

When a lessor provides rentals of equipment on an operated basis that exceed \$10,000, such lessor is subject to any Equal Employment Opportunity requirements that are applicable to the project.

## 8-3 Prosecution of Work.

**8-3.1 Compliance with Time Requirements:** Commence work in accordance with the accepted working schedule and provide sufficient labor, materials, and equipment to complete the work within the time limit(s) set forth in the proposal. Should the Contractor fail to furnish sufficient and suitable equipment, forces, and materials, as necessary to prosecute the work in accordance with the required schedule, the Engineer may withhold all estimates that are, or may become due, or suspend the work until the Contractor corrects such deficiencies.

**8-3.2 Submission of Contract Schedule:** Within 21 calendar days after Contract <u>executionaward</u> or at the preconstruction conference, whichever is earlier, submit to the Engineer a Contract Schedule for the project. The Engineer will review and respond to the Contractor within 15 calendar days of receipt.

Provide a Contract Schedule that shows the various activities of work in sufficient detail to demonstrate a reasonable and workable plan to complete the project within the Contract Time. Show the order and interdependence of activities and the sequence for accomplishing the work. Describe all activities in sufficient detail so that the Engineer can readily identify the work and measure the progress on of each activity. Show each activity with a beginning work date, a duration, and a monetary value. Include activities for procurement fabrication, and delivery of materials, plant, and equipment, and review time for shop drawings and submittals. Include milestone activities when milestones are required by the Contract Documents. In a project with more than one phase, adequately identify each phase and its completion date, and do not allow activities to span more than one phase.

Conduct sufficient liaison and provide sufficient information to indicate coordination activities with utility owners that have facilities within the limits of construction have been resolved. Incorporate in the Contract Schedule any utility work schedules included in the Contract Documents unless the utility company and the Department mutually agree to changes to the utility schedules shown in the Contract.

Submit a working plan with the Contract Schedule, consisting of a concise written description of the construction plan and include the electronic file.

The Engineer will return inadequate Contract Schedules to the Contractor for corrections. Resubmit a corrected schedule within 15 calendar days from the date of the Engineer's return transmittal.

Submit an updated Contract Schedule, for Engineer's acceptance, if there is a significant change in the planned order or duration of an activity. The Engineer will review the corrected schedule and respond within 7 calendar days of receipt.

By acceptance of the Contract Schedule, the Engineer does not endorse or otherwise certify the validity or accuracy of the activity durations or sequencing of activities. The Engineer will use the accepted schedule as the baseline against which to measure the progress.

If the Contractor fails to finalize either the initial or a revised Contract Schedule in the time specified, the Engineer may withhold all Contract payments until the Engineer accepts the schedule.

The Contract Schedule may indicate a completion date in advance of the expiration of Contract Time. However, the Department will not be liable in any way for the



Contractor's failure to complete the project prior to expiration of Contract Time. Any additional costs, including extended overhead incurred between the Contractor's scheduled completion date and the expiration of Contract Time, shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall not be entitled to claim or recover any such costs from the Department.

**8-3.2.1: Schedule Narrative:** Each schedule submission and monthly update shall a schedule narrative report. The following information shall be included:

- a. Current project schedule status and identify potential delays
- b. A description of the progress made since the previous schedule submission
- c. Objectives for the upcoming 30 calendar days
- d. Indicate if the project is on schedule, ahead of schedule or behind schedule.
  - 1. If ahead or behind schedule, indicate the specific number of calendar days.
  - 2. If behind schedule, include a detailed recovery plan that will put the schedule back on track or identify the alleged delay event for which a preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time has been submitted, which if granted by the Department, will account for the amount of time the project is behind schedule, or provide a fully supported request for a Contract Time extension, which if granted by the Department, will account for the amount of time the project is behind schedule.
- e. Description of the current critical path and indicate if the critical path has changed in the last 30 calendar days.
- f. Discussion of current successes or problems that have affected either the critical path's length or have caused a shift in the critical path within the last 30 calendar days.
- g. Identify specific activities, progress, or events that may reasonably be anticipated to impact the critical path within the next 30 calendar days, either to affect its length or to shift it to an alternate path.
- h. Identify any and all activities, either in progress or scheduled to occur within the following 30 days that require Department participation, review, approval, etc.

**8-3.2.2 Weekly Meetings:** Attend weekly meetings scheduled by the Engineer to discuss Contract progress, near term scheduled activities, including utility relocations, problems and their proposed solutions. Submit a Three-Week Planning Schedule at each weekly meeting, showing the Contract schedule activities completed in the previous week and planned for the next two weeks. Develop the Three-Week Planning Schedule in Gantt chart format from the updated Contract schedule, identifying completed, current and planned activities. Designate all activities that are controlling work items as determined by the currently accepted Contract Schedule

**8-3.3 Beginning Work:** Notify the Engineer not less than five days in advance of the planned start day of work. Upon the receipt of such notice, the Engineer may give the Contractor Notice to Proceed and may designate the point or points to start the work. In the Notice to Proceed, the Engineer may waive the five-day advance notice and authorize the Contractor to begin immediately. Notify the Engineer in writing at least two days in advance of the starting date of important features of the work. Do not commence work under the Contract until after the Department has issued the Notice to Proceed. The Department will issue the Notice to Proceed within 20 calendar days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, after execution of the Contract.

**8-3.4 Provisions for Convenience of Public:** Schedule construction operations so as to minimize any inconvenience to adjacent businesses or residences. Where necessary, the Engineer may require the Contractor to first construct the work in any areas along the project where inconveniences caused by construction operations would present a more serious handicap. In such critical locations, where there is no assurance of continuous effective prosecution of the work once the construction operations are begun, the Engineer may require the Contractor to delay removal of the existing (usable) facilities.

**8-3.5 Preconstruction Conference:** Immediately after awarding the Contract but before the Contractor begins work, the Engineer will call a preconstruction conference at a place the Engineer designates to go over the construction aspects of the project. Attend this meeting, along with the Department and the various utility companies that will be involved with the road construction.

## 8-4 Limitations of Operations.

**8-4.1 Night Work:** During active nighttime operations, furnish, place and maintain lighting sufficient to permit proper workmanship and inspection. Use lighting with 5 ft-cd minimum intensity. Arrange the lighting to prevent interference with traffic or produce undue glare to property owners. Operate such lighting only during active nighttime construction activities. Provide a light meter to demonstrate that the minimum light intensity is being maintained.

Lighting may be accomplished by the use of portable floodlights, standard equipment lights, existing street lights, temporary street lights, or other lighting methods approved by the Engineer.

Submit a lighting plan at the Preconstruction Conference for review and acceptance by the Engineer. Submit the plan as a PDF file, in the same scale as the Contract Plans, and formatted on 11 inch by 17 inch sheets. Do not start night work prior to the Engineer's acceptance of the lighting plan.

During active nighttime operations, furnish, place and maintain variable message signs to alert approaching motorists of lighted construction zones ahead. Operate the variable message signs only during active construction activities.

Include compensation for lighting for night work in the Contract prices for the various items of the Contract. Take ownership of all lighting equipment for night work. Return to Table of Contents

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