

**SECTION 01460****WATCHPERSON SERVICE FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC****01460.01 GENERAL****A. Description**

The Contractor shall assign to the Project an employee to serve in the capacity of watchperson. This employee shall patrol the Project during nonworking hours or when the Project is substantially closed down by direction of the Engineer.

**B. Related Work Included Elsewhere**

Traffic control plan; Section 01411.

**C. Quality Assurance**

Not applicable.

**D. Submittals**

None.

**01460.02 MATERIALS**

Not applicable.

**01460.03 EXECUTION****A. General**

This employee shall be thoroughly experienced in traffic control and maintenance of traffic control devices. The employee shall be familiar with the currently approved Traffic Control Plan (TCP) and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The employee shall be responsible for insuring that all signs, barriers, barricades, delineators, markers, impact attenuators, arrow boards, and other maintenance of traffic devices are in position and in good operating condition. Also, the travel way shall be maintained to assure the safety of the traveling public. In the event the watchperson cannot physically take care of hazardous condition or safely maintain traffic in accordance with the TCP, the employee shall immediately contact the Contractor. The Contractor shall then make arrangements for immediate emergency assistance to eliminate the hazard(s) and return the travel way to a safe condition.

**B. Time Clock**

1. Each watchperson shall be furnished with a recording time clock of a type satisfactory to the Engineer and shall punch in at designated points approved by the Engineer. Distinctive keys for punching in shall be securely fastened to substantial object(s), and all keys that open the recording element of the clock or clocks will be kept by the Engineer. The clock or clocks shall be delivered to the Engineer for the removal of the record at times designated by him.
2. Any watchperson's action that circumvents the physical patrol of the Project shall be considered as unsatisfactory work for the maintenance and protection of traffic.

**C. Traffic Manager**

When the watchperson's service is in effect on the Project, surveillance of the construction area during nonworking hours by the traffic manager will not be required. This does not relieve the traffic manager of his overall primary responsibility, however, for the maintenance of traffic on the Project.

**D. Extent of Service**

The extent of the watchperson service required will be indicated in the "Special Provisions" as Requirement A or Requirement B. As a Project progresses, it may be necessary for the Engineer to modify the extent of service required in accordance with the TCP.

1. Requirement A.

A watchperson shall patrol the entire job at least once every three hours during nonworking hours, or more frequently as required by weather during conditions likely to cause damage, or when the Project is substantially closed down as directed by the Engineer.

2. Requirement B.

A watchperson shall patrol the entire job at least once before dark, once between 11 P.M. and midnight, and once between 7 A.M. and 8 A.M. on days when the Contractor is not working. On days when the Contractor is working, the patrol of the job shall be made once before dark and once between 11 P.M. and midnight.

**E. Reduction or Elimination of Watchperson Service**

The Contractor may request in writing to the Engineer a reduction or elimination of the watchperson service during a period when work on the Project is suspended due to the lack of materials, the seasonal nature of the Project, or other valid reasons acceptable to the Engineer. The Contractor may also request a reduction or elimination of the watchperson service for the period of time between the actual completion of the work and official acceptance provided that the Contractor states his proposed method of maintaining traffic control devices in a safe

manner during periods of partial shutdown or total suspension of operations in this request and receives approval from the Engineer.

**01460.04 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT**

This item will be measured by the number of man-hours for each watchperson approved by the Engineer in accordance with Requirement A or Requirement B. Only those hours actually engaged on patrol of the Project will be measured.

**01460.05 BASIS OF PAYMENT**

Payment for watchperson service will be made at the price bid per man-hour. The price bid shall include furnishing all labor, supervision, transportation, and any equipment or materials necessary to perform the work. Any increases, decreases, or elimination of watchperson service will not be the basis for additional compensation to the Contractor.