

**VAMC WACO, TEXAS****SECTION 31 20 11  
EARTH MOVING (SHORT FORM)****PART 1 - GENERAL****1.1:DESCRIPTION:**

This section specifies the requirements for furnishing all equipment, materials, labor and techniques for earthwork including excavation, fill, backfill and site restoration utilizing fertilizer, seed and/or sod.

**1.2 DEFINITIONS:****A. Unsuitable Materials:**

1. Fills: Topsoil, frozen materials; construction materials and materials subject to decomposition; clods of clay and stones larger than 75 mm (3 inches); organic materials, including silts, which are unstable; and inorganic materials, including silts, too wet to be stable.
2. Existing Subgrade (except footings): Same materials as above paragraph, that are not capable of direct support of slabs, pavement, and similar items, with the possible exception of improvement by compaction, proofrolling, or similar methods of improvement.
3. Existing Subgrade (footings only): Same as Paragraph 1, but no fill or backfill. If materials differ from // reference borings and // design requirements, excavate to acceptable strata subject to Resident Engineer's approval.

**B. Earthwork:** Earthwork operations required within the new construction area. It also includes earthwork required for auxiliary structures and buildings and sewer and other trenchwork throughout the job site.

**C. Degree of Compaction:** Degree of compaction is expressed as a percentage of maximum density obtained by the test procedure presented in ASTM D698.

**D. The term fill means fill or backfill as appropriate.**

**1.3 RELATED WORK:**

- A. Materials testing and inspection during construction:** Section 01 45 29, TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES.
- B. Safety Requirements:** Section 00 72 00, GENERAL CONDITIONS, Article, ACCIDENT PREVENTION.
- C. Protection of existing utilities, fire protection services, existing equipment, roads, and pavements:** Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

D. Subsurface Investigation: Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, Article, PHYSICAL DATA.

**1.4 CLASSIFICATION OF EXCAVATION:**

A. Unclassified Excavation: Removal and disposal of pavements and other man-made obstructions visible on the surface; utilities, and other items including underground structures indicated to be demolished and removed; together with any type of materials regardless of character of material and obstructions encountered.

**1.5 SUBMITTALS:**

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Furnish to Resident Engineer, soil samples, suitable for laboratory tests, of proposed off site or on site fill material.

**1.6 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS:**

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. American Nursery and Landscape Association (ANLA):  
2004.....American Standard for Nursery Stock
- C. Standard Specifications of Texas Department of Transportation, latest revision.

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

**2.1 MATERIALS:**

- A. Fills: Materials approved from on site and off site sources having a minimum dry density of 1760 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (110 pcf), a maximum Plasticity Index of 6, and a maximum Liquid Limit of 30.
- B. Granular Fill:
  - 1. Under concrete slab, crushed stone or gravel graded from 25 mm (1 inch) to 4.75 mm (No. 4).
  - 2. Bedding for sanitary and storm sewer pipe, crushed stone or gravel graded from 13 mm (1/2 inch) to 4.75 mm (No. 4).
- C. Fertilizer: (5-10-5) delivered to site in unopened containers that clearly display the manufacturer's label, indicating the analysis of the contents.
- D. Seed: Grass mixture comparable to existing turf delivered to site in unopened containers that clearly display the manufacturer's label, indicating the analysis of the contents.
- E. Sod: Comparable species with existing turf. Use State Certified or State Approved sod when available. Deliver sod to site immediately after cutting and in a moist condition. Thickness of cut must be 19 mm to 32

mm (3/4 inch to 1 1/4 inches) excluding top growth. There shall be no broken pads and torn or uneven ends.

### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### **3.1 SITE PREPARATION:**

- A. Clearing: Clearing within the limits of earthwork operations as described or designated by the Resident Engineer. Work includes removal of trees, shrubs, fences, foundations, incidental structures, paving, debris, trash and any other obstructions. Remove materials from the Medical Center.
- B. Grubbing: Remove stumps and roots 75 mm (3 inches) and larger diameter. Undisturbed sound stumps, roots up to 75 mm (3 inches) diameter, and nonperishable solid objects which will be a minimum of 900 mm (3 feet) below subgrade or finished embankment may be left.
- C. Trees and Shrubs: Trees and shrubs, not shown for removal, may be removed from the areas within 4500 mm (15 feet) of new construction and 2250 mm (7'-6") of utility lines if such removal is approved in advance by the Resident Engineer. Remove materials from the Medical Center. Box, and otherwise protect from damage, existing trees and shrubs which are not shown to be removed in the construction area. Repair immediately damage to existing trees and shrubs by trimming, cleaning and painting damaged areas, including the roots, in accordance with standard industry horticultural practice for the geographic area and plant species. Building materials shall not be stored closer to trees and shrubs, that are to remain, than the farthest extension of their limbs.
- D. Stripping Topsoil: Unless otherwise indicated on the drawings, the limits of earthwork operations shall extend anywhere the existing grade is filled or cut or where construction operations have compacted or otherwise disturbed the existing grade or turf. Strip topsoil as defined herein, or as indicated in the geotechnical report, from within the limits of earthwork operations as specified above unless specifically indicated or specified elsewhere in the specifications or shown on the drawings. Topsoil shall be fertile, friable, natural topsoil of loamy character and characteristic of the locality. Topsoil shall be capable of growing healthy horticultural crops of grasses. Stockpile topsoil and protect as directed by the Resident Engineer. Eliminate foreign material, such as weeds, roots, stones, subsoil, frozen clods, and similar foreign materials, larger than 0.014 m<sup>3</sup> (1/2 cubic foot) in volume, from soil as it is stockpiled. Retain topsoil on the station. Remove foreign materials larger than 50 mm (2 inches) in any dimension from topsoil used in final grading. Topsoil work, such as stripping,

stockpiling, and similar topsoil work, shall not, under any circumstances, be carried out when the soil is wet so that the tilth of the soil will be destroyed.

1. Concrete Slabs and Paving: Score deeply or saw cut to insure a neat, straight cut, sections of existing concrete slabs and paving to be removed where excavation or trenching occurs. Extend pavement section to be removed a minimum of 300 mm (12 inches) on each side of widest part of trench excavation and insure final score lines are approximately parallel unless otherwise indicated. Remove material from the Medical Center.

E. Disposal: All materials removed from the property shall be disposed of at a legally approved site, for the specific materials, and all removals shall be in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local regulations. No burning of materials is permitted onsite.

### **3.2 EXCAVATION:**

A. Shoring, Sheet piling and Bracing: Shore, brace, or slope to it's angle of repose banks of excavations to protect workmen, banks, adjacent paving, structures, and utilities, in compliance with OSHA requirements.

1. Extend shoring and bracing to the bottom of the excavation. Shore excavations that are carried below the elevations of adjacent existing foundations.

2. If the bearing of any foundation is disturbed by excavating, improper shoring or removal of shoring, placing of backfill, and similar operations, provide a concrete fill support in compliance with Specification Section 31 23 23.33, FLOWABLE FILL, under disturbed foundations, as directed by Resident Engineer, at no additional cost to the Government. Do not remove shoring until permanent work in excavation has been inspected and approved by Resident Engineer.

B. Excavation Drainage: Operate pumping equipment, and/or provide other materials, means and equipment as required, to keep excavations free of water and subgrades dry, firm, and undisturbed until approval of permanent work has been received from Resident Engineer. When subgrade for foundations has been disturbed by water, remove the disturbed material to firm undisturbed material after the water is brought under control. Replace disturbed subgrade in trenches by mechanically tamped sand or gravel. When removed disturbed material is located where it is not possible to install and properly compact disturbed subgrade material with mechanically compacted sand or gravel, the Resident Engineer should be contacted to consider the use of flowable fill.

C. Blasting: Blasting shall not be permitted.

## D. Building Earthwork:

1. Excavation shall be accomplished as required by drawings and specifications.
2. Excavate foundation excavations to solid undisturbed subgrade.
3. Remove loose or soft material to solid bottom.
4. Fill excess cut under footings or foundations with 25 MPa (3000 psi) concrete, poured separately from the footings.
3. Do not tamp earth for backfilling in footing bottoms, except as specified.

