

INFORMATIONAL PROPOSAL (For information only, not to be used for bidding)

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS
LETTING DATE : October 10, 2002

CALL ORDER: N11 CONTRACT ID: 5803

CONTROL NO./SEQ. NO.: 50803 /000 PROJECT NO.: F-27-4(1006)
CONTROL NO./SEQ. NO.: 51110 /000 PROJECT NO.: RD-27-4(1013)

TENTATIVE START DATE: 06/23/03 CONTRACT TIME: 75 WORKING DAYS

LOCATION: ON N-27, ELLSWORTH-GORDON.
IN COUNTY: SHERIDAN

BIDDER

GROUP 1 GRADING
GROUP 4 CULVERTS
GROUP 9 BITUMINOUS
GROUP 10 GENERAL ITEMS

SEE SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR GROUP TIES

NOTES

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WORK WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THIS LETTING IS LIMITED TO \$_____.

THE NUMBER OF _____ CONTRACTS WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THIS LETTING IS LIMITED TO _____.

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS

To report bid rigging activities, call: 1-800-424-9071

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) operates the above toll-free “hotline” Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the “hotline” to report such activities.

The “hotline” is part of the DOT’s continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

LETTING QUESTIONS

Prior to the letting, any questions pertaining to the Special Provisions or the plans for this project should be directed to Construction Division personnel at (402) 479-4568 or (402) 479-4529.

STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

Required Provisions Supplemental to the
Standard Specifications for Highway Construction

I. Application

These contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor with his own organization and with the assistance of workmen under his immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.

The contractor shall insert in each of his subcontracts all of the stipulations contained in the Special Provisions and these Required Provisions.

A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Provisions may be grounds for termination of the contract.

II. Equal Opportunity

1. Selection of Labor

During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not discriminate against labor from any other state.

2. Nebraska Fair Employment Practices Act

The contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of this contract with respect to his hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of his race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The contractor agrees to post in a conspicuous place or places a notice to be provided by the State Highway Department which sets forth excerpts of the Act.

3. Nebraska Equal Pay Act

The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of sex by paying wages to employees of one sex at a lesser rate than the rate paid to employees of the opposite sex for comparable work on jobs which have comparable requirements. An abstract of the Act is included on the notice which is provided by the State Highway Department.

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III. Employment of Labor

1. **General**

No person under the age of sixteen (16) years, and no one whose age or physical condition is such as to make his employment dangerous to his health or safety, or to the health and safety of others shall be employed on any project. This paragraph shall not be construed to deny the employment of older people or physically handicapped persons, otherwise employable, where such persons may be safely assigned to work which they can ably perform.

No person currently serving sentence to a penal or correction institution shall be employed on any project.

Except as specifically provided under this section, workers who are qualified by training or experience to be assigned to projects of this character shall not be discriminated against on any grounds whatsoever.

2. **Payrolls**

Payrolls and basic records relating thereto will be maintained during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working on the site of the work.

The contractor's and subcontractor's payroll records shall be available for inspection by authorized representatives of the State Highway Department and authorized representatives of Federal Agencies.

The wages of labor shall be paid in legal tender of the United States, except that this condition will be considered satisfied if payment is made by a negotiable check, on a solvent bank, which may be cashed readily by the employee in the local community for the full amount, without discount or collection charges of any kind. Where checks are used for payment the contractor shall make all necessary arrangements for them to be cashed and shall give information regarding such arrangements.

No fee of any kind shall be asked or accepted by the contractor or any of his agents from any person as a condition of employment on the project.

No laborers shall be charged for any tools used in performing their respective duties except for reasonably avoidable loss or damage thereto.

Every employee on the work covered by this contract shall be permitted to lodge, board and trade where and with whom he elects and neither the contractor nor his agents, nor his employees shall directly or indirectly require as a condition of employment that an employee shall lodge, board or trade at a particular place or with a particular person.

No charge shall be made for any transportation furnished by the contractor or his agents to any person employed on the work.

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No individual shall be employed as a laborer on this contract except on a wage basis, but this shall not be construed to prohibit the rental of teams, trucks or other equipment from individuals. No such rental agreement, or any charges for feed, gasoline, supplies, or repairs on account of such agreement, shall cause any deduction from the wages accruing to any employee except as authorized by the regulations hereinbefore cited.

IV. Safety and Accident Prevention

In the performance of this contract, the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws governing safety, health and sanitation. The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions, on his own responsibility or as the contracting officer may determine, reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

V. Subletting or Assigning the Contract

The contractor shall perform with his own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent of the total contract amount except that any items designated in the contract as "Specialty Items" may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such "Specialty Items" so performed may be deducted from the total contract amount before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor with his own organization.

Any items that have been selected as "Specialty Items" for the contract are listed as such in the Special Provisions found elsewhere in the contract.

No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned, or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer or his authorized representative. Requests for permission to sublet assign or otherwise dispose of any portion of the contract shall be in writing and accompanied by a showing that the organization which will perform the work is particularly experienced and equipped for such work. The contractor shall give assurance that the minimum wage for labor as stated in his proposal shall apply to labor performed on all work sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of in any way. Consent to sublet, assign or otherwise dispose of any portion of the contract shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract.

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**SPECIAL PROVISIONS
FOR
STATE
PROJECT NOS. F-27-4(1006) AND RD-27-4(1013)**

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Sealed bids for the work contemplated in this proposal form will be received at the office of the Nebraska Department of Roads in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Highway 2 at Lincoln, Nebraska, on October 10, 2002, until 1:30 P.M.

Bids submitted by mail should be addressed to the Nebraska Department of Roads, c/o Contract Lettings Section, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759.

The 1997 English Edition of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, including all amendments and additions thereto effective at the date of the contract, are made a part of these Special Provisions, through reference.

The Supplemental Specifications to the 1997 English Edition of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction dated July 12, 2001, including all amendments and additions thereto effective at the date of the contract, are made part of these Special Provisions, through reference.

The Required Provisions dated April 4, 1995, are attached to and are a part of this proposal form.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Required Provisions covering subletting or assigning the contract.

The proposal contains a statement that the contractor is complying with, and will continue to comply with, fair labor standards in the pursuit of his business and in the execution of the work contemplated in this proposal.

Fair labor standards shall be construed to mean such a scale of wages and conditions of employment as are paid and maintained by at least fifty per cent of the contractors in the same business or field of endeavor as the contractor filing this proposal.

GROUPS 1, 4, 9, AND 10 ARE TIED TOGETHER AND BIDDING PROPOSAL FORMS FOR THIS WORK WILL BE ISSUED AND A CONTRACT AWARDED TO A CONTRACTOR WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR BITUMINOUS.

**STATUS OF UTILITIES
[Project No. F-27-4(1006)]**

The following information is current as of July 17, 2002.

Utility facilities, aerial and/or underground may exist within this project. The contractor should request a utility status update at the project preconstruction conference, and/or prior to starting work.

To arrange for utilities to locate and flag their underground facilities, contact The Diggers Hotline of Nebraska at 1-800-331-5666.

The following utilities have facilities within the project area, and have been provided project plans.

Northwest Rural Public Power District – rural electric service area; aerial lines parallel/overcross.

Great Plains Communications – underground telephone cables parallel/undercross along the project.

State Conservation & Survey Division, UNL – water table monitoring wells along the project.

All utility rehabilitation will be accomplished prior to or concurrent with construction.

STATUS OF UTILITIES [Project No. RD-27-4(1013)]

No utilities have been or will be required to relocate within the limits of this project.

Underground utilities may exist within the limits of this project. The Contractor shall determine to his satisfaction the extent of occupancy of any underground utilities located within the respective construction areas and the extent of conflict with the proposed work under this contract.

Any utility adjustments or interruption of service for the convenience of the Contractor shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

To arrange for utilities to locate and flag their underground facilities, contact The Diggers Hotline of Nebraska at 1-800-331-5666.

STATUS OF RIGHT-OF-WAY (S1-16-0801)

According to the best information available, all necessary right-of-way has been acquired.

SUBCONTRACTOR BIDDERS LIST INFORMATION (S1-43-0801)

All bidders must complete and submit with the bidding proposal, the "Subcontractor Bidders List" form provided by the NDR Contracts office.

