

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
SPECIAL PROVISION FOR  
NOTICE TO PROCEED

June 27, 2008

**SECTION 101—DEFINITIONS OF ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS, AND TERMS** of the Specifications is amended as follows:

**Section 101.02—Terms** is amended to replace the definition for **Notice to Proceed** with the following:

**Notice to Proceed.** A date selected by the Contractor that is no earlier than 15 nor later than 30 calendar days after the date of contract execution on which the Contractor intends to begin the work, or a contract specific date on which the Contractor may begin the work identified as the Notice to Proceed date in the Contract Documents.

**SECTION 105—CONTROL OF WORK** of the Specifications is amended as follows:

**Section 105.01—Notice to Proceed** is replaced with the following:

Unless otherwise indicated in the Contract, the Notice to Proceed date will be the date selected by the Contractor on which the Contractor intends to begin the work. That date shall be no earlier than 15 nor later than 30 calendar days after the date of contract execution. The State Contract Engineer will contact the Contractor on the date of contract execution to inform him that the contract has been executed. The State Contract Engineer will also confirm this date in the Letter of Contract Execution. Copies of the Letter of Contract Execution will be distributed to Department personnel involved in the administration of the Contract and to the Contractor. Within 10 calendar days after the date of contract execution the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer written notice of the date he has selected as his Notice to Proceed date. If the Contractor fails to provide written notice of his selected Notice to Proceed Date within 10 calendar days of contract execution, the selected Notice to Proceed Date will become the date 15 calendar days after the date of contract execution. The Contractor shall begin work no later than 10 calendar days after the date he has selected as his Notice to Proceed date, unless the Notice to Proceed date is otherwise indicated in the Contract, in which case the Contractor shall begin work within 10 calendar days after the specific Notice to Proceed date indicated in the Contract.

Contract Time will commence on the date of the Notice to Proceed. The Letter of Contract Execution will identify the Chief Engineer's authorized representative, hereafter referred to as the Engineer, who is responsible for written directives and changes to the Contract. The Engineer will contact the Contractor after notice of award to arrange a pre-construction conference.

In the event the Contractor, for matters of his convenience, wishes to begin work earlier than 15 calendar days or later than 30 calendar days after the date of contract execution, he shall make such a request in writing to the Engineer within 10 calendar days of the date of contract execution or once a Notice to Proceed Date has been established, if he wishes to begin work more than 10 calendar days after his selected Notice to Proceed date or the Notice to Proceed Date indicated in the Contract, he shall make such a request to the Engineer in writing no later than 5 calendar days after the Notice to Proceed date. If this requested start date is acceptable to the Department, the Contractor will be notified in writing; however, the Contract fixed completion date will not be adjusted but will remain binding. The Contractor's request to adjust the start date for the work on the Contract will not be considered as a basis for claim that the time resulting from the Contractor's adjusted start date, if accepted by the Engineer, is insufficient to accomplish the work nor shall it relieve the Contractor of his responsibility to perform the work in

accordance with the scope of work and requirements of the Contract. In no case shall work begin before the Department executes the Contract or prior to the Notice to Proceed date unless otherwise permitted by the Contract or authorized by the Engineer. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer at least 24 hours prior to the date on which he will begin the work.

**SECTION 108—PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS OF WORK** of the Specifications is amended as follows:

**Section 108.01—Prosecution of the Work** is amended to replace the first paragraph with the following:

The Contractor shall begin work on the Contract within 10 calendar days after the date selected by the Contractor as his Notice to Proceed date or within 10 calendar days after the specific Notice to Proceed date indicated in the Contract, unless otherwise altered or amended by specific language in the Contract or as permitted by the provisions of Section 105.01 or Section 108.02 of the Specifications.

**Section 108.04(a) Fixed Date** is amended to add the following after the first paragraph as currently written:

If the Contract identifies a contract specific Notice to Proceed date and the Contract is not executed by that date, the Contractor will receive an extension of time equal to the number of days between the contract specific Notice to Proceed date and the eventual date of contract execution. If the Notice to Proceed date is selected by the Contractor and after prior approval the Engineer directs the Contractor not to begin work on that date, the Contractor will receive an extension of time equal to the number of days between the Contractor's selected Notice to Proceed date and the eventual date the Engineer informs the Contractor that he may commence the work.

**Section 108.07 Default of Contract** is amended to replace condition (a) with the following:

(a) fails to begin the work under the Contract within 10 calendar days after the Contractor's selected Notice to Proceed date, or within 10 calendar days after a contract specific Notice to Proceed date indicated in the Contract, except as otherwise permitted by specific contract language or the provisions of Section 105.01 or Section 108.02 of the Specifications.