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1. ALL MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION SHALL CONFORM TO STATE OF VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION'S STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION, DATED 2006, AND ITS LATEST REVISIONS, AND THE AASHTO STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAY BRIDGES, 17TH EDITION, DATED 2002, AND ITS LATEST REVISIONS.
2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL TAKE SPECIAL CARE AND PRECAUTION TO ENSURE THAT NO DEBRIS FALLS INTO THE STREAMS OR RIVERS DURING CONSTRUCTION. ALL MATERIAL FALLING INTO THE AREA BELOW AND ADJACENT TO THE BRIDGE SHALL BE REMOVED AND DEPOSED OR BY THE CONTRACTOR TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE RESIDENT ENGINEER AT NO COST TO THE STATE.
3. ALL WORK SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE EXISTING 3-FOOT R.O.W. SHOWN IN THESE PLANS. THE RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY IS ASSUMED TO BE APPROXIMATELY CENTERED ABOUT THE EXISTING CENTER LINE OF THE BRIDGE AND ROADWAY. NO PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR WORK OR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS. SHOULD THE CONTRACTOR REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO OBTAIN ALL EASEMENTS, AND BEAR THE COSTS OF SUCH EASEMENTS WITHOUT FURTHER COMPENSATION.
4. THE LOCATION OF ANY UTILITY INFORMATION SHOWN ON THE PLANS IS APPROXIMATE. NO CLAIMS ARE MADE AS TO THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE UTILITIES SHOWN. THE CONTRACTOR IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING AND PROTECTING FROM DAMAGE ALL UTILITIES ON SITE DURING ALL PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL USE CAUTION WHEN WORKING AROUND OVERHEAD UTILITIES, AND COORDINATE TEMPORARY AND/OR PERMANENT UTILITY RELOCATION WITH THE UTILITY COMPANIES.
5. THESE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BASED ON LIMITED FIELD INSPECTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF BIDDING. ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN ON THE PLANS SHALL BE CHECKED BY THE CONTRACTOR IN THE FIELD PRIOR TO COMMENCING THE WORK. IT SHALL BE THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CORRECT THE CONCRETE AND DETAILS OF EXISTING BRIDGE FEATURES AND COMPONENTS PRIOR TO FABRICATION OF NEW BRIDGE COMPONENTS. ACTUAL WORK SHALL MATCH FIELD CONDITIONS UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE. ANY DISCREPANCIES IN DIMENSIONS, CHARACTER OR EXTENT OF THE EXISTING FEATURES SHALL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE RESIDENT ENGINEER BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.
6. EXCEPT AS NOTED OTHERWISE, ITEM 502.20, PARTIAL REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE, SHALL INCLUDE ANY WORK NECESSARY TO FACILITATE AND ACCOMPLISH THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT WORK AS INDICATED BY THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND DIRECTED BY THE RESIDENT ENGINEER: REMOVING AND DISPOSING OF BRIDGE MEMBERS AND PORTIONS OF MEMBERS AS WELL AS REMOVING AND STOCKPILING MEMBERS AND PORTIONS OF MEMBERS FOR RE-USE, INCLUDING REMOVING AND STOCKPILING MEMBERS AND PORTIONS OF MEMBERS FOR THE CONTRACTOR'S PURPOSES OF RECONSTRUCTION.
7. NO SKIDDING OF REMOVED MATERIALS AT THE PROJECT SITE WILL BE ALLOWED. THE EXISTING COVERED BRIDGE TIMBERS AND LINERS MAY CONTAIN HAZARDOUS WOOD PRESERVATIVES. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IDENTIFY AND HOLD THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES HARMLESS REGARDING THE CONTRACTOR'S HANDLING OF THESE MATERIALS AND SUBSEQUENT USE, RE-USE, OR DISPOSAL OF THESE MATERIALS.
8. SPECIAL CARE SHALL BE TAKEN TO AVOID DAMAGE TO MEMBERS THAT ARE TO REMAIN AND TO AVOID MOVEMENT OF THE TIMBERS AND JOINTS THAT COULD RESULT IN DISTORTION OR MISALIGNMENT OF THE TRUSS AND ITS JOINTS. MEMBERS DAMAGED BY THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REPLACED AS DIRECTED BY THE RESIDENT ENGINEER AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.
9. BRIDGE NO. 45 IS CLOSED TO ALL PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.
10. ALL TIMBER CONSTRUCTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL DESIGN SPECIFICATION (NDS) AND SUPPLEMENT FOR WOOD CONSTRUCTION, AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF TIMBER CONSTRUCTION (AITC) SPECIFICATION.
11. CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT A DETAILED SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION TO THE VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION STRUCTURES SECTION. FOR APPROVAL. COST SHALL BE INCIDENTAL TO CONTRACT ITEMS.
12. ITEM 502.10, BRIDGING SUPERSTRUCTURE SHALL INCLUDE ALL WORK ASSOCIATED WITH TEMPORARY BRIDGING OF APPROXIMATE NO. 4 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RELOCATING FLOORBEAMS, FURNISHING, FABRICATING AND BRACING BRIDGING BEAM AND THE ROOF SYSTEM, ADDITIONAL LOWER CHORD BRACKETS AND ALL ASSOCIATED CONNECTION MATERIALS. 25% PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AFTER APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR'S CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS AND 100% PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AFTER WORK IS APPROVED BY RESIDENT ENGINEER.

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