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SECTION 904 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS NO. 861

CODE: (SP)

DATE: 3/17/2006

SUBJECT: Excess Excavation and Unclassified Excavation

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Bidders are hereby notified of the following items concerning Excess Excavation and Unclassified Excavation:

- 1.) Pay Item 203-G Excess Excavation, FM, AH is intended to be used for payment of excess excavation material removed from the ramp extensions. Pay Item 203-G Excess Excavation, LVM, AH is to be used for excess excavation material removed from the grading on State Route 35.
- 2.) Pay Item 203-A Unclassified Excavation, LVM, AH – Unclassified Excavation from the ramp extensions is to be used for the guardrail modifications, shoulders, and crossovers or as directed by the Engineer.

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SPECIAL PROVISION NO. 907-108-8

CODE: (IS)

DATE: 02/13/2006

SUBJECT: Prosecution and Progress

Section 108, Prosecution and Progress, of the 2004 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction is hereby amended as follows:

907-108.01--Subletting of Contract.

907-108.01.1--General. At the end of the last paragraph of Subsection 108.01.1 on page 73, add the following:

The Engineer will have the authority to suspend the work wholly or in part and to withhold payments because of the Contractor's failure to make prompt payment within 15 calendar days as required above.

907-108.02--Notice To Proceed. Delete the fourth paragraph of Subsection 108.02 on page 75 and substitute the following:

Upon written request from the Contractor and if circumstances permit, the Notice to Proceed may be issued at an earlier date subject to the conditions stated therein. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any monetary damages or extension of contract time for any delay claim or claim of inefficiency occurring between the early issuance Notice To Proceed date and the Notice to Proceed date stated in the contract.

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SPECIAL PROVISION NO. 907-619-1

CODE: (SP)

DATE: 06/02/2004

SUBJECT: Changeable Message Signs

Section 619, Traffic Control for Construction Zones, of the 2004 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction is hereby amended as follows:

907-619.02--Material Requirements. After Subsection 619.02.13 on page 424, add the following:

907-619.02.12--Changeable Message Sign. The changeable message sign shall be trailer-mounted, full size, LED, full matrix, solar powered, portable changeable message sign. The sign shall be capable of on-site operation via onboard keyboard/keypad, and when specified, remote operation via software compatible with Windows 2000 / Windows XP operating system. The entire sign assembly shall be designed and constructed to withstand and operate during a minimum of 75 MPH wind gusts with all outriggers and/or leveling jacks in place. The entire sign assembly, including each component exposed to weather, shall be sealed and water-proofed to prevent water penetration when subjected to rain and gusting winds of 75 MPH. If more than one changeable message sign is specified, they shall all be of the same model and from the same manufacturer. All parts and materials used to construct the changeable message sign shall be new.

When specified, each sign shall be provided either with or without the necessary hardware to control the sign remotely. If provided without the hardware, the sign shall be constructed with wiring in place to provide the connections for the necessary onboard hardware to control the sign remotely. The manufacturer shall supply a serial and/or USB connection within the sign control cabinet so that a laptop computer using the remote software can communicate directly with the sign CPU.

When specified, the sign shall be capable of displaying dynamic, in-situ traffic speeds through the use of an optional traffic radar transducer. The sign shall also be capable of radar interrupt. This option shall interrupt the original user-specified sequence of messages to display the approaching vehicle speeds and/or an alternate sequence of messages as determined by the user. This option shall also have the functionality to display the speeds of the approaching vehicles as a stand-alone sequence.

When specified, each sign shall be NTCIP compliant/compatible.

When specified, each sign shall be provided either with or without the necessary hardware to operate a Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) system. If provided without the hardware, the sign shall be constructed to provide the required connections to easily add the necessary onboard hardware to operate the HAR.

General. The sign shall be mounted on a portable trailer containing the necessary solar panels, deep-cycle heavy-duty batteries, and battery charger. When specified, gel-type batteries shall be a replacement for deep-cycle heavy-duty batteries. In the event of prolonged lack of sufficient sunlight, the sign batteries shall be capable of being charged while the sign is operating by the use of a standard 120 Volt AC generator. The sign shall be equipped with a male plug-in and a 50-foot long extension cord constructed of a minimum 12-gauge wire for this purpose. This plug-in shall also be capable of charging the sign batteries using standard 120 Volt AC current when the sign is not in use.

When specified, the sign shall be supplied with either the necessary onboard hardware to control the sign remotely, or the required connections to easily add the necessary onboard hardware to control the sign remotely. This hardware shall consist of, but is not limited to, a cellular telephone capable of operating in digital mode, and/or analog mode when specified, the necessary external antenna, communications cables, and the necessary modem for communicating with the sign operating software. The sign shall also be supplied with the necessary software to control the sign from a remote location. This software shall be Windows 2000 / Windows XP operating system compatible for use on any desktop or laptop equipped with a Hayes Compatible Modem, and any necessary software which must be installed on the sign for communication with a remote computer. The cell phone and/or modem shall be capable of communication using the MDOT cell service provider and it shall be the responsibility of the manufacturer/contractor to demonstrate this service. The sign shall be capable of data communications at a minimum transmission speed of 40 kilobytes per second. The sign shall not be dependent on cellular digital packet data type technology for wireless communications.

