

STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



BID PROPOSAL

CONTRACT T202607701

BRIDGE PAINTING, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, FY27

Federal Aid No. ESTP-2026(02)
CFDA: 20.205

Advertisement Date: July 6, 2026

INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT:

BID PROPOSAL:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION
PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS NOTES
GENERAL NOTICES

ADDITIONAL BID PROPOSAL ITEMS:

ATTACHED OR POSTED DOCUMENTS:

PROJECT PLANS
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (if posted)
REFERENCED DOCUMENTS
BREAKOUT SHEETS
BIDDERS LIST

**PAPER BIDDERS CONTACT DELDOT
FOR BID SUBMITTAL DOCUMENTS:**

DRUG TESTING AFFIDAVIT
CERTIFICATION FORM
BID BOND FORM
CD FOR BID PRICE ENTRY & PRINTING
BIDDERS LIST

This Bid Proposal and related documents can be viewed on bids.delaware.gov and bidx.com/de/

Internet Bids for Bidders with Bid Express® accounts can be submitted at [BIDX.com/de](https://bidx.com/de/); **OR**;

Paper Bids with CD will be received in the Bidder's Room at the DelDOT Administration Building, Dover, DE;

ALL BIDS DUE PRIOR TO 2:00 P.M. Local Time, AUGUST 4, 2026

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A. BIDS DUE: **AUGUST 4, 2026** **PRIOR TO 2:00 P.M. Local Time** – unless changed via Addendum.

BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA:

(a) **Internet** - Bidders with DelDOT Bid Express® accounts can submit bids at bidx.com/de/.
OR:

(b) **Paper Bid Delivered To:** Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), Administration Building
North Entrance, Bidders Room, 800 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901

For paper bids, contact DelDOT at dot-ask@delaware.gov or (302) 760-2031 to request a CD for bidding, required forms, and instructions. Bidders enter their Bid Item prices onto the supplied CD then print the form and deliver in a sealed envelope; the Bid Form, completed CD, and required documents prior to the Bid due date and time.

(CD's cannot be used to submit bids to bidx.com)

Do not submit both Internet and Paper Bids. If so, the Internet bid and documents will be rejected.

BID OPENING: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Date and Time of the Bid Opening. The Bid Opening will be held at the 'Paper Bid Delivered To' address shown above. Bidder bears the risk of late delivery, bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.

Attendance is not required. DelDOT offers a call-in number to hear the Bid Opening telephonically. The telephone number to call is (302) 504-8986.

When prompted, enter Meeting number (access code): 651 529 280#

It is anticipated the telephone access information will remain the same for all Bid Openings.

B. PRE-BID MEETING: No

C. DBE GOAL: 0% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal.

Pursuant to the Interim Final Rule ("IFR") issued by the United States Department of Transportation ("U.S. DOT") on September 30, 2025, this letting does not have a DBE participation goal as all DelDOT DBEs were decertified by the IFR. DelDOT is undertaking the recertification process for DBEs pursuant to the IFR requirements. As DelDOT currently has no certified DBEs, it is not feasible to impose or enforce a DBE participation goal for this letting. Upon completion of DelDOT's DBE recertification process, or upon any modification of the IFR, whether through amendment, clarification, or judicial action, DelDOT reserves the right to revise or reestablish a DBE participation goal for this letting as may be directed by the U.S. DOT and in accordance with applicable federal regulations.

D. OJT TRAINEES: n/a

E. LOCATION: New Castle County

These improvements are more specifically shown on the Location Map(s) of the attached Plans.

F. DESCRIPTION: The improvements consist of furnishing all labor and materials to paint 9 Bridges in New Castle County. \nBR 1-001, Rising Sun Road over Brandywine\nBR 1-027P, over US 13 at Wilm U\nBR 1-155, Old Capitol Trail over RCC\nBR 1-229A, SR2 over Middle Run\nBR 1-279E&W, SR 273 over Christina\nBR 1-640 SR 2 over Centerville Road\nBR 1-701, Otts Chapel Road over I95\nBR 1-740, Ramp to I-295 NB over I-295 SB.. Follow other incidental construction in accordance with the location, notes and details shown on the plans, and as directed by the Engineer.

G. BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS APPLY – Build America, Buy America Act, refer to 'GENERAL NOTICES'.

H. COMPLETION TIME: All work on this contract must be complete within 244 Calendar Days.

Extensions of contract time due to weather are specified in the Standard Specifications Section 108.7F, weather days.

It is estimated a Notice to Proceed is issued such that work starts on or about April 1, 2027.

- I. SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION,** DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 2026 apply to this Bid Proposal and Project. The Contractor shall make himself aware of any revisions and corrections and apply them to the applicable item(s) of this contract. The Standard Specifications can be viewed [here](#). Units of Measure can be found at 101.4.
- J. ATTACHMENTS:** Included as part of this Bid Proposal are; *Project Plans; Questions & Answers* (if posted); *Addenda, Referenced Documents, Documents Posted with this Bid Proposal*; and *Bid documents mailed to contractors*.
- K. ADDENDA:** All Addenda are posted on the internet at bids.delaware.gov, and bidx.com/de/ and are included as part of the Bid Proposal. The Bidder is responsible to check the Website as needed to ensure that the Bidder is aware of Addenda that are included in the Bid Proposal. If Addenda are issued, the final Addendum will be posted no later than the end of the day two business days prior to the bid date. Each Addendum number and issue date must be entered on the submitted Certification Form. This original Bid Proposal will not be updated, you must refer to each Addendum.
- L. QUESTIONS:** E-MAIL TO; dot-ask@delaware.gov
Questions regarding this project are to be e-mailed to the above address no less than **six business days** prior to the bid opening date in order to receive a posted response. Please include the Contract number in the subject line. Questions and responses are posted at bids.delaware.gov, and bidx.com/de/. The date of the final posted Questions and Answers document must be entered on the submitted Certification Form.
- M. ROAD USER COSTS:**

FAILURE TO OPEN PROJECT TO UNRESTRICTED HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ON TIME

Late Opening of Extended Duration Detours

A Road User Cost (RUC) will be assessed for each calendar day the roadway is not fully opened to traffic in excess of the allowable closure duration identified in the Plans. The full daily RUC is assessed regardless of what time of day the roadway or ramp is reopened, starting at 12:00 AM. As such, no consideration will be given for partial calendar days.

Table 1

BR 1-001, Rising Sun Lane	
Allowable Extended Duration Detour	Road User Cost Per Day Exceeding Allowable Detour Duration
45 days	\$1000

Table 2

BR 1-155, Old Capitol Trail	
Allowable Extended Duration Detour	Road User Cost Per Day Exceeding Allowable Detour Duration
30 days	\$2000

Example calculation for assessment of Road User Cost:

A RUC of \$2,000 will be assessed for each calendar day Old Capitol Trail is not fully opened to traffic in excess of the allowable closure duration. The duration of the allowable closure of Old Capitol Trail according to the Plans is 30 calendar days. If the roadway is reopened at 12:05 AM on day 31, the full amount of the \$2,000 RUC will be assessed.

Late Opening of Temporary Lane Closures

Interim Road User Costs (RUC) for delays in opening lanes will be assessed according to the below charts. Refer to the Allowable Lane Closure Table in the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plans for start and end times of allowable lane closures.

Table 3

BR 1-027P, US 13 at Lincoln Ave	
Time All Lanes Reopened After End of Allowable Closure Hours	Road User Cost
1st 15-minute increment	\$400
2nd 15-minute increment	\$800
3rd 15-minute increment	\$1200
4th 15-minute increment	\$1600
5th 15-minute increment	\$2000
6th 15-minute increment	\$2500
7th 15-minute increment	\$3000
8th 15-minute increment	\$3500
*After the first two hours beyond the allowable lane closure hour limit, RUC will accrue at \$500 per 15 min, up to a day total of \$7400. The RUC values within the chart are not cumulative, payments made after the first two hours are.	

Table 4

BR 1-279 E & W, SR 273	
Time All Lanes Reopened After End of Allowable Closure Hours	Road User Cost
1st 15-minute increment	\$400
2nd 15-minute increment	\$800
3rd 15-minute increment	\$1200
4th 15-minute increment	\$1600
5th 15-minute increment	\$2000
6th 15-minute increment	\$2500
7th 15-minute increment	\$3000
8th 15-minute increment	\$3500
*After the first two hours beyond the allowable lane closure hour limit, RUC will accrue at \$500 per 15 min, up to a day total of \$7400. The RUC values within the chart are not cumulative, payments made after the first two hours are.	

Table 5

BR 1-640, Centerville Road	
Time All Lanes Reopened After End of Allowable Lane Closure Hours	Road User Cost
1st 15-minute increment	\$100
2nd 15-minute increment	\$200
3rd 15-minute increment	\$300
4th 15-minute increment	\$400
5th 15-minute increment	\$600
6th 15-minute increment	\$800
7th 15-minute increment	\$1000
8th 15-minute increment	\$1200
*After the first two hours beyond the allowable lane closure hour limit, RUC will accrue at \$200 per 15 min, up to a day total of \$2500. The RUC values within the chart are not cumulative, payments made after the first two hours are.	

