

APPENDIX B

Material Price Adjustments

DOCUMENT 00811
SPECIAL PROVISIONS
MONTHLY PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) MIXTURES
ENGLISH AND METRIC UNITS
Revised: 07/08/2016

This provision applies to all projects using greater than 100 tons (91 megagrams) of hot mix asphalt (HMA) mixtures containing liquid asphalt cement as stipulated in the Notice to Contractors section of the bid documents.

Price Adjustments will be based on the variance in price, for the liquid asphalt component only, between the Base Price and the Period Price. They shall not include transportation or other charges. Price Adjustments will occur on a monthly basis.

Base Price

The Base Price of liquid asphalt on a project as listed in the Notice to Contractors section of the bid documents is a fixed price determined by the Department at the time of the bid using the same method as the determination of the Period Price detailed below. The Base Price shall be used in all bids.

Period Price

The Period Price is the price of liquid asphalt for each monthly period as determined by the Department using the average selling price per standard ton of PG64-28 paving grade (primary binder classification) asphalt, FOB manufacturer's terminal, as listed under the "East Coast Market - New England, Boston, Massachusetts area" section of the Poten & Partners, Inc. "Asphalt Weekly Monitor". This average selling price is listed in the issue having a publication date of the second Friday of the month and will be posted as the Period Price for that month. The Department will post this Period Price on its website at <http://www.mhd.state.ma.us/> within two (2) business days following its receipt of the relevant issue of the "Asphalt Weekly Monitor". Poten and Partners has granted the Department the right to publish this specific asphalt price information sourced from the Asphalt Weekly Monitor. This method of period price determination was formerly called the New Asphalt Period Price Method. Separate website postings using both the New Asphalt Period Price Method and the Old Asphalt Period Price Method were discontinued after June 2013.

Price Adjustment Determination, Calculation and Payment

The Contract Price of the HMA mixture will be paid under the respective item in the Contract. Price Adjustments, as herein provided, either upwards or downwards, will be made after the work has been performed using the monthly period price for the month during which the work was performed.

Price Adjustments will be paid only if the variance from the Base Price is 5% or more for a monthly period. The complete adjustment will be paid in all cases with no deduction of the 5% from either upward or downward adjustments.

The Price Adjustment applies only to the actual virgin liquid asphalt content in the mixture placed on the job in accordance with the Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges, Division III, Section M3.11.03.

Price Adjustments will be separate payment items. The pay item numbers are 999.401 for a positive price adjustment (a payment) and 999.402 for a negative price adjustment (a deduction). Price Adjustments will be calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{Price Adjustment} = \text{Tons of HMA Placed} \times \text{Liquid Asphalt Content \%} \times \text{RAP Factor} \times (\text{Period Price} - \text{Base Price})$$

No Price Adjustment will be allowed beyond the Completion Date of this Contract, unless there is a Department-approved extension of time.

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DOCUMENT 00812

SPECIAL PROVISIONS
MONTHLY PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR DIESEL FUEL AND GASOLINE –
ENGLISH UNITS

Revised: 01/26/2009

This monthly fuel price adjustment is inserted in this contract because the national and worldwide energy situation has made the future cost of fuel unpredictable. This adjustment will provide for either additional compensation to the Contractor or repayment to the Commonwealth, depending on an increase or decrease in the average price of diesel fuel or gasoline.

This adjustment will be based on fuel usage factors for various items of work developed by the Highway Research Board in Circular 158, dated July 1974. These factors will be multiplied by the quantities of work done in each item during each monthly period and further multiplied by the variance in price from the Base Price to the Period Price.

The Base Price of Diesel Fuel and Gasoline will be the price as indicated in the Department's web site (www.mhd.state.ma.us) for the month in which the contract was bid, which includes State Tax.

The Period Price will be the average of prices charged to the State, including State Tax for the bulk purchases made during each month.

This adjustment will be effected only if the variance from the Base Price is 5% or more for a monthly period. The complete adjustment will be paid in all cases with no deduction of the 5% from either upward or downward adjustments.

No adjustment will be paid for work done beyond the extended completion date of any contract.

Any adjustment (increase or decrease) to estimated quantities made to each item at the time of final payment will have the fuel price adjustment figured at the average period price for the entire term of the project for the difference of quantity.

The fuel price adjustment will apply only to the following items of work at the fuel factors shown:

ITEMS COVERED	FUEL FACTORS	
	Diesel	Gasoline
Excavation: and Borrow Work: Items 120, 120.1, 121, 123, 124, 125, 127, 129.3, 140, 140.1, 141, 142, 143, 144., 150, 150.1, 151 and 151.1 (Both Factors used)	0.29 Gallons / CY.	0.15 Gallons / CY
Surfacing Work: All Items containing Hot Mix Asphalt	2.90 Gallons / Ton	Does Not Apply

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DOCUMENT 00814

SPECIAL PROVISIONS
PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE MIXES

January 12, 2009

This provision applies to all projects using greater than 100 Cubic Yards (76 Cubic Meters) of Portland cement concrete containing Portland cement as stipulated in the Notice to Contractors section of the Bid Documents. This Price Adjustment will occur on a monthly basis.

The Price Adjustment will be based on the variance in price for the Portland cement component only from the Base Price to the Period Price. It shall not include transportation or other charges.

The Base Price of Portland cement on a project is a fixed price determined at the time of bid by the Department by using the same method as for the determination of the Period Price (see below) and found in the Notice to Contractors.

The Period Price of Portland cement will be determined by using the latest published price, in dollars per ton (U.S.), for Portland cement (Type I) quoted for Boston, U.S.A. in the **Construction Economics** section of *ENR Engineering News-Record* magazine or at the ENR website <http://www.enr.com> under **Construction Economics**. The Period Price will be posted on the MassHighway website the Wednesday immediately following the publishing of the monthly price in ENR, which is normally the first week of the month.

The Contract Price of the Portland cement concrete mix will be paid under the respective item in the Contract. The price adjustment, as herein provided, upwards or downwards, will be made after the work has been performed, using the monthly period price for the month during which the work was performed.

The price adjustment applies only to the actual Portland cement content in the mix placed on the job in accordance with the Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges, Division III, Section M4.02.01. No adjustments will be made for any cement replacement materials such as fly ash or ground granulated blast furnace slag.

The Price Adjustment will be a separate payment item. It will be determined by multiplying the number of cubic yards of Portland cement concrete placed during each monthly period times the Portland cement content percentage times the variance in price between the Base Price and Period Price of Portland cement.

This Price Adjustment will be paid only if the variance from the Base Price is 5% or more for a monthly period. The complete adjustment will be paid in all cases with no deduction of the 5% from either upward or downward adjustments.

No Price Adjustment will be allowed beyond the Completion Date of this Contract, unless there is a Department-approved extension of time.

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