that in some instances, sequencing becomes an issue when trying to utilize material from the obliterated road.

5. 304.02.5 CTB

MCA Contractor asked if there will be a difference shown with test results with the suggested change. MDT stated not from the departments testing.

6. 403.03.4 Crack Sealing

7. 618.03 Traffic Control

8. 620.03.5 Marking Removal

MCA Contractor voiced concern over some conflicting specifications between 618 and 620. They asked that interim and temporary striping be clarified as to when it is to be used.

MCA Contractor made reference to a current project that had grinding of temporary stripes and that the grinding left little to no scarring on the new PMS, but when grinding onto the older pavement, that the grinding created trenches and removed the chip seal.

MCA Contractors discussed that the methods and means listed in the revised specification would be costly and take more time to perform.

9. 701.03.1 Agg for Bituminous Materials

MDT NEW BUSINESS

1. Finalization

http://www.mdt.mt.gov/other/const/external/draft_spec_revision/FINALIZATION/

2. Labor Compliance/Sight of Work/Commercial-dedicated pits

Will discuss at next meeting due to time.

MCA NEW BUSINESS

1. Contract Time

Will discuss at next meeting due to time.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DBE Program

Will discuss at next meeting due to time.

AD-HOC ITEMS