Bidders must identify all firms who bid or quote subcontracts on all projects. If no bids or subcontractor quotations are received, the "Subcontractor Bidders List" must be submitted with the bidding documents and the bidder must indicate on the face of the "Subcontractor Bidders List" that no bids or subcontractor quotations were received.

CONTROL OF WORK (S1-43-0901)

Subsection 105.08 in the 1997 Standard Specifications is void and replaced by the following:

105.08 - Authority and Duty of the Inspector

Department inspectors are authorized to inspect all work performed and all materials furnished. Such inspection may extend to the preparation, fabrication, or manufacture of the materials. The inspector has the authority to reject work or materials until any issues can be decided, including the right to suspend work. The inspector is not authorized to alter or waive the provisions of the contract or act as a supervisor for the Contractor.

105.13 – Tentative Acceptance of Portions of the Project

Paragraph 3.a. of Subsection 105.13 is amended by deleting the word “normal”.

LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC (S1-43-1001)

107.14 – Opening of Sections of the Project to Traffic

Subsection 107.14 Paragraphs 2.b.(1) and (2) are void and replaced by the following:

- 2.b. (1) Whenever the Department permits the public use of a highway undergoing construction, repair, or maintenance in lieu of a detour route, the Contractor shall not be held responsible for damages to those portions of the project upon which the Department permitted public use, when such damages are the result of no proximate act or failure to act on the part of the Contractor.
- (2) If the traveling public should cause damage to the roadway, the Contractor shall assist the State in identifying the responsible party and the Contractor shall as a minimum if present at the time of the damage record pertinent information regarding the accident. (Who caused the damage; when the damage occurred; and how the damage occurred.)

107.15 – Contractor’s Responsibility for Work

Subsection 107.15 is amended by adding Paragraph 1.b.(3) as follows:

- (3) The Contractor shall not be held responsible for damage caused by the traveling public on those portions of the project where the Department has permitted public use of the road in lieu of using a detour route and the damage as not the result of any proximate act or failure to act on the part of the Contractor.

**MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT
(S1-43-0901)**

109.08 – Acceptance, Final Payment, and Termination of Contractor's Responsibility

Subsection 109.08 Paragraph c. amended by deleting the word "normal".

Subsection 109.08 Paragraph d. is void and replaced by the following:

d. If the traveling public should cause damage to the roadway the Contractor shall assist the State in identifying the responsible party and the Contractor shall as a minimum if present at the time of the damage record pertinent information regarding the accident. (Who caused the damage; when the damage occurred; and how the damage occurred.)

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

**FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT PAYMENT
(S2-1-0801)**

Section 205 in the Standard Specifications and Supplemental Specifications is amended to include the following:

Payment will be made to the contractor for monthly fluctuations in the cost of diesel fuel used in performing the items of work, "Excavation", "Excavation, Borrow", "Excavation, Established Quantity", and/or "Earthwork Measured in Embankment" when the fuel cost fluctuates by more than 10% from the base price defined below. Payments may be positive, negative, or nonexistent depending on the circumstances. Payments or deductions will only be calculated on that portion of the fuel cost fluctuation that exceeds the 10% specified above.

Payments or deductions for the fuel cost adjustment will be included in the contractor's progress estimates; and the payment or deduction authorized for each estimate will be based upon the algebraic difference between the quantities for "Excavation", "Excavation, Borrow", "Excavation, Established Quantity", and/or "Earthwork Measured in Embankment" on the current estimate and the quantities shown on the previous estimate.

The fuel cost adjustment for the current estimate will be computed according to the following formula:

$FCA = QFD$ where

FCA = Fuel cost adjustment, in dollars;

Q = The algebraic difference between the quantities (in cubic yards or cubic meters) for "Excavation", "Excavation, Borrow", "Excavation, Established Quantity", and/or "Earthwork Measured in Embankment" on the current estimate and the quantities shown on the previous estimate;

F = English
The fuel use factor for diesel fuel, in gallons per cubic yard. For the items of work "Excavation", "Excavation, Borrow", and "Excavation, Established Quantity", "F" shall be equal to .15. For the item of work "Earthwork Measured in Embankment", "F" shall be equal to .20.

Metric

The fuel use factor for diesel fuel, in liters per cubic meter. For the items of work "Excavation", "Excavation, Borrow", and "Excavation, Established Quantity", "F" shall be equal to .74. For the item of work "Earthwork Measured in Embankment", "F" shall be equal to 1.00.

D = Allowable price differential.

The allowable price differential, "D", for the current estimate will be computed according to the following formula:

When the current price, P, is greater than the base price, P(b).

$$D = P - 1.10P(b), \text{ but not less than zero.}$$

When the current price, P, is less than the base price, P(b).

$$D = P - .90P(b), \text{ but not greater than zero.}$$

In either case, P(b) shall be the base diesel price, in dollars per gallon (liter), defined as the average of the minimum and maximum prices for No. 2 Diesel Fuel (Oklahoma) published in the first issue of "*Platt's Oilgram Price Report*" for the month in which bids for the work were received.

In either case, P, shall be the current diesel price, in dollars per gallon (liter), defined as the average of the minimum and maximum prices for No. 2 Diesel Fuel (Oklahoma) published in the first issue of "*Platt's Oilgram Price Report*" for the month in which the progress estimate is generated.

GENERAL CLEARING AND GRUBBING (S2-2-0801)

Paragraph 1. of Subsection 202.03 in the Supplemental Specifications is amended to provide that General Clearing and Grubbing shall include all tree removal.

Paragraphs 2.a., b., and c. of Subsection 202.03 in the Supplemental Specifications are void.

Paragraph 3. of Subsection 202.04 in the Supplemental Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

3. All tree removal is subsidiary to the pay item "General Clearing and Grubbing".

TRENCHED WIDENING

Description

Trenched widening will consist of the removal of existing shoulder material and a portion of the existing bituminous surfacing for the placement of asphaltic concrete. Included will be the excavation required outside the remaining surfacing, for the placement of any foundation course and surfacing shown in the plans. Also included will be the compaction of the subgrade outside the remaining surfacing.

Construction Methods

1. Removal

- a. The Contractor shall remove any vegetation in the area to be widened.
- b. The Contractor shall remove existing shoulder material and a portion of the existing bituminous surfacing to expose a vertical face, as shown in the plans, using methods approved by the Engineer. The excavated material shall be placed in a windrow outside of the trench to be used as shouldering material.

2. Preparation of Subgrade

- a. Compact the underlying subgrade with four complete coverages with a device capable of attaining compaction, as determined by the Engineer. Any unsuitable subgrade material shall be removed and replaced with acceptable material and recompact to meet the above mentioned requirements.
- b. Density samples shall be taken and run by State personnel at randomly selected sites at approximately one sample for every 0.5 mile of widening (each side) to insure that the density requirements are being met in the widening section.

3. Placement of Asphaltic Concrete

The first lift of asphaltic concrete in the widening section can be placed with the first lift of asphaltic concrete on the mainline paving if all of the following conditions occur:

1. There is more than one lift of mainline paving.
2. The widening is 4 inches or less in depth in reference to the existing pavement.
3. The required density is obtained in the widening section.

If any of the above conditions are not met, the asphaltic concrete being placed in the widening areas shall be placed level with the existing surface before any subsequent layer of asphaltic concrete is placed. Density samples shall be taken and tested by the Contractor in accordance with Section 1028 of the Supplemental Specifications.

Method of Measurement

Trenched Widening shall be measured for payment by measuring each side separately in stations of 100 feet, measured horizontally along the project centerline, of completed and accepted work.

Basis of Payment

The work of Trenched Widening, measured as provided herein, will be paid for at the contract unit price per Station for the item "Trenched Widening". This price shall be full compensation for all material, labor, equipment, tools, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Removal and replacement of unsuitable subgrade materials shall be measured and paid for as extra work.

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (S4-9-1201)

Paragraphs 2.a. of Subsection 422.05 in the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

2.a. If signs are not returned or are returned damaged, and the damage is beyond reasonable "wear and tear" and the damage was caused by the Contractor, then the Contractor shall be charged the value of the missing or damaged items. These charges shall be deducted from monies due the Contractor upon final payment.

TYPE B HIGH INTENSITY WARNING LIGHTS (S4-9-1002)

All references in the plans to Type B High Intensity Warning Lights shall be considered void. The plans will not be revised to reflect this change.

