

# Design Standards Letter

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Subject: **Signing, Lighting and Traffic Signal Work as Specialty Items**

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**TO ALL DIVISION, DISTRICT AND URBAN ENGINEERS:**

**Section "I-1, Subletting or Assigning of Contract" of the Standard Specifications requires the contractor to perform with his own organization, work amounting to not less than fifty (50) per cent of the remainder obtained by subtracting from the total original contract value the sum of any items designated in the contract as "Specialty Items". Such items as Fertilizing and Mulching, Sodding and other work requiring special equipment or handling are thus listed in our contracts. It has not been necessary to apply the specialty listing to signing, lighting and traffic signal work in the past since such work has been let separate from the normal road work contract. However, under our new policy, when all construction is to be included in a single contract, signing, lighting and traffic signal work should be considered as specialty items, and a covering special provision should be included in the contract.**

**A copy of Division Engineer Hickman's letter of August 9, 1960, giving Bureau of Public Roads concurrence in the above, is attached hereto for your information. This office will make the comparison of costs requested in the last paragraph of this letter.**

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