Construction Advisory

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Construction Progress Schedules

Recently, a number of Progress Schedules have been approved with “Contract Award” as the first controlling work item and with a start date that has already past or may pass before possible contract award. These Progress Schedules should not be approved as they may result in additional time and/or costs to the contract. The “Contract Award” is an action by the department and is not a work item of the contractor. It is acceptable for the contractor to list “Contract Award” as the first item on form 1130 as long as there is no date given. The first work item listed (after “Contract Award” if the contractor chooses to list this) shall contain an anticipated start date with an asterisk and “*Start work on date as noted or within 10 days of contract award” in the REMARKS section of form 1130.

When developing the Progress Clause for the proposal, refer to the Construction Manual for guidance in determining work days/completion dates. Also refer to the examples on pages 102-23 through 102-26 of the Construction Manual for language pertaining to the contract award and start dates. Language including the, “…within 10 days of contract award” should be included in all progress clauses unless a specific date is stated in the proposal or the contractor does not intend to start work for some time after an anticipated award date.

This information applies to both MDOT and local agency projects.