## E. Trench Earthwork:

1. Utility trenches (except sanitary and storm sewer):
  - a. Excavate to a width as necessary for sheeting and bracing and proper performance of the work.
  - b. Grade bottom of trenches with bell-holes, scooped-out to provide a uniform bearing.
  - c. Support piping on undisturbed earth unless a mechanical support is shown.
  - d. The length of open trench in advance of pipe laying shall not be greater than is authorized by the Resident Engineer.
2. Sanitary and storm sewer trenches:
  - a. Trench width below a point 150 mm (6 inches) above top of the pipe shall be 600 mm (24 inches) for up to and including 300 mm (12 inches) diameter and four-thirds diameter of pipe plus 200 mm (8 inches) for pipe larger than 300 mm (12 inches). Width of trench above that level shall be as necessary for sheeting and bracing and proper performance of the work.
  - b. The bottom quadrant of the pipe shall be bedded on undisturbed soil or granular fill.
    - 1) Undisturbed: Bell holes shall be no larger than necessary for jointing. Backfill up to a point 300 mm (12 inches) above top of pipe shall be clean earth placed and tamped by hand.
    - 2) Granular Fill: Depth of fill shall be a minimum of 75 mm (3 inches) plus one-sixth of pipe diameter below the pipe of 300 mm (12 inches) above top of pipe. Place and tamp fill material by hand.
  - c. Place and compact as specified the remainder of backfill using acceptable excavated materials. Do not use unsuitable materials.
  - d. Use granular fill for bedding where rock or rocky materials are excavated.

- F. Site Earthwork: Excavation shall be accomplished as required by drawings and specifications. Remove subgrade materials, that are determined by the Resident Engineer as unsuitable, and replace with acceptable material. Testing of the soil shall be performed by the VA Testing Laboratory. When unsuitable material is encountered and removed, the contract price and time will be adjusted in accordance with Articles, DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS, CHANGES and CHANGES-SUPPLEMENT of the GENERAL CONDITIONS as applicable. Adjustments to be based on meters (yardage) in cut section only.
- G. Finished elevation of subgrade shall be as follows:
1. Pavement Areas - bottom of the pavement or base course as applicable.
  2. Planting and Lawn Areas - 100 mm (4 inches) below the finished grade, unless otherwise specified or indicated on the drawings.

### **3.3 FILLING AND BACKFILLING:**

- A. General: Do not fill or backfill until all debris, unsatisfactory soil materials, obstructions, and deleterious materials have been removed from the excavation. Proof-roll exposed subgrades with a fully loaded dump truck. Use excavated materials or borrow for fill and backfill, as applicable. Do not use unsuitable excavated materials. Do not backfill until foundation walls have been completed above grade and adequately braced, waterproofing or dampproofing applied, and pipes coming in contact with backfill have been installed, and inspected and approved by Resident Engineer.
- B. Proof-rolling Existing Subgrade: Proof-roll with a fully loaded dump truck. Make a minimum of one pass in each direction. Remove unstable uncompactable material and replace with granular fill material completed to mix requirements specified.
- C. Placing: Place material in horizontal layers not exceeding 200 mm (8 inches) in loose depth and then compacted. Do not place material on surfaces that are muddy, frozen, or contain frost.
- D. Compaction: Use approved equipment (hand or mechanical) well suited to the type of material being compacted. Do not operate mechanized vibratory compaction equipment within 3000 mm (10 feet) of new or existing building walls without the prior approval of the Resident Engineer. Moisten or aerate material as necessary to provide the moisture content that will readily facilitate obtaining the specified compaction with the equipment used. Compact each layer // until there is no evidence of further compaction // to not less than 95 percent of the maximum density determined in accordance with the following test method ASTM D698.

