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Re: State Specifications Office
Section: **530**
Proposed Specification: **5300200 Revetment Systems.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Melissa Hollis to update formatting to be consistent with APL requirements.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to 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

REVETMENT SYSTEMS.
(REV 11-23-21)

ARTICLE 530-2 is deleted and the following substituted:

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3. Bag made of scrim-reinforced paper capable of holding the sand-cement without leakage.

4. Sand meets requirements of Section 902-3.3

5. Type I/II cement meets requirements of Section 921.

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For this application, use broken stone meeting the following gradation and thickness requirements:

Weight Maximum Pounds	Weight 50% Pounds	Weight Minimum Pounds	Minimum Blanket Thickness in Feet
670	290	60	2.5
Ensure that at least 97% of the material by weight is smaller than Weight Maximum pounds].			
Ensure that at least 50% of the material by weight is greater than Weight 50% pounds].			
Ensure that at least 85% of the material by weight is greater than Weight Minimum pounds.			

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Use broken stone or broken concrete meeting the following gradation and thickness requirements:

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75	30	4	1.5
Ensure that at least 97% of the material by weight is smaller than Weight Maximum pounds.			
Ensure that at least 50% of the material by weight is greater than Weight 50% pounds].			
Ensure that at least 90% of the material by weight is greater than Weight Minimum pounds].			

530-2.1.3.3 Physical Requirements of Broken Stone and Broken Concrete: Use broken stone and broken concrete meeting the following physical requirements:

Absorption (FM 1-T 85)	Maximum 5%
Los Angeles Abrasion (ASTM C535)	Maximum loss 45%*
Soundness (Sodium Sulphate) (AASHTO T 104)	Maximum loss 12%** (after five cycles)
Flat and elongated pieces	Materials with least dimension less than one third of greatest dimension not exceeding 10% by weight.
Dirt and Fines	Materials less than 1/2 inch in maximum dimension accumulated from interledge layers, blasting or handling operations not exceeding 5% by weight.
Drop Test***(EM 1110-2-2302)	No new cracks developed, or no existing crack widened additional 0.1 inch, or final largest dimension greater than or equal to 90% original largest dimension of dropped piece.

* Ensure that granite does not have a loss greater than 55% and that broken concrete does not have a loss greater than 45%.

** The Engineer may accept rubble exceeding the soundness loss limitation if performance history shows that the material will be acceptable for the intended use. The Engineer will waive the soundness specification for rubble riprap (broken stone and broken concrete) when project documents indicate it will be placed in or adjacent to water or soil with a sulfate content less than 150 parts per million and a pH greater than 5.0.

*** The Engineer will waive the Drop Test unless required to ensure structural integrity. Provide all equipment, labor and testing at no expense to the Department. EM refers to the US Army Corps of Engineer's Specification Engineering Method.

530-2.1.3.4 Source Approval and Project Control: The Engineer will approve construction aggregate sources in accordance with 6-2.3.

1. The Engineer may perform Independent Verification tests on all materials placed on the project.

2. The Engineer will check the gradation of the riprap by visual inspection at the project site. Resolve any difference of opinion with the Engineer in accordance with the method provided in FM 5-538. Provide all equipment, labor, and the sorting site at no expense to the Department.

3. The Engineer may test components in a blend of rubble processed from different geologic formations, members, groups, units, layers or seams. The Engineer may select components based on like color, surface texture, porosity, or hardness. The Engineer will reject any blend if a component that makes up at least five percent by volume of the blend does not meet these specifications.

530-2.1.4 Bedding Stone: Use Bedding Stone of either a durable quality limestone or other quarry run stone, with a bulk specific gravity of not less than 1.90 and that is reasonably free from thin, flat and elongated pieces. Ensure that the bedding stone is also reasonably free from organic matter and soft, friable particles. Meet the following gradation limits:

Standard Sieve Sizes - Inches	Individual Percentage by Weight Passing
12 inches	100
10 inches	70 to 100
6 inches	60 to 80
3 inches	30 to 50
1 inch	0 to 15

The Engineer will conduct source approval and project control of bedding stone as specified in 530-2.1.3.4. In lieu of limestone or other quarry run stone, the Contractor may substitute non-reinforced concrete from existing pavement that is to be removed and which meets the above requirements for commercial bedding stone.

530-2.2 Articulating Concrete Block (ACB) Revetment Systems: Obtain all precast block, cabling, anchors, and necessary incidental materials from the same manufacturer. ACB revetment systems must meet the requirements of ASTM D6684, ASTM D7276 and ASTM D7277. Submit to the Engineer certification from the manufacturer that the ACB revetment system meets the requirements of this Section.

ACB system components must meet the following requirements:

ConcreteSection 347, ASTM D6684

Cables and Fittings.....ASTM D6684

Type D-2 Geotextile Fabric *Section -985

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Cables must maintain at least 85% of original tensile strength (ASTM D638) after 1,000 hours exposure to a saturated solution of calcium hydroxide (pH greater than or equal to 11) at 73°F, plus or minus three degrees. Cables must not exceed a maximum of 0.5% moisture

absorption at seven days, per ASTM D570. Cable crimps must be aluminum or stainless steel Type 304 or 316.

530-2.3 Gabions:

530-2.3.1 General: Provide gabions meeting the requirements of ASTM A974 and ASTM A975 as modified herein.

Allowable Gabion Wire and Connector Material	Substructure Environmental Classification
Polymeric	Any
Metallic	Slightly Aggressive
Metallic – Galvanized and PVC coated	Slightly Aggressive Moderately Aggressive
Metallic – Type 304 Stainless Steel, Size W1.4 (MW10) or larger	Slightly Aggressive Moderately Aggressive Extremely Aggressive (< 2,000 ppm Chlorides)
Metallic – Type 316 Stainless Steel, Size W1.4 (MW10) or larger	Any

530-2.3.2 Metallic Gabions: The components of metallic gabions must meet the following requirements:

Wire Mesh and Fabric*ASTM A974 and A975
Spiral Binders, Lacing Wire, Stiffeners, and Ring Wire
FastenersASTM A974 and A975
Stainless Steel Wire, Wire Fabric, and
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Tensile Strength @2% strain MD*575 lb/ft
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SUBARTICLE 530-3.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

530-3 Construction and Installation.

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