

Ohio Department of Transportation

Prebid Questions

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The Plans call out High Early Keyway Grout on Sheet 11/20 per PSBD-1-81. If you look on PSBD-1-93 4/20/07 under Mortar Alternate #2 it allows you to open the structure to traffic in less than 7 days. However C&MS 705.22 does not have any High Early Keyway Grout represented on the Approved List. If there are no Keyway Grouts approved to allow the structure to be opened to traffic within 7 days the 14 day time constraint (sheet 2/20) will not be sufficient to provide ODOT with a quality project. Please consider extending the time allowed to perform the deck work to 28 consecutive days using temporary signals. Or please indicate an acceptable High Early Keyway Grout that can be used to fulfill the time constraints.

Proposal Note 527 that is posted on ODOT's web at

http://www.dot.state.oh.us/construction/oca/specs/SSandPN2008/PN527_04152005_for_2008.PDF should have been included with the plans. With that said, the only requirements for this item are those in the contract documents.

Per Standard PSBD-1-93 that you mentioned above, the Contractor is to, "Place and cure the mortar according to the manufacturer's specifications." And, "The minimum strength of the mortar shall be 5000 psi before construction or vehicular traffic is allowed on the beams." There are many products on the market that will meet the performance requirements in the contract documents and still meet the contract time constraints. The lack of the proposal note does not restrict the use of the products that are normally used for this work, but on the contrary allows an even greater number of products that can be used. The missing Proposal Note does not list products, but just additional specifications. No addition in time is allowed.

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