

## **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**SECTION 904 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS NO. 4660**

**CODE: (SP)**

**DATE: 10/29/2013**

**SUBJECT: Intermediate Concrete Diaphragms**

Bidders are advised that the bridge plans for this project indicates that intermediate concrete diaphragms are required between the beams. If the bridge is designed using Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD), the intermediate concrete diaphragms may be eliminated at the Contractor's option. If the Contractor desires to make this change, a written request shall be sent to the Project Engineer who will forward it to the Bridge Division for concurrence. If eliminated, any concrete and reinforcement shown on the plans for intermediate diaphragms will not be included in the measurement and payment of concrete and reinforcement.

If the intermediate concrete diaphragms are eliminated, the Contractor shall provide adequate bracing to prevent tipping or overturning of the beams during deck casting. This bracing shall be addressed in the Contractor's written request to eliminated intermediate diaphragms.