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SPECIAL PROVISIONS
PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE MIXES

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This provision applies to all projects using greater than 100 Cubic Yards (76 Cubic Meters) of Portland cement concrete containing Portland cement as stipulated in the Notice to Contractors section of the Bid Documents. This Price Adjustment will occur on a monthly basis.

The Price Adjustment will be based on the variance in price for the Portland cement component only from the Base Price to the Period Price. It shall not include transportation or other charges.

The Base Price of Portland cement on a project is a fixed price determined at the time of bid by the Department by using the same method as for the determination of the Period Price (see below) and found in the Notice to Contractors.

The Period Price of Portland cement will be determined by using the latest published price, in dollars per ton (U.S.), for Portland cement (Type I) quoted for Boston, U.S.A. in the **Construction Economics** section of *ENR Engineering News-Record* magazine or at the ENR website <http://www.enr.com> under **Construction Economics**. The Period Price will be posted on the MassHighway website the Wednesday immediately following the publishing of the monthly price in ENR, which is normally the first week of the month.

The Contract Price of the Portland cement concrete mix will be paid under the respective item in the Contract. The price adjustment, as herein provided, 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.

The price adjustment applies only to the actual Portland cement content in the mix placed on the job in accordance with the Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges, Division III, Section M4.02.01. No adjustments will be made for any cement replacement materials such as fly ash or ground granulated blast furnace slag.

The Price Adjustment will be a separate payment item. It will be determined by multiplying the number of cubic yards of Portland cement concrete placed during each monthly period times the Portland cement content percentage times the variance in price between the Base Price and Period Price of Portland cement.

This Price Adjustment 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.

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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