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Khoa Nguyen  
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3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
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Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: **125**  
Proposed Specification: **1251300 Excavation for Structures and Pipe.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Melissa Hollis from the Product Evaluation Office to eliminate the inconsistent use of the 125- pay item; all excavation will be paid in accordance with Section 120.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at (850) 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Strickland, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

## EXCAVATION FOR STRUCTURES AND PIPE (REV 8-18-21)

ARTICLE 125-13 is deleted and the following substituted:

### 125-13 Method of Measurement.

~~When direct payment for excavation for structures is provided in the proposal, and such payment is on a unit basis, the basis of payment is the cubic yard volume of the material excavated below the original ground line or stream bed, but not including that shown in the Plans to be paid for either as regular excavation, subsoil excavation, lateral ditch excavation or channel excavation, or which is included in the item for grading, and except that no payment will be made for material removed in excavating for footings or foundations outside of an area which is bounded by vertical planes 12 inches outside of the limits of the footing and parallel thereto. For pipe trenches the width used to be in the calculation shall be the diameter of the pipe, plus 24 inches. No separate measurement or payment will be made for work under this Section.~~

ARTICLE 125-14 is deleted and the following substituted:

### 125-14 Basis of Payment.

Payment for excavation of bridge structures will be made under Section 120. Payment for excavation of drainage system items will be incidental to those items.

~~**125-14.1 When No Direct Payment Provided:** When direct payment for excavation for structures is not provided for in the proposal, all work specified in this Section, other than as specified in 125-14.3 through 125-14.7, shall be included in the Contract price for the concrete or for other items covering the applicable structure.~~

~~**125-14.2 Direct Payment:** When direct payment for work under this Section is provided, the Contract price per cubic yard (measured as provided in 125-13), as shown in the proposal, shall be full compensation for all the work specified in this Section, except such work as is specifically stipulated to be paid for separately, in 125-14.3 through 125-14.7.~~

~~**125-14.3 Excavation Below Plan Grade:** When excavation of material below plan grade is called for in the Plans or authorized by the Engineer, and payment for Excavation for Structures is on a cubic yard basis, the material excavated below plan grade will be included in the measurement for this item.~~

~~Payment for the material used for the backfill will be made as specified in 125-14.7.~~

~~**125-14.4 Strengthening Foundations:** The work of strengthening the foundations (as provided in 125-4.2) shall be paid for as provided in 4-4, unless such work is covered by a bid item.~~

~~**125-14.5 Backfilling for Additional Support:** The work of providing additional support by backfilling with sand or other satisfactory material, where called for by the Engineer (as specified in 125-8), shall be paid for as provided in 4-4.~~

~~**125-14.6 Removal and Replacement of Existing Pavement:** For pavement, curb, etc., which is removed only in order to construct pipe culverts or storm sewers, as specified in 125-11, all costs of such removal and replacement shall be included in the costs of the pipe or other structure for which it is removed, unless otherwise provided for in the contract.~~

~~—————~~ **125-14.7 Removal and Replacement of Material Unsuitable for Backfill:** When it cannot reasonably be anticipated from information contained in the Plans, that material excavated for the structure will be unsuitable for use as backfill, and such material proves to be unsuitable for this use, the work of disposing of such material away from the site will be paid for as Unforeseeable Work, and the work of bringing in substitute material for the backfill will be paid for as specified for the particular case shown below:

~~—————~~ 1. No additional payment will be made for backfill materials obtained from surplus material available from the normal excavation or grading operations.

~~—————~~ 2. When the necessary material is not available from the normal excavation or grading operations, and the Contract includes an item for borrow excavation, backfill material authorized to be obtained from designated borrow areas will be included in the volume of borrow excavation to be paid for.

~~—————~~ 3. When the necessary material is not available from the normal excavation or grading operations and no separate item for borrow excavation is included in the Contract, any backfill material obtained by increasing the volume of excavation within the roadway right of way will be measured and paid for as regular excavation subject to the provisions of 9-3.2.2.

~~—————~~ 4. When authorization is given for obtaining the material from outside the right of way and from other than designated borrow areas, such excavation will be paid for as unforeseeable work.

~~—————~~ 5. Where pipe bedding is provided, as specified in 125-8, by the use of select granular material, the quantity of such select material obtained either as commercial material or from material from the grading operations other than in the immediate vicinity of the pipe to be bedded, as authorized by the Engineer, will be paid for at the Contract price per cubic yard for select bedding material. No payment for this material will be made for material available from the excavation for the pipe culvert or from other material available from the grading operations at a location not sufficiently remote as to require loading on trucks.

~~—————~~ **125-14.8 Pay Items:** Payment for the work under this Section, when provided for directly, shall be made under:

~~Item No. 125-1 — Excavation for Structures — per cubic yard~~ ~~Item No. 125-3 — Select Bedding Material — per cubic yard.~~

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