Table 6

BR 1-701, Otts Chapel Road	
Time All Lanes Reopened After End of Allowable Lane Closure Hours	Road User Cost
1st 15-minute increment	\$100
2nd 15-minute increment	\$200
3rd 15-minute increment	\$300
4th 15-minute increment	\$400
5th 15-minute increment	\$600
6th 15-minute increment	\$800
7th 15-minute increment	\$1000
8th 15-minute increment	\$1200
*After the first two hours beyond the allowable lane closure hour limit, RUC will accrue at \$200 per 15 min, up to a day total of \$2500. The RUC values within the chart are not cumulative, payments made after the first two hours are.	

Table 7

BR 1-701, I-95 NB & SB	
Time All Lanes Reopened After End of Allowable Lane Closure Hours	Road User Cost
1st 15-minute increment	\$250
2nd 15-minute increment	\$500
3rd 15-minute increment	\$750
4th 15-minute increment	\$1000
5th 15-minute increment	\$2000
6th 15-minute increment	\$3000
7th 15-minute increment	\$4000
8th 15-minute increment	\$5000
*After the first two hours beyond the allowable lane closure hour limit, RUC will accrue at \$1000 per 15 min, up to a day total of \$15,000. The RUC values within the chart are not cumulative, payments made after the first two hours are.	

Table 8

BR 1-740, Ramp over I-295 SB	
Time All Lanes Reopened After End of Allowable Lane Closure Hours	Road User Cost
1st 15-minute increment	\$250
2nd 15-minute increment	\$500
3rd 15-minute increment	\$750
4th 15-minute increment	\$1000
5th 15-minute increment	\$2000
6th 15-minute increment	\$3000
7th 15-minute increment	\$4000
8th 15-minute increment	\$5000
*After the first two hours beyond the allowable lane closure hour limit, RUC will accrue at \$1000 per 15 min, up to a day total of \$15,000. The RUC values within the chart are not cumulative, payments made after the first two hours are.	

Table 9

BR 1-740, I-295 SB under Ramp	
Time All Lanes Reopened After End of Allowable Lane Closure Hours	Road User Cost
1st 15-minute increment	\$250
2nd 15-minute increment	\$500
3rd 15-minute increment	\$750
4th 15-minute increment	\$1000
5th 15-minute increment	\$2000
6th 15-minute increment	\$3000
7th 15-minute increment	\$4000
8th 15-minute increment	\$5000
<i>*After the first two hours beyond the allowable lane closure hour limit, RUC will accrue at \$1000 per 15 min, up to a day total of \$15,000. The RUC values within the chart are not cumulative, payments made after the first two hours are.</i>	

Example calculation for assessment of Road User Cost:

For the use of this example, the lane closure matrix on the MOT plans will have all lanes open time of 6:00 AM.

- 1) Failure to reopen I-95 NB until 7:05 AM, during the 5th 15-minute increment, local time: Per table 7, RUC of \$2000 will be accessed.
- 2) Failure to reopen I-95 NB until 8:20 AM, local time:
Per table 1, a RUC of \$11,000 will be accessed.
 - 6:00 AM – 7:59 AM = \$5000 for the first two-hour period
 - 8:00 AM – 9:20 AM = \$1000 x (6) 15min increments = \$6000

Assessment of RUC will be made through Item 763525 – Road User Cost. The Engineer will be the sole approving authority as to when the project is complete after traffic is returned to its ultimate alignment and when the contractors work activities will permit highway traffic ultimate lane width and shoulder width.

N. FLAGGERS:

- A. Included in the Bid Proposal are the prevailing wages for highway construction as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Delaware in accordance with [Title 29 Del. C. §6960](#), relating to wages and the regulations implementing that Section.
- B. Flaggers must be bid at a minimum equal to the Laborer wage rate and may be bid up to, but not to exceed, 3 times the Laborer wage rate in accordance with the County where the Work is being performed.
- C. The Department will adjust the bid to the minimum for prices bid below the minimum acceptable bid and to the maximum for prices bid above the maximum allowable bid prior to award of the Contract.
 1. Flagger overtime must be bid at minimum of 1.45 times and may be bid up to a maximum of 4.35 times, the Laborer wage rate in accordance with the County where the Work is being performed.
 2. When a Contract for a Project contains both Federal Davis-Bacon and State of Delaware prevailing wage standards, the employer's minimum wage obligations are determined by whichever standards are higher.
- D. Overtime:
 1. Payment for overtime will be considered on a weekly basis for time worked in excess of 40 hours for a continuous 7-day period beginning Monday and ending Sunday inclusive.
 2. Time worked on other Projects or Work activities other than flagging will not be counted in the normal 40 hours or the overtime.

- E. The cost of the flagging operation when performed by others who are not the Contractor's employees will not be included in the 50% subcontracting limit as outlined in Section 108.1.

O. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS NOTES:

1. **BIDDERS MUST BE REGISTERED** with DelDOT in order to submit a bid. Registrations are now completed online through SimpliGov. To complete registration or for more information, click [here](#).
2. **SURETY BOND** - Each proposal must be accompanied by a deposit of either surety bond or security for a sum equal to at least 10% of the amount bid.
3. **DELAWARE'S CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT** - 19 Del.C. §§ 3601 *et seq.*, requires all contractors and subcontractors to register with the Delaware Department of Labor before performing construction services or maintenance. Refer to the GENERAL NOTICES section for further information.
4. **DRUG TESTING** - Regulation 4104; The state Office of Management and Budget has developed regulations that require Contractors and Subcontractors to implement a program of mandatory drug testing for Employees who work on Large Public Works Contracts funded all or in part with public funds pursuant to 29 Del.C. §6908(a)(6). **Refer to the full requirements at the following link:**

<https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title19/4000/4100/4104.shtml#TopOfPage>

Note a few of the requirements;

- * At bid submission - Each bidder must submit with the bid a single signed affidavit certifying that the bidder and its subcontractors has in place or will implement during the entire term of the contract a Mandatory Drug Testing Program that complies with the regulation (*a blank affidavit form is attached*);
 - * At least two business days prior to contract execution - The awarded Contractor shall provide to DelDOT copies of the Employee Drug Testing Program for the Contractor, each participating DBE firm, and all other listed Subcontractors;
 - * Subcontractors - Contractors that employ Subcontractors on the job site may do so only after submitting a copy of the Subcontractor's Employee Drug Testing Program along with the standard required subcontractor information. A Subcontractor shall not commence work until **DelDOT** has approved the program in writing.
5. **PERFORMANCE-BASED RATING SYSTEM** - 29 Del.C. §6962 (c)(12)(a) requires DelDOT to include a performance-based rating system for contractors. The Performance Rating for each Contractor shall be used as a prequalification to bid at the time of bid. Refer to '*General Notices*' for details.
 6. **NO RETAINAGE** will be withheld on this contract unless through the Performance-Based Rating System.
 7. **EXTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE** can be viewed on DelDOT's Website, [Contractor Compliance/EEO - Delaware Department of Transportation](#) calling (302) 760-2035

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8. **DBE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS** As a result of the Issuance of the IFR on September 30, 2025, all of DelDOT DBEs were decertified. DelDOT is undertaking the recertification process for DBEs pursuant to the IFR requirements. As DelDOT currently has no certified DBEs, it is not feasible to require the submission of a DelDOT DBE Project Participation Affidavit for this letting. Companies bidding on this letting are NOT required to submit a DBE Project Participation Affidavit with their bid. Once DelDOT has recertified DBEs using the IFR requirements, this requirement will be reinstated.

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9. **DelDOT CERTIFIED DBE UTILIZATION COMMITMENT STATEMENT** As a result of the Issuance of the IFR on September 30, 2025, all DelDOT DBEs were decertified. DelDOT is undertaking the recertification process for DBEs pursuant to the IFR requirements. As DelDOT currently has no certified DBEs, it is not feasible to require

the submission of a DelDOT Certified DBE Utilization Commitment Statement for this letting. Companies bidding on this letting are NOT required to submit a DelDOT Certified DBE Utilization Commitment Statement with their bid. Once DelDOT has recertified DBEs using the IFR requirements, this requirement will be reinstated.

10. FLATWORK CONCRETE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION TRAINING:

Section 501.3, 503.3, 505.3, 610.3, 701.3 and 702.3 of the 2026 Standard Specifications require contractors to provide an American Concrete Institute (ACI) or National Ready-Mix Concrete Association (NRMCA) certified concrete flatwork technician to supervise all finishing of flatwork concrete.

11. BREAKOUT SHEETS MUST be submitted with your bid documents. Attach the breakout sheet(s) to the proposal. Failure to submit the breakout sheet with the proposal will result in the Department declaring the proposal as non-responsive and rejecting the bid.

