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**CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM**

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**SUBJECT:** Bridging Kentucky projects  
Environmental impacts

The Bridging Kentucky program is a plan to rehabilitate, repair, or replace more than 1,000 critical structures in all 120 Kentucky counties over the next six years. To achieve this goal, the footprint of work will be kept at a minimum to reduce the impact, and thereby reducing the overall time and cost.

As with all KYTC projects, it is critical for the Cabinet to ensure the project is in compliance with all erosion control requirements. All applicable Standard Specifications will apply along with expanded guidelines noted in the contract documents. The "Special Note for Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control" used on Bridging Kentucky projects is attached. The contractor will be required to file the Kentucky Pollution Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) KYR10 permit Notice of Intent (NOI), when required. The NOI will be required anytime the total disturbed area is greater than an acre. The disturbed area includes any area that is disturbed due to construction; inclusive of work site, lay down area, borrow or waste areas, equipment or material storage, widened entrances, access points, etc. As always, our BMP requirements are in effect for every project, independent of whether an NOI is required or not.



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Furthermore, the Cabinet has historic/archaeological commitments that the work involved with the project be contained within the denoted "Archaeologically Cleared Area" or "Environmentally Clear Area". It is imperative any direct or indirect work to complete the project not exceed those boundaries. If the prime contractor deems it necessary to use additional areas, then the guidelines in the attached "Special Note for Additional Environmental Commitments" must be adhered to. This note will be included in the bid proposals. Likewise, any areas marked Do Not Disturb (DND) must be avoided.

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## Special Note For Additional Environmental Commitments

In addition to other environmental commitments listed in this contract, the following commitments also apply, as this is a federally-funded undertaking as defined in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, [36 CFR 800.16\(z\)](#):

- 1) The KYTC has completed a Phase 1 archaeological survey for a site-specific area surrounding the bridge. The cleared area is shown as “Archaeologically Cleared Area” on the concept plans and/or the map attached to this note. Likewise, any areas that must be avoided have been labeled “Do Not Disturb.”

If the Contractor deems it necessary to use additional areas outside the SHPO-cleared area for any purposes—e.g., laydown yards, vehicle parking, parking cranes, delivering beams, borrow areas, waste areas, etc.—the Contractor must first get a written agreement with the landowner (assuming it is outside the right-of-way). Then the Contractor shall seek approval of the use of the site—whether within or outside the right-of-way—by both the KYTC Section Supervisor and the Bridging Kentucky Environmental Lead, Tom Springer at [BKY\\_Env@docs.e-builder.net](mailto:BKY_Env@docs.e-builder.net). The contractor shall provide a map of the area(s) to be used, including access points, and property-owner agreements. The BKY Environmental Team will complete initial field investigations for archaeological and historical and other environmental clearances. If any potentially significant site or resources are found, the KYTC has the right to deny the use of the proposed site. The maps and property owner agreements are to be submitted at least ten (10) business days prior to the Preconstruction Conference, or 60 days prior to the Contractors access to the site, for coordination and review by the KYTC District and Bridging Kentucky Team.

- 2) In the event that human remains are encountered during project activities, all work should be immediately stopped in the area. The area should be cordoned off, and, in accordance with KRS 72.020, the county coroner and local law enforcement must be contacted immediately. Upon confirmation that the human remains are not of forensic interest, the unanticipated discovery must be reported to Nicolas Laracuenta at the Kentucky Heritage Council at (502) 892-3614, George Crothers at the Office of State Archaeology at (859) 257-1944, and KYTC DEA archaeologists at (502) 564-7250.

For guidance regarding inadvertent discovery and treatment of human remains, refer to the KYTC’s [Right of Way Guidance Manual](#) (Section ROW-1202), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s (ACHP) [Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Human Remains and Grave Goods](#) (adopted by ACHP February 23, 2007).

- 3) If, during the implementation of The Project, a previously unidentified historic/ archaeological property is discovered or a previously identified historic/archaeological property is affected in an unanticipated manner, the contractor shall (1) call KYTC DEA archaeologists at (502) 564-7250, (2) call SHPO archaeologists at (502) 892-3614, and (3) ensure that all work within a reasonable area of the discovery shall cease until such time as a treatment plan can be developed and implemented.

## **SPECIAL NOTE FOR EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL**

When the total disturbed area for a project, including laydown and waste/borrow areas, is greater than 1 acre, the Contractor shall be responsible for filing the Kentucky Pollution Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) KYR10 permit Notice of Intent (NOI) with the Kentucky Division of Water (DOW). The contractor will be responsible for following the KPDES requirements of local Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) programs with jurisdiction. Required NOI shall name the contractor as the Facility Operator and include the KYTC Contract ID Number (CID) for reference. For grouped contracts with more than one structure, each structure will be treated independently in regards to disturbed area unless another structure is within 0.25 miles of the structure. For structures within 0.25 miles of each other, the total disturbed area will be the sum of the combined disturbed areas. The Contractor shall be responsible for filing the KPDES permit Notice of Termination (NOT) with the Kentucky DOW and any local MS4 Program that has jurisdiction. The NOT shall be filed after the Engineer agrees the project is stabilized or the project has been formally accepted.

The Contractor shall perform all temporary erosion/sediment control functions including: providing a Best Management Practice (BMP) Plan, conducting required inspections, modifying the BMP plan documents as construction progresses and documenting the installation and maintenance of BMPs in conformance with the KPDES KYR10 permit effective on August 1, 2009 or a permit re-issued to replace that KYR10 permit. This work shall be conducted in conformance with the requirements of Section 213 of KYTC current Department of Highways, Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

Regardless of the size of disturbed area, the contractor shall provide a BMP Plan to the KYTC Engineer and place erosion control devices as identified in the site-specific BMP Plan prior to beginning work. Should the contractor fail to create a BMP Plan or provide and maintain the necessary erosion control, Liquidated Damages will apply at the rate specified in the contract. If no rate is specified, Liquidated Damages will be applied at the rate specified in Section 108 of the Standard Specifications. The Contractor shall perform all final seeding and protection, in accordance with the plans and Section 212 of the KYTC current Department of Highways, Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

Contrary to Section 213.03.03, paragraph 2, the Engineer shall conduct inspections as needed to verify compliance with Section 213 of KYTC current Department of Highways, Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. The Engineer's inspections shall be performed a minimum of once per month and within seven days after a storm of ½ inch or greater. Copies of the Engineer's inspections shall not be provided to the contractor unless improvements to the BMP's are required. The contractor shall initiate corrective action within 24 hours of any reported deficiency and complete the work within 5 days. The Engineer shall use Form TC 63-61 A for this report. Inspections performed by the Engineer do not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for compliance with the KPDES permit. If corrections are not made within the 5 days specified, liquidated damages will apply at the rate specified in the Liquidated Damages note in the contract.

Contrary to Section 212.05 and 213.05, unless listed in the proposal, bid items for temporary BMPs and items for permanent erosion control will not be measured for payment and will be replaced with one lump sum item for the services. Payment will be pro-rated based on the Project Schedule as submitted by the Contractor and as agreed to by the Engineer.

The contractor shall be responsible for applying "good engineering practices". The contractor may use any temporary BMPs and permanent BMPs that fall within the guidance of the current Standard Specifications, KYTC's Best Management Practices manual, and with the approval of the KYTC Engineer.

The contractor shall be responsible for the examination of the soils to be encountered and make his own independent determination of the temporary BMPs that will be required to accomplish effective erosion prevention and sediment control. The contractor shall provide the Engineer copies of all documents required by the KPDES permit at the time they are prepared.