

5700100 PERFORMANCE TURF
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments: (11-8-18)

Throughout the rewrite they've consistently stuck to exotic or invasive pest plants and noxious weeds. In section 570-4, Item 7, they slip in the term "competing vegetation" which could be open to a variety of interpretations. I'd prefer them to remove that.

Response: Removal of competing vegetation is an existing requirement of Section 570-4. The language was added to the list to ensure the requirement is met during establishment.

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I believe that we should provide an allowance for project sites greater than 50 Acres to be subdivided into contiguous minimum 25 Acre areas for acceptance. The areas would need to be contiguous in nature along a corridor, and subdivided along the boundaries of Maintenance jurisdictions. Smaller acceptance areas would be allowed if it constituted the entire area to be handed over to a single maintenance entity.

Response: Noted. No change. This is beyond the scope of the current changes.

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Comments: (12-4-18)

With the deletion of Specification 162 the payment for Shoulder Treatments covered under Standard Plans, Index 570-010 needs to be completed covered by Specification 570. I recommend adding language stating that all work and materials needed for Treatment I and Treatment II of Index 570-010 be paid for as Performance Turf – per square yard.

Response: It is covered. Index 570-010 Note 5(B) states:

<p>5. Turf Establishment:</p> <p>A. Wildflowers destroyed by shoulder sodding and turf operations are to be reestablished under the seeding rates prescribed for permanent wildflower #2 Group shown by table on Index 570-001.</p> <p>B. Establish turf in accordance with Specification 570.</p>
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Section 570 language:

570-3.3 Sod: Place the sod on the prepared surface, with edges in close contact. Do not use sod which has been cut for more than 48 hours.

Place the sod to the edge of all landscape areas as shown in the Plans and the Standard Plans.

Place rolled sod parallel with the roadway and cut any exposed netting even with the sod edge.

Monitor placed sod for growth of pest plants and noxious weeds. If pest plants and/or noxious weeds manifest themselves within 30 days of placement of the sod during the months April through October, within 60 days of placement of the sod during the months of

570-8 Method of Measurement.

The quantities to be paid for will be plan quantity in square yards based on the area shown in the Plans, completed and accepted.

570-9 Basis of Payment.

Prices and payments will be full compensation for all work and materials specified in this Section.

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 570- 1- Performance Turf - per square yard.

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Comments: (date)

1. 570-3.1 Proposed change- Remove all construction debris in performance turf areas- It is very unusual that the prime is also the performance turf contractor as this is usually a subcontractor. To put this in the grassing specification puts the burden of removing this debris when the grassing contractor is not the grading contractor and has no control of the finish grade. Although the specification is directed to the prime, this burden is being placed on the subcontractor in 99% of the time when the control of the grading is done by others.

Response: Noted. The prime contractor must coordinate with their sub-contractors to comply with the specifications.

2. 570-3-3 Sod: Proposed Change: Monitor place sod for growth of EXOTIC OR INVASIVE pest plants. Exotic and Invasive are not the same term. Exotic plants are not prohibited and the terms are not synonymous.

Response: Yes; however, exotic and invasive plants, or other competing vegetation, are not turf and should not be introduced to the project, or if they are introduced, they must be removed.

3. 570-4 Turf Establishment: Exotic, Invasive, and Noxious are not the same terms and do not reflect the current invasive lists that are currently being used by the other agencies of the State or Federal agencies. The reference to the list compiled by the FLEPPC is not to be used as a regulatory list. This is stated in the literature of the FLEPPC. On their own website, the FLEPPC, states " NOTE: The FLEPPC List of Invasive Plant Species is NOT a regulatory list. Only those

plants listed as Federal Noxious Weeds, Florida Noxious Weeds, Florida Prohibited Aquatics Plants, or in local ordinances are regulated by law." Realizing that this was not a proposed change it does go towards the use of exotic, invasive and exotic as synonymous.

Response: Exotic, invasive, and noxious plants, are not turf and should not be introduced to the project, or if they are introduced, they must be removed.
