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**March 14, 2012  
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

- 1. New Specification Revisions.** The CAS Bureau has proposed revisions to 7 Standard Specifications. The proposed revisions will be open for comment during the month of MARCH 2012. Each specification was briefly discussed.

**Supplemental Specifications**

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| 1. 106.09           | Domestic Materials   |
| 2. 108.05           | Character of Workers |
| 3. 108.07.4         | Delays               |
| 4. 108.07.5         | Extensions           |
| 5. 109.07           | Materials in Storage |
| 6. 203.03.2(D)      | Earth Embankment     |
| 7. 609.04(B)&.05(B) | Curb and Gutter      |

**MDT NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Mix Design Transfers.** The proposed process for mix design transfers was discussed. MCA expressed concerns regarding no start-up mix for transferred mix designs. MDT stated that the concern of changing conditions being unknown when transferring a mix design is driving this. The differences between permanent sources vs. prospected pits were also discussed. The information contained in the proposed surfacing packages was discussed as well.
- 2. NTP Dates.** MDT will no longer be posting anticipated NTP dates. Standard practice will be the same as it is now, with the NTP date occurring approximately 30 days after award.
- 3. DBE Requirements.** The requirements will be based on project specific goals. The new Good Faith Effort forms and handouts were provided. MCA will send comments. Civil Rights will be invited to the next MDT/MCA Technical Committee Meeting to field questions.
- 4. CM/GC.** Construction Manager/General Contractor contracting method falls between design-build and design-bid-build. MDT owns the design and therefore keeps more risk than with design-build. The qualifications-based consultant will be on board first. The contractor will be brought on board early on and offer a guaranteed maximum price. MCA requested some model contracts. The discussion will be continuing. CM/GC will require legislative approval; MDT plans to take it to the 2013 legislature.
- 5. April 19, 2012 Meeting.** The April meeting scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> has been moved to the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**MCA NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. CTB.** The Section 304 rewrite (which was originally out for comment in January) was discussed. MCA expressed concern that the new CTB specification is a step in the wrong direction. A Contractor stated that the price of CTB will likely increase by requiring a

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higher quality aggregate. MDT stated they will be reviewing the remainder of the comments on March 21, 2012 and all comments need to be submitted by that time.

- 2. Maintenance Contracts.** MCA expressed concern that recent maintenance contracts have been using construction specifications with deducts but no possibility for incentives. Maintenance has received some extra funding lately and has been doing bigger projects. It was recommended that the MCA meet with Maintenance possibly during or near the April MCA/MDT meeting.
- 3. Concrete Roundtable.** The Montana Concrete Industry roundtable discussion is scheduled for April 24, 2012 at MDT.
- 4. Force Account Labor Rates.** MCA expressed concern that the current 80% markup is not covering their overhead. MCA feels that everything is incidental during Force Account work. MCA stated they are always upside down on force account work. MCA will provide examples.
- 5. New Specifications Book.** The release of the 2012 edition of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction is anticipated for the fall of 2012.

*The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the MCA Office in Helena.*