**3.4 GRADING:**

- A. General: Uniformly grade the areas within the limits of this section, including adjacent transition areas. Smooth the finished surface within specified tolerance. Provide uniform levels or slopes between points where elevations are indicated, or between such points and existing finished grades. Provide a smooth transition between abrupt changes in slope.
- B. Cut rough or sloping rock to level beds for foundations. In unfinished areas fill low spots and level off with coarse sand or fine gravel.
- C. Slope backfill outside the building away from the building walls for a minimum distance of 3048 mm (10 feet) at a minimum five percent (5%) slope.
- D. The finished grade shall be 150 mm (6 inches) below bottom line of windows or other building wall openings unless greater depth is shown.
- E. Place crushed stone or gravel fill under concrete slabs on grade tamped and leveled. The thickness of the fill shall be 150 mm (6 inches), unless otherwise indicated.
- F. Finish subgrade in a condition acceptable to the Resident Engineer at least one day in advance of the paving operations. Maintain finished subgrade in a smooth and compacted condition until the succeeding operation has been accomplished. Scarify, compact, and grade the subgrade prior to further construction when approved compacted subgrade is disturbed by contractor's subsequent operations or adverse weather.
- G. Grading for Paved Areas: Provide final grades for both subgrade and base course to +/- 6 mm (0.25 inches) of indicated grades.

**3.5 LAWN AREAS:**

- A. General: Harrow and till to a depth of 100 mm (4 inches), new or existing lawn areas to remain, which are disturbed during construction. Establish existing or design grades by dragging or similar operations. Do not carry out lawn areas earthwork out when the soil is wet so that the tilth of the soil will be destroyed. Plant bed must be approved by Resident Engineer before seeding or sodding operation begins.
- B. Finished Grading: Begin finish grading after rough grading has had sufficient time for settlement. Scarify subgrade surface in lawn areas to a depth of 100 mm (4 inches). Apply topsoil so that after normal compaction, dragging and raking operations (to bring surface to indicated finish grades) there will be a minimum of 100 mm (4 inches) of topsoil over all lawn areas; make smooth, even surface and true grades, which will not allow water to stand at any point. Shape top and bottom of banks to form reverse curves in section; make junctions with

undisturbed areas to conform to existing topography. Solid lines within grading limits indicate finished contours. Existing contours, indicated by broken lines are believed approximately correct but are not guaranteed.

- C. Fertilizing: Incorporate fertilizer into the soil to a depth of 100 mm (4 inches) at a rate of 12 kg/100 m<sup>2</sup> (25 pounds per 1000 square feet).
- D. Seeding: Seed at a rate of 2 kg/100 m<sup>2</sup> (4 pounds per 1000 square feet) and accomplished only during periods when uniform distribution may be assured. Lightly rake seed into bed immediately after seeding. Roll seeded area immediately with a roller not to exceed 225 kg/m (150 pounds per foot) of roller width.
- E. Sodding: Topsoil shall be firmed by rolling and during periods of high temperature the topsoil shall be watered lightly immediately prior to laying sod. Sod strips shall be tightly butted at the ends and staggered in a running bond fashion. Placement on slopes shall be from the bottom to top of slope with sod strips running across slope. Secure sodded slopes by pegging or other approved methods. Roll sodded area with a roller not to exceed 225 kg/m (150 pounds per foot) of the roller width to improve contact of sod with the soil.
- F. Watering: The Resident Engineer is responsible for having adequate water available at the site. As sodding is completed in any one section, the entire sodded area shall be thoroughly irrigated by the contractor, to a sufficient depth, that the underside of the new sod pad and soil, immediately below sod, is thoroughly wet. Resident Engineer will be responsible for sod after installation and acceptance.

### **3.6 DISPOSAL OF UNSUITABLE AND EXCESS EXCAVATED MATERIAL:**

- A. Disposal: Remove surplus satisfactory soil and waste material, including unsatisfactory soil, trash, and debris, and legally dispose of it off Medical Center property.
- B. Place excess excavated materials suitable for fill and/or backfill on site where directed.
- C. Remove from site and dispose of any excess excavated materials after all fill and backfill operations have been completed.
- D. Segregate all excavated contaminated soil designated by the Resident Engineer from all other excavated soils, and stockpile on site on two 0.15 mm (6 mil) polyethylene sheets with a polyethylene cover. A designated area shall be selected for this purpose. Dispose of excavated contaminated material in accordance with State and Local requirements.

