

009 PARTIAL PAYMENTS.

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ARTICLE 9-6 (Pages 95-99) is deleted and the following substituted:

9-6 Partial Payments.

9-6.1 General: The Engineer will make partial payments on monthly estimates based on the amount of work that the Contractor completes during the month (including delivery of certain materials, as specified herein below). The Engineer will make approximate monthly payments, and the Department will correct all partial estimates and payments in the subsequent estimates and in the final estimate and payment.

The Department will base the amount of such payments on the total value of the work that the Contractor has performed to the date of the estimate, based on the quantities completed and the Contract prices, less payments previously made and less any retainage withheld.

Retainage will not be withheld until the percent of allowable Contract time used exceeds 75%. From that time forward, the Department will withhold retainage of 10% of the amount due on the current estimate as retainage when the percent of allowable Contract time used exceeds the percent of Contract amount earned by more than 15%.

Contract amount is defined as the original Contract amount adjusted by approved supplemental agreements.

Contract time is defined as the original Contract time adjusted by approved Contract time extensions.

Retainage will be determined for each job on multiple job Contracts. The Department will not accept Securities, Certificates of Deposit or letters of credit as a replacement for retainage. Amounts withheld will not be released until payment of the final estimate.

9-6.2 Unsatisfactory Payment Record: In accordance with Sections 255.05 and 337.16 of the Florida Statutes, and the rules of the Department, the Department may disqualify the Contractor from bidding on future Department contracts if the Contractor's payment record in connection with contract work becomes unsatisfactory. The Department may also disqualify the surety from issuing bonds for future Department contracts if they similarly fail to perform under the terms of their bond.

9-6.3 Withholding Payment:

9-6.3.1 Withholding Payment for Defective Work: If the Department discovers any defective work or material prior to the final acceptance, or if the Department has a reasonable doubt as to the integrity of any part of the completed work prior to final acceptance, then the Department will not allow payment for such defective or questioned work until the Contractor has remedied the defect and removed any causes of doubt.

9-6.3.2 Withholding Payment for Failure to Comply: The Department will withhold progress payments from the Contractor if he fails to comply with any or all of the following within 60 days after beginning work:

(a) comply with and submit required paperwork relating to prevailing wage rate provisions, Equal Employment Opportunity, On-Job-Training, and Affirmative Action;

(b) comply with or make a good faith effort to meet Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals;

(c) comply with or make a good faith effort to meet minority and female hiring goals; and

(d) comply with or make a good faith effort to meet On-Job-Training goals.

The Department will withhold progress payments until the Contractor has satisfied the above conditions.

9-6.4 Release of Retainage After Acceptance: When the Contractor has furnished the Department with all submittals required by the Contract, such as invoices, freight bills, freight rate certifications, wage rate affidavits, Federal Highway Administration Form FHWA-47 (formerly known as PR-47), EEO reports, materials certifications, certification of materials procured, etc., (excluding Contractor's letter of acceptance of final amount due and Form 21-A release) and the Engineer has determined that the measurement and computation of pay quantities is correct, the Department may reduce the retainage to \$1,000 plus any amount that the Department elects to deduct for defective work as provided in 9-6.3.

The Department will not allow a semifinal estimate under the provisions of the above paragraphs unless the time elapsing between (1) acceptance of the project and receipt of all test reports, invoices, etc., and (2) submission of the final estimate to the Contractor for acceptance, exceeds or is expected to exceed ten days.

The Department may deduct from payment estimates any sums that the Contractor owes to the Department on any account. Where more than one project or job (separate job number) is included in the Contract, the Department will distribute the reduced retainage as provided in the first paragraph of this Subarticle to each separate project or job in the ratio that the Contract value of the work for the particular job bears to the total Contract amount.

9-6.5 Partial Payments for Delivery of Certain Materials:

9-6.5.1 General: The Department will allow partial payments for new materials that will be permanently incorporated into the project and are stockpiled in approved locations in the project vicinity. Stockpile materials so that they will not be damaged by the elements and in a manner that identifies the project on which they are to be used.

