



**SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
FOR  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTSIDE PLANT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

**Johnson County  
HDP-3715(652)--71-52**

**Effective Date  
April 19, 2016**

**THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, SERIES 2015, ARE AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS. THESE ARE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND THEY SHALL PREVAIL OVER THOSE PUBLISHED IN THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.**

**PART 1 GENERAL**

**1.01 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. HDPE Conduit
- B. HDPE mechanical coupling
- C. Conduit plug
- D. Pull tape
- E. Handhole and cover
- F. Ground bar and termination hardware
- G. Geotextile materials
- H. Locate / tracer wire

**1.02 CODE COMPLIANCE**

- A. All work and materials shall comply with the most recent rules, codes, and regulations, including but not limited to the following:
  - 1. Occupational Safety and Health Act Standards (OSHA)
  - 2. NFPA 70 - National Electrical Code (NEC)
  - 3. ANSI/IEEE C-2, 1997 National Electrical Safety Code
  - 4. All other applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations

**1.03 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit product data for each of the following:
  - 1. HDPE conduit

2. HDPE mechanical coupling
3. Conduit plug
4. Pull tape
5. Handhole and cover
6. Ground bar and termination hardware
7. Geotextile materials
8. Locate / tracer wire

**B. Submittal Procedures**

1. Within 5 working days after receipt of the Contract and prior to the pre-construction conference or any payments, the Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Authority for timely review a schedule of submittals listing each required submittal as identified in Paragraph 1.03-A.
2. Submit the following information for approval prior to ordering and installation into the project.
  - a. Manufacturer name
  - b. Manufacturer part number
  - c. All relevant specification and description information necessary for the Contracting Authority to validate that the material submitted is in fact the material specified.
3. Transmit each submittal with transmittal letter indicating: date, project title, and contractor's name and address.
4. Apply Contractor's stamp. Sign or initialed submittal certifying that review, verification of products required, and dimensions are in accordance with the requirements of the work and contract documents.
5. Submit the number of copies that the Contractor requires, plus three copies that will be retained by the Contracting Authority. Mail or deliver submittals to:

City of Iowa City  
Attn: Melissa Clow  
410 East Washington Street  
Iowa City, IA 52240

6. Submittals will be reviewed by the Contracting Authority and returned to the Contractor either approved as submitted, approved with comments, or rejected with comments. If rejected, Contractor shall correct and resubmit as required, identifying all changes made since previous submittal.
7. Distribute copies of reviewed submittals to concerned parties. Instruct parties to promptly report any inability to comply with provisions.

**1.04 MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. When specified in specification Sections, submit manufacturers' printed instructions for delivery, storage, assembly, installation, adjusting, and finishing, in quantities specified for shop drawings and materials brochures.
- B. Unless otherwise stated, where installation requirements identified in the Standard Specifications conflict with the manufacturer's recommendations, the more restrictive shall be applied.
- C. Notify Engineer of conflicts between manufacturers' instructions and contract documents.

## 1.05 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Full compliance with engineered design and specifications is required. Performance criteria included in the references shall be met. Test data shall verify system performance.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.01 MATERIALS

- A. HDPE Conduit
  - 1. Acceptable Manufactures: Endot, Arnco, Carlon, Dura-line, or approved equal.
  - 2. Product Description: High Density Polyethylene (HDPE), ASTM D 3035, SDR 11. UL Listed, smooth interior and exterior wall. Non-plenum rated.
  - 3. Nominal Size: 2 inch and 4 inch (nominal) controlled outside diameter, for underground installations.
  - 4. Color: orange; solid color.
  - 5. Fittings and Duct Bodies: Manufacturer's recommended fittings and components to make the system work.
- B. HDPE Mechanical Coupling or Fusion
  - 1. NOTE: Conduits may also be field-joined using approved fusion methods. Recommended
  - 2. Acceptable Manufactures: ETCO
  - 3. Product Description: Mechanical coupling, double E-Loc coupling for HDPE-to-HDPE connections in restrained and unrestrained installation locations. Threaded end caps with nylon compression bushing.
  - 4. Nominal Size: Sized for 2 inch or 4 inch HDPE, SDR 11.
- C. Conduit Plugs
  - 1. Product Description: Expandable blank conduit plug for 2 inch or 4 inch HDPE, SDR 11. Solid, elastomeric-gasket with pull-rope loop.
- D. Pull Tape
  - 1. Composition: Woven polyester.
    - a. Pulling Strength: minimum of 1250 pounds.
    - b. Pull tape shall have permanent sequential footage markings.
- E. Handholes
  - 1. Type 1:
    - a. Acceptable Manufactures: Hubbell, Quazite, New Basis or approved equal.
    - b. Product Description:
      - 1) Handhole box: polymer-concrete, ANSI Tier 22, open bottom,.
      - 2) Handhole cover: polymer concrete, ANSI Tier 15, heavy duty, two-piece, two bolts, logo to read "Fiber Optics". Cover bolts shall be 3/8 inch stainless steel, penta-head with washers.
    - c. Nominal Size: Nominal handhole size shall be 30 inches wide by 48 inches long by 36 inches deep.
    - d. Color: gray.
  - 2. Type 2
    - a. Acceptable Manufactures: Oldcastle Precast with Deeter Foundry Cover with EZ-STIK or approved equal.
    - b. Product Description:
      - 1) Handhole Vault:
        - a) Two piece precast vault
        - b) All Concrete to have a 28 day compressive strength of 7,000 PSI