LOCAL MATERIAL SOURCES (S5-1-0801)

Information regarding possible sources of local materials is available at the Materials and Research Division of the Department of Roads, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**ASPHALTIC CONCRETE
(S5-5-0801)**

Paragraph 5. of Subsection 503.02 in the Standard Specifications is void.

**ASPHALTIC CONCRETE
(S5-7-0902)**

Paragraph 11.a. in Subsection 503.04 of the 2001 Supplemental Specifications is void.

Paragraph 4. in Subsection 503.05 of the 1997 Standard Specifications is void.

The pay item "Asphalt Pavement Smoothness Testing" in Subsection 503.06 of the 1997 Standard Specifications is void.

**ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVEMENT SMOOTHNESS
(S5-7-0902)**

Section 502 in the 1997 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction and the 2001 Supplemental Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

502.01 – General

1. This specification establishes a standard for asphaltic concrete pavement smoothness, and defines defective pavement smoothness. The intent of the specification is to produce a finished asphaltic concrete pavement driving surface with a Profile Index no greater than 12 inches per mile. Pavement smoothness will be evaluated as prescribed in this section.
2. When the pay item "Asphalt Pavement Smoothness Testing I/D" is included in the contract, all the requirements of the following sections including the incentive/disincentive provisions shall apply.
3. When the pay item "Asphalt Pavement Smoothness Testing" is included in the contract, the incentive/disincentive provisions of this section do not apply, but the smoothness testing shall be performed as prescribed. The asphaltic concrete pavement shall be evaluated in accordance with Paragraph 11. b. of Subsection 503.04 in the 2001 Supplemental Specifications.
4. When the contract contains no item for smoothness testing, the asphaltic concrete pavement shall be evaluated in accordance with Paragraph 11. b. of Subsection 503.04 in the 2001 Supplemental Specifications.

502.02 – Equipment

1. The Contractor shall furnish a 25-ft California profilograph approved by the Nebraska Department of Roads.
2. The profilograph shall have multiple, non-uniformly spaced, articulated support wheels arranged such that no two wheels pass the same location on the pavement surface at the same time (ASTM Designation: E 1274, Paragraph 5.1.2)
3. The profilograph shall be equipped with a computerized system that will record, analyze, and print the test data.
4. The profilograph shall produce a printed pavement profile trace (profilogram) with a vertical scale of 1:1, and a horizontal scale of 1:300 (1" paper = 25' pavement). The profilogram shall include the following information:
 - a. Project number
 - b. Test date
 - c. Traffic lane
 - d. Test direction
 - e. Test path
 - f. Pass number (1 for initial test; 2, 3, etc. for repeat runs)
 - g. Operator's name
 - h. Project stations
 - i. Data filter values
 - j. Blanking (Null) band width
 - k. Profile counts for each test section
 - l. Profile Index for each test section
 - m. Bump locations for each test section

502.03 – Certification and Independent Assurance Testing

1. The Department shall calibrate and certify the Contractor's profilograph annually at a test site established by the Department.
 - a. The profilograph shall be inspected for compliance with general equipment requirements, including wheel configuration, effective length, data analysis system, guidance system, and overall condition.
 - b. The profilograph shall be calibrated for distance measurement by moving it over the prescribed path of a premeasured test distance at walking speed, and determining its distance calibration factor.
 - c. The profilograph shall be checked for vertical measurement accuracy by placing a 1-inch and 2-inch calibration block, measured to the nearest 0.01 inch, under the sensing wheel while the profilograph is stationary. The vertical measurement indicated by the profilograph shall be within 4.0% tolerance of the actual premeasured block height.
 - d. The profilograph shall be checked for overall performance by moving it over the prescribed path of a pre-measured pavement test section at walking speed.

- e. Distance measurement indicated by the profilograph shall be within 0.2% tolerance of the actual premeasured test section distance. To ensure accurate distance measurement during test runs, the air pressure of the distance measurement tire must always be maintained at the same level used for calibration.
 - f. The Profile Index reported by the profilograph for the test section shall be within 10.0% tolerance of the Profile Index reported by a Nebraska Department of Roads profilograph for the same test section.
 - g. A dated and signed decal will be placed on the profilograph to certify its acceptability for use on Nebraska Department of Roads pavement construction projects.
- 2. The Department shall certify the Contractor's profilograph operator at least every 5 years. The operator may be certified by presenting certification from another State Highway Agency or by completing certification training conducted by the Nebraska Department of Roads.
 - 3. The Department shall schedule and perform Independent Assurance tests for the Contractor's profilographs and operators at least once per construction season. Independent Assurance testing shall be conducted at a randomly selected time on an active construction project. The criteria for the test will be similar to those used for certification.

502.04 – Profilograph Test Procedures

- 1. The Contractor shall perform all pavement smoothness specification tests except the 10-foot straight edge testing as shown in Paragraph 16. below:
- 2. The Engineer shall furnish a report form to the Contractor identifying all required test sections.
 - a. The pavement surface shall be divided into lane-width segments that end at a bridge, railroad crossing, or other designated termini.
 - b. The lane-width segments shall be further divided into individual 528 feet (0.10 mile) long test sections in the direction of project stationing. The last test section in a segment is usually shorter than 528 feet.
 - c. If a test section is less than 300 feet long, it shall be combined with the preceding 528 feet long test section for analysis.
- 3. The Contractor's certified profilograph operator shall perform smoothness specification tests in the Engineer's presence. Smoothness testing shall be performed during normal daylight working hours unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. If the Contractor notifies the Engineer of a proposed test and the Engineer elects not to be present, then the Contractor may proceed unaccompanied.
- 4. The Contractor shall report test results to the Engineer within 2 NDR workdays after initial asphaltic concrete placement or surface corrective work. The Contractor shall report additional test results to the Engineer as soon as possible, but not later than 7 calendar days after completion of the mainline pavement.

5. The asphaltic concrete pavement surface temperature shall be 150 degrees F. or lower when smoothness tests are performed.
6. The profilograph operator shall perform pavement smoothness measurements in the right-hand or left-hand wheel path of all driving lanes, as directed by the Engineer, including climbing and fly-by lanes. In urban areas, where inlet block-outs or manholes are in the right or left-hand wheel path, the pavement smoothness measurements shall be made in a location determined by the Engineer. All wheels of the profilograph shall be on the new pavement for which the Contractor is responsible.
7. The Contractor shall remove all objects and foreign material from the pavement surface before testing.
8. The profilograph operator shall guide the profilograph along the specified wheel path of each traffic lane at walking speed. Propulsion may be by personnel pushing manually, or by a suitable propulsion unit that does not exceed a speed of 4 miles per hour. Excessive speed can produce erratic test results.
9. A lateral location indicator shall be used to keep the profilograph in the required test path during testing. Pavement edges, longitudinal joints, or longitudinal pavement markings may be used as reference lines. An additional person may be required to hold the back end of the profilograph on the required path on horizontal curves.
10. Before testing, the profilograph operator shall lower the profilograph's recording wheel to the pavement surface and move the profilograph forward to the beginning location of a test section to stabilize the measurement system. To ensure consistent distance measurement, the profilograph operator shall also check and adjust the recording wheel tire pressure several times a day.
11. All station references on the profilograms and report forms shall be actual project stations. Stations shall be accurately noted on the profilogram at least every 200 feet.
12. The profilograph operator and the Engineer shall sign the profilograms immediately after completion of the tests. If the Engineer was not present at the time of the tests, then the absence shall be noted on the profilograms.
13. The Engineer shall perform or schedule verification tests on at least 10 percent of the pavement surface, using a profilograph owned by the Department.
14. If the verification test, Independent Assurance tests, or other observations indicate that the Contractor's procedures and/or results are not acceptable or accurate, the Engineer may do any of the following:
 - a. require the Contractor to calibrate the profilograph and re-run the tests.
 - b. disqualify the Contractor's equipment and/or operator.
 - c. perform the tests for part, or all, of the project with a profilograph owned by the Department, and charge the Contractor \$500.00 per lane mile for all testing done by the Department.

