Estimation of Turf Establishment Items

The purpose of this advisory is to clarify how turf establishment quantities will be estimated for MDOT projects.

Errata changes to Sections 819.01, 819.04, 820.01D and 820.04.A.2 of the 2012 Standard Specifications for Construction clarify how turf establishment quantities should be estimated for lighting, traffic signals, ITS, and other electrical work.

When a construction project includes lighting, traffic signals, ITS, and other electrical work, and the contract includes turf restoration pay items, the site restoration quantities for each of these work activities shall be calculated as part of the applicable turf establishment pay items for the entire project as contained in Section 816.

For lighting, traffic signals, ITS, and other electrical work contracts that do not contain turf establishment items, restoring the site will remain incidental to those applicable pay items for each type of work. In any case, the work of turf establishment shall be performed in accordance with Section 816 of the 2012 Standard Specifications for Construction.

The changes included in this advisory are effective for all projects with letting dates starting in January 2016.