12. NOTE that FHWA Form 1273 (attached) has been modified effective October 23, 2023. Changes are [reviewed here](#).

13. SIGNAGE LANGUAGE:

In order to maintain effective communication with the traveling public, only place signs, banners, flags, or other displays within the projects limits that meet the requirements of the latest version of the Delaware Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Any signs or other materials which deviate from the MUTCD, must be preapproved by the Engineer. The only signage and materials which may be displayed upon vehicles and equipment within the Project area are signs denoting the name of the Contractor and any subcontractors and other signs and/or materials required and approved pursuant to the MUTCD and the Engineer. Contractor shall immediately remove any signs or materials within the Project that does not meet these requirements immediately upon notification by the Engineer. Failure to remove signs or other materials following notification from the Engineer will result in Liquidated Damages being assessed in the manner and amount specified in the Standard Specifications section 108.9.A.

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14. Bidders List Requirement:

Under [49 CFR 26.11](#) DelDOT must collect bidders list information from **ALL** contractors and subcontractors who seek to work on federally assisted contracts. The submitted information must be complete and must include the required information for the prime and all (DBE and non-DBE) subcontractors, service providers, manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers.

ALL bidders must complete the [Bidders List Form](#) (attached as an exhibit) and submit it at the time of bid. Late submission of this information will not be accepted. Submitted information must include the following for those being proposed to work on the contract if awarded:

- Firm name;
- Firm address including ZIP code;
- Firm's status as a DBE or non-DBE (SEE NOTE BELOW effective 10-1-2025);
- NAICS code applicable to each scope of work the firm sought to perform in its bid;
- Age of the firm; and
- The annual gross receipts of the firm shown as an approximate range (i.e., \$1-3 million)

This information will be maintained as confidential to the extent allowable by federal and state law.

NOTE: Based upon the IFR issued September 30, 2025, all DelDOT certified DBEs have been decertified. As such, for this letting, bidders should NOT identify in the bidders list whether a proposed contractor or subcontractor is a DBE as no companies have currently been certified as a DBE under the new IFR requirements. That block should be left blank. Bidders will be advised once DBE's have been re-certified pursuant to the requirements of the IFR at which time bidders will be required to provide this information.

Additionally, pursuant to the IFR, and the guidance letter issued by U.S. DOT on September 30, 2025, DelDOT has been directed not to use race or sex as presumptions for consideration of a company as a DBE. As such, bidders should NOT identify in the bidders list a proposed contractor or subcontractor's sex or race. Those blocks should be left blank. DelDOT anticipates providing a revised Bidders List Form in the near future, which contains only those sections required by the IFR.

Failure to submit the required bidders list documentation at the time bid will result in the bidder being deemed non-responsive and therefore ineligible for award of the contract.

15. **1273-23 REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS** is posted with Referenced Documents and part of this Bid Proposal.
16. **PREVAILING WAGE RATES** are posted with Referenced Documents and part of this Bid Proposal.
17. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS LIST** is posted with Referenced Documents and part of this Bid Proposal.
18. **STATEMENTS** are posted with the Referenced Documents and are part of this Bid Proposal.
19. **ITEMS (Quantity Summary Sheets)** are posted with the Referenced Documents and are part of this Bid Proposal.
20. **8 SETS of ARCHIVE PLANS** have been posted for "*INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES*" Only.
21. **REVISED SPEC LANGUAGE:**

The Revised Inspection Framework – January 2026 ([2026 Inspection Framework](#)) shall apply to this contract.

Delete from Section 101.3

Primary inspection. The inspection (formerly referred to as Final Inspection) conducted by the engineer to determine if the contractor has satisfactorily completed the project, or a portion of the project, in accordance with the contract.

Insert within Section 101.3

Acceptance Inspection. The inspection (formerly referred to as Primary Inspection) conducted by the Administering Section, contractor, and accepting section confirming that primary inspection punch list items have been addressed.

Primary inspection. The inspection (formerly referred to as initial inspection) conducted by the Department to review all contract work has been completed in accordance with the Plans, Standard Specifications, Special Provisions, and Standard Construction Details. The inspection is confirmation of the work completed per the contract documents.

Project Acceptance. The Department's notification to the Contractor that the time charges will cease, and construction activities are completed, releasing the contractor from liability and repairs or maintenance to the completed work.

Revise Section 104.12.A as follows.

- A. Before **acceptance** inspection, clean rubbish, excess materials, temporary structures, and equipment from the project, from any publicly owned borrow source used to complete the work, and from areas affected by the contractor in connection with the work within the right-of-way. Cut all grass and weeds taller than 6-inches. The cost of the final cleanup is incidental to Item 763000, **Initial Expense, De-Mobilization**.

Revise Section 105.4.F as follows.

- F. Submit copies of manufacturer's catalog cuts, drawings, wiring diagrams, and other relevant documents with working drawings for electrical and mechanical equipment. After the Department has reviewed all items of a particular system, prepare an instruction book for the particular system. Fasten and bind the items listed below in a leather or heavy plastic cover book with a title clearly shown. Provide five copies of the book to the engineer before **acceptance** inspection. Make the books available when connecting and energizing electrical and mechanical systems. Ensure that the final bound copies reflect changes or adjustments made during the work. Include the following in the instruction book:

1. An equipment list.
2. A complete description of the equipment.
3. The sequence of operation including inter-locking and protective features.
4. The use of by-pass switches.
5. A detailed description of all wiring circuits.
6. A recommended spare parts list.
7. Renewal parts bulletins.
8. Instruction bulletins for the provided equipment.
9. Diagrams and drawings of reduced size suitable for binding.
10. An index listing all items.

Revise Section 105.13.D as follows.

- D. Include the cost of maintenance work during construction and before completion of the **acceptance** inspection punch list in the proposal. The Department will pay the cost of maintenance work occurring after completion of the **acceptance** inspection punch list.

Revise Section 105.14.A as follows.

- A. The engineer may order opening of certain sections of the work to traffic or other use before the contractor completes the work or before the engineer accepts the work. The Department will not consider opening sections of the work as constituting acceptance of the work or a waiver of any contract provisions. The engineer will pay the cost of repairing damage to the work caused by opening work to vehicular traffic unless opening the roadway is due to the fault, or inactivity of, the contractor or the contractor caused the damage. All other maintenance costs including, but not limited to, mowing grass and general cleanup are the contractor's responsibility until completion of the **acceptance** inspection punch list to the Department's satisfaction. Maintenance costs for work involving landscaping and vegetative growth are the contractor's responsibility until final acceptance.

Revise Section 105.16 as follows.

- A. Partial Acceptance.
 1. The decision to partially accept a portion of the project is solely at the discretion of the engineer. The engineer may partially accept portions of the work. The Department will not consider partial acceptance as constituting acceptance of the work that has not been partially accepted or a waiver of any contract provisions. The Department will maintain the partially accepted portion of the project, including repairing damage caused by the public.
- B. **Project Acceptance**
 1. **The Department will cease counting contract time when the project reaches substantial completion as defined in Section 101.3, Definitions.**
 2. **Substantial Completion Verification**
 - a. **Upon receiving the contractor's notice of substantial completion of the project, the Department will verify all contract items are complete as defined in Section 101.3, Definitions. Items not deemed complete shall be completed by contractor prior to Department issuance of Substantial Completion.**
 - b. **After issuance of Substantial Completion, request Primary Inspection from the Department.**
 - c. **The Department will schedule the Primary Inspection within 30 calendar days of the request.**
 3. **Primary Inspection**
 - a. **The Department/Administering Section will conduct a Primary Inspection with the completion of 105.16.2 Substantial Completion Verification. The Administering Section will note and provide a written punch list by stations and in detail identifying work or conditions requiring correction. The punch list will include ADA inspection deficiencies.**
 - b. **Perform the corrective work noted on the punch list within 30 calendar days upon receipt of the punch list created by the Administering Section, unless the parties mutually agree to extend the time frame.**
 - c. **Upon completion of the primary inspection punch list, request an acceptance inspection from the Department. Prior to acceptance inspection scheduling, the Administering Section will confirm and annotate the primary inspection punch list and ensure ADA Inspection deficiencies have been addressed and documented.**
 - d. **The Administering Section will schedule Acceptance inspection with the Maintenance District within 30 days of confirmation of primary punch list item completion.**

4. **Acceptance (formerly primary) Inspection.**
 - a. The Department will conduct an acceptance inspection with the completion of 105.16.B.3, primary inspection. The Administering Section will provide a written punch list identifying deficiencies not satisfactorily addressed from the primary inspection punch list within 7 calendar days of the acceptance inspection.
 - b. Perform the corrective work noted on the punch list within 15 calendar days upon receipt of the punch list created by the Administering Section, unless the parties mutually agree to extend the time frame.
 - c. The Administering Section will verify remediation work and will provide a list with dates that remedial activities were resolved to the Maintenance District when requesting Project Acceptance.
- C. **Project Acceptance**
 1. The Administering Section will notify the Maintenance District that acceptance inspection punch list items have been addressed.
 2. The Maintenance District and/or other accepting entities will verify acceptance inspection punch list items have been addressed within 30 calendar days of notice from the Administering Section.
- D. **Final Acceptance**
 1. The engineer will provide final acceptance in writing that will state the acceptance date as defined in Section 101.3, Definitions.
- E. **Project Closeout**
 1. Upon final acceptance, provide the exempted documents, certificates, or proofs of compliance within 90 calendar days.
 2. The Department will not issue the final payment until the contractor executes and delivers the required documents.