**3.6 CLEAN-UP:**

Upon completion of earthwork operations, clean areas within contract limits, remove tools, and equipment. Provide site clear, clean, free of debris, and suitable for subsequent construction operations. Remove debris, rubbish, and excess material from the Medical Center.

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**VAMC WACO, TEXAS****SECTION 31 63 26  
DRILLED CAISSONS****PART 1 - GENERAL****1.1 DESCRIPTION**

This section specifies excavation and concrete required for construction of foundation caissons.

**1.2 DEFINITIONS**

Satisfactory Bearing Material: limestone and is assumed to occur at bottom of caisson elevations shown.

**1.3 RELATED WORK**

- A. Materials testing and inspection during construction: Section 01 45 29, TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES.
- B. Safety requirements and blasting operations: Section 00 72 00, GENERAL CONDITIONS, Article, ACCIDENT PREVENTION.
- C. Subsurface Investigation: Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, Article, PHYSICAL DATA
  
- E. Concrete, including materials and mixes: Section 03 30 00, CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE.

**1.4 CONTRACT BASIS**

- A. Contract price for caissons will be based upon total length for each type of caisson shown. Length of caissons will be measured from bottom elevation to top elevation of the caisson. The diameter of the caisson is defined as the minimum diameter of the shaft.
  - 1. Adjustment of contract price shall be based upon total length of each type of caisson placed and not on the length of individual caissons. When the total length of each type of completed caisson is greater or less than the length shown due to unsuitable soils or design modifications by the Resident Engineer, contract price adjustment will be made in accordance with Articles, DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS, CHANGES and CHANGES-SUPPLEMENT of the GENERAL CONDITIONS as applicable.
  - 2. Contract price and time will be adjusted in accordance with Articles, DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS, CHANGES and CHANGES-SUPPLEMENT

of the GENERAL CONDITIONS as applicable, when artificial materials that are not shown are encountered.

### **1.5 CLASSIFICATION OF EXCAVATION**

#### **A. Soil/Weathered Rock Excavation:**

Soil or weathered rock that can be reasonably excavated with the rock auger, i.e. rock auger advancement greater than 150 mm (6 inches) per 15 minutes (see rock auger refusal, 1.5.C-2, below)

#### **B. Sloping Weathered Rock Excavation:**

Excavation of soil/weathered rock that can typically be excavated with the rock auger, except when the steeply sloping orientation of the stratum causes the rock auger to run askew.

#### **C. Rock Excavation:**

1. Excavation of material that meets the rock auger refusal criteria and requires the rock core barrel or other hard rock excavation techniques for removal.
2. Rock auger refusal is defined as a penetration rate of less than 150 mm (6 inches) in 15 minutes, while operating a caisson drilling rig, rated with a torque capacity of at least 110 kN-meters (1,000,000 inch-pounds), applying a continuous down pressure of at least 220 kN (50,000 pounds), equipped with a rock auger that contains conical carbide-tipped ("Kennemetal") teeth.

#### **D. Nominal Soil or Weathered Rock Seams:**

Nominal soil or weathered rock seams below rock auger refusal will be excavated and considered as rock for rock excavation quantities. A nominal soil or weathered rock seam is one which is less than 600 mm (2 feet) thick. Where soil or weathered rock seams or voids of 600 mm (2 feet) or greater are excavated within a mixed rock/soil or rock/weathered rock profile, excavation is classified as soil/weathered rock excavation until rock auger refusal is again established.

### **1.6 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT FOR ROCK EXCAVATION**

**A. Measurement:** Excavation type in units of length shall be considered to change at the upper contact with a different excavation type as defined by section 1.5.

