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SPECIAL PROVISIONS
MONTHLY PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) MIXTURES
ENGLISH AND METRIC UNITS
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This provision applies to all projects using greater than 100 tons (91 megagrams) of hot mix asphalt (HMA) mixtures containing liquid asphalt cement as stipulated in the Notice to Contractors section of the bid documents.

Price Adjustments will be based on the variance in price, for the liquid asphalt component only, between the Base Price and the Period Price. They shall not include transportation or other charges. Price Adjustments will occur on a monthly basis.

Base Price

The Base Price of liquid asphalt on a project as listed in the Notice to Contractors section of the bid documents is a fixed price determined by the Department at the time of the bid using the same method as the determination of the Period Price detailed below. The Base Price shall be used in all bids.

Period Price

The Period Price is the price of liquid asphalt for each monthly period as determined by the Department using the average selling price per standard ton of PG64-28 paving grade (primary binder classification) asphalt, FOB manufacturer's terminal, as listed under the "East Coast Market - New England, Boston, Massachusetts area" section of the Poten & Partners, Inc. "Asphalt Weekly Monitor". This average selling price is listed in the issue having a publication date of the second Friday of the month and will be posted as the Period Price for that month. The Department will post this Period Price on its website at http://www.mhd.state.ma.us/ within two (2) business days following its receipt of the relevant issue of the "Asphalt Weekly Monitor". Poten and Partners has granted the Department the right to publish this specific asphalt price information sourced from the Asphalt Weekly Monitor. This method of period price determination was formerly called the New Asphalt Period Price Method. Separate website postings using both the New Asphalt Period Price Method and the Old Asphalt Period Price Method were discontinued after June 2013.

Price Adjustment Determination, Calculation and Payment

The Contract Price of the HMA mixture will be paid under the respective item in the Contract. Price Adjustments, as herein provided, either upwards or downwards, will be made after the work has been performed using the monthly period price for the month during which the work was performed.

Price Adjustments will be paid only if the variance from the Base Price is 5% or more for a monthly period. The complete adjustment will be paid in all cases with no deduction of the 5% from either upward or downward adjustments.

The Price Adjustment applies only to the actual virgin liquid asphalt content in the mixture placed on the job in accordance with the Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges, Division III, Section M3.11.03.

Price Adjustments will be separate payment items. The pay item numbers are 999.401 for a positive price adjustment (a payment) and 999.402 for a negative price adjustment (a deduction). Price Adjustments will be calculated using the following equation:

Price Adjustment = Tons of HMA Placed X Liquid Asphalt Content % X RAP Factor X (Period Price - Base Price)

No Price Adjustment will be allowed beyond the Completion Date of this Contract, unless there is a Department-approved extension of time.

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