

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

### Construction Specification 26 – Topsoiling

#### 1. Applicability

Construction Specification 26 is applicable to the furnishing and spreading of topsoil to selected areas of the construction site for the purpose of establishing vegetative cover to minimize soil erosion and provide aesthetic improvement.

#### 2. Material Specifications

No material specifications complement Construction Specification 26.

#### 3. Included Items

Items to be included in contract specifications and drawings follow:

- a. Limits of source areas for obtaining topsoil
- b. Limits of areas on which topsoil is to be spread
- c. Depth of topsoil layer following the spreading operation
- d. Limits and locations for stockpile areas, if critical
- e. Limitation of rock sizes to be included in the topsoil to be spread
- f. Restriction of woody vegetation that may be included in the topsoil to be spread
- g. Note in the Measurement and payment section if the measurements will be slope-measured or horizontal measurements for use in computing the area covered
- h. Extent of compaction required for the topsoil

#### 4. Methods

The methods in Section 5, Spreading, and Section 6, Measurement and Payment, are self-explanatory.

When progress payments are anticipated, outline in Section 7 the procedures that will be implemented to determine progress amounts.

When specifications are prepared using electronic procedures and all methods but one are deleted for use in a contract specification, delete from the next to last paragraph “*All Methods – The following provisions apply to all methods of measurement and payment.*” Left justify the remaining text. Also, delete from the last paragraph “*All Payment Methods.*” Left justify the remaining text.

## **5. Items of Work and Construction Details**

Starting at the top of page 26–3, prepare and outline job specific “Items of Work and Construction Details” (IWCD) in accordance with these instructions. For ease of utilization, the use of recyclable color paper for the IWCD should be considered.