

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SUBJECT: Plant Topsoil.

Alabama Standard Specifications, 2012 Edition, SECTION 102 shall be revised as follows:

SECTION 661 TRANSPLANTING TREES, SHRUBS AND VINES

661.01 Description.

This Section shall cover the work of transplanting of specified trees, shrubs and vines and the reestablishing of them in positions shown on the plans or designated.

Basic work consists of digging plants, preparing them for transplanting and transporting thereof; preparation of plant sites or beds, furnishing and preparation of soil fertilizer, mulch and other miscellaneous incidentals necessary to planting procedure; the planting of plants in a workmanlike manner in accordance with accepted horticultural practices along with the water necessary to establish and maintain the plants in a live, growing condition throughout the life of the project. The amount of water to be used and when it is to be applied shall be the Contractor's responsibility until acceptance of the project.

661.02 Materials.

All materials shall conform with the requirements set forth in Division 800, Materials, with specific reference made to Section 860.

661.03 Construction Requirements.

(a) GENERAL.

The requirements provided for Vines, Shrubs and Tree Planting, Section 660, and Roadside Improvement Materials, Section 860, shall apply in all respects to transplanting trees and shrubs, except where otherwise indicated by specific requirements given below.

Trees, shrubs and vines to be transplanted will be identified clearly on the plans as to existing and proposed location, species, and size. Planting holes of the size shown on the plans for the particular specie of plant material shall be dug and approved prior to moving existing plants. Material to be transplanted shall be dug with the size ball for collected plants recommended in the American Standard For Nursery Stock, current edition, unless otherwise shown by plan details or directed by the Engineer.

(b) PLANT TOPSOIL

Plant topsoil shall meet the requirements of Section 660.

(c) WATERING.

The vine, shrub and tree plantings shall be given one watering during the course of the planting operations and additional watering as needed. Sufficient water shall be applied to wet thoroughly the adjacent area down through the root system. Water shall be applied in such a manner that will prevent erosion of the finished surface.

(d) CARE DURING CONSTRUCTION.

Care during construction shall be the same as specified in Subarticle 660.03(h).

(e) BASIS OF ACCEPTANCE AND REPLACEMENT.

The basis of acceptance and replacement shall be the same as specified in Subarticle 660.03(i).

661.04 Method of Measurement.

(a) VINES, SHRUBS AND TREES.

The quantity of transplanted vines, seedlings, shrubs and/or trees to be paid for under this item will be the actual number ordered, planted and accepted. Only vines, seedlings, shrubs and trees in a living, healthy condition will be accepted.

661.05 Basis of Payment.

(a) VINES, SEEDLINGS, SHRUBS, AND TREES.

Transplanted vines, seedlings, shrubs, and trees ordered, planted and accepted will be paid for at the contract unit price for each. Such price and payment shall be full compensation for furnishing plants, plant test or certification service, planting, pruning, guying and staking, wrapping, mulching, furnishing and applying fertilizer, and for all materials, labor, equipment, tools, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

(b) WATERING.

No direct payment will be made for water used in the placement and care of planting during the construction. All water necessary shall be considered as a part of the unit price bid for items provided by this Section.

(c) PAYMENT WILL BE MADE UNDER ITEM NO.:

- 661-A Transplanting Vines, Kind - per each
- 661-B Transplanting Shrubs, Kind - per each
- 661-C Transplanting Trees, Kind - per each