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**February 5, 2013  
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

**New Specification Revisions.** The CAS Bureau is proposing revisions to 19 Standard Specifications. The proposed revisions will be open for comment during the month of February, 2013. Each specification was briefly discussed.

**Supplemental Specifications**

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| 1.  | 101.02    | Abbreviations                                 |
| 2.  | 104.03    | Extra Work                                    |
| 3.  | 106.09    | Domestic Materials                            |
| 4.  | 109.01    | Measurement of Quantities                     |
| 5.  | 109.01.2  | Metric Abbreviations in the Schedule of Items |
| 6.  | 203.03.1H | Sub-ex  |
| 7.  | 401.03.24 | Rumble Strips                                 |
| 8.  | 560       | Drilled Shafts                                |
| 9.  | 562       | Bridge Deck Repair                            |
| 10. | 563       | Bridge Deck Overlay                           |
| 11. | 564       | Structure Tolerances                          |
| 12. | 606.03.9  | Raise Guardrail                               |
| 13. | 606.03.15 | Sliver Fills                                  |
| 14. | 701.03.2  | Grade S Agg                                   |
| 15. | 701.12    | Replacement Material                          |
| 16. | 704.01.5  | Treated Sawn Timber Posts                     |
| 17. | 707.01    | Joint Materials                               |
| 18. | 711.01.2  | Epoxy-Coated Rebar                            |
| 19. | 713.12.8  | TRM   |

**MDT NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Pay factors for concrete.** MDT found an error in the worksheet it had been using to calculate pay factors for concrete. The worksheet has been fixed and the Department is in the process of reviewing all projects that used the worksheet for any potential problems.

**MCA NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Project Selection.** A Contractor voiced concern on project selection/timing vs. location. The concern dealt with the cost effectiveness of letting smaller projects in remote locations, rather than waiting for multiple projects in those areas to lessen the cost of production.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **DBE Goals.** The Department had tried to better define the Good Faith Effort (GFE) procedure. FHWA folks from Washington DC requested the department remove their guidance from publication. It has been taken down from the website. FHWA felt that it didn't leave enough room for deciding what was/was not a GFE. Although the guidance MDT had

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published has been removed, DBE goals will still have to be met on future projects at this time. The Transportation Commission wants the Department to find a solution soon. MDT wishes to have members of MCA work with MDT on clarifying the procedure. Kevin Christensen will be in contact with Cary Hegreberg.

### **AD-HOC ITEMS**

1. **Commercial Plant Mix.** A Contractor asked how MDT decides on the use of commercial vs. non-commercial plant mix. MDT uses 8000 tons as a usual cutoff line with jobs below that being commercial plant mix. This is due the fact that on those jobs with smaller tonnages, there is not time for a statistical comparison that is necessary for non-commercial plant mix.
2. **Future Letting Schedule.** The August letting will be moved a week to accommodate MCA's summer outing.

***The next MCA-MDT Highway Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 21, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the MCA Offices in Helena.***