



**SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
FOR  
VIBRATION MONITORING**

**Jackson County  
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**THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, SERIES 2015, ARE AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS. THESE ARE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND THEY SHALL PREVAIL OVER THOSE PUBLISHED IN THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.**

**150288.01 DESCRIPTION.**

This specification identifies the Contractor's responsibilities for protecting the properties near the south abutment from possible vibration damage during construction activities, and vibration and crack monitoring of those vulnerable properties.

Properties shall be protected and monitored as deemed necessary by the Contractor.

**150288.02 PRECONSTRUCTION SURVEY.**

- A.** The Contractor shall perform a pre-construction condition survey at the adjacent properties, and provide a copy of survey report(s) to the Engineer no later than 30 calendar days prior to starting work. The Contractor shall have a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Iowa and experienced in evaluating structural vulnerabilities and vibration monitoring perform the survey.
- B.** The survey shall document all aspects of the structural condition through observations, actual measurements, plan sketches, photographs, and any other data the preparer may deem appropriate. The survey shall also include existing vulnerabilities, an evaluation of the risk from construction vibration, and recommendation of maximum safe peak particle velocity (PPV) threshold. The Contractor shall determine the construction methods required to protect the structures based on the pre-construction survey and the safe vibration threshold. The survey report shall be submitted to the Engineer electronically.
- C.** The Contractor is responsible for determining which properties are vulnerable and for arranging with the property owners and tenants the rights-of-entry to their property in order to engage in condition surveys, vibration monitoring, and crack monitoring.

**150288.03 MONITORING PLAN.**

- A.** The Contractor shall provide to the Engineer a monitoring plan no later than 30 calendar days prior to commencing work. The plan will be reviewed by the Engineer and any comments will be

returned to the Contractor within 20 calendar days. The Contractor will then have 10 calendar days to revise the work plan and resubmit a final plan to the Engineer prior to commencing work.

**B.** The plan shall describe the following:

1. Construction methods and equipment that the Contractor chooses to use to achieve low project vibration levels.
2. Alternative construction methods and equipment that will be used if the PPV threshold is reached or exceeded.
3. Detailed description of the vibration and structural integrity monitoring systems and if necessary catalog cuts of monitoring equipment that will be used; how the equipment will be calibrated and re-calibrated if necessary during the life of the project; description and schematics if necessary of how the independent components will function as a system.
4. Identification of the individual, and their contact information, designated to oversee the vibration and crack monitoring system(s); and daily recording activities required in this specification. A brief description of qualifications or resume of the individual is also required.
5. How site monitoring equipment will be deployed to continuously record vibration events, including crack monitoring during construction activity. Depending on the equipment deployed and method chosen for networking, it is possible there will need to be both electrical and telecommunications connections available at multiple remote locations. The monitoring plan will address how the Contractor will provide utility service to the equipment, protect the equipment from potential vandalism and the elements, and monitor the overall system's day-to-day operation. The plan shall describe in reasonable detail the method and means the Contractor will use to identify and monitor existing cracks and document new cracks. For significant cracks or cracks that appear to have a high potential to migrate, it is recommended that the Contractor employ crack monitoring gauges.
6. Details for establishing and deploying an alarm system to announce immediate shut down of all site activities if a vibration event occurs which exceeds the PPV threshold established. The alarm system shall include a phone modem which will dial cell phones of key DOT and Contractor site personnel in the event of an exceedance.
7. Establish a protocol for the identification of the activity or equipment that caused the PPV threshold to be exceeded.
8. Description of the process which will be used to verify that the equipment will function as planned before starting work and the process which will be used to verify (daily) that the equipment remains in calibrated working order.
9. Detail a protocol including responsible parties to be notified if an exceedance occurs. This includes, but is not limited to the construction superintendent and the Iowa DOT lead inspector.
10. Daily activity log of vibration activity and crack monitors to ensure the identification of the cause of any vibration event. Depending on equipment deployed, crack monitors could be monitored remotely or by visual inspection. In either case, a daily inspection log shall be maintained either in written or electronic form.
11. Daily testing and logging of entire geophone/seismograph/communications network (start of day test) If the equipment fails the daily test, the contractor shall correct the deficiency before proceeding with planned activities for that day or temporarily suspend work until the

equipment is repaired or replaced. All daily logs will be available to the Engineer for review and a summary of daily logging will be provided in the post-condition survey.

