

Design Standards Letter

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Body

We have been informed by the Federal Highway Administration that after September 29, 1995 the use of our Standard breakaway cable terminal (BCT) will no longer be approved. Therefore, on projects tentatively scheduled for October letting or later, it will be necessary to use the attached Special Provision for ending guard rail runs where protection is needed.

Attached is a copy of a Special Provision allowing the use of the ET-2000 (Option B) manufactured by Syro Steel Company, the SENTRE manufactured by Energy Absorption Products or SRT-100 manufactured by Trinity Industries, Inc. as equal alternates where it is necessary to use a crashworthy end treatment for Type A guard rail.

Using this Special Provision, the three terminals can be bid as equal alternates allowing the contractor to select the most economical, eliminates the necessity for classifying the terminals as experimental and submitting work plans for these items. Bid Item 606-30.15 for Crashworthy Guard Rail Terminal should continue to be used for payment.

Please advise if you have questions concerning the above.

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Attachment