**B. Payment:** Contract unit rates per length of each type of caisson shall be provided for each excavation condition type noted above in Section 1.5. Contract price and time will be adjusted for overruns or

underruns in accordance with Articles, DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS, CHANGES and CHANGES-SUPPLEMENT of the GENERAL CONDITIONS as applicable.

- C. Payment for Differing Site Conditions: No payment will be made for any rock excavation beyond caisson limits unless additional excavation is directed by the Resident Engineer. When rock excavation, as classified, is encountered, contract price and time will be adjusted in accordance with Articles, DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS, CHANGES and CHANGES-SUPPLEMENT of the GENERAL CONDITIONS as applicable.

### 1.7 TOLERANCES

Install caissons with not more than the lesser of 1/24<sup>th</sup> of caisson shaft diameter or 75 mm (3 inches) from design center location.

Caissons shall not be out of plumb more than 25 mm (1 inch) in 3000 mm (10 feet) for the full depth.

### 1.8 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Before beginning work, submit a detailed location plan and description of the proposed method of caisson installation, all of which shall be subject to the review and approval of the Resident Engineer.
- C. Shop Drawings shall comply with ACI 315 "Manual of Standard Practice for Detailing Reinforced Concrete Structures". Furnish shop drawings prepared by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of the project for the detailing, fabricating, bending, and placing of concrete reinforcement.
- D. //Submit a detailed plan showing load test arrangement, location, and Contractor's qualifications and results for review and approval by the Resident Engineer.//
- E. Reports:
1. Caisson record: Data as specified.
  2. Rock excavation: Data as specified.
  3. Soil Testing Agency Reports shall be issued showing material type and allowable bearing capacity at bottom of shaft within 24 hours after testing//observing each caisson.
  4. Certified, "Caisson Field Record" for each caisson recording actual elevation of bottom, elevation of rock (if applicable), final centerline location of top, variation of shaft from plumb, bell dimension (if applicable), result of all tests and observations

performed, material type and actual allowable bearing capacity of bottom, depth of socket into rock, levelness of bottom, seepage of water, still water level (if allowed to flood), elevation (top and bottom) of lining left in place, variation of shaft diameter (from those shown), and evidence of seams, voids or channels below bottom.

### 1.9 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in text by basic designation only.
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
- A36/A36M-05.....Standard Specification for Carbon Structural Steel
  - A283/A283M-03.....Standard Specification for Low and Intermediate Tensile Strength Carbon Steel Plates
  - A615/A615M-06a.....Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
  - A929/A929M-01.....Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Metallic-Coated by the Hot-Dip Process for Corrugated Steel Pipe
  - A996/A996M-06a.....Standard Specification for Rail-Steel and Axle-Steel Deformed and Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
  - C33-03.....Standard Specification for Concrete Aggregates
  - C94/C94M-05.....Standard Specification for Ready-Mixed Concrete
  - C150-05.....Standard Specification for Portland Cement
  - C494/C494M-05a.....Standard Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete
  - C618-05.....Standard Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
  - C989-05.....Standard Specification for Ground Granulated Blast-Furnace Slag for Use in Concrete and Mortars
  - C1017/C1017M-03.....Standard Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Use in Producing Flowing Concrete
- C..American Concrete Institute (ACI):
- 211.1-91 (2002).....Standard Practice for Selecting Proportions for Normal, Heavyweight and Mass Concrete

301-05.....Specifications for Structural Concrete  
 315-99.....Manual of Standard Practice for Detailing  
 Reinforced Concrete Structures

D..American Welding Society (AWS):

D1.1 (2006).....Structural Welding Code - Steel

## **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

### **2.1 MATERIALS**

SPEC WRITER NOTE: Delete this Article if unreinforced-concrete drilled piers are used.

A. Steel Reinforcement: ASTM A 615/A 615M, or 996, Grade 60, deformed.

B. Portland Cement: ASTM C 150, Type I or II.

C. Fly Ash/Slag:

1. Fly Ash Admixture: ASTM C 618, Class C or F.

2. Ground Granulated Blast-Furnace Slag: ASTM C 989, Grade 100 or 120.

D. Normal-Weight Aggregate: ASTM C 33, uniformly graded, 19 mm (3/4-inch) maximum aggregate size.

E. Water: Potable, complying with ASTM C 94/C 94M requirements.

F. Admixtures: Certified by manufacturer to contain not more than 0.1 percent water-soluble chloride ions by mass of cementitious material and to be compatible with other admixtures and cementitious materials. Do not use admixtures containing calcium chloride.