15. The following areas of pavement shall be excluded from the Profile Index, unless otherwise specified in the Special Provisions.
 - a. Pavement on horizontal curves having a centerline radius of curvature of less than 1,000 feet, and pavement within the superelevation transition of such curves.
 - b. Pavement within 50 feet of a transverse joint that separates the pavement from an approach slab to a bridge deck or existing pavement not constructed under the contract.
 - c. Pavement for truck weigh stations or rest areas, acceleration/deceleration lanes, and interchange ramps and loops.
 - d. Pavement within 50 feet of railroad crossings and associated transitions.
 - e. Pavement with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less.
 - f. Pavement where the Engineer requires the contractor to open an area prematurely to cross traffic at intersections and driveways.
 - g. Additional exceptions shown on the summary sheet in the plans.
16. Excluded pavement sections shall be measured for bumps with either a profilograph or a 10-foot straight edge. If the profilograph is used, the deviation shall not exceed 0.40 inch. The deviation of the surface shall not exceed 1/8 inch, if a 10-foot straightedge is used.

502.05 – Evaluation

1. The Contractor shall determine a Profile Index and number of correctable bumps and dips for each test section, record the information on the report form, and provide a copy of the report, along with the corresponding profilograms, to the Engineer.
 - a. The Profile Index shall be calculated by adding the absolute value of the vertical deviations (inches) outside of a 0.1 inch blanking band and dividing the sum by the length of the test section (miles). The resulting Profile Index is in units of inches per mile.
 - b. Correctable bumps shall be separately identified on the profilograms. They appear as high points on the profilogram and correspond to high points on the pavement surface. Correctable bumps are vertical deviations on the pavement surface that exceed 0.40 inch in height above a base line span of 25 feet.
 - c. Correctable dips shall be separately identified on the profilograms. They appear as low points on the profilogram and correspond to low points on the pavement surface. Correctable dips are vertical deviations on the pavement surface that exceed 0.40 inch in depth below a base line span of 25 feet.

502.06 – Pavement Surface Correction

1. The Contractor shall locate and perform all required pavement surface corrective work, with the approval of and in the presence of, the Engineer.
2. Corrective work may be required for any bump, dip, or a combination of bumps and dips or other roughness that, in the opinion of the Engineer, produces an objectionable ride. Corrective work shall be accomplished at no cost to the Department.
 - a. When the initial Profile Index of a test section is 21 in/mi or less, bump and dip correction is the only corrective work allowed for that section.
 - b. When the Profile Index of a test section exceeds 21 in/mi, corrective work shall be performed.
 - c. The Contractor shall retest all corrected test sections with the profilograph.
3. All bumps, as defined in Subsection 502.05, Paragraph 1.b., and all test sections with a Profile Index exceeding 21 in/mi shall be corrected by diamond grinding.
 - a. Bumps shall be considered corrected when they are at or below the 0.40 inch maximum height.
 - b. Sections with a Profile Index exceeding 21 in/mi shall be considered corrected when the Profile Index for that section has been reduced to a value of 21 in/mi or less.
4. All dips, as defined in Subsection 502.05, Paragraph 1.c., shall be corrected until they are at or below the 0.40 inch maximum depth. The Contractor shall have the following options:
 - a. diamond grind on either or both sides of the dip,
 - b. with the approval of the Engineer, remove and replace a sufficient length of the surface layer to correct the deficiency, under the following conditions:
 - (1) The Contractor shall furnish replacement material that meets the original specifications for the material removed.
 - (2) Removal and replacement shall be for the full lane width.
 - c. a combination of the grinding and removal and replacement methods, or
 - d. with the approval of the Engineer, elect to leave an uncorrected or partially corrected dip in place for a monetary deduction.
5. Diamond grinding equipment used for surface correction shall be power driven, self-propelled units specifically designed to grind and texture pavements. The cutting head shall be at least 36 inches wide and consist of many diamond blades with spacers. The Engineer may approve equipment with a narrower width for irregular and confined areas, which will not accommodate larger equipment, and for bumps of limited number and area.

502.07 - Traffic Control

The Contractor shall provide all traffic control for smoothness testing and corrective work at no cost to the Department.

502.08 - Method of Measurement

1. "Asphalt Pavement Smoothness Testing I/D" and "Asphalt Pavement Smoothness Testing" shall be measured on a lump sum basis.
2. a. When the pay item "Asphalt Pavement Smoothness Testing I/D" is included in the contract, the unit price of the accepted quantity of asphaltic concrete pavement and performance graded binder in the surface layer of each profilograph test section shall be adjusted according to the schedule in Table 502.01, subject to the limitations in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Subsection. Pavement sections excluded from this smoothness specification shall not qualify for incentive pay.
- b. When the pay item "Asphalt Pavement Smoothness Testing " is included in the contract, the incentive/disincentive provisions of this Subsection do not apply.

Table 502.01

| Payment Adjustment Schedule | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Profile Index Inches Per Lane Mile | Percent of Contract Prices |
| 0 to 2 | 107 |
| Greater than 2 to 4 | 105 |
| Greater than 4 to 6 | 103 |
| Greater than 6 to 8 | 102 |
| Greater than 8 to 12 | 100 |
| Greater than 12 to 14 | 98 |
| Greater than 14 to 16 | 96 |
| Greater than 16 to 18 | 94 |
| Greater than 18 to 20 | 92 |
| Greater than 20 to 21 | 90 |
| Greater than 21 | Corrective Work Required |

3. When the initial Profile Index of a test section is 21 in/mi or less, that value shall determine the percent of incentive pay for the section unless bump and dip correction performed in that section increases the percent of pay.
4. When the initial Profile Index of a test section is greater than 21 in/mi, corrective work performed in that section may increase the percent of pay up to the level indicated in Table 502.01.

502.09 – Basis of Payment

- When the pay item “Asphalt Pavement Smoothness Testing I/D” is included in the contract, the overall pay factor for the accepted quantity of asphaltic concrete and performance graded binder in the surface layer of all profilograph test sections shall be determined according to the formula in Table 502.02.

Table 502.02

| Pay Factor Formula | |
|--|--|
| $PF = \frac{A(1.07) + B(1.05) + C(1.03) + D(1.02) + E(1.00) + F(0.98) + G(0.96) + H(0.94) + I(0.92) + J(0.90)}{A + B + C + D + E + F + G + H + I + J}$ | |
| Where: | |
| A | = Length of pavement with a Profile Index of 0 to 2 inches per mile. |
| B | = Length of pavement with a Profile Index greater than 2 to 4 inches per mile. |
| C | = Length of pavement with a Profile Index greater than 4 to 6 inches per mile. |
| D | = Length of pavement with a Profile Index greater than 6 to 8 inches per mile. |
| E | = Length of pavement with a Profile Index greater than 8 to 12 inches per mile. |
| F | = Length of pavement with a Profile Index greater than 12 to 14 inches per mile. |
| G | = Length of pavement with a Profile Index greater than 14 to 16 inches per mile. |
| H | = Length of pavement with a Profile Index greater than 16 to 18 inches per mile. |
| I | = Length of pavement with a Profile Index greater than 18 to 20 inches per mile. |
| J | = Length of pavement with a Profile Index greater than 20 to 21 inches per mile. |

- The Contractor shall be assessed \$500 each for all uncorrected or partially corrected dips left in place.
- The work of Asphalt pavement Smoothness Testing I/D” and “Asphalt Pavement Smoothness Testing” shall be paid at the lump sum contract unit price. This price shall be full compensation for all smoothness testing as set forth in this specification.

COLD MILLING, CLASS 3 [Project No. F-27-4(1006)]

Under no circumstance shall the Contractor mill a greater depth from the roadway than is shown in the plans.

Milling for the asphaltic concrete inlays and transitions will be measured and paid for as Cold Milling Class 3.

Salvaged material produced on this project is the property of the State, but shall be furnished for use on this project at no cost to the Contractor.

Salvaged material shall be stockpiled at a site provided by the State. The State provided stockpile site is located on the east side of N-27 at approximate Reference Post 211, as directed by the Engineer.

Existing surfacing material is four armor coat applications over approximately five inches of bituminous sand surface course.

COLD MILLING, CLASS 3
[Project No. RD-27-4(1013)]

Under no circumstance shall the Contractor mill a greater depth from the roadway than is shown in the plans.

Milling for the asphaltic concrete inlays and transitions will be measured and paid for as Cold Milling Class 3.

