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COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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For the fiber optic connections, please clarify "per each" method of measurement for "each fiber" or "each cable". The pay item will be adjusted accordingly.

Response: Intent is for connections to be paid per each fiber spliced. Proposed specification and pay item detail has been modified for clarification.

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the pay item numbering structure for fiber optic connection is vague. It does not provide payment method for cases when preterminated patch panels are used and other misc. hardware will not be needed. It leaves an ambiguity in the plans for bidding if the designer does not have access to the existing fiber optic infrastructure inside a cabinet when working on an existing fiber optic based system.

Response: Your comment is noted. Several Offices within FDOT are considering and collaborating on a number of items regarding past and future use of pay items. We believe that there are likely sufficient pay items to cover need and offer design flexibility, but acknowledge that many existing items have been applied inconsistently in the absence of additional guidance on their intended application. The absence of additional guidance has created issues for contractors, designers, and system owners in the past and FDOT is actively working to improve the situation. FDOT will likely address this item in documents other than the specification.
