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SUBJECT FAP Route 336 (IL 31 (Richmond Road)) Project HSIP-71LV(949) Section 2024-1002-N McHenry County Contract No. 62X36

Item No. 28, March 7th, 2025 Letting Addendum A

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

Attached is an addendum to the plans or proposal. This addendum involves revised and/or added material.

- 1. Revised Schedule of Prices.
- 2. Revised pages i of the Table of Contents of the Special Provisions.
- 3. Added pages 18A of the Special Provision
- 4. Revised sheet 3 of the plans.

Prime contractors must utilize the enclosed material when preparing their bid and must include any changes to the Schedule of Prices in their bid.

Very truly yours,

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MOWING (SPECIAL)

<u>Description</u>: This work shall consist of mowing and or hand trimming areas of various ground cover types (turf grass, native grass, forbs, etc.) to various heights (4" to 8") dependent on the ground cover type in very difficult to mow areas that may consist of one or more of the following scenarios: narrow spaces less than 2 feet wide, steep slopes greater than 2:1, excessive debris and brush, and/or areas of uneven ground. These areas may not be able to be mowed with typical roadside mowing equipment.

Schedule and Height of Mowing: As directed by the Engineer.

<u>Equipment</u>: The Contractor shall keep all mowing equipment sharp and properly equipped for operation within an urban arterial route. The equipment used shall be capable of completely severing all growth at the cutting height and distributing it evenly over the mowed area. Special equipment may be required to cut weed trees and brush up to 2" diameter on steep slopes, in narrow areas, and for trimming around posts, poles, trees, shrubs, seedlings, along fences and concrete retaining walls, etc.

<u>Method</u>: All mowing and trimming operations are to proceed in the direction of traffic flow. The cut material shall not be windrowed or left in a lumpy or bunched condition. All drain inlets must be kept clean and draining freely. Additional mowing or trimming may be required to obtain the height specified or to disperse mowed material. When amount of grass is heavy, cut grass shall be removed to prevent destruction of underlying turf. If weeds or other undesirable vegetation threatens to smother planted species, or in case of weeds exceeding growth of planted species, at the direction of the Engineer, the weeds shall be uprooted, raked and removed from the area. No more than 1/3 of the total growth of grass shall be cut off at one time and only when plants are dry and soil is not wet.

Remove litter, including plastic bags, paper, bottles, etc. prior to mowing. Debris encountered during the mowing operations shall be removed and disposed of according to Article 202.03. All trimmings, windrowed material, litter and debris removal must be complete to the satisfaction of the Engineer. Damage to the turf, such as ruts or wheel tracks more than 2 inches (50 MM) in depth, scalping of the mowed areas, or other plantings or highway appurtenances caused by the mowing or trimming operation shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

<u>Method of Measurement</u>: Mowing and trimming will be measured in square yards of surface area mowed at the completion of each mowing cycle.

<u>Basis of Payment</u>: This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per square yards for MOWING (SPECIAL). Any additional mowing or trimming required to obtain the height specified or to disperse mowed material will be considered as included in the cost of the initial mowing. Payment for mowing and trimming shall include the cost of all material, equipment, labor, removal, disposal and incidentals required to complete the work as specified herein and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.