Salvaged material produced on this project is the property of the State, but shall be furnished for use on this project at no cost to the Contractor.

Salvaged material shall be stockpiled at a site provided by the State. The State provided stockpile site is located on the east side of N-27 at approximate Reference Post 192, as directed by the Engineer.

REMOVING AND REINSTALLING MITERED ENDS

Mitered ends shall be cut off and reinstalled at the location shown in the plans.

The work of removing and reinstalling mitered ends shall be measured and paid for at the contract unit price per each for the item "Removing and Reinstalling Mitered Ends". This price shall be considered full compensation for cutting, connection bands, excavation, and all labor, equipment, tools and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

SLOPE PROTECTION

Subsection 810.02 of the 1997 English Edition of the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

| | Minimum Purity (%) | Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/1000 yd. ² |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| Sand Reedgrass - Goshen | 40% | 0.5 |
| Sand Bluestem - Gold Strike or Garden County | 40% | 2.0 |
| Switchgrass - Nebr. 28 | 90% | 2.0 |
| Sand Lovegrass - Nebr. 27, Native | 90% | 2.0 |
| Little Bluestem - Nebr. Native, Camper or Cimarron | 30% | 2.0 |
| Rye | 90% | 15.0 |
| Rocky Mt. Beeplant | 90% | 0.20 |
| Sweetclover - inoculated | 90% | 0.5 |
| Western Wheatgrass - Flintlock, Barton | 85% | 1.5 |

Paragraph 4.b. in Subsection 810.03 is amended to provide that the drill rate of seed be the 1000 square yard rate seeded over one acre. The remainder of the seed shall be broadcast over the mulch on the shoulder and other drilled areas.

FLY ASH (S10-5-0801)

Subsection 1008.01 in the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

Fly ash shall be Class C or F meeting the requirements of ASTM C 618.

**STRUCTURAL STEEL
(S10-5-0801)**

Section 1045 of the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

1045.03 -- Steel Plate Substitution

The Contractor may use either English or Metric steel plates in accordance with Table 1045.01.

| Table 1045.01 | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| English-Metric Steel Plate Substitution Table | | | |
| Metric (millimeters) | English (inches) | Metric (millimeters) | English (inches) |
| 9 | 3/8 | 32 | 1 1/4 |
| 10 | 3/8 | 35 | 1 3/8 |
| 11 | 7/16 | 38 | 1 1/2 |
| 12 | 1/2 | 40 | 1 5/8 |
| 14 | 9/16 | 45 | 1 3/4 |
| 16 | 11/16 | 50 | 2 |
| 18 | 3/4 | 55 | 2 1/4 |
| 20 | 13/16 | 60 | 2 3/8 |
| 22 | 7/8 | 70 | 2 3/4 |
| 25 | 1 | 80 | 3 1/4 |
| 28 | 1 1/8 | 90 | 3 1/2 |
| 30 | 1 1/4 | | |

**REPAIR OF DAMAGED METALLIC COATINGS
(S10-5-0801)**

Paragraph 2. of Subsection 1061.01 in the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

2. The material used for repair shall provide a minimum coating thickness of at least 50 µm with one application.

**DOWEL BARS
(S10-5-0801)**

Subsection 1022.02 in the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

In addition to these certificates, two 1.8 meter samples of the coated bar (for tension testing and bend testing) of each size bar and each heat number shall be sent to the NDR Materials and Research Laboratory, Lincoln, Nebraska. These bars will be properly identified with tags showing the size and heat number.

**CORRUGATED METAL PIPE
(S10-5-0801)**

Table 1035.01 in Section 1035 of the Supplemental Specifications is amended by deleting the title "Steel and Aluminum Culvert Thickness".

**METAL FLARED-END SECTIONS
(S10-5-0801)**

Table 1036.01 in Section 1036 of the Supplemental Specifications is amended by deleting the title "Steel and Aluminum Flared-End Thickness".

**REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, MANHOLE RISERS,
AND FLARED-END SECTIONS
(S10-5-0801)**

Paragraph 3.a. of Subsection 1037.02 in the Supplemental Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

3.a. Round reinforced concrete pipe shall conform to the requirements of AASHTO M 170-95 with the exception of the minimum circumferential reinforcing (in²/ft. (mm²/m) of pipe wall) for 15, 21, and 24 inch (380, 460, 600 mm) Class III pipe, as shown below:

Paragraph 3.b. of Subsection 1037.02 is void and superseded by the following:

b. AASHTO M 170-95 Specifications are modified as follows:

Paragraph 4. of Subsection 1037.02 is void and superseded by the following:

4. Reinforced concrete arch pipe shall conform to the requirements of AASHTO M 206-95.

Paragraph 5. of Subsection 1037.02 is void and superseded by the following:

5. Reinforced concrete elliptical pipe shall conform to the requirements of AASHTO M 207-95.

Paragraph 7. of Subsection 1037.02 is void and superseded by the following:

7. Concrete flared-end sections shall be of the design shown in the plans and in conformance with the applicable requirements of AASHTO M 170-95, Class II pipe, AASHTO M 206-95, Class A-II pipe, or AASHTO M 207-95, Class HE-II pipe for the diameter of pipe which it is to be installed.

HIGH TENSILE BOLTS, NUTS, AND WASHERS (S10-5-1001)

Subsection 1058.02 in the Supplemental Specifications is void.

Paragraph 4.b.(5) in the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

- (5) The bolt, nut, and washer assembly shall be assembled in a Skidmore-Wilhelm calibrator or an acceptable equivalent device. For bolts that are too short to be assembled in the calibrator, see Subsection 1058.03, Paragraph 4.b.(9).

ELASTOMERIC BEARINGS AND LAMINATED BEARING PADS (S10-5-0202)

Paragraph 2. of Subsection 1068.02 in the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

2. Certification shall be furnished in accordance with NDR's *Materials Sampling Guide*.

Paragraph 3. of Subsection 1068.02 is void.

STEEL BARS FOR CONCRETE REINFORCEMENT (S10-5-1201)

Section 1020 in the Standard Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

1020.01 - Description

Steel tie bars for longitudinal joint reinforcement in concrete pavements shall be epoxy coated and deformed Grade 40 or 60 billet steel as shown in the plans, specifications or Special Provisions.

1020.02 - Material Characteristics

1. Billet-steel bars shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A 615/A 615M.
2. Epoxy coatings shall conform to the requirements in Section 1021 of the Standard Specifications and Supplemental Specifications.

1020.03 - Acceptance Requirements

Acceptance shall be based on sampling, testing, and certification requirements in accordance with the NDR *Materials Sampling Guide*.

PERFORMANCE GRADED BINDER

Section 503 in the Standard Specifications and Supplemental Specifications is amended to include Performance Graded Binders.

I. Description:

The performance graded binder to be used on this project shall be PG Binder 64-22, supplied by a Certified Supplier.

Certified Supplier

A supplier must be certified by the Nebraska Department of Roads to be allowed to supply Performance Graded Binder in Nebraska. A certified supplier must be a participant in one or more of the following PG Binder groups.

1. AASHTO Materials Reference Laboratory (AMRL)
2. Western Cooperative Testing Group
3. Combined States Binder Group

The supplier must maintain and follow the requirements of the group or groups in which they participate in to maintain certification by the Nebraska Department of Roads. In addition, active participation is required to maintain certification by the Department. Active participation will include submitting of round robin samples results, along with meeting other requirements of the group or groups. Failure to do so will result in loss of certification by the Department.

A certified supplier may be asked to supply to the Department, past round robin results, laboratory inspection reports, reasons for and investigative reports on out lying results, quality control testing, and/or technician training and proficiency testing reports.

Supplier Certification

A supplier may request certification by contacting the Nebraska Department of Roads, Materials and Research Division, Flexible Pavement Engineer at (402) 479-4675. A temporary certification may be issued for a period of up to one year. Split sample testing will be required prior to receiving a temporary certification. Split sample testing will be done on all grades of binder that the supplier intends to supply during the temporary certification. The supplier will have up to one year to become certified by participating in and following the requirements of one or more of the approved binder groups.

A supplier may become certified through active participation in other binder certification/round robin groups that are approved by the Department. The Department may request from the supplier prior to approval, past or current round robin results, quality control testing, laboratory inspection reports, and/or technician training and proficiency testing reports.

