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SUBJECT: Traffic Control Guidance and  
Recommendations

## Traffic Control Guidance

**Flagging:** Flagging will be paid for under lump sum or contingent sum. The Department will pay the contingent sum rate of \$36.00/hour.

Add to your Regional Special Provision that additional flagging added by change order will be paid in accordance with the Alaska Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, Section 109-1.05, Compensation for Extra Work.

**All-inclusive Lump Sum:** A single lump sum bid item is not appropriate for projects with complex traffic control. However, 23 CFR 630.1010(c), "lump sum method of payment should be used only to cover very small projects, projects of short duration, contingency and general items," is overly restrictive. The Alaska Division of the FHWA is agreeable to expanding the use of all-inclusive lump sum. The project scope of work or duration is not at issue as long as the traffic control is simplistic and a contractor can assess the work required in preparing the bid. The terms "complex" and "simplistic" are not defined. If lump sum is being considered for a given project and the use is questionable, consult the FHWA Traffic and Safety Engineer (586-7245).

This policy applies to all projects advertised after June 1, 2003.

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