1. Water-Reducing Admixture: ASTM C 494, Type A.

2. Water-Reducing and Retarding Admixture: ASTM C 494, Type D.

3. High-Range, Water-Reducing Admixture: ASTM C 494, Type G.

4. Plasticizing and Retarding Admixture: ASTM C 1017, Type II.

G. Steel Casings: All casing shall meet ASTM A 283, Grade C; or ASTM A 36, carbon-steel plate, with joints full-penetration welded according to AWS D1.1, or ASTM A 929/A 929M, steel sheet, zinc coated corrugated steel. The Contractor shall design shells to withstand drilling forces and earth pressures and reinforce the bottom cutting edge as required for proper drilling and sealing of the shells into the rock. The cutting edge shall be capable of coring through at least 3000 mm (10 ft) of broken or solid rock. A minimum of 2% out of roundness of the diameter shall be considered in the design of the shell. All seams shall be welded and watertight

- H. Concrete Mix: Prepare design mixes according to ACI 211.1 and ACI 301 for each type and strength of concrete determined by either laboratory trial mix or field test data bases. Use a qualified testing agency for preparing and reporting proposed mix designs for laboratory trial mix basis. Proportion mixes according to ACI 211.1 and ACI 301 to provide normal-weight concrete with the following properties:
1. Compressive Strength (28 Days): 34.5 MPa (5000 psi).
  2. Minimum Slump: Capable of maintaining a slump of 125 mm (5 inches) plus or minus 25 mm (1 inch).
  3. Do not air entrain concrete for caissons.
  4. Limit water-soluble, chloride-ion content in hardened concrete to 0.15//0.3 percent by weight of cement.
  5. Concrete-mix design adjustments may be considered if characteristics of materials, project conditions, weather, test results, or other circumstances warrant. Resubmission and approval of proposed changes to concrete-mix proportions is the responsibility of the Contractor.
- I. Concrete Mixing: Measure, batch, mix, and deliver concrete according to ASTM C 94/C 94M, and furnish batch ticket information. Do not add water to concrete mix after mixing, unless a procedure per ACI 301 is submitted to and approved by the Resident Engineer. Maintain concrete temperature less than 32 degree Celsius (90 degree Fahrenheit).

### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### **3.1 GENERAL**

- A. Size: Minimum sizes and types of caissons are shown. Proposal to use caissons of sizes and types different from those shown may be accepted if submitted in writing to Resident Engineer for approval and provided the following conditions are met:
1. Least dimension of caisson is equal to or greater than least dimension shown.
  2. Enlargement at base of caisson is in bell-form with dimensions equal to or greater than minimum shown.
  3. Entire caisson receives full lateral support from surrounding material.
- B. Changes: Requests for change in size or type of caisson from those shown shall be accompanied by calculations and other documentation necessary to show that proposed changes will meet load requirements. Do

not proceed with changes before receiving written approval from Resident Engineer.

- C. Temporary Steel Casings: Install casings for protection of workers and inspection personnel, for prevention of cave-ins or displacement of earth walls, and for retention of ground water.
- D. Defective Casings: Do not install buckled, distorted or otherwise damaged casings. Replace casings damaged or disturbed during construction, casings that are not mud-tight or otherwise not in accordance with drawings or specifications, at no additional cost to the Government.
- E. Survey: Registered Professional Land Surveyor or Registered Civil Engineer, specified in Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, shall establish lines and levels and stake caisson locations.