II. Binder Sampling and Testing:

1. Lots. Each 3750 tons (3400 Mg) of HMA produced will be a binder lot.
2. A binder lot will include only one PG Binder grade or a blend as allowed in paragraph 6.e.
3. A Binder lot will only include one supplier of the PG Binder or a blend as allowed in paragraph 6.e.
4. Blending of different binder grades and binders from different suppliers will be allowed with restrictions as noted in paragraph 6.e. The Engineer must be notified of the intent to blend prior to actual blending.
5. All binders shall be sampled at the rate of one sample per lot with a minimum of three samples per project.
 - a. The sample shall consist of two one-quart (liter) cans and shall be taken by the Contractor's Certified Sampling Technician, with assistance from or under supervision of NDR personnel. The sample shall be taken at the plant from the line between the storage tank and the mixer or from the tank supplying material to the line, at a location at which material sampled is representative of the material in the line to the mixer. One can will be tested for compliance with MP1 specifications and the other can portion will be saved for dispute resolution, if needed. The sampling process shall follow procedures of the NDR Materials Sampling Guide and NDR T 40.
 - b. Testing. When the tested PG Binder is in compliance, the binder lot will be accepted and both cans of the sample can be discarded. If the tested PG Binder does not comply, then the price of the PG Binder lot represented by the sample shall be adjusted according to Table 1. Overall project average testing requirements and price adjustments will also apply, as stated in Table 2.
6. Material Requirements:
 - a. Performance graded binder, as specified in the contract items shall be in accordance with AASHTO Designation MP1 and meet all minimum and maximum requirements.
 - b. Substitution of a PG Binder, which exceeds the upper and lower grade designations from the specified, requires advance notification of the Engineer, and be documented by a no cost change order. The bill of lading or delivery ticket shall state the binder grade and specific gravity.
 - c. Material Certification - A Material Certification shall be submitted prior to construction stating, the type of modifier being used, and the recommended mixing and compaction temperatures for the Hot Mix Asphalt.
 - d. The Contractor shall receive from the supplier, instructions on the proper storage and handling of each grade and shipment of PG Binder.

- e. Blending of PG Binders at the hot mix plant site will be allowed only when transitioning to an asphalt mixture requiring a different grade of binder and with the following restrictions:
- (1) The resultant blend will meet MP-1 specifications when tested as $\pm 3^\circ$ of the specified PG binder. The sample of the blended material will 1) be considered as a lot sample, 2) will be taken during initial production following the blending of the binders, and 3) deductions when not meeting MP-1, will apply. On the blended sample's identification form will be a note explaining the blending conditions and a statement that the sample is a blend of materials. The next lot sample, following the sample representing the blend, will be tested as the specified binder grade for the asphalt mixture being produced and shall meet MP-1 specifications.
 - (2) Modified Binders - When a type of modification is used and stated in the Material Certification as required in paragraph 6.c., it will not be allowed to be blended with a binder containing a different type of modification. Blending of the same type of modifiers will be allowed.

TABLE 1

| SINGLE SAMPLE TOLERANCE AND PRICE REDUCTION TABLE | | |
|--|---|---|
| | Price Reduction¹ Pay Factor of 0.75 | Determined by Engineer² Pay Factor of 0.50 or Removal |
| <u>Tests on Original Binder</u> Dynamic Shear, G*/Sin δ , kPa | 0.86-0.92 | < 0.86 |
| <u>Tests on Rolling Thin Film Oven Residue</u> Dynamic Shear, G*/Sin δ , kPa | 1.76-1.97 | < 1.76 |
| <u>Tests Pressure Aging Vessel Residue</u> Dynamic Shear, G*Sin δ , kPa | 5601-6200 | > 6200 |
| <u>Creep Stiffness</u> S, Mpa | 325-348 | > 348 |
| m-value | 0.270-0.284 | < 0.270 |

NOTE: If more than one test fails to meet requirements, the largest individual price reduction (pay factor of 0.75 or 0.50) will be used to calculate price reduction for the asphalt binder.

¹Price Reduction will be based on contract unit price of asphalt binder.

²The Engineer will determine if the non-compliant material will be removed. If the non-compliant material is accepted, a price reduction of 50% will be applied. The price reduction shall be based on the contract unit price of asphalt binder.

The pay factor will be applied to the quantity of material that the sample represents.

Overall Project Average - Price Reduction Based on Complete MP-1 Testing

Out of specification material will be determined by the specifications outlined in AASHTO MP-1, excluding Direct Tension.

The Nebraska Department of Roads, Materials and Research, Bituminous Laboratory will do complete testing, per MP-1 specifications, on a minimum of three samples or 20% of the total samples from the project, whichever is the greatest. The Department will randomly select one sample for complete MP-1 testing out of every five samples received. When any test result shows sample not meeting MP-1 specifications, the previous and following sample received will be tested for complete MP-1 compliance. Testing will continue in this manner until tested samples meet all of MP-1 specifications.

Original Dynamic Shear Rheometer testing will be completed on all samples. When a sample being tested for only Original Dynamic Shear Rheometer compliance falls out of MP-1 specification, it will then be tested for complete MP-1 specification compliance. Adjacent samples will be tested when results, other than the Original Dynamic Shear Rheometer result, do not meet specification. This additional complete testing for MP-1 compliance is in addition to the minimum number of samples that will be tested for complete MP-1 compliance.

At the completion of testing, all complete MP-1 test results will be averaged. For averages that do not meet MP-1 specifications, the largest reduction shown in Table 2 will be applied to all the Performance Graded Binder used on the project.

Table 2

| OVERALL PROJECT AVERAGE - PRICE REDUCTION TABLE | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Range of Average | Pay Factor Applied |
| <u>Tests on Original Binder</u> Dynamic Shear, $G^*/\sin \delta$, kPa Min. 1.00 kPa | < 1.00 - 0.98 | 0.98 |
| | < 0.98 - 0.96 | 0.95 |
| | < 0.96 - 0.94 | 0.92 |
| | < 0.94 | 0.85 |
| <u>Tests on Rolling Thin Film</u> <u>Oven Residue</u> Dynamic Shear, $G^*/\sin \delta$, kPa Min. 2.20 kPa | < 2.20 - 2.156 | 0.98 |
| | < 2.156 - 2.09 | 0.95 |
| | < 2.09 - 2.024 | 0.92 |
| | < 2.024 | 0.85 |
| <u>Tests Pressure Aging Vessel</u> <u>Residue</u> Dynamic Shear, $G^*\sin \delta$, kPa Max. 5000 kPa | < 5000 - 5100 | 0.98 |
| | < 5100 - 5250 | 0.95 |
| | < 5250 - 5400 | 0.92 |
| | < 5400 | 0.85 |
| m-Value Min. 0.300 | < 0.300 - 0.298 | 0.98 |
| | < 0.298 - 0.293 | 0.95 |
| | < 0.293 - 0.290 | 0.92 |
| | < 0.290 | 0.85 |
| <u>Creep Stiffness</u> S, MPa Max. 300 MPa | < 300 - 306 | 0.98 |
| | < 306 - 315 | 0.95 |
| | < 315 - 324 | 0.92 |
| | < 324 | 0.85 |

Single Sample Reduction and Overall Project Average Reduction

A sample representing a lot, not meeting MP-1 Specification, will have a reduction for the material that the sample represents. Only the largest reduction from Table 1, will apply when more than one result of a single sample does not meet MP-1 specifications. Only the largest overall project average reduction from Table 2, will apply when more than one test average falls out of MP-1 specifications. Pay Factors based on both Table 1 and Table 2 test results are separate from each other and both will be applied.

Investigation of Verification Lot Samples That Do Not Meet Specifications

When the lot sample shows test results out of specification limits, the process of resolving the sample failure will include the following actions as appropriate:

1. The Bituminous Lab may conduct retesting of the remaining portion of the original can sample as determined necessary to confirm or disaffirm the original test result(s).
2. The Flexible Pavement Engineer will notify the Contractor who will arrange to investigate all aspects of the testing, loading, handling and delivery of the material in question. The Contractor shall report findings to the Central Laboratory, Flexible Pavement Engineer.