Revise Section 108.8.K as follows.

- K. Once the Department determines that the work is substantially complete, the Department will suspend time charges and the assessment of liquidated damages. Failure to complete all punch list work identified during the **primary and acceptance** inspections within the timeframes allotted, will result in the Department restarting liquidated damages in accordance with the chart specified in Section 108.9, Schedule of Liquidated Damages. The assessment of post-substantial-completion liquidated damages will continue until project completion.

Revise Section 610.3.9.A.2 as follows.

2. The engineer will measure the width, length, and depth of each crack and establish the precise location of the crack termination points relative to permanent reference points on the member. The engineer will monitor and document the growth of individual cracks at an inspection interval the engineer will choose to determine if cracks are active or dormant after **acceptance** inspection.

Revise Section 722.3.2.A as follows.

- A. Provide on-site field instruction by the system manufacturer, at a location determined by the engineer. Provide a minimum of 2 training sessions consisting of installation training before beginning cable barrier construction and maintenance training before **acceptance** inspection. The manufacturer shall establish the training duration and shall provide field training on all aspects of the system. Coordinate the training schedule and location with the engineer. The engineer will advise the appropriate department staff, including construction inspectors and maintenance personnel regarding the training location and schedule. Provide all training materials in both hard copy and electronic PDF format.

Revise Section 722.3.2.C.1 as follows.

1. Hold the maintenance training a minimum of 7 calendar days before **acceptance** inspection of the system. Submit the proposed training date to the engineer a minimum of 14 calendar days prior to the training session date for review and approval. Include the following participants:
 - a. District Maintenance Engineer, or designated representative;
 - b. District Maintenance Superintendent, or designated representative;
 - c. Area Yard Supervisor, or designated representative; and
 - d. District maintenance personnel.

Revise Section 722.3.3.L as follows.

- L. Within 10 calendar days of the **primary** inspection, supply spare parts for the HTCB system. Deliver the parts to the DelDOT maintenance facility as directed by the engineer. Provide an extra supply of the following:
 - 1. Socketed-type line posts, including post hardware, caps, reflective sheeting, straps, spacers, and socket covers. Include 200 posts and accessories.
 - 2. Rigging screws and threaded terminals. Provide enough materials to complete 8 turnbuckle assemblies.
 - 3. Anchor posts including post hardware and caps, reflective sheeting, straps, fittings, spacers, and socket covers. Provide enough materials to complete 3 end anchor installations.
 - 4. Fitting gaskets or socket covers. Provide 100 socket covers.

Revise Section 843.3.5.C as follows.

- C. Repair defects identified by the Department during **periodic or primary** inspections in accordance with this specification, including all highway lighting systems and components within the project limits. Begin highway lighting system repairs immediately following notice of the lighting system defect unless weather limitations prevent the corrective work. Provide notification to the Department before beginning corrective work.

Revise Section 843.3.5.D as follows.

- D. The Department will not consider the highway lighting system as substantially complete until correction of the deficiencies noted during the primary and **acceptance** inspections. Provide a maintenance bond for item 843001 – Electrical Testing upon substantial completion. Provide a maintenance bond meeting the following requirements:
 - 1. A bond sum equal to 100 percent of the value of all highway lighting system items the Department paid to the contractor;
 - 2. With original signatures, in ink, and not mechanical reproductions or facsimiles of any kind, naming the contractor as the principle;
 - 3. term of 1-year beyond the completion of the highway lighting system work; and
 - 4. written by a surety or insurance company licensed to write surety bonds in the State of Delaware by the Delaware Department of Insurance.

Revise 911.3.6.G as follows.

- G. Water bi-weekly during the period June 15 through October 1. Continue watering, without interruption, until completing watering of all the plants on the project. Use water in accordance with Section 911.2.9. The Department will allow use of tree watering bags as a part of the watering operation. Remove the tree watering bags before **acceptance** inspection.

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GENERAL NOTICES**CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT**

On July 1, 2021, the Contractor Registration Act, as codified in 19 Del.C. §§ 3601 *et seq.*, took effect. This law requires all contractors to register with the Delaware Department of Labor before performing construction services or maintenance. The Contractor Registration Act applies to all contractors that engage in construction and maintenance within the State of Delaware. Additionally, it requires contractors to have Delaware workers' compensation insurance where required, compliance with labor laws, and proof of a state business license. The Delaware Department of Labor's Office of Contractor Registration is responsible for enforcement of the requirements of the Contractor Registration Act. If you have any questions about the contractor registration process, please call 302-430-7739 or email Contract.Registry@delaware.gov. Registration at <https://onestop.delaware.gov/>.

BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENT**REVISED**

The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), enacted as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) requires iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in infrastructure projects funded by Federal financial assistance to be produced in the United States (U.S.).

In accordance with 23 U.S.C. 313 and 23 CFR 635.410, all iron and steel materials permanently incorporated into this project will be produced in the U.S. and all manufacturing processes involving these materials will occur in the U.S., except that a minimal amount of foreign steel or iron materials may be used, provided the cost of the foreign materials does not exceed 0.1 percent of the total Contract cost or \$2,500.00, whichever is greater. If such minimal amount of foreign steel is used, the Contractor shall maintain a record of the costs to ensure that the allowable limit is not exceeded.

In accordance with 23 CFR 635.410, the final manufacturing process of all manufactured products that will be permanently incorporated into this project will be performed in the U.S. Iron or steel components of precast concrete products and cabinets or enclosures of any intelligent transportation systems and other electronic hardware systems classified as a manufactured product which is permanently incorporated into this project will be produced in the U.S. and all manufacturing processes involving the iron and steel will occur in the U.S., except that a minimal amount of foreign steel or iron materials may be used, provided the cost of the foreign materials does not exceed 0.1 percent of the total Contract cost or \$2,500.00, whichever is greater. If such minimal amount of foreign steel is used, the Contractor shall maintain a record of the costs to ensure that the allowable limit is not exceeded.

In accordance with 2 CFR 184, all non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products, glass, fiber optic cable, optical fiber, lumber, drywall, and engineered wood construction material permanently incorporated into this project will be produced in the U.S.

DelDOT maintains a list of all pay items, the applicable BABA category designation, and additional guidance at the following address: <https://deldot.gov/Business/prodlists/index.shtml?dc=buyAmerica>.

By signing and submitting this proposal, the bidder certifies that:

“All materials that will be permanently incorporated into this project will meet the Buy America material requirements. At the Department's request, I/we will provide manufacturer's/supplier's documentation verifying domestic origin as defined in the Contract. All Materials accepted on the basis of such Certificate of Compliance may be sampled by the Department and tested at any time. Use of Material on the basis of Certificate of Compliance shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for incorporating Material in the Project conforming to the requirements of the Contract. Any Material not conforming to such requirements will be subject to rejection whether in place or not. The Department reserves the right to refuse to permit the use of Material on the basis of Certificate of Compliance.”

SPECIFICATIONS :

The Delaware specifications entitled "*Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction January, 2026*", with the applicable version defined in the 'GENERAL DESCRIPTION' and hereinafter referred to as the *Standard Specifications*; shall govern the work to be performed under this contract. The Contractor shall make itself aware of these specifications, revisions and corrections, and apply them to the applicable item(s) of this contract.

CLARIFICATIONS :

Under any Section or Item included in the Contract, the Contractor shall be aware that when requirements, responsibilities, and furnishing of materials are outlined in the details and notes on the Plans and in the paragraphs preceding the "Basis of Payment" paragraph in the Standard Specifications or Special Provisions, no interpretation shall be made that such stipulations are excluded because reiteration is not made in the "Basis of Payment" paragraph.

DelDOT requires the use of various electronic applications for various documentation processes.

These processes will be identified, and the Contractor's required use will be detailed during the Preconstruction Meeting. No additional payments will be made to the contractor to use or interface with the applications.

ATTESTING TO NON-COLLUSION :

DelDOT requires as a condition precedent to acceptance of bids a sworn statement executed by, or on behalf of, the person, firm, association, or corporation to whom such contract is to be awarded, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with such contract. The form for this sworn statement is included in the proposal and must be properly executed in order to have the bid considered.

QUANTITIES :

The quantities shown are for comparison of bids only. DelDOT may increase or decrease any quantity or quantities without penalty or change in the bid price.

PERFORMANCE-BASED RATING SYSTEM

29 Del.C. §6962 (c)(12)(a) requires a DelDOT project, excluding a municipal street aid contract, to include a performance-based rating system. At the time of bid, the Performance Rating for each Contractor shall be used as a prequalification to bid.

