Comments: (10-3-18)
Will it be clear to the Contractor and Designer what “like pads” means?

“For LOT sizes of like pads that exceed 10....”

Response:

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Comments: (10-18-18)
932-2.3.2 Allowing the Engineer to select "a minimum of two" could result in the job shortage. Contractors do not buy extra pads. We only purchase the amount for the structure plus two per lot for testing requirements. The revision to the second to last sentence creates a problem. If the Engineer (most likely the CEI) submits the pads he must have an account with the independent testing facility. The testing lab will invoice the firm submitting the sample. There is no avenue in the Contract for the Contractor to reimburse the Engineer for the cost of shipping and testing. If the Contractor submits the pads (like we currently do) he pays for the shipping directly and pays for the testing upon receipt of the test results and the invoice.

Response:

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Comments: (11-13-18)
The URL for obtaining information for a lab to perform the testing of the bearing pads takes the user to the Reports in MAC. However, once there the user would not know where to find an approved lab able to perform the testing. Would it be possible to add further instructions, like a comment after the URL, informing the user to click on the Labs; Qualified Labs Report, and pick the category Chemical for a listing of labs that are approved to do this testing? Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
SUBARTICLE 932-2.6.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

932-2.6.1 Testing: Test bridge bearing pads in accordance with FM 5-598. Lamnated bridge bearings must meet a minimum compressive load of 2,400 psi and non-laminated (plain) pads must meet a minimum compressive load of 1,200 psi. If any properties are identified as noncompliant with the criteria specified, the bearing shall be rejected and the eonformverification sample tested. If the eonformverification sample test results are also noncompliant, the LOT shall be rejected. A list of Department approved testing laboratories can be found on the Department’s database website. The URL for obtaining this information, if available, is: https://mac.fdot.gov/reports.

Response:

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