

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SPECIAL PROVISION NO. 907-230-10

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SUBJECT: Tree and Shrub Planting

Section 230, Tree and Shrub Planting, of the 2004 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction is hereby amended as follows.

907-230.2--Materials. Delete Subsection 230.02.14 on page 165 and substitute the following:

907-230.02.14--Mulch. Tree Bark Mulch shall meet the requirements of Subsection 907-233.02.

907-230.02.15--Bed Edging. Bed edging shall be steel edging, 3/16-inch by 4-inch in size, green in color with steel stakes, manufactured by Ryerson, an Inland Steel Company, St. Louis, Mo., or an approved equal.

907-230.03--Construction Requirements.

907-230.03.7--Planting, Backfilling, and Watering. After the first paragraph of Subsection 230.03.7 on page 166, add the following:

Plant pits are plant bed areas which are bound all around by bed edging and/or paving, or as noted on the drawings. Bed preparation shall be required within plant pits, which shall consist of stripping the proposed bed area of existing grass or plant material, unless designated to remain; removal and disposal of existing soil in order that finished grade of bed, not including surface mulch, is no higher than surrounding grades/pavement edges unless noted otherwise on the drawings; spreading a 4-inch layer of Tree Bark Mulch, Type III throughout the area, and tilling in the Tree Bark Mulch, Type III to a depth of six inches uniformly throughout the area; and excavating plant holes in accordance with this special provision. The entire bed area shall receive Tree Bark Mulch, Type V as a surface mulch.

Within plant pits, additional Tree Bark Mulch, Type III for each tree, shrub and groundcover plant hole is not necessary beyond the uniform layer of application tilled into the soil as noted on the vegetation schedule. Within each tree and shrub plant hole within a plant pit, backfill with a 50/50 mix of existing soil amended with Type III mulch and topsoil. Groundcover plant holes do not require any other backfill material other than the amended existing soil with Type III mulch incorporated.

Backfill for tree and shrub plant holes outside of plant pits shall be a 50/50 mix of existing soil and topsoil, after applying the 4-inch layer of Tree Bark Mulch, Type III.

907-230.04--Method of Measurement. After the sixth paragraph of Subsection 230.04 on page 169, add the following:

Bed edging, complete in place and accepted, will be measured per linear foot. Excavation, backfilling, and miscellaneous fittings will not be measured for separate payment.

Bed preparation within plant pits, complete in place and accepted, will be measured per square foot. Stripping of existing vegetation, excavation of existing soil, providing and incorporating the designated layer of Tree Bark Mulch Type III, Tree Bark Mulch Type V as a surface mulch, and weeding will not be measured for separate payment.

Tree Bark Mulch will be measured for payment in accordance with Subsection 907-233.04.

Delete the last five paragraphs of Subsection 230.04 on pages 169 & 170 regarding the sequence for measurement of payment and substitute the following:

Measurement for payment will be made in the following sequence:

When plants have been planted and are in a healthy condition in accordance with the contract, seventy-five percent (75%) of the bid price for that species of plant material meeting the requirements of the contract will be allowed.

When the inspection of plants at the end of the growing season has been conducted and the replacement of any dead or unsatisfactory plant material has been made, ninety percent (90%) of the bid price for that species of plant material meeting the requirements of the contract will be allowed.

When the final inspection of the project has been conducted and the replacement of any dead or unsatisfactory plant material has been made, and upon final release of maintenance, one-hundred percent (100%) of the bid price will be allowed for plant material meeting the requirements of the contract.

The Plant Establishment Period shall begin upon the date that the Engineer determines plant material installation has been acceptably completed, including staking/guying and mulching, and continues through the dates noted below:

PLANT ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD

Date of Installation Completion, From and Including	Establishment Period Beyond Installation Completion, (Growing Season) To and Including
August 2 nd - November 1 st	240 calendar days
November 2 nd - January 1 st	180 calendar days
January 2 nd - May 1 st	120 calendar days
May 2 nd - August 1 st	90 calendar days

Where feasible in the opinion of the Engineer, the Contractor may install plant material well in advance of project completion, in order that the Plant Establishment Period may run concurrent with the Contract Time. However, no matter what date the Plant Establishment Period conclude, the Contractor will be required to maintain healthy plants until final inspection of the entire project.

No contract time or liquidated damages will be charged during the plant establishment period if, and only if, all items of work on the project have been completed.

907-230.05--Basis of Payment. After the first paragraph of Subsection 230.05 on page 170, add the following:

Accepted quantities for bed edging and bed preparation will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot and square foot, respectively. Prices paid shall be full compensation for completing the work.

Add the "907" prefix to the pay items numbers listed on page 170.

After the last pay item listed on page 170, add the following:

907-230-C: Bed Edging - per linear foot

907-230-D: Bed Preparation - per square foot