Bidders with Performance Rating scores equal to or greater than 85% shall be permitted to bid. Bidders with scores of less than 85% who comply with the retainage requirements of 29 Del.C. §6962 shall be permitted to bid provided the *Agreement to Accept Retainage* (located on the Certification Page) is executed and submitted with the bid. Lack of an executed *Agreement to Accept Retainage* will result in the rejection of the bid by DelDOT. Successful bidders awarded DelDOT contracts who have no performance history within the last five (5) years will be assigned a provisional Performance Rating of 85% at the date of advertisement.

Notification of Performance Rating. DelDOT shall post publicly the Performance Rating for all Contractors on DelDOT's [website](#). DelDOT will complete performance-based evaluations on the construction company contracted by DelDOT to build the project (the "Contractor"). Provisions to appeal Performance Ratings are described in the regulations. The regulations are set forth in Section 2408 of Title 2, Delaware Administrative Code, found [here](#).

EQUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ON PUBLIC WORKS :

Delaware Code, Title 29, Chapter 69, Section 6962, Paragraph (d), Subsection (7) states;

- a. As a condition of the awarding of any contract for public works financed in whole or in part by State appropriation, such contracts shall include the following provisions:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. The contractor will take positive steps to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or

termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment notices to be provided by the contracting agency setting forth this nondiscrimination clause.

2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.
3. The contractor will ensure employees receive equal pay for equal work, without regard to sex. Employee pay differential is acceptable if pursuant to a seniority system, a merit system, a system which measures earnings by quantity or quality of production, or if the differential is based on any other factor other than sex.

TAX CLEARANCE :

As payments to each vendor or contractor aggregate \$2,000, the Division of Accounting will report such vendor or contractor to the Division of Revenue, who will then check the vendor or contractor's compliance with tax requirements and take such further action as may be necessary to ensure compliance.

LICENSE :

A person desiring to engage in business in this State as a contractor on a project designated to include federal funds, shall obtain a Delaware business license upon making application to the Division of Revenue. Proof of said license compliance to be made prior to, or in conjunction with, the execution of a contract to which he has been named.

SUBCONTRACTOR LICENSE: 29 DEL. C. §6967:

- (c) Any contractor that enters a public works contract must provide to the agency to which it is contracting, within 30 days of entering such public works contract, copies of all occupational and business licenses of subcontractors and/or independent contractors that will perform work for such public works contract. However, if a subcontractor or independent contractor is hired or contracted more than 20 days after the contractor entered the public works contract the occupational or business license of such subcontractor or independent contractor shall be provided to the agency within 10 days of being contracted or hired.

DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS:

SUSPENSIONS OF WORK and SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE CHARACTER OF WORK:

Differing site conditions: During the progress of the work, if subsurface or latent physical conditions are encountered at the site differing materially from those indicated in the contract or if unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work provided for in the contract are encountered at the site, the party discovering such conditions shall promptly notify the other party in writing of the specific differing conditions before they are disturbed and before the affected work is performed.

Upon written notification, the engineer will investigate the conditions, and if he/she determines that the conditions materially differ and cause an increase or decrease in the cost or time required for the performance of any work under the contract, an adjustment, excluding loss of anticipated profits, will be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly. The engineer will notify the contractor of his/her determination whether or not an adjustment of the contract is warranted.

No contract adjustment which results in a benefit to the contractor will be allowed unless the contractor has provided the required written notice. No contract adjustment will be allowed under their clause for any effects caused on unchanged work.

Suspensions of work ordered by the engineer: If the performance of all or any portion of the work is suspended or delayed by the engineer in writing for an unreasonable period of time (not originally anticipated, customary or inherent to the construction industry) and the contractor believes that additional compensation and/or contract time is due as a result of

such suspension or delay, the contractor shall submit to the engineer in writing a request for adjustment within 7 calendar days of receipt of the notice to resume work. The request shall set forth the reasons and support for such adjustment.

Upon receipt, the engineer will evaluate the contractor's request. If the engineer agrees that the cost and/or time required for the performance of the contract has increased as a result of such suspension and the suspension was caused by conditions beyond the control of and not the fault of the contractor, its suppliers, or subcontractors at any approved tier, and not caused by weather, the engineer will make an adjustment (excluding profit) and modify the contract in writing accordingly. The engineer will notify the contractor of his/her determination whether or not an adjustment of the contract is warranted.

No contract adjustment will be allowed unless the contractor has submitted the request for adjustment within the time prescribed. No contract adjustment will be allowed under this clause to the extent that performance would have been suspended or delayed by any other cause, or for which an adjustment is provided for or excluded under any other term or condition of this contract.

Significant changes in the character of work: The engineer reserves the right to make, in writing, at any time during the work, such changes in quantities and such alterations in the work as are necessary to satisfactorily complete the project. Such changes in quantities and alterations shall not invalidate the contract nor release the surety, and the contractor agrees to perform the work as altered.

If the alterations or changes in quantities significantly change the character of the work under the contract, whether or not changed by any such different quantities or alterations, an adjustment, excluding loss of anticipated profits, will be made to the contract. The basis for the adjustment shall be agreed upon prior to the performance of the work. If a basis cannot be agreed upon, then an adjustment will be made either for or against the contractor in such amount as the engineer may determine to be fair and equitable.

The term "significant change" shall be construed to apply only to the following circumstances:

- (A) When the character of the work as altered differs materially in kind or nature from that involved or included in the original proposed construction, or
- (B) When a major item of work, as defined elsewhere in the contract, is increased in excess of 125 percent or decreased below 75 percent of the original contract quantity. Any allowance for an increase in quantity shall apply only to that portion in excess of 125 percent of original contract item quantity, or in case of a decrease below 75 percent, to the actual amount of work performed.

CONFLICT WITH FEDERAL STATUTES OR REGULATIONS:

Delaware Code, Title 29, Chapter 69, Section 6904, Paragraph (a):

"If any provision of this subchapter conflicts or is inconsistent with any statute, rule or regulation of the federal government applicable to a project or activity, the cost of which is to be paid or reimbursed in whole or in part by the federal government, and due to such conflict or inconsistency the availability of federal funds may be jeopardized, such provision shall not apply to such project or activity."

FEDERAL LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

Federal Regulation 23 CFR § 635.117(b) Labor and employment, states:

"No procedures or requirement shall be imposed by any State which will operate to discriminate against the employment of labor from any other State, possession or territory of the United States, in the construction of a Federal-aid project."

CONVICT PRODUCED MATERIALS:

(a) Materials produced after July 1, 1991, by convict labor may only be incorporated in a Federal-aid highway construction project if such materials have been:

- (1) Produced by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation from a prison or

(2) Produced in a qualified prison facility and the cumulative annual production amount of such materials for use in Federal-aid highway construction does not exceed the amount of such materials produced in such facility for use in Federal-aid highway construction during the 12-month period ending July 1, 1987.

(b) Qualified prison facility means any prison facility in which convicts, during the 12-month period ending July 1, 1987, produced materials for use in Federal-aid highway construction projects.

RIGHT TO AUDIT

DelDOT shall have the right to audit the books and records of the contractor or any subcontractor under this contract or subcontract to the extent that the books and records relate to the performance of the contract or subcontract. The books and records shall be maintained by the contractor for a period of 3 years from the date of final payment under the prime contract and by the subcontractor for a period of 3 years from the date of final payment under the subcontract (29 Del.C. §6930)

TO REPORT BID RIGGING ACTIVITIES:

The U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) operates the below toll-free "hotline" Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report such activities.

The "hotline" is part of the DOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

TO REPORT BID RIGGING ACTIVITIES
CALL 1-800-424-9071

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
(EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246)

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Specifications" set forth herein.
2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate work force in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Goals for Minority Participation In
Each Trade

12.3% (New Castle County)
14.5% (Kent & Sussex Counties)

Goals for Female Participation In
Each Trade

6.9% (Entire State)

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and non-federally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the Executive Order and the regulations in CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a), and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order, and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.
4. As used in this Notice, and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is the County specified in the General Description section.

