

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT.

(REV 5-12-10) (FA 7-29-10) (1-11)

SUBARTICLE 9-1.3.2 (Page 95) is deleted and the following substituted:

9-1.3.2 Plan Quantity: For this Contract, all pay items are Plan Quantity items. All references to pay item adjustments contained in the Contract Documents are superseded by this Specification and do not apply except as provided for in this Subarticle and the provisions of 9-3.2.

SUBARTICLES 9-2.1.1 and 9-2.1.2 (of the Supplemental Specifications) are deleted.

SUBARTICLE 9-3.2.3 (Page 99) is deleted and the following substituted:

9-3.2.3 Determination of Pay Reduction: In measurement of areas of work, where pay reductions are to be assessed, the Engineer will use the lengths and widths in the calculations based upon station to station dimensions in the Contract Documents, the station to station dimensions actually constructed within the limits designated by the Engineer, or the final dimensions measured along the final surface of the completed work within the neat lines shown in the Contract Documents or designated by the Engineer. The Engineer will use the method or combination of methods of measurement, which will reflect with reasonable accuracy, the actual surface area of the finished work as the Engineer determines.

Failure on the part of the Contractor to construct any item of work in compliance with the contract requirements or to plan or authorized dimensions within the specification tolerances will result in reconstruction to acceptable tolerances at no additional cost to the Department or acceptance at no pay at the discretion of the Engineer.

SUBARTICLE 9-5.1 (Pages 100 and 101) is deleted and the following substituted:

9-5.1 General: The Engineer will make partial payments based on the amount of work that the Contractor completes during the month (including delivery of certain materials, as specified herein below). The Department will base the amount of such payments on certified monthly invoices submitted by the Contractor for progress payments each month, less any retainage withheld. The Contractor must make a request for payment no later than 12 O'clock noon, Monday, after the estimate cut-off date or as directed by the Engineer, based on the amount of work done or completed. The invoice shall include the Contract Number, the Financial Project Number, the Invoice Number, the Invoice Date, and the time period that the invoice represents.

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 invoice.

SUBARTICLE 9-8.1 (of the Supplemental Specifications) is deleted and the following substituted:

9-8.1 Acceptance and Final Payment Documents: Upon final inspection and final acceptance of the Contract (as provided in 5-10 and 5-11), and subject to the terms of 8-11, the Contractor shall submit a final invoice for work completed and accepted by the Department. The Department will pay the invoice, less any sums that the Department may have deducted or retained under the provisions of the Contract, provided the Contractor has met the requirements below.

(a) The Contractor provides the Acceptance Letter.

(b) The Contractor has properly maintained the project, as specified hereinbefore.

(c) The Contractor has furnished a sworn affidavit to the effect that the Contractor has paid all bills and no suits are pending (other than those exceptions listed, if any) in connection with work performed under the Contract and that the Contractor has not offered or made any gift or gratuity to, or made any financial transaction of any nature with, any employee of the Department in the performance of the Contract. Include with the listed tort liability exceptions, if any, evidence of adequate insurance coverage as required in 7-13.

(d) The surety on the Contract bond consents, by completion of their portion of the affidavit and surety release subsequent to the Contractor's completion of his portion, to final payment to the Contractor and agrees that the making of such payment does not relieve the surety of any of its obligations under the bond.

(e) The Contractor has complied with and settled all requirements pertaining to any wage-rate provisions.

(f) The Contractor has furnished all required mill tests and analysis reports to the Engineer.

(g) The Contractor has furnished the Construction Compliance with Specifications and Plans Certification. Provide the Engineer with a notarized final certification of compliance with the requirements of Section 105 to accompany the final estimate.

(h) The Contractor has furnished and the Department has accepted the as-built drawings and certified survey in accordance with the requirements of Section 104, 555, 556, 557 and 611.

ARTICLE 9-9 (Page 106) is expanded as follows:

Section 215.422(5), Florida Statutes, requires the Department to include a statement of vendor (Contractor) rights. Contractors are hereby advised of the following:

Contractors providing goods and services to an agency should be aware of the following time frames: Upon receipt, an agency has five working days to inspect and approve the goods and services, unless the bid specifications, purchase order or Contract specifies otherwise.

An agency has 20 days to deliver a request for payment (voucher) to the Department of Banking and Finance. The 20 days are measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected and approved, by the Department.

If a payment is not made within 40 days, a separate interest penalty at the rate established pursuant to Section 55.03(1), Florida Statutes will be due and payable, in addition to the invoice amount, to the Contractor. The interest penalty provision applies after a 35 day time period to health care providers, as defined by rule. Interest penalties of less than one dollar will not be enforced unless the Contractor requests payment. Invoices that have to be returned to a Contractor because of Contractor preparation errors will result in a delay in the payment. The invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the Department.

A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of Banking and Finance. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for Contractors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment(s) from a state agency. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted by calling the State Comptroller's Hotline, 1-800-848-3792.