The software for controlling the sign and sign messages shall be password protected to safeguard against unauthorized use. There shall be a minimum of three (3) levels of password protection. The most restrictive level shall allow an operator to select a preprogrammed sequence of messages for display while restricting access to the computer's sign and sequence programming. The next restrictive level shall allow the operator to access the sign's primary controls such as sign brightness, message and sequence editing, and establishing schedules. The least restrictive level shall allow full access to all controls, passwords, signs parameter display, and diagnostic display.

Sign diagnostics shall include, but not be limited to, LED brightness controls, internal operating temperature, sign status, communications status, radar status and solar status via onboard display and/or when specified, remote software. The sign status shall provide information on the sign operation that includes CPU inputs and outputs, battery voltage, 110 VAC service indicator, low voltage indicator, and photocell ambient light level. The solar status shall provide information on voltage level from the batteries, voltage level for the LED display, sign brightness level, percent of maximum brightness for LED's, and photocell ambient light level.

The sign software shall be capable of scheduling predetermined sequences of messages based on a programmed time and date.

There shall be a minimum of 180 pre-stored, standard signs and messages as detailed in the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), all capable of being displayed. There shall also be storage space provided for an additional 150 user-programmed signs and/or messages. Each sign CPU shall have the capacity to store a minimum of 150 programmable sequences. Each sequence shall be capable of displaying up to six (6) programmed signs, symbols, or messages. There shall also be provided, as stored data, and capable of being displayed, all graphical symbols of regulatory and warning symbols detailed in the latest edition of the MUTCD.

The sign display shall be capable of displaying both static and dynamic graphics/messages. The sign display shall also be capable of displaying messages in full size to utilize the maximum area of display. It shall also be capable of displaying conventional one, two, or three-line messages for display with a choice of a minimum of nine (9) font sizes.

At least two copies of user manuals shall be provided with each sign. Each manual shall include all operational functions and software required to operate the sign on site and remotely. This manual shall include all wiring diagrams, parts lists, and sign specifications as well as component warranty information. Each copy shall be bound and shall contain laminated sheets.

Trailer Control Cabinet. The control cabinet shall be constructed of aluminum and shall receive an automotive grade protective coating as should the rest of the trailer. The sign cabinet shall be manufactured to withstand all types of adverse weather conditions and shall have screens or filters installed to keep insects out. This control cabinet shall be lockable, internally illuminated, and house the keyboard terminal and control panel. Lighted keys and terminal displays are acceptable. This control cabinet shall be manufactured in accordance with the latest NEMA 3R/4 standards. The control cabinet shall contain all controls and the necessary gauges for monitoring sign activity. All controls shall be labeled using engraved laminated plastic that is a minimum of 1/16-inch thick. These gauges shall include, but are not limited to, a voltmeter, which indicates current battery charge status, and an amp meter, which indicates current/charging status. The provision of this information via digital readout on a control console or panel is acceptable.

Sign Display. The sign display housing shall be constructed of aluminum and shall be composed of a full matrix of LED's. The sign display housing shall be manufactured in accordance with the latest NEMA 3R/4 standards. The sign shall be comprised of easily interchangeable modules that may be individually replaced in the event of failure or damage. The sign display shall have the minimum capability of displaying three lines of 18-inch nominal high text with eight characters per line. The sign display shall be capable of displaying preprogrammed Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) symbolic messages and standard arrows. This sign shall be a full matrix type, not a fixed matrix type. The sign display shall also be capable of displaying user-defined custom messages and graphics. These messages shall be capable of saving for later recall and use. The sign shall be capable of displaying a preprogrammed default message, or no message at all, in the event of a power failure. When displaying text messages, the spacing between lines of text shall be a minimum of six (6) inches and the inter-character spacing shall be a minimum of three (3) inches. The sign shall be capable of shutting down its LED display if internal cabinet temperatures reach a level that is determined

unsafe by the manufacturer. The LED's shall be ITE amber wide angle for both daytime and nighttime viewing at an angle of 17 degrees, shall be rated for a service life of 100,000 hours, and shall have an operating temperature range of between -22°F to +165°F. The associated electronics for operation of display power supply shall be fully operational in the temperature range of -30°F to +165°F. The sign display shall be protected by a non-glaring polycarbonate material of at least ¼ inch thickness. The display shall provide easy access to all components contained within the display housing.

LED Brightness Control. The sign shall be equipped with both automatic and manual controls to adjust the brightness of the LEDs. The automatic control shall be capable of varying the LED brightness by sensing the ambient light level using photocells. The manual brightness control shall be password protected to safeguard against unauthorized use. LED brightness control shall also be contained within the remote operational software.

Sign Trailer. The trailer shall be equipped with a minimum of two wheels with heavy-duty radial tires. It shall be constructed using a minimum of ASTM A36, 3-inch by 3-inch and 3-inch by 5-inch steel tubing both with a minimum of 3/16-inch wall thickness. Each wheel shall be equipped with one locking lug nut. A minimum of four keys for the locking lug nuts shall be supplied for each trailer. The trailer spring leafs shall be rated for 3500 pounds. The wheels shall be 15-inch steel wheels with five lug bolts per wheel. The wheels shall each be fitted with new P 205-75-15B rated tires.