The following conditions apply to all payments for stockpiled materials:

(1) There must be reasonable assurance that the stockpiled material will be incorporated into the specific project on which partial payment is made.

(2) The stockpiled material must be approved as meeting applicable specifications.

(3) The total quantity for which partial payment is made shall not exceed the estimated total quantity required to complete the project.

(4) The Contractor shall furnish the Engineer with copies of certified invoices to document the value of the materials received. The amount of the partial payment will be determined from invoices for the material up to the unit price in the Contract.

(5) Delivery charges for materials delivered to the jobsite will be included in partial payments if properly documented.

(6) Partial payments will not be made for materials which were stockpiled prior to award of the Contract for a project.

9-6.5.2 Partial Payment Amounts: The following partial payment restrictions apply:

(1) Partial payments less than \$5,000 for any one month will not be processed.

(2) Partial payments for any individual pay item with an extended total less than \$5,000 will not be processed.

(3) Partial payments for structural steel and precast prestressed items will not exceed 85% of the bid price for the item. Partial payments for all other items will not exceed 75% of the bid price of the item in which the material is to be used.

(4) Partial payment will not be made for aggregate and base course material received after paving or base construction operations begin except when a construction sequence designated by the Department requires suspension of paving and base construction after the initial paving operations, partial payments will be reinstated until the paving and base construction resumes.

9-6.5.3 Off Site Storage: If the conditions of 9-6.5.1 are satisfied, partial payments will be allowed for materials stockpiled in approved in-state locations. Additionally, partial payments for materials stockpiled in approved out-of-state locations will be allowed if the conditions of 9-6.5.1 and the following conditions are met:

(1) Furnish the Department a Materials Bond stating the supplier guarantees to furnish the material described in the Contract to the Contractor and Department. Under this bond, the Obligor shall be the material supplier and the Obligees shall be the Contractor and the Florida Department of Transportation. The bond shall be in the full dollar amount of the bid price for the materials described in the contract.

(2) The following clauses must be added to the construction Contract between the Contractor and the supplier of the stockpiled materials:

“Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, <supplier> will be liable to the Contractor and the Florida Department of Transportation should <supplier> default in the performance of this agreement.”

“Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this agreement, and the performance bond issued pursuant to this agreement, does not alter, modify, or otherwise change the Contractor’s obligation to furnish the materials described in this agreement to the Florida Department of Transportation.”

(3) The agreement between the Contractor and the supplier of the stockpiled materials must include provisions that the supplier will store the materials and that such materials are the property of the Contractor.

9-6.6 Certification of Payment to Subcontractors: The term “subcontractor,” as used herein, includes persons or firms furnishing materials or equipment incorporated into the work or stockpiled for which the Department has made partial payment and firms working under equipment-rental agreements. The Contractor is required to pay all subcontractors for

satisfactory performance of their Contracts before the Department will make a further progress (partial) payment. The Contractor shall also return all retainage withheld to the subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily complete, as determined by the Department. Prior to receipt of any progress (partial) payment, the prime contractor shall certify that all subcontractors having an interest in the Contract were paid for satisfactory performance of their Contracts and that the retainage is returned to subcontractors within 30 days after satisfactory completion of the subcontractor's work. Provide this certification in the form designated by the Department.

The Contractor is required to report monthly, through the Department's Equal Opportunity Reporting System's web site, URL address is <http://www3.dot.state.fl.us/EqualOpportunityReporting>.

The Department will not make any progress payments after the initial partial payment until the Contractor completes the Equal Opportunity monthly report and provides the certification above, unless the Contractor demonstrates good cause for not making any required payment and furnishes written notification of any such good cause to both the Department and the affected subcontractors and suppliers.

Within 30 days of the Contractor's receipt of the final progress payment or any other payments thereafter, except the final payment, the Contractor shall pay all subcontractors and suppliers having an interest in the Contract for all work completed and materials furnished. The Department will honor an exception to the above when the Contractor demonstrates good cause for not making any required payment and furnishes written notification of any such good cause to both the Department and the affected subcontractors or suppliers within said 30-day period.