

# **CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS**



**Construction Specification  
000 IA-1 Site Preparation**

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**1. SCOPE**

Site preparation work shall consist of clearing, grubbing, stripping, refuse removal, bank sloping and structure removal on the site as necessary to rid the site of all undesirable materials on or near the surface and prepare the site for the structure. All woody growth within the construction area shall be cleared and all stumps and roots one inch in diameter or larger shall be grubbed from the site. In addition, all areas within 25 feet of the footprint of the structure shall be cleared and grubbed except as directed by Engineer. The work shall also consist of the removal and disposal of structures (including fences) that must be removed to perform other items of work.

For wetland restoration, enhancement, or creation projects, the wetland area shall be disturbed as little as possible and existing naturally vegetated spillway areas shall not be disturbed.

**2. FOUNDATION PREPARATION**

The construction areas shall be stripped a minimum of 6 inches to remove all unsuitable materials such as organic matter, grasses, weeds, sod, debris, and stones larger than 6 inches in diameter.

In an earth embankment foundation area, all channel banks and sharp breaks shall be sloped to no steeper than 1.5 horizontal to 1 vertical.

The foundation area shall be thoroughly scarified before placement of fill material. The surface shall have moisture added or shall be compacted if necessary so that the first layer of fill material can be compacted and bonded to the foundation.

**3. STRIPPED MATERIAL DISPOSAL**

Suitable soil material shall be stockpiled for use as topsoil. The other stripped materials shall be buried, removed from the site, or disposed of as directed by the owner or Engineer. Whenever possible, material shall not be disposed of in the pool area created by the structure.

Stockpiled materials around a construction site should be placed so as not to hinder subsequent construction operations.

**4. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE MATERIALS**

Waste materials from clearing and structure removal shall be burned or buried at locations approved by the owner. Buried materials shall be covered with a minimum of 2 feet of earthfill. Whenever possible, material shall not be disposed of in any pool area created by the structure.

All refuse shall be disposed of in a manner which complies with all local and state regulations.

**5. SALVAGE**

Items to be salvaged shall be as shown on the drawings. Structures and fencing materials that are designated to be salvaged shall be carefully removed and neatly placed in the specified storage areas.

**6. SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Items of work to be performed in conformance with this specification and the construction details therefore are:

- A. Bid Item #2 - SITE CLEARING AND PREPARATION





**Construction Specification  
000 000 IA CS-005 Pollution Control 2011**

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## **1. SCOPE**

The work shall consist of installing measures or performing work to control erosion and minimize the production of sediment and other pollutants to water and air during construction operations.

## **2. MATERIALS**

All materials furnished shall meet the requirements shown on the drawings or in the specifications.

## **3. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES AND WORKS**

The measures and works shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Staging of Earthwork Activities:** The excavation and moving of soil materials shall be scheduled so that areas unprotected from erosion will be minimized. These areas will be unprotected for the shortest time feasible.

**Seeding:** Structures and disturbed areas shall be seeded as soon as possible after construction is completed.

Temporary seedings may be used as an alternative to other stabilization measures as approved by Engineer.

**Mulching:** Construction areas that have been disturbed but have no construction activity scheduled for 14 days or more shall have erosion protection measures installed immediately. This erosion protection may be mulching or other approved temporary measures. Construction areas shall not be left open during a winter shutdown period and shall be protected by mulching.

All seeding and mulching shall be completed in accordance with the seeding plan and Iowa Construction Specification IA-6, Seeding and Mulching for Protective Cover.

The following works may be temporary. If they are installed as a temporary measure, they shall be removed and the area restored to its original state when they are no longer needed or when permanent measures are installed.

**Diversions:** Diversions may be required to divert clean runoff water away from work areas and to collect runoff from work areas for treatment and safe disposition.

**Stream Crossings:** Culverts or bridges may be required where construction equipment must cross streams.

**Sediment Basins:** Sediment basins may be required to settle and filter out sediment from eroding areas to protect properties and streams below the construction site.

**Sediment Filters:** Straw bale filters, geotextile sediment fences, or other equivalent methods may be used to trap sediment from areas of limited runoff. Sediment filters shall be properly anchored to prevent erosion under them.

**Waterways:** Waterways may be required for the safe removal of runoff from fields, diversions, and other structures or measures.