The trailer shall be provided with a minimum of four outriggers or leveling jacks. One outrigger or leveling jack shall be mounted near each corner of the trailer. The length of the leveling jacks shall be such that when the trailer is level, all four jacks and the tongue jack can be lowered into the vertical position. The trailer shall also be provided with a trailer stand mounted on the tongue of the trailer. The trailer stand shall be a corrosion resistant, screw type jack stand which provides up to a 25-inch lift with a pull-pin swivel release that enables the jack to swing up to a horizontal position for towing. The stand shall also include a 6-inch wheel that allows horizontal positioning of the trailer. The jack stand shall be welded, not bolted, to the tongue of the trailer. The trailer shall be provided with legal tail/brake lights, signals, and license plate mounting bracket. The trailer shall be provided with a 2-inch "hammer blow coupler" style hitch capable of being reversible with a 2½-inch Pintle ring. The trailer shall contain the batteries, solar panels, display lift, and control console.

The trailer shall be equipped with an electric or hydraulic lift, or combination thereof, for the sign display. The sign shall also be equipped with a manual backup lift. The display lift shall raise the sign to a minimum of seven feet above the roadway surface. The sign display shall be capable of rotating and locking at any selected angle up to 360 degrees. A positive brake assembly with lockable control arm shall be provided to position the sign display in the desired position. A mast safety pin shall be provided to prevent the sign display from falling in the event of an electric or hydraulic system failure.

All welding shall be performed by certified welders and in accordance to applicable American Welding Society standards. All metal surfaces shall receive a protective coating such as powder

coating, two coats of primer and two coats of finish/color. The finished coating shall be automotive grade.

All cabinets, display cases, battery cabinets and connections shall be NEMA 3R/4 compliant. All cabinets must be completely encased and lockable with a standard padlock. A lockable storage cabinet shall be provided to house various accessories.

The trailer shall have a 6,000-pound capacity hydraulic surge brake system along with a breakaway latch.

Radar. When specified, the sign shall be equipped with a traffic radar operating in the "K" band, in an "approach only" mode. In conjunction with the radar, the sign shall be capable of displaying dynamic, in-situ vehicle speeds. The radar shall be able to interface directly with the CPU and operational software for applications such as vehicle speeds. The unit shall be programmable to allow the interruption of user-defined messages to display vehicle speed and/or alternate messages whenever a settable speed threshold is exceeded. The radar unit shall be encased in an aluminum enclosure with a polycarbonate lens, and the metal portion shall receive the same protective coating, priming, and painting as the rest of the sign.

907-619.03--Construction Requirements. After Subsection 619.03.9 on page 427, add the following:

907-619.03.10--Changeable Message Sign. Each changeable message sign shall be installed and continuously operated at the location selected by the Engineer on State right-of-way. The Contractor is advised that selected locations may be outside the planned indicated limits of the project. The Contractor shall perform all work necessary for preparation of the site selected and approved by the Engineer, to insure maximum safety for and sign visibility of the traveling public; and may be required to remove any temporary work at a later date as directed by the Engineer. The Contractor will also place a minimum of two plastic drums in advance of the sign and one beside the sign as long as it is in use. The Contractor shall be required to move the sign to a new location if directed by the Engineer.

The Contractor may be permitted to bring electric power from outside the normal right-of-way for operation of the equipment if the Department determines that the installation operation will not be hazardous to the traveling public. The Contractor will be required to secure a permit from the Department prior to any work by the power company on the right-of-way. The entire cost of providing electrical service, power to operate the equipment, and removal of the power source from the right-of-way shall be borne by the Contractor.

The changeable message sign(s) will remain the property of the Contractor after the Engineer determines that there is no further need for the sign(s) on the project.

907-619.04--Method of Measurement. After the last paragraph of Subsection 428 on page 619-7, add the following:

Changeable message signs, as described above, will be measured by the unit. When directed, separate measurements will be made for items included in the contract and required for temporary site preparation for the sign as referenced in Subsection 907-619.03.10. Materials for which no pay items are included in the contract will not be measured for separate payment. Separate measurements will not be made for moving the changeable message sign to a new location, but materials used for which pay items are included in the contract and are necessary for repositioning the sign as directed by the Engineer will be measured for separate payment. Removal of materials used for site preparation for changeable message signs will not be measured for separate payment.

907-619.05--Basis of Payment. After the second paragraph of Subsection 619.05 on page 428, add the following:

Payment for items required by the Engineer for temporary location of the changeable message sign, and for which pay items are included in the contract, will be made by the individual pay item. No additional payment will be made for having to work outside the planned indicated project limits.

Payment for removal of materials used for site preparation at changeable message sign locations shall be included in the contract bid price for Maintenance of Traffic.

Between pay item nos. 619-E2 and 619-F1 on page 429, insert the following:

907-619-E3: Changeable Message Sign (____*____) - per each

* Indicate when the sign is "With Remote" and/or "With Radar"

