

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

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS  
LETTING DATE : March 13, 2003

CALL ORDER: N02            CONTRACT ID: 1627X

CONTROL NO./SEQ. NO.: 12627 /000 PROJECT NO.: MISC-65-1(1003)

TENTATIVE START DATE: 11/03/03      CONTRACT TIME: 15 WORKING DAYS

LOCATION: N-65, TURKEY CREEK CHANNEL  
IN COUNTY: PAWNEE

BIDDER

GROUP 1 GRADING

## 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 NO. MISC-65-1(1003)**

**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 March 13, 2003, 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.

**STATUS OF UTILITIES**

The following information is current as of August 27, 2002.

Utility facilities, aerial and/or underground may exist within this project. The contractor shall determine to his satisfaction the extent of utility occupancy and utility conflict for facilities located within the construction areas.

At this time, no utilities have been required to relocate their facilities.

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.

Utilities known to be in the vicinity of this project.

Alltel Communications  
 Pawnee County Rural Water District No. 1  
 Nebraska Public Power District

Any work necessary will be concurrent with construction.

**STATUS OF RIGHT OF WAY**

The right of way for this project has been acquired and physical possession is held by the State of Nebraska and ready for the contractor's use, except tracts listed below.

Status of unacquired and uncleared right of way tracts is estimated as follows:

TRACT NO.	HEARING DATE	IMPROVEMENTS REMAINING THIS DATE	IMPROVEMENT CLEARANCE
1 – condemnation	None	None	None

All necessary arrangements have been made for the right of way clearance to be undertaken and completed concurrently with the highway construction.

All necessary rights of way, including control of access rights when pertinent, have been acquired including legal and physical possession except for the above.

It is anticipated that all right of way will be acquired and physical possession held by the State prior to the tentative starting date shown elsewhere in this proposal.

The contractor will not be allowed to perform work on any tract listed above until legal and physical possession has been acquired by the State. If necessary, the contractor will be granted an extension of time if a delay is caused because of the above tract(s) not being 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**

**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.

**SEEDING**

Subsection 803.02 in the 1997 English Edition of the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

Type "A"	Minimum Purity (%)	Broadcast or Hydraulic Seeder Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/Acre	Approved Mech. Drill Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/Acre
Canada Wildrye – NE, IA	85	--	2
Eastern Gamagrass – Pete	90	--	1.5
Intermediate Wheatgrass – Slate	85	--	3
Switchgrass – Pathfinder	90	--	0.5
Indiangrass – NE-54	75	--	1.5
Big Bluestem – Pawnee	60	--	2
Sideoats Grama – Trailway	75	--	2
Little Bluestem – Camper, Aldous	60	--	3
Ill. Bundleflower – Inoculated	90	--	0.5
Grayhead Prairie Coneflower	90	--	0.5
Pitcher Sage – NeKan	90	--	0.5
Oats	90	--	10

Mulch is not required for this seeding and this seeding is restricted to the following timeframe of November 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>.

All seed shall be origin Nebraska, adjoining states, or as specified. A contractor proposing to use a substitute variety, or origin shall submit for the engineer's consideration a seed tag representing the seed which shows the variety, origin and analysis of the seed.

Rates of application of commercial inorganic fertilizer shall be:

	Rate of Application Per Acre (Minimum)
Available Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> ) -----	32 or 36 lb.
Available Phosphoric Acid (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) -----	92 or 96 lb.

Rate of application of granular sulphur coated urea fertilizer shall be:

Nitrogen (total available) -----	0 lb.
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The contractor may, at his option, apply granular urea formaldehyde in lieu of the sulphur coated urea fertilizer at the following rate:

Nitrogen (total available) -----	0 lb.
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Section 803 in the Standard Specifications is amended that any Seeding Type "A" will be required only as directed by the Engineer.

The Seeding Type "A" will not be measured and paid for directly but shall be considered subsidiary to the item "Rock Riprap, Type C".

### **CONCRETE RIPRAP TYPE C**

Section 905 in the 1997 English Edition of the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

The placement of the Rock Riprap shall be placed to the elevations shown in the cross-sections. The riprap shall be placed a minimum of 2 foot thick and then smoothly transition riprap down into natural side slopes.

### **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.

<b>Table 1045.01</b>			
<b>English-Metric Steel Plate Substitution Table</b>			
<b>Metric (millimeters)</b>	<b>English (inches)</b>	<b>Metric (millimeters)</b>	<b>English (inches)</b>
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 (in<sup>2</sup>/ft. (mm<sup>2</sup>/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*.

**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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