- c) Steel Reinforcement Rebar, ASTM A-615 Grade 60
- d) Two 1 ½ inch Ground Rod Knockout
- e) 12 inch by 12 inch sump access in bottom
- f) 36 inch DIA top Access
- 2) Vault Cover
  - a) Two Piece
  - b) Cast gray iron ASTM A-48 Class 35B
  - c) No Paint
  - d) 30 inch round standard Manhole cover
  - e) Labeled with "Communications" see detail
  - f) 6 inch Machined horizontal bearing surface.
  - g) Four 1 inch DIA Anchors Holes
- 3) Joint Sealant
  - a) ASTM C 990 Standard
  - b) EPA Method 524.2
  - c) AASHTO M 198

F. Ground Bar and Termination Hardware

- 1. Acceptable Manufacturers: Harger or approved equal
- 2. Product Description: Copper ground bars with dimensions measuring 1/4 inch by 1 inch by 9 inches shall be furnished and installed with telecommunication handholes. The ground bars shall have 5 1/4 – 20 tapped holes with insulators and panhead torx screws.
- 3. Acceptable Manufacturers: Thomas & Betts or approved equal.
- 4. Blackburn, Copper connector, Type-L copper, single conductor one No. 14 AWG thru No.4 AWG.

G. Geotextile Materials

- 1. Product Description: Woven geotextile, polypropylene resin fiber material shall be furnished and installed with telecommunication handholes. Minimum Average Roll Values (MARV) shall be as follows:

PROPERTY	TEST METHOD	MARV ENGLISH
<b>MECHANICAL</b>		
Tensile Strength (Grab)	ASTM D-4632	200 lbs
Elongation	ASTM D-4632	12%
Puncture	ASTM D-4833	90 lbs
CBR Puncture	ASTM D-6241	700 lbs
Mullen Burst	ASTM D-3786	400 psi
Trapezoidal Tear	ASTM D-4533	75 lbs
<b>ENDURANCE</b>		
UV Resistance (% Retained at 500 hrs)	ASTM D-4533	70%
<b>HYDRAULIC</b>		
Apparent Opening Size (AOS) <sup>3</sup>	ASTM D-4751	40 US Std. Sieve
Permittivity	ASTM D-4491	0.05 sec <sup>-1</sup>
Water Flow Rate	ASTM D-4491	4 gpm/ft <sup>2</sup>

- H. Locate / Tracer Wire
  - 1. Acceptable Manufactures: Pro-Pak Industries, Pro-Trace or Approved equal
  - 2. Product Description: Copper conductor, 45 MIL thick HDPE jacket, No. 12 AWG (or No. 10 AWG) solid copper conductor, designed for direct bury, orange in color.