## **4. CHEMICAL POLLUTION**

The Contractor shall provide watertight tanks or barrels or construct a sump sealed with plastic sheets to be used to dispose of chemical pollutants, such as drained lubricating or transmission oils, greases, soaps, concrete mixer wash water, asphalt, etc., produced as a by-product of the construction work.

At the completion of the construction work, sumps shall be removed and the area restored without causing pollution.

Sanitary facilities such as chemical toilets or septic tanks shall not be placed adjacent to live streams, wells, or springs. They shall be located at a distance sufficient to prevent contamination of any water sources. At the completion of construction work, facilities shall be disposed of without causing pollution.

#### **5. AIR POLLUTION**

The burning of brush or trash or disposal of other materials shall adhere to local and state regulations.

Fire prevention measures shall be taken to prevent the start or the spreading of wild fires, which result from project work. Fire breaks or guards shall be constructed at locations shown on the drawings.

All public access or haul roads used by the contractor during construction of the project shall be sprinkled or otherwise treated to fully suppress dust. All dust control methods shall insure safe operations at all times. If chemical dust suppressants are used, the material shall be a commercially available product specifically designed for dust suppression and the application shall follow manufacturer's requirements and recommendations. A copy of the product data sheet and manufacturer's recommended application procedures shall be provided to the Engineer five working days before use.

#### **6. MAINTENANCE, REMOVAL, AND RESTORATION**

All pollution control measures and works shall be adequately maintained in a functional condition as long as needed during the construction operation. All temporary measures shall be removed and the site restored to as near original conditions as practical.

#### **7. SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Items of work to be performed in conformance with this specification and the construction details therefore are:

- A. Bid Item #5 - ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCT
- B. Bid Item #7 - STRAW WATTLE, 12" DIA.
- C. Bid Item #8 - STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE, MACADAM STONE



**Construction Specification**  
**000 IA-6 Seeding and Mulching for Protective Cover**

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**1. SCOPE**

The work shall consist of seeding, mulching, and fertilizing all disturbed areas and other areas as indicated on the drawings or otherwise designated.

**2. SEEDBED PREPARATION AND APPLICATION**

The entire area to be seeded shall be reasonably smooth and all washes and gullies shall be filled to conform to the desired cross-section before actual seedbed preparation is begun. At this stage of the operation, the required fertilizer and lime shall be applied uniformly and incorporated into the top 3 inches of the soil with suitable tillage equipment. The seedbed preparation operation shall be suspended when the soil is too wet or too dry. The seedbed shall be loosened to a depth of at least three inches.

On side slopes steeper than 2-1/2 horizontal to 1 vertical, the 3 inch minimum depth of seedbed preparation is not required, but the soil shall be worked enough to insure sufficient loose soil to provide adequate seed cover.

Unless otherwise specified, the seeding operation shall be performed immediately after preparation of the seedbed. The seed shall be drilled or broadcast by equipment that will insure uniform distribution of the seed.

**3. MATERIALS**

The seeding, fertilizing, and mulching requirements are as specified on Form IA-CPA-4. Contractor shall submit a completed Form IA-CPA-4 to the Engineer for the seed to be used at least 3 weeks prior to beginning seeding operations.

Straw from cereal grains or hay will be used as mulching material. It shall be relatively free of weeds.

**4. MULCH APPLICATION**

The required mulching shall be performed as soon as possible after seeding unless otherwise specified. The mulch shall be applied uniformly over the area. The type and rate shall be as specified. When mulching is required, all areas seeded during any one day shall be mulched within 24 hours. The mulch may be spread by any means that results in a uniform cover.

The mulch shall be anchored. Anchoring of the mulch may be performed by a mulch anchoring tool or regular farm disk weighted and set nearly straight, by installation of mulch netting, or by other methods approved by Engineer.

**5. SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Items of work to be performed in conformance with this specification and the construction details therefore are:

- A. Bid Item #4 - SEEDING AND MULCHING





**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION**

**Construction Specification 8—Mobilization and Demobilization**

**1. SCOPE**

The work consists of the mobilization and demobilization of the contractor's forces and equipment necessary for performing the work required under the contract. It does not include mobilization and demobilization for specific items of work for which payment is provided elsewhere in the contract. Mobilization will not be considered as work in fulfilling the contract requirements for commencement of work.

