

# EXPECTED IMPLEMENTATION JANUARY 2008

## **006 CONTROL OF MATERIALS.** **(REV 5-21-07) (FA 7-19-07) (1-08)**

ARTICLE 6-9 of the (Supplemental Specifications) is deleted and the following substituted:

### **6-9 Lab Qualification Program.**

Testing Laboratories participating in the Department's Acceptance Program must have current Department qualification when testing materials that are used on Department projects. In addition, they must have one of the following:

- a. Current AASHTO (AAP) accreditation.
- b. Inspected on a regular basis per ASTM D 3740 for earthwork, ASTM D 3666 for asphalt and ASTM C 1077 for concrete for test methods used in the Acceptance Program, with all deficiencies corrected, and under the supervision of a Specialty Engineer.
- c. Current Construction Materials Engineering Council (CMEC) program accreditation or other independent inspection program accreditation acceptable to the Engineer and equivalent to a. or b. above.

After meeting the criteria described above, submit a Laboratory Qualification Application to the Department. The application is available from the Department's website. Obtain the Department's qualification prior to beginning testing. The Department may inspect the laboratory for compliance with the accreditation requirements prior to issuing qualification.

Meet and maintain the qualification requirements at all times. Testing without Department's qualification may result in a rejection of the test results. Continued qualifications are subject to satisfactory results from Department evaluations, including Independent Assurance evaluations. In case of suspension or disqualification, prior to resumption of testing, resolve the issues to the Department's satisfaction and obtain reinstatement of qualification. The following conditions may result in suspension of a laboratory's qualified status:

- a. Failure to timely supply required information.
- b. Loss of accredited status.
- c. Failure to correct deficiencies in a timely manner.
- d. Unsatisfactory performance.
- e. Changing the laboratory's physical location.
- f. Delays in reporting the test data in the Department's database.
- g. Incomplete or inaccurate reporting.
- h. Using unqualified technicians performing testing.

It is prohibited for a non-Department laboratory to perform Contractor Quality Control testing and any other Acceptance Program testing on the same contract.