3. The Department will collect and compile all information and prepare a report. A copy of the report will be distributed to the District and the Contractor.
4. The Bituminous Laboratory will issue the standard report of tests for all samples tested, to include any resulting pay factor deductions. A copy of the report of tests will be distributed to the District, Construction Division, and Contractor.

Dispute Resolution

After testing and investigations have been completed on the one can of the sample and there is still a dispute, the Department will select an independent laboratory for referee testing to take place on the second can of the sample. If the independent lab's tests indicate failing results and pay deductions equal to or great than the Department's, the Contractor will reimburse the Department for the cost of testing. If the independent lab's tests indicate that the material meets specification or is at a pay deduction less than the Department's, the Department will assume the cost of testing. When the independent lab's tests indicate a pay deduction, the lesser of the Department's and the independent lab's deductions will be applied.

Basis of Measurement

PG Binder shall be measured in accordance with Subsection 503.05 in the Standard Specifications and Supplemental Specifications.

Basis of Payment:

Subsection 503.06 in the Standard Specifications and Supplemental Specifications is amended to provide that PG Binder, accepted by the Engineer for use in asphaltic concrete, will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton (Megagram) for the item "Performance Graded Binder _____", less any deductions as prescribed in the tolerance and price reduction tables.

SUPERPAVE ASPHALTIC CONCRETE

Asphaltic Concrete Type SP1 shall use the 0.5 gradation band.

Paragraph 2.b. of Subsection 503.06 of the Supplemental Specifications is amended to include Asphaltic Concrete Type SP6.

Section 1028 is amended to include Asphaltic Concrete Type SP6.

Paragraph 2. a. of Subsection 1028.01 is void and superseded by the following:

Before production of asphaltic concrete, the Contractor shall submit, in writing, a tentative job mix formula on the NDOR Mix Design Submittal Form for approval to the NDR Flexible Pavement Engineer at the Lincoln, Nebraska Central Laboratory.

Paragraph 2. b. of Subsection 1028.01 is void and superseded by the following:

The job mix formula shall identify the virgin mineral aggregates, RAP, if used, and mineral filler, if needed, with the value of the percent passing each specified sieve for the individual and blended materials.

Paragraph 2. c. (1) of Subsection 1028.01 is void and superseded by the following:

The Contractor shall submit six – 95 mm and two – 75 mm gyratory pucks compacted to $7\% \pm 1\%$ air voids for testing and 3 proportioned 22 lb. (10,000-gram) samples of the blended mineral aggregates to be used in the mixture to the NDR Materials and Research Central Laboratory at least 15 NDR working days before production of asphaltic concrete. These samples will be used to validate the Contractor's Superpave mix design test results and mix properties.

Paragraph 2. c. (3) of Subsection 1028.01 is amended to include the following:

- (ix) Dust to Binder Ratio

Paragraph 2. c. (3) (i) of Subsection 1028.01 is void and superseded by the following:

The bulk specific gravity of the blended aggregate. Whenever RAP is used it shall be processed through an ignition oven and then combined proportionally with the virgin aggregate. The bulk specific gravity shall be determined for the blend from an unwashed sample of the - #4 and a washed sample of + #4 material in accordance with AASHTO T 84 and AASHTO T 85 respectively.

Table 1028.01 is amended to include the following:

Table 1028.01

| Asphaltic Concrete Type | Percent, Maximum RAP |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SP6 | 15 |

Paragraph 4. f, (2), (i) of Subsection 1028.01 is void and superseded by the following:

The quality control technicians shall report directly to the Program Administrator and shall perform all sampling and quality control tests as required by the contract.

Paragraph 4. h. (3) of Subsection 1028.01 is void and superseded by the following:

All QC test results shall be documented on NDR Forms by the Contractor with a copy provided to the Engineer within 1 week after the tests are complete. Daily review by the Engineer will be allowed if requested.

Paragraph 4. i. (3) (ii) of Subsection 1028.01 is amended to include the following:

- (VII) Dust to Binder Ratio

Paragraph 4. i. (3) (iii) of Subsection 1028.01 is amended to include the following:

- (IV) Tearing
- (V) Irregular surface due to mix tenderness

Paragraph 2.e. of Subsection 1028.02 is void and superseded by the following:

e. Crushed rock (Limestone) and Dolomite shall conform to the requirements of Subsection 1033.02 of the Standard Specifications, Paragraph 4.a. (4), (5) and (6). Sampling size and frequency shall adhere to the current NDR Materials Sampling Guide. (Some aggregate can be adversely affected by ignition ovens resulting in erroneous reading for asphalt content and gradation unless corrected for.)

Paragraph 2.h. of Subsection 1028.02 of the Supplemental Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

The coarse aggregate angularity value of the blended aggregate material shall meet or exceed the minimum values for the appropriate asphaltic concrete type as shown in Table 1028.02.

Table 1028.02 is void and superseded by the following:

Table 1028.02
Coarse Aggregate Angularity
(ASTM D 5821)

| Asphaltic Concrete Type | Course Aggregate Angularity |
|--|------------------------------------|
| SPS | 35 |
| SP0 | 55 |
| SP1 | 55 |
| SP2 | 65 |
| SP3 | 75 |
| SP4 | 85/80* |
| SP5 | 95/90* |
| SP6 | 95/90* |

* Denotes two faced crushed requirements

Paragraph 2.h.(1) of Subsection 1028.02 is void.

Paragraph 2.i. of Subsection 1028.02 is void and superseded by the following:

The fine aggregate angularity value of the blended aggregate material shall meet or exceed the minimum values for the appropriate asphaltic concrete type as shown in Table 1028.03.

Note: The specific gravity for calculation of the Fine Aggregate Angularity (FAA) shall be based on material passing the No. 8 (2.36 mm) sieve and retained on the No. 100 (150 µm) sieve.

Table 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

Table 1028.03
Fine Aggregate Angularity
(AASHTO T304 Method A)

| Asphaltic Concrete Type | Fine Aggregate Angularity |
|--|----------------------------------|
| SPS | -- |
| SP0 | -- |
| SP1 | 40.0 |
| SP2 | 43.0 |
| SP3 | 43.0 |
| SP4 | 45.0 |
| SP5 | 45.0 |
| SP6 | 45.0 |

Paragraph 2.i.(1) of Subsection 1028.02 is void.

Table 1028.04 is amended to include the following:

Table 1028.04
Flat And Elongated Particles
(ASTM D 4791)

| Asphaltic Concrete Type | Percent, Maximum |
|--|-------------------------|
| SP6 | 10 |

Table 1028.05 is amended to include the following:

Table 1028.05
Clay Content
(AASHTO T 176)

| Asphaltic Concrete Type | Sand Equivalent, Minimum |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SP6 | 50 |

Paragraph 2.l (1). of Subsection 1028.02 is void and superseded by the following:

It is recommended that the selected blended aggregate gradation does not pass through the restricted zones as specified in the following control points for nominal size. The plot of the blended aggregate gradation of Superpave mix designs with FAA values of less than 43.0 will not enter the limits of the restricted zone. The plot of the blended aggregate gradation of Superpave mix designs with FAA values of 43.0 to less than 45.0 passing through the restricted zone must intersect both the upper and lower limits of the restricted zone between 1) any two consecutive sieves used to define the restricted zone limits, or 2) two vertical lines plotted between the #8 and #50 sieve a distance apart no greater than 1/3 the horizontal distance between the #8 (2.36-mm) and #50 (300-µm) sieves. Superpave mix designs with FAA values of 45.0 or greater will not be restricted from passing through the restricted zone.

The note following table 1028.08 is void and superseded by the following:

- * Dust to binder ratio is the ratio of the percentage by weight of aggregate finer than the No. 200 (75 μ m) sieve to the asphalt content expressed as a percent by weight of total mix. The dust to binder ratio shall be between 0.60 and 1.20. This shall be verified during mix design approval.

Table 1028.09 is amended to include the following:

- * see note following Table 1028.08

Paragraph 3. b. (3). of Subsection 1028.02 is void and superseded by the following:

Rice equipment specified in AASHTO T 209, procedure 9.5.1, Weighing in Water. The thermometer being used to measure water temperature will be as specified in T 209.

Paragraph 3. b. (11). of Subsection 1028.02 is void and superseded by the following:

Personal Computer capable of running NDR software and Color Printer.