**2. EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL**

Mobilization shall include all activities and associated costs for transportation of contractor's personnel, equipment, and operating supplies to the site; establishment of offices, buildings, and other necessary general facilities for the contractor's operations at the site; premiums paid for performance and payment bonds including coinsurance and reinsurance agreements as applicable; and other items specified in section 4 of this specification.

Demobilization shall include all activities and costs for transportation of personnel, equipment, and supplies not required or included in the contract from the site; including the disassembly, removal, and site cleanup of offices, buildings, and other facilities assembled on the site specifically for this contract.

This work includes mobilization and demobilization required by the contract at the time of award. If additional mobilization and demobilization activities and costs are required during the performance of the contract as a result of changed, deleted, or added items of work for which the contractor is entitled to an adjustment in contract price, compensation for such costs will be included in the price adjustment for the item or items of work changed or added.

**3. PAYMENT**

Payment will be made as the work proceeds, after presentation of paid invoices or documentation of direct costs by the contractor showing specific mobilization and demobilization costs and supporting evidence of the charges of suppliers, subcontractors, and others. When the total of such payments is less than the lump sum contract price, the balance remaining will be included in the final contract payment. Payment of the lump sum contract price for mobilization and demobilization will constitute full compensation for completion of the work.

Payment will not be made under this item for the purchase costs of materials having a residual value, the purchase costs of materials to be incorporated in the project, or the purchase costs of operating supplies.

**4. ITEMS OF WORK AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

**A. Bid Item #1 - MOBILIZATION**

**Construction Specification  
000 IA-21 Excavation**

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**1. SCOPE**

The work shall consist of the excavation required by the drawings and specifications and disposal of the excavated materials. The cutoff trench and any other required excavations shall be dug to the lines and grades shown on the drawings or as staked in the field. Structure or trench excavations will conform to all safety requirements of OSHA.

**2. USE OF EXCAVATED MATERIALS**

Suitable materials from the specified excavations shall be used in the construction of required permanent earth fill. The suitability of materials for specific purposes shall be determined by the Construction Inspector.

**3. DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIAL**

All surplus or waste material shall be disposed of in areas shown on the drawings or as approved by the Construction Inspector. The waste material shall be smoothed and sloped to provide drainage.

**4. STRUCTURE AND TRENCH EXCAVATION**

Structure or trench excavations will conform to all safety requirements of OSHA.

**5. BORROW EXCAVATION**

When the quantities of suitable materials obtained from specified excavations are insufficient to construct the specified fills, additional materials shall be obtained from the designated borrow areas as shown on the drawings or as approved by Engineer and the landowner. On wetland projects, borrow shall not be taken from the wetland area within 10 feet of the embankment or as shown on the drawings.

Borrow areas shall be excavated and grading completed in a manner to eliminate steep or unstable side slopes or hazardous or unsightly conditions.

**6. OVER-EXCAVATION**

Excavation beyond the specified lines and grades shall be corrected by filling the resulting voids with compacted earthfill, except that if the earth is to become the subgrade for riprap, sand or gravel bedding or drainfill, the voids shall be filled with material conforming to the specifications for the riprap, bedding or drainfill, as appropriate.

**7. SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Items of work to be performed in conformance with this specifications and the construction details therefore are:

- A. Bid Item #3 - EXCAVATION

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**Construction Specification  
000 IA-23 Earthfill**

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**1. SCOPE**

The work shall consist of the construction of earth fills required by the drawings and specifications. The completed work shall conform to the lines, grades, and elevations shown on the drawings or as staked in the field.

**2. MATERIALS**

All fill materials shall be obtained from required excavations and designated borrow areas. Fill materials shall contain no sod, brush, roots or other bio-degradable materials. Rocks larger than 6 inches in diameter shall be removed prior to compaction of the fill.

**3. FOUNDATION PREPARATION**

Foundations for earthfill shall be stripped a minimum of 6 inches to remove vegetation and other unsuitable materials. Foundation surfaces shall be scarified to a minimum depth of 2 inches prior to placing fill material.

Foundation and abutment surfaces shall not be sloped steeper than 1.5 horizontal to 1 vertical unless otherwise shown on the drawings.

**4. PLACEMENT**

Fill shall not be placed until the required excavation and foundation preparation have been completed and the foundation has been inspected and approved by Engineer. Fill shall not be placed upon a frozen surface, nor shall snow, ice, or frozen material be incorporated in the fill.

