

“LETTING YOU KNOW”

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects that we believe will be of interest to you.

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Lights on Channelizing Devices

The Illinois Department of Transportation has required the use of steady burn lights on channelizing devices along lane closures to enhance the visibility of devices and provide better guidance to road users. Improvements in the retro-reflectivity of sheeting materials used in channelizing devices has dramatically decreased the perceived benefit of using lights on channelizing devices. For this reason, the department has decided to limit the use of lights on channelizing devices on only lane closure tapers, lane shifts, and exit/entrance ramps, with some exceptions.

The 2018 Highway Standards, along with special provisions, will detail which devices will continue to require the use of lights. This change will remove a vast portion of lights used in lane closures, especially for freeway/expressway work where most lights parallel to the travel lane will be eliminated.

It is our belief that the elimination of these lights will not compromise the safety efficacy of the channelizing devices, but instead, will reduce the exposure of workers maintaining channelizing devices (replacing batteries and bulbs), improve the consistency of work zones across the state, and reduce the environmental impact by eliminating a source of used batteries.

As these changes get rolled out, the department will emphasize the importance of maintaining the channelizing devices in acceptable condition according to the Quality Standard for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices during routine traffic control inspections, to ensure the effectiveness of these devices is not compromised.

Subcontractor Registration

The subcontractor registration form on the IDOT website has been updated to include a work category. Contractors registering as subcontractors shall select from the list of work categories, which best reflects the type of work your company performs - more than one category can be selected. If a category is not listed, which represents the type of work your company performs, then select “Other.”

The Department desires to accurately capture the type of work available by the subcontracting community. This should not be construed as a requirement for prequalification or DBE certification and the information will not be used as such.

Contractors that are currently registered do not need to do anything immediately. When your subcontractor registration is renewed, you should select the proper work category(s) as part of your registration renewal.

Questions can be directed to the Central Bureau of Construction at (217)782-6667.

Multi-Year Contract Disclosures

Public Act 100-0043 (Senate Bill 8) became effective 8/9/2017. This act changes the date and requirements for **certifications on continuing disclosures on multi-year contracts**. These changes should streamline the process and be less burdensome on contractors. See this link <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/100/PDF/100-0043.pdf> in Section 50-2 to view the legislative language. It is the responsibility of the contractor to read and comply with these changes.

2017 Profile Equipment Verification (PEV) Program

The 2017 Profile Equipment Verification (PEV) program will be conducted by Applied Pavement Technology, Inc. this spring on behalf of the Bureau of Research. The PEV program is required for any Contractor or Subcontractor conducting surface profile testing using the 0.00-inch blanking band. These projects include any of the following:

- contracts let after January 1, 2013 including work under Articles 407.09 or 420.10 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction,
- contracts including the Special Provision for Surface Testing of Pavements, or
- contracts including the Special Provision for Surface Testing of Hot-Mix Asphalt Overlays.

The 2018 PEV program is tentatively scheduled for the weeks of April 23, April 30, and May 7, 2018. Participants in last year's program will need to have their profile equipment re-verified (this is an annual program).

If you or subcontractors have profile equipment to be verified, please contact either of the following individuals for scheduling

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NOTE: No walk-ins will be allowed. This year California Profilograph type devices will not be allowed to participate in the program. The Department requires a non-contact inertial profiler for all smoothness testing as of January 1, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding the PEV Program, please contact the following individual at the Bureau of Research:

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