## **PART 3 EXECUTION**

### **3.01 HDPE CONDUIT INSTALLATION**

- A. HDPE conduit shall be installed at a depth of 36 inch to 42 inch of cover below grade. Minimum cover shall be 36 inches unless otherwise noted. Crossings of known and identified utilities and obstructions require variance to maximum and minimum depths specified. When a depth of 36 inch to 42 inch cannot be maintained notify the Project Engineer to determine maximum allowable depth. Provide additional cover as required by State, City, other utilities and authorities having jurisdiction where applicable or as necessary to traverse other utilities.
- B. Maintain a minimum 12 inch horizontal separation between other communication utilities and piped fluids. Maintain a minimum 3 inch horizontal separation from power and foreign conduits. Maintain a minimum 60 inch horizontal separation from water mains. At crossings provide a minimum vertical separation of 6 inches from conduits, ducts, cable and piped fluids. Notify Project Engineer for variances.
- C. Contractor is required to maintain positive drainage along the route throughout the duration of the project. All necessary dewatering shall be provided at no additional cost to the Contracting Authority.
- D. Provide pull tape in each HDPE conduit in each segment of the route. Secure pull tape to conduit plug at each end.
- E. HDPE conduit shall extend into handholes and turn up. See detailed drawings for handhole installation.
- F. HDPE conduit shall be installed using the industry standard installation equipment and methods.
- G. A site survey of the installation of the duct shall be made by the Contractor prior to beginning work.
- H. Cut conduit square using a saw or pipe cutter; de-burr cut ends.
- I. Conduit shall be field-joined by either fusion methods or mechanical couplings. Use only those mechanical couplings specified. As-built markups shall reflect the station number of coupled joints.
- J. Plug both ends of unused conduit using approved conduit plugs. Protect installed conduit against entrance of dirt and moisture before and after installation.
- K. Manufacturer's recommended installation tension shall not be violated.
- L. Damaged HDPE conduit shall be replaced with new.

- M. Test each segment of new HDPE conduit for excessive deflection and collapse using a test mandrel no smaller than 80% of inside diameter of the conduit. The test shall be conducted after the trench has been backfilled and compacted to the required finished grade according to project specifications. City inspector must be present for test.

### **3.02 HANDHOLE INSTALLATION**

- A. Refer to the detailed drawings for handhole installation details.
- B. Unless otherwise noted, handholes shall be installed level with grade, flush and parallel to streets and sidewalks. If necessary, slope the area around the handhole, within a few feet, to direct drainage away from the handhole. Provide fill around handhole and compact near to 90% modified standard proctor density using a vibrating rammer compaction machine with appropriate sized foot and compacting around handholes in 8 inch to 12 inch lifts.
- C. All dirt, debris, trash, packaging, tape, etc., resulting from work associated with the project shall be cleaned from handholes prior to acceptance of the project work. The rim of the handhole shall be cleaned and the cover bolted down when work is complete. All bolts shall be accounted for.
- D. Open handholes shall be sufficiently barricaded.

## **PART 4 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT AND BASIS OF PAYMENT**

### **4.01 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT**

Measurement for Telecommunications Outside Plant Equipment and Materials will be as follows:

- A. Conduit, HDPE, 2 inch,
  - 1. Linear feet shown in the contract documents.
- B. Conduit, HDPE, 4 inch
  - 1. Linear feet shown in the contract documents.
- C. Pull Tape For Conduit
  - 1. Linear feet shown in the contract documents.
- D. Handhole, 30 inch x 48 inch
  - 1. By count.
- E. Handhole, 48 inch x 48 inch x 51 inch
  - 1. By count.
- F. Tracer Wire For HDPE Conduit
  - 1. Linear feet shown in the contract documents.

### **4.02 BASIS OF PAYMENT**

Payment for Telecommunications Outside Plant Equipment and Materials will be as follows:

- A. Conduit, HDPE, 2 inch
  - 1. The unit price shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor for the installation of conduit of the given type and diameter. The unit price shall also include trenching or pushing, backfilling, compacting, surface restoration, HDPE conduit, HDPE mechanical couplings, and conduit plugs.

- B. Conduit, HDPE, 4 inch
  - 1. The unit price shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor for the installation of conduit of the given type and diameter. The unit price shall also include trenching or pushing, backfilling, compacting, surface restoration, HDPE conduit, HDPE mechanical couplings, and conduit plugs.
  
- C. Pull Tape For Conduit
  - 1. The unit price shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor for the installation of pull tape of the given type.
  
- D. Handhole, 30 inch x 48 inch
  - 1. The unit price shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor for the installation of handholes and covers of the given size and type. The unit price shall also include excavation, backfilling, compacting, surface restoration, polymer concrete handhole box and cover, stainless steel cover bolts, geotextile woven fabric, granular base, and ground bar and termination hardware.
  
- E. Handhole, 48 inch x 48 inch x 51 inch
  - 1. The unit price shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor for the installation of handholes and covers of the given size and type. The unit price shall also include excavation, backfilling, compacting, surface restoration, polymer concrete handhole box and cover, stainless steel cover bolts, geotextile woven fabric, granular base, and ground bar and termination hardware.
  
- F. Tracer Wire For HDPE Conduit
  - 1. The unit price shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor for the installation of tracer wire of the given size and type.