Adjacent to structures or pipes, fill shall be placed in a manner which will prevent damage. The height of the fill adjacent to structures or pipes shall be increased at approximately the same rate on all sides.

The materials used throughout the earth fill shall be essentially uniform. Selective placement shall be as shown on the drawings or approved by Engineer.

If the surface of any layer becomes too hard and smooth for proper bond with the succeeding layer, it shall be scarified to a minimum depth of 2 inches before the next layer is placed.

The top surfaces of embankments shall be maintained approximately level during construction, except that a cross-slope of approximately 2% shall be maintained to ensure effective drainage.

When moving fill material from the borrow area(s) to the embankment by use of bulldozers only, the following steps shall be followed:

- Immediately after the borrow material is pushed to the embankment, it shall be spread in horizontal lifts placed parallel to the centerline of the embankment.
- Compactive effort will then be applied by operating equipment parallel to the centerline of the fill or embankment.
- Lift thicknesses shall be in strict compliance with Clause 6, below.

Sectional fills are not allowed unless they are shown on the construction drawings.

**5. CONTROL OF MOISTURE CONTENT**

The moisture content of the fill material shall be adequate for obtaining the required compaction. Material that is too wet shall be dried to meet this requirement, and material that is too dry shall have water added and mixed until the requirement is met.

The moisture content of the fill material shall be such that a ball formed with the hands does not crack or separate when struck sharply with a pencil and will easily ribbon out between the thumb and finger.

Earth foundations under and adjacent to concrete structures shall be prevented from drying and cracking before concrete and backfill are placed.

The application of water to the fill materials shall be accomplished at the borrow areas insofar as possible.

## **6. COMPACTION**

Earth fill shall be compacted by one of the following methods as specified on the plans or in Section 8, Special Specifications. If no method is specified, compaction will be in accordance with Method 1.

- Method 1 - Earthfill shall be placed so that the wheels or tracks of the loaded hauling equipment, traveling in a direction parallel to the centerline of fill, pass over the entire surface of each layer being placed. Low ground pressure vehicles shall not be used for this purpose.
- Method 2 - Two (2) complete passes of a tamping-type roller will be made over each layer. The roller shall be capable of exerting a minimum force of two hundred (200) pounds per square inch.
- Method 3 - Minimum density shall be 90% of the maximum density as determined by ASTM D 698 and as shown on the plans.

The maximum thickness of a lift of fill before compaction shall be 9 inches, unless otherwise indicated on the drawings.

Fill adjacent to structures, pipe conduits, and appurtenances shall be placed in layers not more than 4 inches thick and compacted to a density equivalent to that of the surrounding fill. Methods used to obtain compaction for fine or coarse grained materials are as follows:

- For fine grained materials, hand tamping or manually directed power tampers may be used. Hand compaction only shall be used to compact the earthfill under the bottom half of circular pipes. Manually directed power tampers shall not be used in tight spaces where applying full compactive effort will result in direct contact of the tamper plate with the pipe. Care should be taken so that compaction around the spillway pipe does not cause uplift of the pipe resulting in a void beneath the pipe.
- For coarse grained materials (sands and gravels), vibratory plate compactors shall be used for obtaining compaction. However, hand tamping shall be used to compact the material under the bottom half of circular pipes.

In all cases, follow manufacturer instructions for the specific compaction equipment being used. Heavy equipment shall not be operated within 2 feet of any structure or pipe.

Compacting of fill adjacent to concrete structures shall not be started until the concrete is 7 days old.

## **7. ISLANDS, MOUNDS, AND LOAFING AREAS ON WETLAND RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, OR CREATION PROJECTS**

Islands shall be randomly located within the wetland area at locations shown on the drawings or as staked in the field. The orientation of island shorelines shall be random with attention given to prevailing winds to limit wave damage. In general, the side of the island with the longest dimension shall be parallel to the prevailing wind direction. Side slopes of islands shall be as shown on the drawings, but in no case shall be steeper than 6 horizontal to 1 vertical. Island shapes shall be irregular.

Loafing areas shall be constructed in the areas shown on the drawings or as staked in the field and shall be graded to drain runoff water. The elevation of at least one loafing area should be above the maximum water level whenever possible.

