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SUBJECT: Consolidation of Products and Specifications- Impact on pay items

ISSUE BACKGROUND: As many of you are aware, the Department is working to consolidate material requirements from the Minimum Specifications for Traffic Control Signals and Devices (MSTCSD), the Standard Specifications, the Approved Products List (APL), the Qualified Products List (QPL), and related pay items. While several specification sections were updated, completed industry review, approved by FHWA, and implemented for the January 2013 lettings, additional specification sections are currently out for industry review. They are expected to be implemented for the July 2013 lettings. The remaining groups of specifications are scheduled for 2014 lettings.

We appreciate the input and support of our designers, contractors, vendors, and manufacturers. While the specification changes have caused some pay item changes, the long term benefits of the changes will benefit many. For example, designers will have 1 pay item group for conduit in Section 630. It will be applicable for signalization, lighting, and ITS applications. Contractors will benefit from consistent specifications for material requirements, measurement, and payment. Inspectors will use one specification for all installations, regardless of the application.

IMPLEMENTATION: A separate Estimates Bulletin will be issued for each group of specifications/pay items affected. Designers are asked to read each bulletin carefully, and update the plans, specifications package, and pay items as noted. Contractors, Inspectors, and others will be notified through update training and existing lines of communication.

Again, we appreciate your support and understanding through this process as we work to achieve Consistent, Predictable, and Repeatable (CPR) requirements for products, pay items, and specifications.

If you have any questions regarding the above items, please contact Melissa Hollis 850-414-4182.