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STANDARD FEDERAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS (EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246)

1. As used in these specifications:
 - a. "Covered area" means the geographical area described in the solicitation from which this contract resulted;
 - b. "Director" means Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, United States Department of Labor, or any person to whom the Director delegates authority;
 - c. "Employer identification number" means the Federal Social Security number used on the Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Department Form 941.
 - d. "Minority" includes:
 - i. Black (all persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups not of Hispanic origin);
 - ii. Hispanic (all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race);
 - iii. Asian and Pacific Islander (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); and
 - iv. American Indian or Alaskan Native (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and participation or community identification).
2. Whenever the Contractor, or any Subcontractor at any tier, subcontracts a portion of the work involving any construction trade, it shall physically include in each subcontract in excess of \$10,000 the provisions of these specifications and the Notice, which contains the applicable goals for DBE participation and which is set forth in the solicitations from which this contract resulted.
3. If the Contractor is participating (pursuant to 41 CFR 60-4.5) in a Hometown Plan approved by the U.S. Department of Labor in the covered area either individually or through an association, its affirmative action obligations on all work in the Plan area (including goals and timetables) shall be in accordance with that Plan for those trades which have unions participating in the Plan. Contractors must be able to demonstrate their participation in and compliance with the provisions of any such Hometown Plan. Each Contractor or Subcontractor participating in an approved Plan is individually required to comply with its obligations under the EEO clause, and to make a good faith effort to achieve each goal under the Plan in each trade in which it has employees. The overall good faith performance by other Contractors or Subcontractors toward a goal in an approved plan does not excuse any covered Contractor's or Subcontractor's failure to take good faith efforts to achieve the Plan goals and timetables.
4. The Contractor shall implement the specific affirmative action standards provided in paragraphs 7a through 7p of these specifications. The goals set forth in the solicitation from which this contract resulted are expressed as percentages of the total hours of employment and training of minority and female utilization the Contractor should reasonably be able to achieve in each construction trade in which it has employees in the covered area. Covered Construction contractors performing construction work in geographical areas where they do not have a Federal or federally assisted construction contract shall apply the minority and female goals established for the geographical area where the work is being performed. Goals are published periodically in the Federal Register in notice form, and such notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program Office or from the Federal procurement contracting offices. The Contractor is expected to make substantially uniform progress in meeting its goals in each craft during the period specified.
5. Neither the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement, nor the failure by a union with whom the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement, to refer either minorities or women shall excuse the Contractor's obligations under these specifications, Executive Order 11246, or the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.
6. In order for the nonworking training hours of apprentices and trainees to be counted in meeting the goals, such apprentices and trainees must be employed by the Contractor during the training period, and the Contractor must have made a commitment to employ the apprentices and trainees at the completion of their training, subject to the availability of employment opportunities. Trainees must be trained pursuant to training programs approved by the U.S. Department of Labor.

7. The Contractor shall take specific affirmative actions to ensure equal employment opportunity. The evaluation of the Contractor's compliance with these specifications shall be based upon its effort to achieve maximum results from its actions. The Contractor shall document these efforts fully, and shall implement affirmative action steps at least as extensive as the following:
- a. Ensure and maintain a working environment free of harassment, intimidation, and coercion at all sites, and in all facilities at which the Contractor's employees are assigned to work. The Contractor, where possible, will assign two or more women to each construction project. The Contractor shall specifically ensure that all foremen, superintendents, and other on-site supervisory personnel are aware of and carry out the Contractor's obligation to maintain such a working environment, with specific attention to minority or female individuals working at such sites or in such facilities.
 - b. Establish and maintain a current list of minority and female recruitment sources, provide written notification to minority and female recruitment sources and to community organizations when the Contractor or its unions have employment opportunities available, and maintain a record of the organizations' responses.
 - c. Maintain a current file of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each minority and female off-the-street applicant and minority or female referral from a union, a recruitment source, or community organization and of what action was taken with respect to each such individual. If such individual was sent to the union hiring hall for referral and was not referred back to the Contractor by the union or, if referred, not employed by the Contractor, this shall be documented in the file with the reason therefor, along with whatever additional actions the Contractor may have taken.
 - d. Provide immediate written notification to the Director when the union or unions with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement has not referred to the Contractor a minority person or woman sent by the Contractor, or when the Contractor has other information that the union referral process has impeded the Contractor's efforts to meet its obligations.
 - e. Develop on-the-job training opportunities and/or participate in training programs for the area which expressly include minorities and women, including upgrading programs and apprenticeship and trainee programs relevant to the Contractor's employment needs, especially those programs funded or approved by the Department of Labor. The Contractor shall provide notice of these programs to the sources compiled under 7b above.
 - f. Disseminate the Contractor's EEO policy by providing notice of the policy to unions and training programs and requesting their cooperation in assisting the Contractor in meeting its EEO obligations; by including it in any policy manual and collective bargaining agreement; by publicizing it in the company newspaper, annual report, etc.; by specific review of the policy with all management personnel and with all minority and female employees at least once a year; and by posting the company EEO policy on bulletin boards accessible to all employees at each location where construction work is performed.
 - g. Review, at least annually, the company's EEO policy and affirmative action obligations under these specifications with all employees having any responsibility for hiring, assignment, layoff, termination or other employment decisions including specific review of these items with on-site supervisory personnel such as Superintendents, General Foreman, etc., prior to the initiation of construction work at any job site. A written record shall be made and maintained identifying the time and place of these meetings, persons attending, subject matter discussed, and disposition of the subject matter.
 - h. Disseminate the Contractor's EEO policy externally by including it in any advertising in the news media, specifically including minority and female news media, and providing written notification to and discussing the Contractor's EEO policy with other Contractors and Subcontractors with whom the Contractor does or anticipates doing business.
 - i. Direct its recruitment efforts, both oral and written, to minority, female, and community organizations, to schools with minority and female students, and to minority and female recruitment and training organizations serving the Contractor's recruitment area and employment needs. Not later than one month prior to the date for the acceptance of applications for apprenticeship or other training by any recruitment source, the Contractor shall send written notification to organizations such as the above, describing the openings, screening procedures, and tests to be used in the selection process.
 - j. Encourage present minority and female employees to recruit other minority persons and women and, where reasonable, provide after school, summer and vacation employment to minority and female youth both on the site and in other areas of a Contractor's work force.
 - k. Validate all tests and other selection requirements where there is an obligation to do so under 41 CFR Part 60-3.

- l. Conduct, at least annually, an inventory and evaluation at least of all minority and female personnel for promotional opportunities and encourage these employees to seek or to prepare for, through appropriate training, etc., such opportunities.
 - m. Ensure that seniority practices, job classifications, work assignments and other personnel practices, do not have a discriminatory effect by continually monitoring all personnel and employment related activities to ensure that the EEO policy and the Contractor's obligations under these specifications are being carried out.
 - n. Ensure that all facilities and company activities are nonsegregated except that separate or single-user toilet and necessary changing facilities shall be provided to assure privacy between the sexes.
 - o. Document and maintain a record of all solicitations of offers for subcontractors from minority and female construction contractors and suppliers, including circulation of solicitations to minority and female contractor associations and other business associations.
 - p. Conduct a review, at least annually, of all supervisors' adherence to and performance under the Contractor's EEO policies and affirmative action obligations.
8. Contractors are encouraged to participate in voluntary associations which assist in fulfilling one or more of their affirmative action obligations (7a through p). The efforts of a contractor association, joint contractor-union, contractor-community, or other similar group of which the Contractor is a member and participant, may be asserted as fulfilling any one or more of its obligations under 7a through p of these Specifications provided that the Contractor actively participates in the group, makes every effort to assure that the group has a positive impact on the employment of minorities and women in the industry, ensures that the concrete benefits of the program are reflected in the Contractor's minority and female work force participating, makes a good faith effort to meet its individual goals and timetables, and can provide access to documentation which demonstrates the effectiveness of actions taken on behalf of the Contractor. The obligation to comply, however, is the Contractor's and failure of such a group to fulfill an obligation shall not be a defense for the Contractor's noncompliance.
 9. A single goal for minorities and a separate single goal for women have been established. The Contractor, however, is required to provide equal employment opportunity and to take affirmative action for all minority groups, both male and female, and all women, both minority and non-minority. Consequently, the Contractor may be in violation of the Executive Order if a particular group is employed in a substantially disparate manner (for example, even though the Contractor has achieved its goals for women generally, the Contractor may be in violation of the Executive Order if a specific minority group of women is under utilized).
 10. The Contractor shall not use the goals and timetables or affirmative action standards to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
 11. The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract with any person or firm debarred from Government contracts pursuant to Executive Order 11246.
 12. The Contractor shall carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of these specifications and of the Equal Opportunity Clause, including suspension, termination and cancellation of existing subcontracts as may be imposed or ordered pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and its implementing regulations, by the Order of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. Any Contractor who fails to carry out such sanctions and penalties shall be in violation of these specifications and Executive Order 11246, as amended.
 13. The Contractor, in fulfilling its obligations under these specifications, shall implement specific affirmative action steps, at least as extensive as those standards prescribed in paragraph 7 of these specifications, so as to achieve maximum results from its efforts to ensure equal employment opportunity. If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of the Executive Order, the implementing regulations, or these specifications, the Director shall proceed in accordance with 41 CFR 60-4.8.
 14. The Contractor shall designate a responsible official to monitor all employment-related activity to ensure that the company EEO policy is being carried out, to submit reports relating to the provisions hereof as may be required by the Government, and to keep records. Records shall at least include for each employee the name, address, telephone numbers, construction trade, union affiliation if any, employee identification number when assigned, social security number, race, sex, status (e.g., mechanic, apprentice, trainee, helper, or laborer), dates of changes in status, hours

worked per week in the indicated trade, rate of pay, and locations at which the work was performed. Records shall be maintained in an easily understandable and retrievable form; however, to the degree that existing records satisfy this requirement, contractors shall not be required to maintain separate records.