Paragraph 1. a. of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

The job mix formula shall be determined from a mix design for each mixture. A volumetric mixture design in accordance with AASHTO PP 28 as modified within this special provision, will be required. However, the mixture for the Superpave specimens and maximum specific gravity mixture shall be short-term aged for two hours.

Paragraph 1. c. of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

The Contractor shall inform the Engineer when changes in the types or sources of aggregates or PG Binders are made. These changes may require a new job mix formula, mix design and moisture susceptibility test. The new proposed job mix formula shall be in accordance with the requirements as stated above and submitted 5 working days prior to use for verification.

Paragraph 1. d. of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

Each Superpave mixture shall be tested for moisture susceptibility in accordance with AASHTO T 283. The loose mixture shall be short-term aged for two hours in accordance with AASHTO PP 2. The 6-inch (152-mm) specimens shall be compacted in accordance with AASHTO T 312 to seven percent air voids at 95-mm in height and evaluated to determine if the minimum Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR) of 80 percent has been met. If the mixture has not met the minimum TSR value, an anti-stripping additive shall be added at a dosage rate, such that the mix will meet the minimum TSR of 80 percent. All data shall be submitted with the mix design verification request. For mixtures containing an anti-stripping additive; during production of Lot #1, the Contractor shall provide to the NDR Central laboratory properly prepared gyratory samples for AASHTO T 283 testing. A TSR test result of less than 80 percent will require mixture modification(s) and a sample from subsequent lots will be tested until a TSR value of at least 80 percent is achieved. Moisture susceptibility testing is not required for Asphaltic Concrete Type SPS.

Paragraph 1. d. (1) of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

When tests indicate the need for an anti-striping additive the Contractor shall be compensated for the cost of the anti-strip additive needed at the invoice price of the additive. If the Contractor elects to use a liquid anti-strip additive it shall be added to the PG Binder by the PG Binder Supplier.

Table 1028.11 is amended to include the following:

Table 1028.11
Gyratory Compaction Effort
(Average Design High Air Temperature = < 39 degrees C)

| Asphaltic Concrete Type | Nini | Ndes | Nmax |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SP6 | 9 | 126 | 204 |

Table 1028.12 is void and superseded by the following:

Table 1028.12

| Mix Criteria | SPS,SP0,SP1 | SP2 | SP3,SP4,SP5,SP6 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Voids In Mineral Aggregate | See Table 13 | | |
| Voids Filled with Asphalt | See Table 14 | | |
| %Gmm at Nini | 91.5* | 90.5 | 89.0 |
| %Gmm at Nmax | 98.0* | 98.0 | 98.0 |

* No specification requirement for SPS, only %Gmm at Ndes = 95 to 98.5

Table 1028.14 is amended to include the following:

Table 1028.14
Voids Filled With Asphalt
Criteria at Ndes

| Asphaltic Concrete Type | Design VFA, Percent |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| SP6 | 65 – 75 |

Paragraph 3. c. of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

c. The adjustment values in Table 1028.15 will be the tolerances allowed for adjustments from the NDR verified mix design “Combined Gradation” target values which resulted from production or mix design adjustments, but cannot deviate from Superpave gradation criteria, or violate restricted zone criteria specified in paragraph 2. I. (1) of Subsection 1028.02. Mix adjustments for individual aggregates, including RAP, greater than 25% of the original verified mix design proportion may require the Contractor to submit a new mix design, as determined by the Engineer

Paragraph 4.c.(4) of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

At the project start-up and when a substantial aggregate proportion or other major mix change has been made, at least 1 sample shall be taken between the first 110 tons (100 Mg) and 300 tons (270 Mg) of production. This sample, when other than at start-up, will be in lieu of the next scheduled random sample location.

Paragraph 4.c. (5) of Subsection 1028.03 is amended to include the following:

When both ignition oven and cold feed cold feed samples are being tested the taking of the samples shall be timed such that each sample represents, as close as possible, the same aggregate being fed into the plant.

Paragraph 4. c. (6) of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

For projects using RAP material the FAA and CAA shall be established as follows:

A RAP sample will be processed through an ignition oven and then combined with the proportioned amount of virgin aggregate defined by the mix design and then proceeding with FAA and CAA testing.

Paragraph 4. f. (1) (i) of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

Bulk Specific Gravity (Gmb) shall be determined for each specimen in accordance with AASHTO T 166- Bulk Specific Gravity of Compacted Bituminous Mixtures Using Saturated Surface Dry Specimens.

Paragraph 4.f. (1) (iv) of Subsection 1028.03 in the Supplemental Specifications is void and superseded by the following:

At the Contractor's request, upon evidence that the 3 Bulk Specific Gravity specimens are exhibiting consistency in their results, The Materials and Research Central Laboratory or Branch Manager may reduce the number of specimens to 2.

Paragraph 4. f. (3) (i) of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

The Blended Aggregate Bulk Specific Gravity (Gsb) shall be determined from a combined aggregate blend, including any RAP following ignition burn-off, on the + #4 and - #4 material.

Paragraph 4. f. (5) of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

5. (i) The percent of PG Binder shall be determined for each QC test. The percent of PG Binder will be computed by ignition oven results.
5. (ii) The gradations shall be determined for each QC test using AASHTO T 30.

Paragraph 4.g.(1) of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

All test results and calculations shall be recorded and documented on data sheets using the latest version of NDOR provided "Superpave" software. A copy containing complete project documentation will be provided to the Materials and Research Division at the completion of the project.

Paragraph 4. h. (3) of Subsection 1028.03 is amended to include the following:

(x) Dust to Binder ratio to the nearest 0.01

The table of paragraph 4. i. (3) (i) of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

| Test | Tolerance |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Asphalt Content by Ignition Oven | 0.5% |
| Gyratory Density | 0.020 |
| Maximum Specific Gravity | 0.015 |
| Bulk Dry Specific Gravity (Gsb) | 0.020 |
| FAA | 0.5% |
| CAA | 10.0% |
| Field Core Density | 0.020 |

Paragraph 5.b. of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

Two consecutive test results (single test) outside the Specification limits or a (50% or reject) shall be cause to cease operations.

Paragraph 5.e. of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

Failure to cease operations after two consecutive test results fall outside the Specification limits shall subject all subsequent material to be rejected.

Paragraph 7.b. of Subsection 1028.03 is amended to include SP6.

Paragraph 9. a. of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

Density tests will be performed by the Contractor under direct observation of NDR personnel. The Contractor will establish the method of testing in the preconstruction conference and shall be tested in accordance with the AASHTO T 166 or NDR T 587. The Contractor will insure that the proper adjustment bias and/or correction factors are used and accessible to NDR personnel along with all other inputs when NDR T 587 is selected. All correlation factors and test results shall be generated and reported on the NDOR Density spreadsheet. All disputed values determined using NDR T 587 shall be resolved using AASHTO T 166.

The “**Note**” in paragraph 9.b. of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

Note: The individual QC test value of the Maximum Mix Specific Gravity (Rice) will be used to calculate the density of each corresponding core.

Paragraph 9. h. 3 (i) of Subsection 1028.03 is void and superseded by the following:

If requested by the Contractor, check tests for all density tests in the original set, taken no later than the working day following placement will be allowed in lots with a density pay factor of less than 1.00. Locations for checks tests will be determined by a new random sampling schedule provided by the Engineer. The average density obtained by the check tests shall be used to establish the density pay factor for the lot.

Subsection 1028.03 is amended to include Paragraph 10 as follows:

10. PG Binder Sampling

- a. At least one sample (2-1 quart cans) (2-1 liter cans) of PG Binder will be sampled by the Contractor's QC Technician for every Lot (3750 tons) (3400 Mg) of asphalt concrete mixture produced.
- b. Samples will be taken in accordance with NDR Standard Method T 40.
- c. The QC Technician will include on the Sample Identification form all information required by the contract.

**PROPOSAL GUARANTY
(S1-38-0801)**

As an evidence of good faith in submitting a proposal for this work or for any portion thereof as provided in the proposal form, the bidder must file with his proposal a bid bond, which must be executed on the Department of Roads' Bid Bond form, in the amount of 5 percent of the amount bid for any group of items or collection of groups for which the bid is submitted. Any alterations, conditions or limitations added to the Department of Roads' Bid Bond form will be unacceptable and cause the bid not to be opened and read.

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