

## **906 - TOPSOIL**

### **906.1 DESCRIPTION**

Topsoil shall be furnished and placed at the locations shown on the plans, or as directed by the Engineer. Topsoil shall consist of suitable surface soil as stipulated in Section 2101 of the Standard Specifications and as approved by the Engineer. Furnishing topsoil shall be in accordance with Section 906 of the Standard Specifications and placing topsoil shall be in accordance with Section 206 of the Standard Specifications except as otherwise modified herein.

### **906.2 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor shall stockpile existing top soil, unless specifically authorized and approved by the Engineer, prior to deep excavations and reuse it in the same general locations. No payment will be made for topsoil furnishing and placement necessary due to excessive hauling off of existing top soil on the project site.

Contractor's source of furnished topsoil shall be approved by the Engineer. All areas to be seeded or sodded shall consist of a minimum of 6 inches of topsoil, free from clods, rocks, trash, and other debris. If the area has been severely compacted by heavy trucks or other equipment, it shall be cultivated to a depth of 6 inches - 8 inches by tilling or disking. At locations where excavation to final grade results in material unsuitable for vegetation, as determined by the Engineer, the Contractor shall undercut and remove the material and place topsoil.

### **906.3 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT**

Topsoil shall be considered subsidiary to other bid items unless specified in the proposal as a bid item.

No measurement of topsoil obtained onsite will be taken.

When specified in the proposal as a bid item, the Engineer will measure topsoil by the cubic yard.

Payment for "Topsoil" at the contract unit price bid is full compensation for the specified work, including hauling, stockpiling if required, removing unsuitable soils, scarifying if required, and placement.

No payment will be made for offsite topsoil acquisition and placement that was not specifically authorized and directed by the Engineer. This item does not include any topsoil that is obtained at the project site and reused, pertaining only to any additional soil furnished by the Contractor at the specific request of the Project Engineer.

No direct payment shall be made for undercutting and removing unsuitable materials in cut sections to the required depth of topsoil, or stockpiling and placement of topsoil obtained from the project site, as this work shall be considered subsidiary to other bid items.