

# Ohio Department of Transportation

## Prebid Questions

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Q1) Per PN 530; are we to interpret the new term "Asphalt Index" to be synonymous with the current month's placing index and if so, are we to assume that that "Asphalt Index" is also to be construed as the bidding index for the current month (contrary to the Department's prior use of a previous month's placing index as a current month's bidding index)? Q2) PN 530 definitions: "BI = Bidding Index, the asphalt index for the month the project is bid. PI=Placing Index The asphalt index for the month the asphalt is placed." As PN 530 states ODOT will calculate the "Asphalt index" for 64-22 pavement grade asphalt the last Wednesday of the Month. . PN 530 does not indicate when the "Asphalt Index" will be published. Q3) Once calculated and published is the "Asphalt Index" to be used for the Bidding Index for the following month's lettings? Or are we to speculate what the price will be for the month for which we are bidding a project? Example: September "Asphalt Index" is calculated @ \$400.00, a project bids 10-20-09, are we to base the Bidding Index on \$400.00 or speculate on what the "Asphalt Index" will be for the 10-28-09 calculation and subsequent publication? Q4) There is no correlation between the Bidding Index and Placing Index with the new "Asphalt Index" in any given month? What is the "bidding Index" for the 9-30-09 ODOT letting?

**A1) The Bidding Index is the Asphalt Index as published on the ODOT website under PN 530 and 535 for the month the project is bid. If your project bids in September 2009, your Bidding Index is the published Asphalt Index for September 2009. A2) Correct, ODOT does not indicate when the index will be published, however, ODOT anticipates publishing the index soon after receiving the information from the AWM. A3) For the purposes of calculating an asphalt price adjustment for a project, the Bidding Index will be the ODOT published Asphalt Index for the month the project is bid. For the purposes of bidding, the contractor is free to use the published information as meets his needs for determining a competitive bid price for asphalt, however, any bituminous adjustment calculation will be as per PN 530 or PN 535. A4) The Bidding Index for the 9/30/09 letting will be the September 2009 Asphalt Index as published on ODOT's website for PN 530 and PN 535. The September 2009 index will be published in October 2009.**

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