

STANDARD BID CONDITIONS

M-13-010A

1. **ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION:** The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept bids in whole or in part (unless otherwise indicated by bidder), to waive any informalities in bids received, to accept bids on materials or equipment with variations from specifications where efficiency of operation will not be impaired, and to award bids to best serve the interest of the State.
2. **PRICES:** Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Invitation, the following will apply: (1) unit prices shall be bid, (2) prices should be stated in units of quantity specified (feet, each, lbs., etc.), (3) prices must be F.O.B. destination specified in bid, (4) prices must be firm and not subject to escalation, (5) bid must be firm for acceptance for 30 days from bid opening date. In case of errors in extension, unit prices shall govern. Discounts from bid price will not be considered in making awards.
3. **BID BONDS AND PERFORMANCE BONDS:** If required, a **Bid Bond** in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or surety bond issued by a surety company, in an amount stated in the Bid Invitation, must accompany bid. **Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Bid Bonds.** Failure to submit a Bid Bond as required will cause a bid to be rejected. The Bid Bond will be forfeited as liquidated damages if the successful bidder fails to provide a required Performance Bond within the period stipulated by AHTD or fails to honor their bid. Cashier's checks and certified checks submitted as Bid Bonds will be returned to unsuccessful bidders; surety bonds will be retained. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a **Performance Bond** in an amount stated in the Bid Invitation and in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or surety bond issued by a surety company, unless otherwise stated in the Bid Invitation, as a guarantee of delivery of goods/services in accordance with the specifications and within the time established in the bid. **Personal and company checks are not acceptable as Performance Bonds.** In some cases, a cashier's check or certified check submitted as a Bid Bond will be held as the Performance Bond of the successful bidder. Cashier's checks or certified checks submitted as Performance Bonds will be refunded shortly after payment has been made to the successful bidder for completion of all terms of the bid; surety bonds will be retained. Surety bonds must be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in Arkansas, and must be signed by a Resident Local Agent licensed by the Arkansas State Insurance Commissioner to represent that surety company. Resident Agent's Power-of-Attorney must accompany the surety bond. Certain bids involving labor will require Performance Bonds in the form of surety bonds only (no checks of any kind allowed). In such cases, the company issuing the surety bond must comply with all stipulations herein and must be named in the U. S. Treasury listing of companies holding Certificates of Authority as acceptable sureties on Federal Bonds and as acceptable reinsuring companies. Any excess between the face amount of the bond and the underwriting limitation of the bonding company shall be protected by reinsurance provided by an acceptable reinsuring company. Annual Bid and Performance Bonds on file with E & P Division must have sufficient unencumbered funds to meet current bonding requirements, or the bid will be rejected, unless the balance is submitted as set forth above, prior to bid opening.
4. **TAXES:** The AHTD is not exempt from Arkansas State Sales and Use Taxes, or local option city/county sales taxes, when applicable, and bidders are responsible to the State Revenue Department for such taxes. These taxes should not be included in bid prices, but where required by law, will be paid by the AHTD as an addition thereto, and should be added to the billing to the AHTD. The AHTD is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes on all commodities except motor fuels; and excise taxes should not be included in bid prices except for motor fuels. Where applicable, tax exemption certificates will be furnished by the AHTD.
5. **"ALL OR NONE" BIDS:** Bidders who wish to bid "All or None" on two or more items shall so stipulate on the face of bid sheet; otherwise, bid may be awarded on an individual item basis.
6. **SPECIFICATIONS:** Complete specifications should be attached for any substitution or alternate offered, or where amplification is necessary. Bidder's name must be placed on all attachments to the bid.
7. **EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS:** Any exceptions to the bid specifications must be stated in the bid. Any exceptions to manufacturer's published literature must be stated in the bid, or it will be assumed that bidder is bidding exactly as stated in the literature.
8. **BRAND NAME REFERENCES:** All brand name references in bid specifications refer to that commodity or its equivalent, unless otherwise stated in Bid Invitation. Bidder should state brand or trade name of item being bid, if such name exists.
9. **FREIGHT:** All freight charges should be included in bid price. Any change in common carrier rates authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission will be adjusted if such change occurs after the bid opening date. Receipted common carrier bills that reflect ICC authorized rate changes must be furnished.
10. **SAMPLES, LITERATURE, DEMONSTRATIONS:** Samples and technical literature must be provided free of any charge within 14 days of AHTD request, and free demonstrations within 30 days, unless AHTD extends time. Failure to provide as requested within this period may cause bid to be rejected. Samples, literature and demonstrations must be substantially the same as the item(s) being bid, unless otherwise agreed to by AHTD. Samples that are not destroyed will be returned upon request at bidders expense. Samples from successful bidders may be retained for comparison with items actually furnished.
11. **GUARANTY:** Unless otherwise indicated in Bid Invitation, it is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped on this bid shall be newly manufactured, latest model and design, and in first class condition; and that all containers shall be new, suitable for storage or shipment and in compliance with all applicable laws relating to construction, packaging, labeling and registration.
12. **BACKORDERS OR DELAY IN DELIVERY:** Backorders or failure to deliver within the time required may constitute default. Vendor must give written notice to the AHTD, as soon as possible, of the reason for any delay and the expected delivery date. The AHTD has the right to extend delivery if reasons appear valid. If reason or delivery date is not acceptable, vendor is in default.
13. **DEFAULT:** All commodities furnished will be subject to inspection and acceptance by AHTD after delivery. Default in promised delivery or failure to meet specifications authorizes the AHTD to cancel award or any portion of same, to reasonably purchase commodities or services elsewhere and to charge full increase, if any, in cost and handling to defaulting vendor. Applicable bonds may be forfeited.
14. **ETHICS:** *"It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure a State contract upon an agreement of understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business."* (Arkansas Code, Annotated, Section 19-11-708).

**ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY
AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation (Department) complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal equal opportunity laws and therefore does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion or disability, in admission or access to and treatment in Department programs and activities, as well as the Department's hiring or employment practices. Complaints of alleged discrimination and inquiries regarding the Department's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to EEO/DBE Section Head (ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator), P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203, (501) 569-2298, (Voice/TTY 711), or the following email address: EEO/DBE_Section_Head@ahtd.ar.gov.

This notice is available from the ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator in large print, on audiotape and in Braille.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

SPECIFICATIONS FOR CALCIUM SULFONATE PAINT

SP 1145

DESCRIPTION: This item shall consist of furnishing a one component, low VOC, surface tolerant, modified calcium sulfonate based, high performance industrial coating that will provide long term protection even when applied over marginally prepared steel. Marginally prepared steel is defined as steel that has been cleaned in accordance with either SSPC-SP 2 (Hand Tool Cleaning), SSPC-SP 3 (Power Tool Cleaning), or SSPC-SP 7 (Brush-Off Blast Cleaning). This coating shall be self-priming, compatible with most existing topcoats and tightly adhered rust, and capable of being applied in a single high build coat. The coating will be lead and chromium free.

MATERIALS: The coating shall be capable of being applied in a single coat of at least 7 mils dry film thickness without sagging. The color shall be Aluminum meeting Federal Standard 595B color chip 37200 unless otherwise specified. The coating system shall have a minimum shelf life of 12 months. The Aluminum color paint shall meet the following properties:

Resin Base: Metal Alkyl Sulphonate

	Composition By Weight
Pigments:	%
Zinc Hydroxy Phosphite	30-35
Barium Sulphate	58-62
Non-Leafing Aluminum	8-10
Thixotropy	1-2
Vehicle:	%
Overbased Crystalline Calcium Sulfonate Alkyd Resin*	77-82
Modified Alkyd	14-19
Driers, UV Absorbers, and Aliphatic Hydrocarbon	6-9

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Vehicle: (cont.d)

* Resin must meet the following chemical and physical requirements:

Wt. (lbs./gal.)	8.1 - 8.3
Flash Point (Tag. closed cup)	105 ° F. min.
Viscosity, Brookfield #6 spindle @ 10 rpm, 25° C., cps	10,000 ± 2%

Paint Analysis:	%
Pigment	24-28
Vehicle	72-76

Properties of Mixed Paint:

Total Solids by Volume	60-64 %
Viscosity at 77° F.	85-100 Krebs units
Weight (lbs./gal)	9.5 Min.
Fineness of Grind	5 Min.
V.O.C. Pounds Per Gallon	2.8 Max.
Dry Time Hours (3-4 MILS Dry Film):	
Set to Touch	12-24
Tack Free	24-48
Dry Film	48-72

The Department reserves the right to test all material for compliance with these specifications.

The supplier is to submit by mail with each batch of paint supplied notarized certification from an independent testing laboratory that the paint and vehicle meets the requirements of these specifications. The supplier is also to submit by mail to the AHTD one quart of the vehicle and one quart of the mixed vehicle for testing.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: The coating shall be capable of being applied by brush, roller, conventional spray equipment, or airless spray equipment.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT: Payment shall be made by the gallon for the Calcium Sulfonate paint.

ITEM	UNIT
Calcium Sulfonate Paint	Gal.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

SPECIFICATIONS FOR SULFONATE PAINT

SP 1146

DESCRIPTION: This item shall consist of furnishing a one component, low VOC, surface tolerant, modified sulfonate based, high performance industrial coating that will provide long term protection even when applied over marginally prepared steel. Marginally prepared steel is defined as steel that has been cleaned in accordance with either SSPC-SP 2 (Hand Tool Cleaning), SSPC-SP 3 (Power Tool Cleaning), or SSPC-SP 7 (Brush-Off Blast Cleaning). This coating shall be self-priming, compatible with most existing topcoats and tightly adhered rust, and capable of being applied in a single high build coat. The coating will be lead and chromium free.

MATERIALS: The coating shall be capable of being applied in a single coat of at least 7 mils dry film thickness without sagging. The color shall be Aluminum meeting Federal Standard 595B color chip 37200 unless otherwise specified. The coating system shall have a minimum shelf life of 12 months. The supplier shall submit a complete certified lab analysis for each lot of material provided. The Aluminum color paint shall meet the following properties:

Pigment (35 - 39% by weight)	Range
Metallic, Non-Leafing Aluminum	23 - 26
Zinc Oxide and Calcium Ion Exchange Inhibitive Pigments	17 - 21
Color Pigments and Inerts	54 - 58
Thixotropy	0.5 - 1.5
Vehicle (61 - 65% by weight)	Range
Sulfonate/Polymer Solids and Alkyd	69 - 73
Driers, UV Absorbers and Solvent	27 - 31
Paint Analysis, by volume	
Pigment	14 - 18
Vehicle	82 - 86

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Paint Properties

Total, SBV	65 - 73
Viscosity	70 - 110 KU
Weight per Gallon, lbs/gal	10.0 Min.
VOC, lbs/gal, as supplied	2.8 Max.
Fineness of Grind	4 Min.
Dry to Touch, 5 mils dft, 75°F, 50% RH	24 hrs.
Dry to Recoat, 5 mils dft, 75°F, 50% RH	72 hrs

Paint shall be uniform and free from grit and coarse particles

Dry Time Hours (3-4 MILS Dry Film):

Set to Touch	1-4
Tack Free	5-12
Dry Film	24-48

The Department reserves the right to test **all** material for compliance with these specifications.

The supplier is to submit by mail with each batch of paint supplied notarized certification from an independent testing laboratory that the paint and vehicle meets the requirements of these specifications. The supplier is also to submit by mail to the AHTD one quart of the vehicle and one quart of the mixed vehicle for testing.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: The coating shall be capable of being applied by brush, roller, conventional spray equipment, or airless spray equipment.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT: Payment shall be made by the gallon for the Calcium Sulfonate paint.

ITEM	UNIT
Sulfonate Paint	Gal.