

Design Standards Letter

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Subject: Payment of Bituminous Mixtures by Components

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As a result of ongoing meetings with asphalt industry contractors, we have agreed to return to the old method of paying for bituminous mixtures by components (i.e. asphalt cement and mineral aggregate) instead of by the mixture. However, we will continue to pay for bituminous mixtures by the square yard (m^2) for full depth pavements. The payment for those mixtures will be similar as payment of mixtures by weight that is based on percentage of asphalt cement and mineral aggregate in the mixture. Attached is an example calculation for determining the quantities for asphalt cement and mineral aggregate of a mixture when the units are by square yard (m^2).

This change will be effective May 1999. Therefore, all plans for projects in the May 1999 bid opening and thereafter need to be revised accordingly. Attached are the new bid items to be used. These bid items are available electronically, and programs using the bid item database have also been revised.

By returning to the basis of payment by components, we will now also specify the maximum allowable unit price a contractor can quote or base their unit bid price for an asphalt cement bid item. The maximum allowable unit price for each asphalt cement performance grade will be set by the Support Center and included in each project proposal as a job special provision. Attached is an example of the job special provision. If the contractor provides a price greater than allowed, that contractor's bid will be considered irregular and rejected.

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Attachments



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