REVIEW OF BLANKET PRIOR APPROVAL FOR MAJOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

PROJECT NO. | CCO NO. | CONTRACT NO. | DIST-CO-RTE-PM
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Statewide | Various | Any Federally Funded Project | Various

REQUESTED BY: Chuck Suszko
DATE: 08/04/2008

PROPOSED CHANGE:
Revise contract special provision to provide option to contractor when treated Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt-Gap Graded (RHMA-G) mix does not meet the minimum Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR) of 70 as measured by California Test Method (CT) 371 “Method of Test for Resistance of Compacted Bituminous Mixture to Moisture Induced Damage”. When CT 371 test result for RHMA-G untreated mix does not meet the TSR requirement of 70, the contractor must treat RHMA-G mix with an antistrip treatment chosen by the contractor according to the result of CT 204 “method of Tests for Plasticity Index of Soils” as specified in the special provisions. The contractor will test and report the TSR of the treated mix. The minimum TSR of 70 for the treated HMA-G will not be required and the contractor will proceed with production regardless of the TSR test result. During production the RHMA-G shall be treated with method chosen by the contractor and at least every 5000 tons of production.

This change will apply to quality control/quality assurance (QC/QA) construction process.

There will be no cost or credit to the state for this change. There will be no time adjustment by reason of this contract change order since the work will not affect the controlling operation.

REASON FOR CHANGE:
Contract special provisions requires RHMA-G mix meets a tensile strength ratio (TSR) of at least 70 using CT 371. Recently, several contractors notified Caltrans that they are unable to meet the requirement of TSR of 70 for RHMA-G even when mix is treated. CT 371 is a pilot program and Caltrans would like to gather detailed information about CT 371 results over a two years period. This will assist Caltrans to validate CT 371 applicability. Therefore, in order to prevent delaying projects while the information is being gathered and the situation is being evaluated, an option be provided for those contractors unable to meet the requirement.

AS DISCUSSED IN FIELD (REPORT NO. )

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ESTIMATE OF COST:

$ 0.00

THE WORK COVERED BY THE PROPOSED REVISION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO SUBMISSION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION INCLUDING COST EVALUATION AND JUSTIFICATION OF TIME EXTENSIONS.

OTHER CONDITIONS:

PRIOR APPROVAL TO PROCEED GRANTED BY: [Signature]
DATE OF AUTHORIZATION: 8/12/08