15. Nothing herein provided shall be construed as a limitation upon the application of other laws which establish different standards of compliance or upon the application of requirements for the hiring of local or other area residents (e.g., those under the Public Works Employment Act of 1977 and the Community Development Block Grant Program).

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TRAINING SPECIAL PROVISIONS

This Training Special Provision supersedes subparagraph 7b of the Special Provision entitled "Specific Equal Employment Opportunity Responsibilities", (Attachment 1), and is in implementation of 23 U.S.C. 140(a).

As part of the contractor's equal employment opportunity affirmative action program, training shall be provided as follows:

The contractor shall provide on-the-job training aimed at developing full journeyman in the type of trade or job classification involved.

The number of trainees to be trained under the special provision will be as set forth in the General Description section of this document. In the event the contractor subcontracts a portion of the contract work, he shall determine how many, if any, of the trainees are to be trained by the subcontractor, provided however, that the contractor shall retain the primary responsibility for meeting the training requirements imposed by this special provision. The contractor shall also ensure that this Training Special Provision is made applicable to such subcontract. Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year apprenticeship or training.

The number of trainees shall be distributed among the work classification on the basis of the contractor's needs and the availability of journeymen in the various classifications within a reasonable area of recruitment. Prior to commencing construction, the contractor shall submit to the Department of Highways and Transportation for approval the number of trainees to be trained in each selected classification and training program to be used. Furthermore, the contractor shall specify the starting time for training in each of the classifications. The contractor will be credited for each trainee employed by him on the contract work who is currently enrolled or becomes enrolled in an approved program and will be reimbursed for such trainees as provided hereinafter.

Training and upgrading of minorities and women toward journeyman status is a primary objective of this Training Special Provision. Accordingly, the contractor shall make every effort to enroll minority trainees and women (e.g., by conducting systematic and direct recruitment through public and private sources likely to yield minority and women trainees) to the extent that such persons are available within a reasonable area of recruitment. The contractor will be responsible for demonstrating the steps that he has taken in pursuance thereof, prior to a determination as to whether the contractor is in compliance with this Training Special Provision. This training commitment is not intended, and not be used, to discriminate against any applicant for training, whether a member of a minority group or not.

No employee shall be employed as a trainee in any classification in which he has successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman status or in which he has been employed as a journeyman. The contractor should satisfy this requirement by including appropriate questions in the employee application or by other suitable means. Regardless of the method used the contractor's records should document the findings in each case.

The minimum length and type of training for each classification will be as established in the training program selected by the contractor and approved by the Department of Highways and Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. The Department of Highways and Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration shall approve a program if it is reasonably calculated to meet the equal employment opportunity obligations of the contractor and to qualify the average trainee for journeyman status in the classification concerned by the end of the training period. Furthermore, apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Bureau and training programs approved but not necessarily sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, Manpower Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training shall also be considered acceptable provided it is being administered in a manner consistent with the equal employment obligations of Federal-aid

highway construction contracts. Approval or acceptance of a training program shall be obtained from the State prior to commencing work the classification covered by the program. It is the intention of these provisions that the training is to be provided in the construction crafts rather than clerk-typists or secretarial-type positions. Training is permissible in lower level management positions such as office engineers, estimators, timekeepers, etc., where the training is oriented toward construction applications. Training in the laborer classification may be permitted provided that significant and meaningful training is provided and approved by the division office. Some off-site training is permissible as long as the training is an integral part of an approved training program and does not comprise a significant part of the overall training.

Except as otherwise noted below, the contractor will be reimbursed 80 cents per hour of training given an employee on this contract in accordance with an approved training program. As approved by the engineer, reimbursement will be made for training persons in excess of the number specified herein. This reimbursement will be made even though the contractor receives additional training program funds from other sources, provided such other sources does not specifically prohibit the contractor from receiving other reimbursement. Reimbursement for off-site training indicated above may only be made to the contractor where he does one or more of the following and the trainees are concurrently employed on a Federal-aid project; contributes to the cost of the training; provides the instruction of the trainee; or pays the trainee's wages during the off-site training period.

No payment shall be made to the contractor if either the failure to provide the required training, or the failure to hire the trainees as a journeyman, is caused by the contractor and evidences a lack of good faith on the part of the contractor in meeting the requirements of this Training Special Provision. It is normally expected that a trainee will begin his training on the project as soon as feasible after start of work utilizing the skill involved and remain on the project as long as training opportunities exist in his work classification or until he has completed his training program. It is not required that all trainees be on board for the entire length of the contract. A contractor will have fulfilled his responsibilities under this Training Special Provision if he has provided acceptable training to the number of trainees specified. The number trained shall be determined on the basis of the total number enrolled on the contract for a significant period.

Trainees will be paid a least 60 percent of the appropriate minimum journeymen's rate specified in the contract for the first half of the of the training period, 75 percent for the third quarter of the training period, and 90 percent for the last quarter of the training period, unless apprentices or trainees is an approved existing program are enrolled as trainees on this project. In fact case, the appropriate rates approved by the Department of Labor or Transportation in connection with the existing program shall apply to all trainees being trained for the same classification who are covered by this Training Special Provisions.

The contractor shall furnish the trainee a copy of the program he will follow in providing the training.

The contractor shall provide each trainee with a certification showing the type and length of training satisfactorily completed.

The contractor will provide for the maintenance of records and furnish periodic reports documenting his performance under this Training Special Provision.

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INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT
& TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT

Recipients of Federal-aid highway funds authorized under Titles I (other than Part B) and V of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), or Titles I, III, and V of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) are required to comply with the regulations of 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26 - Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs.

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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM SPECIFICATION

DelDOT has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Department has received Federal financial assistance from the USDOT and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Department has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of DelDOT to ensure that DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy of the DelDOT:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are counted as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in USDOT-assisted contracts;
6. To assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program and;
7. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities.

The following definitions apply to this subpart:

Commercially Useful Function (CUF) means a Commercially Useful Function as defined fully in 49 CFR §26.55, which definition is incorporated herein by reference. CUF is discussed further in the next section.

Committed DBE means a DBE that was identified by the contractor, typically on a DBE Project Participation Affidavit, to assist in making a good faith effort to meet an assigned DBE goal. This also includes any substitute DBE that has subsequently been committed work to meet the assigned contract goal.

Days mean calendar days. In computing any period of time described in this part, the day from which the period begins to run is not counted, and when the last day of the period is a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the period extends to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday. Similarly, in circumstances where the DelDOT's offices are closed for all or part of the last day, the period extends to the next day on which the agency is open.

DBE-Conscious means actions or a program that are focused specifically on assisting DBEs in increasing their participation in projects, targeted actions that specifically factor in a firm's certified DBE status to meet a contract goal.

DBE-Neutral means actions, or a program undertaken by DelDOT, that is used to assist all small business concerns.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise or DBE means a for-profit small business concern (1) that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged or, in the case of a corporation, in which 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals; and, (2) whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.

DOT-assisted contract means any contract between a recipient and a contractor (at any tier) funded in whole or in part with DOT financial assistance, including letters of credit or loan guarantees, except a contract solely for the purchase of land.

Good Faith Efforts means efforts to achieve a DBE goal or other requirement of this part which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, can reasonably be expected to fulfill the program requirement.

Joint Venture means an association of a DBE firm and one or more other firms to carry out a single, for-profit business enterprise, for which the parties combine their property, capital, efforts, skills and knowledge, and in which the DBE is responsible for a distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract and whose share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks, and profits of the joint venture are commensurate with its ownership interest.

NAICS Code means the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the US business economy.

Non-DBE means any firm that is not a DBE or any entity which has not been certified by DelDOT as a DBE prior to bid closing.

Small Business concern means, with respect to firms seeking to participate as DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts, a small business concern as defined pursuant to section 3 of the Small Business Act and Small Business Administration regulations implementing it (13 CFR part 121) that also does not exceed the cap on average annual gross receipts specified in 49 CFR §26.65(b).

Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Owner (SEDO) means any individual who is a citizen (or lawfully admitted permanent resident) of the United States and who a certifier finds to be socially and economically disadvantaged on a case-by-case basis. A determination that an individual is socially and economically disadvantaged must not be made in whole or in part on race or sex. For that reason, applicants may qualify as socially and economically disadvantaged only if they can meet the relevant criteria as described in 49 CFR §26.67:

- i. Non-presumptive disadvantage. All applicants must demonstrate social and economic disadvantage (SED) affirmatively based on their own experiences and circumstances within American society, and without regard to race or sex
- ii. To satisfy the SED requirement and ensure all determinations of disadvantage are not based in whole or in part on race or sex, an owner must provide the certifier a Personal Narrative (PN) that establishes the existence of disadvantage by a preponderance of the evidence based on individualized proof regarding specific instances of economic hardship, systemic barriers, and denied opportunities that impeded the owner's progress or success in education, employment, or business, including obtaining financing terms available to similarly situated, non-disadvantaged persons.
- iii. The PN must state how and to what extent the impediments caused the owner economic harm, including a full description of type and magnitude, and must establish the owner is economically disadvantaged in fact relative to similarly situated non-disadvantaged individuals.
- iv. The owner must attach to the PN a current Personal Net Worth (PNW) statement and any other financial information the owner considers relevant.