### **3.2 EXCAVATION**

- A. Excavation and construction methods shall result in minimum disturbance of surrounding material and full lateral support of caissons by surrounding material.
- B. Remove boulders and rock in caissons such as rock seams underlain with soil seams, sloping rock or rock otherwise unsatisfactory for bearing.
- C. If materials with satisfactory bearing strength occur at elevations higher or lower than those shown, place bottom of caissons at higher or lower elevations, subject to approval of Resident Engineer.
- E. Excavate caissons to dimensions and required bearing strata or elevations shown on contract drawings. Maintain sidewall stability during drilling. Excavate holes for closely spaced caissons, and those occurring in fragile strata, only after adjacent holes are filled with concrete and allowed to set. The excavation shall be accomplished by hand or machine excavation as required. Caisson drilling equipment shall have the minimum torque capacity and downward force capacity for the contract site conditions. Bottoms of caissons shall be cleaned of loose or soft materials and leveled. If bottoms are sloping rock, excavate to a level plane or step with maximum step height less than 1/4 the width or diameter of the bearing area. All material removed from the caisson holes shall be removed from the ground around the casing before concrete placement is started and shall be disposed of by the Contractor off site in areas submitted to and approved by the Engineer.

- F. Excavations for utilities, support of excavations, or other purposes shall be kept a minimum distance of two shaft diameters away from the outer edge of the caisson.

### 3.3 PLACING CONCRETE

- A. Before placing concrete, the tip of the caisson shall be observed and approved by a qualified testing agency registered and licensed in the state. The testing agency shall be retained by the Contractor and approved by the Resident Engineer. The shaft shall be inspected, cleared of mud, water, loose material and debris.
- B. Place concrete using a down pipe to direct flow of concrete. Except in presence of water, concrete may fall freely up to a maximum height of 9.14 meters (30 feet) provided the concrete does not hit the sides of the caisson. Use tremie pipe or pump if distance is greater than 9.14 meters (30 feet).
- C. Withdraw casings, as concrete is deposited, maintaining top surface of concrete constantly at least 1800 mm (6 feet) above lower end of casings. Place concrete to form a monolithic cylindrical shaft having full lateral support from surrounding undisturbed materials. Strike finished top surface of concrete to true plane at required elevation.
- D. Concrete placement in each caisson shall be one continuous operation. If placing operation has to be stopped, leave surface approximately level. If concrete has hardened, clean surface and slush with a 1 to 1 cement-sand grout before placing operation is resumed. Concrete pours shall not begin within one hour of darkness. In the event that this type of continuous sequential operation cannot be performed, the Contractor shall submit for approval by the Resident Engineer a method of securing the open excavation. The Contractor shall not leave excavations open overnight without receiving prior written approval from the Resident Engineer.
- E. When water is present, control water level to within 50 mm (2 inches) of bottom of the caisson by pumping. If impossible or impractical to control water, secure written permission from Resident Engineer to place concrete through water by means of a watertight tremie.
1. When placing concrete under water, discharge end of tremie shall be submerged in fresh concrete and shaft of tremie maintained full of concrete to point above water level.
  2. Increase cement content of concrete required to be placed in water by one sack per cubic yard of concrete.

**3.4 CAISSON RECORD**

- A. For each caisson placed and before superstructure framing is placed, submit to Resident Engineer for approval a certified report recording following information prepared by Registered Professional Land Surveyor or Registered Civil Engineer.
- B. Caisson number, length, and bearing material.
- C. Location.
- D. Concrete and steel reinforcement properties.
- E. Plumbness.
- F. Dates:
  - 1. Excavation completed.
  - 2. Concrete placed.
- G. Diameters:
  - 1. Top of shaft.
  - 2. Bottom of shaft.
  - 3. Bell.
- H. Elevations:
  - 1. Top of ground.
  - 2. Top of concrete.
  - 3. Top of rock.
  - 4. Bottom of caisson.

**3.5 CLEAN UP:**

- A. All debris from excavation of objectionable material, removal of obstructions, and any material not to remain as part of the construction are to be removed and disposed of by the Contractor in a legal manner at no additional cost to the Owner.
- B. The site shall be cleaned at frequent intervals and no material shall be stored on the site in a manner, which would obstruct the easy access of equipment and personnel.

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