

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Digital Terrain Modeling for Earthwork
Calculations

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Construction to allow as an acceptable alternate to the method of average end areas, the method of digital terrain modeling for calculating final earthwork quantities by total station measurement.

This special provision should be inserted at the district's discretion.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the April 27, 2007 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory January 12, 2007.

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DIGITAL TERRAIN MODELING FOR EARTHWORK CALCULATIONS (BDE)

Effective: April 1, 2007

Revise the first and second paragraphs of Article 202.07(b) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(b) Measured Quantities. Earth and rock excavation will be measured in cubic yards (cubic meters) in their original positions. The volumes will be computed by the method of average end areas using before and after cross sections; or by the method of digital terrain modeling using before and after total station surveys. The volume of any unstable or unsuitable material removed will be measured for payment in cubic yards (cubic meters).

In rock excavation, the Contractor shall strip ledge rock of overburden so that necessary survey shots for measurement may be taken. Vertical measurements shall extend from the surface of the rock to an elevation not more than 6 in. (150 mm) below the subgrade of the proposed pavement structure, as shown on the plans, or to the bottom of the rock where that point is above the subgrade of the proposed pavement structure. Horizontal measurements shall extend not more than 6 in. (150 mm) beyond the slope lines fixed by the Engineer for the work. Boulders and rocks 1/2 cu yd (0.5 cu m) or more in volume will be measured individually and the volume computed from average dimensions taken in three directions.”

Revise the first paragraph of Article 204.07 of the Standard Specifications to read.

“**204.07 Method of Measurement.** Borrow excavation will be measured in cubic yards (cubic meters) in its original position. The volume will be computed by the method of average end areas using before and after cross sections; or by the method of digital terrain modeling using before and after total station surveys.”

Revise the embankment definition of Article 204.07(b) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“Embankment = the volume of fill in its final position computed by the method of average end areas or digital terrain modeling. Both methods will be based upon the existing ground line as shown on the plans, except as noted in (1) and (2) below;”

Revise Article 207.04 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“**207.04 Method of Measurement.** This work will be measured for payment in tons (metric tons) according to Article 311.08(b), or in cubic yards (cubic meters) compacted in place and the volume computed by the method of average end areas or digital terrain modeling by total station measurement.”

Revise the second sentence of the second paragraph of Article 211.07(b) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“The volume will be computed by the method of average end areas or digital terrain modeling by total station measurement.”

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