Excavated material not suitable for embankments, wetland dikes, or islands can be used to create mounds or blended into surrounding topography to create a natural appearance. Spoil material shall not be spread on existing wetland areas.

Organic soils shall not be used to construct islands, loafing areas, dikes, or embankments.

## **8. SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Items of work to be performed in conformance with this specification and the construction details therefore are:

- A. Bid Item #3 - EXCAVATION





**Construction Specification  
000 IA-26 Topsoiling**

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**1. SCOPE**

The work shall consist of salvaging topsoil from borrow areas or required excavations and spreading it on the exposed disturbed areas.

**2. QUALITY OF TOPSOIL**

Topsoil shall consist of friable surface soil reasonably free of grass, roots, weeds, sticks, stones, or other foreign materials.

**3. EXCAVATION**

After the site has been cleared and grubbed, the topsoil shall be removed from borrow areas and required excavation areas to the depth as shown on the drawings. Topsoil shall be stockpiled at locations approved by Engineer.

**4. SPREADING**

Spreading shall not be done when the ground or topsoil is frozen, excessively wet, or otherwise in a condition detrimental to the work. Surfaces designated to be covered shall be lightly scarified just prior to the spreading operation. Where compacted fills are designated to be covered by topsoil, the topsoil shall be placed concurrently with the fill and shall be bonded to the compacted fill with the equipment.

Topsoil shall be placed to the minimum depth shown on the drawings. After the spreading operation is completed, the surface shall be finished to a reasonably smooth surface.

**5. SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Items of work to be performed in conformance with this specifications and the construction details therefore are:

- A. Bid Item #3 - EXCAVATION





**Construction Specification  
000 IA-61 Loose Rock Riprap**

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**1. SCOPE**

The work shall consist of the construction of loose rock riprap revetments, structures and blankets, including filter layers or bedding where specified.

**2. MATERIALS**

Rock for loose rock riprap, filter layers or bedding shall come from sources approved by NRCS. The rock shall be excavated, selected and handled as necessary to meet the quality and grading requirements of this specification and the construction drawings.

Individual rock fragments shall be dense, sound and free from cracks, seams and other defects conducive to accelerated weathering. The rock fragments shall be angular to sub rounded in shape. The least dimension of an individual rock fragment shall not be less than 1/3 the greatest dimension of the fragment unless otherwise specified on the construction drawings.

**3. SUBGRADE PREPARATION**

The subgrade surfaces on which the riprap or bedding is to be placed shall be cut or filled and graded to the lines and grades shown on the drawings. When fill to subgrade lines is required, it shall consist of approved materials and shall be compacted to a density equal to the adjacent existing soil material.

Rock materials shall not be placed until the foundation preparation is completed and the subgrade surfaces have been inspected and approved by NRCS.

**4. EQUIPMENT-PLACED ROCK RIPRAP**

Rock shall be placed by equipment on the surfaces and to the depths specified. The riprap shall be constructed to the full thickness in one operation and in such a manner as to avoid serious displacement of the underlying materials. The rock shall be delivered and placed in a manner that will insure that the riprap in place shall be reasonably homogeneous with the larger rocks uniformly distributed and firmly in contact, one to another, with the smaller rocks and spalls filling the voids between the larger rocks. Placement of rock shall begin at the bottom of the slope or downstream end of the structure.

Riprap shall be placed in a manner to prevent damage to structures. Hand placing will be required to the extent necessary to prevent damage to adjacent structures.

**5. HAND-PLACED RIPRAP**

Rock shall be placed by hand on the surfaces and to the depths specified. It shall be securely bedded with the larger rocks firmly in contact, one to another. Spaces between the larger rocks shall be filled with smaller rocks and spalls. Smaller rocks shall not be grouped as a substitute for larger rock. Flat slab rock shall be laid on edge unless otherwise specified. Placement of rock shall begin at the bottom of the slope or downstream end of the structure.

**6. FILTER LAYERS OR BEDDING**

When the drawings specify filter layers or bedding beneath riprap, the filter or bedding material shall be spread uniformly on the prepared subgrade surfaces to the depth specified. Compaction of filter layers or bedding will not be required, but the surface of such layers shall be finished reasonably free of mounds, dips or windrows.

## **7. SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS**

- A. Bid Item #6 – CLASS 'E' RIPRAP
- B. Bid Item #8 – STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE, MACADAM STONE