

PN 534- 04/20/2018 - Asphalt Binder Price Adjustment

A. Eligibility

If the Department's asphalt binder index has increased or decreased in excess of 10%, asphalt concrete may be eligible for a price adjustment. The total price adjustment must be more than \$400.

B. Price Adjustment Criteria and Conditions:

The Department will establish and publish the asphalt binder Bidding Index (BI) and Placing Index (PI) for each month of each calendar year. The asphalt binder indexes will be posted on the Department's website.

The Department will establish the asphalt binder indexes based on the data provided in the Poten & Partners, Inc., Asphalt Weekly Monitor[®] (AWM) (<http://www.poten.com/copyright.asp>).

The Department will use the selling price for PG 64-22 paving grade asphalt from the Midwest/Mid-continent Markets of Illinois/Michigan/Ohio/Indiana/Kentucky for the Ohio cities/areas listed. The Department will average the Ohio cities/areas low and high selling prices as published in the last weekly publishing period of each month that includes the last Friday of the month to calculate the BI and PI. The calculated asphalt binder BI will be posted by the Department as the index for the following month. The calculated asphalt binder PI will be posted by the Department as the index for the current month.

The Director will determine the asphalt binder indexes in the event data from the AWM is unavailable for any reason.

C. Price Adjustment Calculations

If the ratio of the PI to the BI is greater than 1.10 or less than 0.90, the Department will adjust the compensation the contractor receives for eligible quantities of asphalt concrete. The adjustment is based on the bid month and the month of asphalt concrete placement. The adjustment will apply to the price for asphalt binder used in eligible asphalt concrete quantities according to the following formula:

For a price increase:

$$PA = \left(\frac{PI}{BI} - 1.10 \right) \times C \times Q$$

For a price decrease:

$$PA = \left(\frac{PI}{BI} - 0.90 \right) \times C \times Q$$

Where:

PA = Price Adjustment

BI = Bidding Index, the asphalt binder index for the month the project is bid

PI = Placing Index, the asphalt binder index for the month the asphalt concrete is placed

C = BI x percent virgin asphalt binder / 100

Q = Eligible quantity of asphalt concrete in tons (metric tons)

The percent of virgin asphalt binder used to calculate C is determined from the approved Job Mix Formula (JMF).

The eligible quantity of asphalt concrete, Q, is the complete, in-place, and accepted quantity in tons (metric tons) placed in the month being considered for price adjustment. If the quantity is paid in cubic yards (cubic meters), the Department will convert the volume into tons (metric tons) using the conversion factor established according to the Department's Construction and Material Specifications Item 401.21.

If eligible asphalt concrete is placed beyond an approved Contract Completion Date, the Department will base price adjustments on either the PI for the last month of the approved Contract Completion Date, or the PI for the actual month of placing, using whichever PI is less.

At a minimum, the Department will calculate and apply price adjustments at the end of each construction season and as soon as practical after the completion of the project.

D. Extra Work/Force Account:

When new asphalt concrete pay items are added to the contract as Extra Work, in accordance with the provisions of C&MS Section 109.05, no price adjustments will be made.

Designer Note PN 534 – 04/17/2015 - Asphalt Binder Price Adjustment

For use with the 2013 C&MS

This note will be used on all projects that specify asphalt concrete with a minimum of 1000 CY (765 m³) for any contract item listed in the Schedule of Contract Items; or on design-build projects where a minimum of 1000 CY (765 m³) is expected to be used on any contract item listed in the Schedule of Contract Items.

DESIGNERS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS ON APPLICATION OF THIS NOTE SHOULD CONTACT:

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