

SEC. 6. Where any part of the cost of a project is to be furnished by a county or other local subdivision or subdivisions of a State, the plans, specifications, and estimates shall be accompanied by certified copy of each resolution or order, if any, of the appropriate local officials, or such other showing as the Secretary may require respecting the funds which are made available, or respecting the supervision of the construction of the road and of the control of the money provided for paying such cost.

SEC. 7. Right of way ample for any project shall be provided and no incidental damages to adjoining property, due to construction work paid for by or on behalf of the State, shall be included in the estimate or be paid in any part, directly or indirectly, by the Federal Government.

SEC. 8. Grade crossings occurring on the Federal aid highway system shall be classified for priority of improvement by agreement between the State highway departments and the Bureau of Public Roads.

SEC. 9. No part of the expense of making surveys, plans, specifications, or estimates, by or on behalf of the State prior to the beginning of construction work, shall be included in the estimate or paid by the Federal Government.

SEC. 10. Subsequent to the execution of the agreement no change which will increase the cost of a project to the Federal Government shall be made, except upon approval by the Secretary of Agriculture, and no changes shall be made in the termini or type, except upon approval of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, but minor alterations which do not affect the general nature of the improvement or increase the total cost to the Federal Government may be authorized by the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads or his authorized representative.

Regulation 7. Project Agreements

SECTION 1. A project agreement between the State highway department and the Secretary shall be executed in triplicate on a form furnished by the Secretary. No payment shall be made by the United States unless or until such agreement has been executed, nor on account of work done prior to recommendation by the district engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads that the plans, specifications, and estimates be approved.

Regulation 8. Contracts

SECTION 1. No part of the Federal money set aside on account of any project shall be paid until it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary that adequate methods, either advertising or other devices appropriate for the purpose, were employed, prior to the beginning of construction, to insure economy and efficiency in the expenditure of such money.

SEC. 2. Upon publication of advertisements copies thereof shall be furnished to the Bureau of Public Roads.

SEC. 3. Bids shall conform to the standard proposal form, and the items shall be the same as those contained in the estimate provided for in Regulation 6, section 4.

SEC. 4. Copy of the tabulated bid prices, showing the unit prices and the totals of each bid for every project, shall be furnished promptly to the Bureau of Public Roads.

SEC. 5. In advance of the acceptance of any bid sufficient notice of the time and place the contract is to be awarded shall be given to the Bureau of Public Roads to enable it, if it so desires, to have a representative present. When a bid has been accepted prompt notice thereof shall be given to the Bureau of Public Roads.

SEC. 6. If the contract be awarded to any other than the lowest responsible bidder, the Federal Government shall not pay more than its pro rata share of the lowest responsible bid, unless it be satisfactorily shown that it was advantageous to the work to accept the higher bid.

SEC. 7. The specifications and plans shall be made a part of the contract.

SEC. 8. A copy of each contract, as executed, shall be promptly certified by the State highway department and furnished to the Secretary, and no alteration in the contract shall be subsequently made without the approval of the Secretary.

Regulation 9. Construction

SECTION 1. Suitable samples of materials to be used in construction work shall be submitted, by or on behalf of the State highway department, to the Bureau of Public Roads whenever requested.