DBE Participation Goals

DelDOT has established an overall annual goal for DBE participation on Federal-aid contracts. DelDOT intends that the goal be met with a combination of DBE-conscious and DBE-neutral efforts. DBE-conscious participation occurs when the contractor uses a percentage of DBEs, as defined herein, to meet the contract-specified goal. DBE-neutral efforts are those that are, or can be, used to assist all small businesses or increase opportunities for all small businesses.

The regulation, 49 CFR, Part 26, also describes DBE-neutral participation as when a DBE wins a prime contract through customary competitive procurement procedures or is awarded a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry a DBE contract goal.

DelDOT will establish specific goals for each particular DOT-assisted project which will be expressed as a percentage of the total dollar amount of contract bid. The specific contract goal for this contract is listed in the General Description section of this document.

The contractor shall make Good Faith Efforts to meet the goal specified herein with DBEs or establish that it was unable to meet the goal despite making good faith efforts to do so. Prime contractors are encouraged to obtain DBE participation above and beyond any goals that may be set for this project.

DBE Project Participation Affidavit

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As a result of the Issuance of the IFR on September 30, 2025, all DelDOT DBEs were decertified. DelDOT is undertaking the recertification process for DBEs pursuant to the IFR requirements. As DelDOT currently has no certified DBEs, it is not feasible to require the submission of a DelDOT DBE Project Participation Affidavit for this letting. Companies bidding on this letting are NOT required to submit a DBE Project Participation Affidavit with their bid. As soon as DelDOT is able to begin recertifying DBEs pursuant to the standards set forth in the IFR, this requirement will be reinstated in all lettings.

DBE Subcontract Provisions

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DelDOT continues to reserve the right to approve ALL DBE subcontractors and all substitutions of DBE subcontractors prior to award, and during the of completion of the contract. **ALL DBEs subcontracted (whether submitted for participation credit or not) must be submitted to DelDOT's DBE Program Office for approval.** No contract work shall be performed by a DBE subcontractor until the executed DBE subcontract is approved in writing by DelDOT and DelDOT has issued the required Notice to Proceed. Any DBE subcontract relating to work to be performed pursuant to this contract, which is submitted to DelDOT for approval, must contain all DBE subcontractor information, the requirements contained in this contract, and must be fully executed by the contractor and DBE subcontractor.

Each contract between the prime contractor and each DBE subcontractor shall, at a minimum, include the following:

1. All pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract.
2. Assurance that the contractor and subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract.
3. Description of the work to be performed by the DBE subcontractor.
4. The dollar value of each item of work to be completed by the DBE subcontractor and the bid price of each item of work to be completed by the DBE subcontractor.
5. An attached copy of the most current FHWA 1273- Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contracts.
6. Language indicating that retainage will not be withheld unless the prime contract with DelDOT allows for the withholding of retainage.
7. Language requiring the payment of all funds received from DelDOT for work satisfactorily performed within the time frame contemplated by 49 CFR §26.29.

DelDOT reserves the right to conduct periodic reviews of DBE and non-DBE subcontract documentation to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

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**CRITICAL DBE
REQUIREMENTS**

As a result of the Issuance of the IFR on September 30, 2025, all DelDOT DBE's were decertified. DelDOT is undertaking the recertification process for DBEs pursuant to the IFR requirements. The decertification of all DBEs impacts some of the critical contract requirements, but others remain in effect as identified below:

1. In the execution of this contract, the successful bidder agrees to comply with the following contract clauses:

Prompt Payment: The prime contractor/consultant receiving payments shall, within 30 days of receipt of any payment, file a statement with DelDOT on a form to be determined by DelDOT that all subcontractors furnishing labor or material have been paid the full sum due them at the stage of the contract, except any funds withheld under the terms of the contract as required by Chapter 8, Title 17 of the Delaware Code, annotated and as amended. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of DelDOT. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Retainage: The prime contractor agrees to return retainage to each subcontractor within 15 calendar days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of DelDOT. This clause covers both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors. As guidance, once a subcontractor has satisfactorily completed the physical work, and has given to the prime contractor a certified statement that all laborers, lower tier contractors, and materialmen who have furnished labor and materials to the subcontractor have been paid all monies due them, the prime contractor shall return retainage to the subcontractor within 15 calendar days.

2. In the execution of this contract, the successful bidder agrees to comply with the following contract assurance and will include this same language in each subcontractor contract:

"The contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such remedy as the recipient deems appropriate." 49 CFR Section 26.13

In addition to this specification, bidders must comply with all provisions of the rules and regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation for DBE participation in USDOT and DelDOT Programs (49 CFR Part 26) and the DelDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan; each of which is hereby incorporated and made part of this specification. Bidders are also reminded that they must be responsive and responsible bidders in all other aspects aside from the DBE Program in order to be awarded the contract.

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**GUIDANCE FOR GOOD FAITH
EFFORT**

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**1273-23 REQUIRED CONTRACT
PROVISIONS
FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACTS**

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CARGO PREFERENCE ACT

Requirements in the Federal-aid Highway Program

(a) Agreement Clauses. “Use of United States-flag vessels:

(1) Pursuant to Pub. L. 664 (43 U.S.C. 1241(b)) at least 50 percent of any equipment, materials or commodities procured, contracted for or otherwise obtained with funds granted, guaranteed, loaned, or advanced by the U.S. Government under this agreement, and which may be transported by ocean vessel, shall be transported on privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels, if available.

(2) Within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, ‘on-board’ commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall be furnished to both the Contracting Officer (through the prime contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590.

(b) Contractor and Subcontractor Clauses. “Use of United States-flag vessels: The contractor agrees—

(1) To utilize privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to this contract, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-flag commercial vessels.

(2) To furnish within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, ‘on-board’ commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph (b) (1) of this section to both the Contracting Officer (through the prime contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590.

(3) To insert the substance of the provisions of this clause in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract.

NOTE:

This requirement applies to material or equipment that is acquired for a specific Federal-aid highway project. It is not applicable to goods or materials that come into inventories independent of an FHWA funded-contract.

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APPENDICES TO THE TITLE VI ASSURANCE

APPENDIX A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, (Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Authority (FTA)), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts and the Regulations, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Authority (FTA) to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Authority (FTA), as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Authority (FTA) may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies;
 - and/or cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through five in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts and the Regulations. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Authority (FTA) may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor or consultant, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970,(42 U.S.C. § 460 I), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);

Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part27;

The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);

Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982,(49 USC §471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987,(PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);

Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 - 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;

The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 41123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);

Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq).

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PREVAILING WAGES

Included in this proposal are the minimum wages to be paid various classes of laborers and mechanics as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Delaware in accordance with Title 29 Del.C. §6960, relating to wages and the regulations implementing that Section.

REQUIREMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR SWORN PAYROLL INFORMATION

Title 29 Del.C. §6960 stipulates;

- (b) Every contract based upon these specifications shall contain a stipulation that the employer shall pay all mechanics and laborers employed directly upon the site of the work, unconditionally and not less often than once a week and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account, the full amounts accrued at time of payment, computed at wage rates not less than those stated in the specifications, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the employer and such laborers and mechanics. The specifications shall further stipulate that the scale of wages to be paid shall be posted by the employer in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site of the work, and that there may be withheld from the employer so much of accrued payments as may be considered necessary by the Department of Labor to pay to laborers and mechanics employed by the employer the difference between the rates of wages required by the contract to be paid laborers and mechanics on the work and rates of wages received by such laborers and mechanics to be remitted to the Department of Labor for distribution upon resolution of any claims.
- (c) **Every contract based upon these specifications shall contain a stipulation that sworn payroll information, as required by the Department of Labor, be furnished weekly. The Department of Labor shall keep and maintain the sworn payroll information for a period of 6 months from the last day of the work week covered by the payroll.**

Bidders are specifically directed to note the Department of Labor's prevailing wage regulations implementing §6960 relating to the effective date of the wage rates, at Part VI., Section C., which in relevant part states:

"Public agencies (covered by the provisions of 29 Del.C. §6960) are required to use the rates which are in effect on the date of the publication of specifications for a given project. In the event that a contract is not executed within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the specifications were published, the rates in effect at the time of the execution of the contract shall be the applicable rates for the project."

PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS

It is DelDOT's understanding that the Davis-Bacon Act is not a preemptive statute in the broad sense, and does not preempt or displace State of Delaware prevailing wage requirements.

When a contract for a project contains both Federal Davis-Bacon and State of Delaware prevailing wage standards because of concurrent Federal and State coverage, the employer's minimum wage obligations are determined by whichever standards are higher.

Contractors with questions may contact:

Department of Labor, Division of Industrial Affairs, 4425 N. Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19802
Telephone (302) 761-8200

<https://dia.delawareworks.com/labor-law/>

STATE WAGE RATES

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