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HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT

Unless otherwise specified in the services contract, the CONSULTANT is to provide the horizontal alignment. The CONSULTANT will conduct all surveying, stationing, and preparation of required plans using English units of measure and the U.S. Survey Foot. The CONSULTANT'S SURVEYOR will try to re-establish the original horizontal alignment as shown on the recorded R.O.W. plats. The CONSULTANT shall contact LCDOT's Land Surveyor to obtain R.O.W. plats and field notes before establishing the horizontal alignment and stationing. The CONSULTANT shall notify LCDOT's Surveyor immediately if the alignment cannot be reproduced or if in the CONSULTANT'S opinion the existing alignment information is in error.

The CONSULTANT'S SURVEYOR, prior to construction, shall stake the PCs, PIs, PTs, and POTs so that the alignment location can be verified before construction staking is initiated. The CONSULTANT'S SURVEYOR will provide four reference ties to all U.S. Public Land Survey Monuments that are located within the construction limits. The reference points should be located outside of the anticipated construction limits if practical, so that they can be used after construction to replace the monuments. The CONSULTANT shall record Monument Records for all Section and Quarter Section corners set or found within the construction limits.

The CONSULTANT will mark the baseline for relocated alignments when off pavement at the PCs, PTs, and POTs with iron rods. The rods shall be set one foot below the surface in farmed land. The CONSULTANT will advise the County of any pavement alignment variations. In cases where the proposed centerline of construction or survey baseline is different from the existing centerline of R.O.W., both shall be shown and the relationship between them shall be indicated on an Alignment & Tie sheet.

ALIGNMENT & TIE SHEET

An Alignment & Tie Sheet shall be provided as part of the final plans. The plans are to be prepared using English units of measure and the U.S. Survey Foot. The station, offset, and coordinates of the alignment points (PCs, PTs, PIs, and POTs) and survey control (traverse) points shall be shown. Coordinates for all projects shall be on the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System, - East zone, NAD83 (Adjustment). The grid (combination) factor for the project shall be shown. A list of traverse points with station, offset, and coordinates shall be provided.

VERTICAL ALIGNMENT

The North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) shall be used for vertical control. Lake County Mapping Benchmarks are available on-line (<http://gis.lakeco.org/maps/>). NAVD88 benchmarks are available on-line from the National Geodetic Survey. LCDOT's Land Surveyor may also be contacted for benchmarks that may be in the area. The primary benchmarks and site benchmarks shall be listed and described on the Alignment & Tie Sheet. The location of the site benchmarks shall also be shown on the plan sheets with a symbol. Site benchmarks are to be located at less than 1000-foot intervals with a minimum of two (2) on each project.

All benchmarks shall be located on stable objects. LCDOT prefers these objects to be outside the construction limits. Some acceptable benchmark examples are, spikes in poles, bolts on fire hydrant rings, and concrete foundations.

TOPOGRAPHY

The CONSULTANT shall cut cross-sections at 50-foot intervals and at all points needing clarification. For areas of superelevation or requiring greater detail, cross-sections shall be cut at 25-foot intervals. The cross section interval should be defined in the engineering services contract.

Full cross-section profiles will be taken at all cross streets, alleys, cross road culverts, and entrances (commercial, private, and field). Half cross-sections will not be accepted because they skew the computer terrain model.

The CONSULTANT will locate and identify all trees (6 inches in diameter or greater) within the area either side of the centerline, defined by the proposed ROW or construction limits (whichever is greater) plus an additional 10 feet. The trees shall be identified by species and size. The trees shall be located by station/offset and have a ground elevation.

Streams, tributaries, or major drainage ditches located within a lateral distance of 250 feet from centerline (upstream and downstream) shall be surveyed. Alignment, profiles, and cross-sections shall be taken. The stream width shall be shown as the distance measured between the tops of the stream banks. Profile elevations along the bottom of the watercourse shall be taken at a minimum of 50-foot intervals.

The survey shall extend a minimum of 200 feet beyond the roadway construction limits. Cross-sections shall be taken a minimum of 10 feet beyond the proposed R.O.W. or construction limits (whichever is greater). Cross-sections will extend 30 feet beyond the proposed R.O.W. at entrances and 150 feet at minor side roads.

All survey data shall be collected in Illinois State Plane Coordinates – East Zone. The collected survey data for the existing topography shall have a minimum of 3rd Order Accuracy horizontally with readings to the nearest 0.1 feet for vertical on gravel or ground and readings to the nearest 0.01 feet for vertical on all other surfaces.

For ADA ramps: The Consultant shall not use GPS devices to collect vertical data or elevations for hard surfaces e.g. curb and gutter, sidewalk, bike paths etc.

RAILROAD INSURANCE

The CONSULTANT will comply with the railroad's requirements when conducting a survey on the railroad's R.O.W. Usually, this includes obtaining a permit, paying a fee, obtaining Railroad Protective Liability Insurance, notification of a flagman to be present near the rails during the survey operations, and any other requirements of the railroad. The CONSULTANT is responsible for all of the foregoing requirements.

DELIVERABLES

- I. Copies from the CONSULTANT'S field books, showing benchmarks, level circuits, & structure details, such as size and inverts etc.
- II. The Base Drawing at 1:1 scale. All the topographic information shall be plotted electronically. The data shall be in Illinois State Plane Coordinates – East Zone and be recorded in a MICROSTATION (dgn) format. All CAD work shall be according to LCDOT CAD Standards. ASCII files, gpk files, and/or InRoads files containing all point information as described below shall be included. A filename “ID” acronym explanation sheet shall be provided. Backup CDs shall be provided.
- III. Point Information:
 - (1) Point number
 - (2) Northing and Easting coordinate values
 - (3) "Z" elevations
 - (4) Point identification by code
 - (5) Notes