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Notice To: Prospective Bidders and Materials Suppliers
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Subject: Revised Drainage Pipe Standard Details and Pipe Alternates/Drainage
Summary Revisions

Beginning with the October 2009 letting, the standard installation details for drainage pipe are revised and will be included in the two series sheets within the plans. In addition, Section 300 of the 2006 Standard Specifications has been revised and is included in the proposals as a project special provision. The major revisions are summarized as follows:

- Method A and Method B installation types are no longer referenced.
- There are separate details for flexible and rigid pipes.
- No direct payment will be made for select backfill and bedding material and it is considered incidental to the pipe.
- Line item payment is provided for foundation conditioning material and foundation conditioning fabric when required.
- For Reinforced Concrete Pipes, which require fill heights greater than 40', there is a special provision titled "Reinforced Concrete Pipe Design." This provision requires the contractor to submit a site specific pipe design for review and approval.

Beginning with the January 2010 letting, in addition to the revised drainage pipe installation details, a new Project Special Provision to expand the use of alternate drainage pipe materials was developed. This provision titled "Drainage Pipe" will be included in designated projects. Sections 310 and 1032 of the Standard Specifications have been modified to reflect the new requirements for Drainage Pipe selection. The revisions are summarized below:

- Modifications to the Drainage Summary and Estimate Plan Sheets have been made and the summary will have columns for ___" Drainage Pipe and/or ___" Side Drain Pipe.
- The associated pay items will also be designated ___" Drainage Pipe and ___" Side Drain Pipe. The use of the "Drainage Pipe" item will be limited to Regional and Sub-Regional tier facilities as determined by NCDOT. Statewide Tier facilities will not use the "Drainage Pipe" item, but will use the "Side Drain Pipe" pay item as defined in the revised Article 310-4 of the Specifications. Where allowed by the plans and contract document, contractors will be allowed to bid these items without specifying the material type at bid time. This will eliminate the need for multiple alternate bid items.

If you have questions regarding this revision please contact Joel Howerton at 919-250-4128 or jhowerton@ncdot.gov.

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