#### **150288.04 PRE-CONSTRUCTION SITE PREPARATION.**

##### **A. Crack Monitoring.**

In accordance with the project's monitoring plan (Article 150288.03) the Contractor shall mark existing cracks in such a way that future observations would clearly indicate whether cracks remained unchanged, opened, closed, or propagated. The Contractor shall monitor and log all cracks and crack monitoring devices daily and immediately notify the Engineer of any observed change. It is recommended, but not required, to have and record metrological data for the close proximity to the project. Cracks that can be documented during the project to respond to changes in meteorological conditions will not require additional explanation in the final report.

Following is a list of companies that supply crack monitoring equipment; however other equipment of equal reliability and quality will be acceptable.

- Tell-Tale Crack Monitors, RST Instruments Ltd.; 800.665.5599; [www.rstinstruments.com](http://www.rstinstruments.com)
- Crack Monitoring Equipment, Geotest Instrument Corp.; 866.430.7645; [www.crackgauge.com](http://www.crackgauge.com)
- Avongard Crack Monitor, Avongard Products USA; 800.244.7241; [www.avongard.com](http://www.avongard.com)

##### **B. Vibration Monitoring.**

In accordance with the project's monitoring plan (Article 150288.03) all monitoring equipment shall be initially installed and maintained during the project in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, calibration standards, and specifications. No site work can begin until all monitoring equipment is deployed and verified to be operating in accordance with factory recommendations and specifications.

##### **C. Proof of Installation.**

The Contractor shall demonstrate that the installed equipment will continuously and accurately measure vibrations, electronically log the vibration history (date/time stamp), and provide a communication notice system that notifies site personnel should the PPV threshold be exceeded. The monitoring equipment shall remain in-place and in operation throughout the project.

#### **150288.05 VIBRATION LIMITS.**

After a thorough conditions evaluation, the Contractor shall propose in the pre-construction survey a unique PPV level for the monitored structures. The PPV level proposed by the Contractor shall be determined by a qualified expert in the field of vibration monitoring. If the Engineer agrees that the level proposed by the Contractor will reasonably protect the structure(s), that PPV level will be added to the contract documents by mutual benefit for the specific property. In no case shall the PPV level exceed 0.2 inches per second [ips] as measured at or in very close proximity to the monitored structure(s). To ensure the PPV level is not exceeded, an alarmed monitoring system shall be implemented to signal any vibration event that equals or exceeds a threshold of 80% of the PPV level.

#### **150288.06 DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION.**

The Contractor shall periodically check to ensure that the monitoring system(s) are continuously operating within manufacture's specifications during the project.

The Contractor shall immediately cease work if the alarm at a monitored structure indicates the PPV threshold is reached or exceeded causing a vibration event. In the event of an exceedance the Engineer shall be notified immediately. The shut down shall remain in effect until the Contractor has, to the Engineer's satisfaction, identified the cause of the exceedance; addressed the potential for another exceedance by replacing faulty monitoring equipment; modifying the work process; or providing a recommended change to the equipment being used. Work shall not resume until approved by the Engineer.

**150288.07 POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEY.**

The Contractor shall perform a post-construction survey and analysis at the designated adjacent structures to determine if any structural changes are the result of the construction activity. The Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a copy of all post construction survey reports, daily log summaries for vibration and crack monitors, and analysis documents comparing pre and post structural condition prior to contract acceptance.

**150288.08 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT.**

The item Vibration Monitoring will be measured as a lump sum unit of work.

**150288.09 BASIS OF PAYMENT.**

Vibration Monitoring will be paid for at the contract lump sum price. This price shall be full payment for pre-construction surveys; furnishing, installing, monitoring, and removing crack monitoring gauges; preparing and providing a report documenting crack monitoring during this project; furnishing, installing, monitoring, and removing vibration monitoring equipment; preparing and providing a report documenting vibration data collected during this project; notification of vibration events; post-construction surveys; reports; and all labor, equipment and materials necessary to complete the work as described. There will be no compensation for delays as the result of exceeding the PPV threshold or delays from faulty or damaged monitoring equipment. There will be no compensation for adjustment of construction activities or equipment to reduce the vibration levels to less than the PPV threshold, should an exceedance occur.