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1. Special Conditions issued

The Ohio Department Administrative Services, State Architect's Office (SAO), has issued Special Conditions, dated May 2006, that modify the Standard Conditions of Contract for Construction. The Special Conditions are effective immediately for all contracts with an initial advertisement for bidding on and after May 22. The Department advises all Associates and Contracting Authorities to review their projects and modify the bidding documents as appropriate to incorporate these new Special Conditions.

These newly-released Special Conditions, which are in response to Senate Bill 9 which became effective April 14, require the successful low bidder to complete and submit specific information on new forms, indicating that they have not provided financial assistance or support to a terrorist organization. In addition, the Special Conditions address changes to the SAO contracting process with regard to the use of scheduling consultants (Lead Contractor Project version only) and the performance evaluation process.

The Special Conditions amend and become a part of the May 2003 Lead Contractor and March 2000 Construction Manager Project versions of the State of Ohio Standard Conditions of Contract for Construction. For increased clarity, SAO has published the Special Conditions by reissuing the affected documents, incorporating these and all previously issued Special Conditions. The reissued documents include the Instructions to Bidders and the General Conditions. The Change Order Procedure and Pricing Guidelines document also was affected for the Lead Contractor Project version only. The changes to these documents are shown with a vertical line in the margin adjacent to the line or lines where the change occurs from the previous version. Inserted text is underlined and deleted text is shown with a line through the text. The documents should be incorporated into the project manual as is.

The Special Conditions documents are available at no cost from the SAO Web site, [www.ohio.gov/sao](http://www.ohio.gov/sao) (click on Front End).

2. EDGE reporting requirements reminder

Associates and Contractors are reminded to provide EDGE reporting information to the State Architect's Office and/or their Contracting Authority.

Contractors must submit EDGE participation quarterly reports for contracts awarded with a time of contract completion of 270 or more consecutive calendar days. Each EDGE company's work progress must be clearly indicated in the schedule of values on the Contractor payment request form and on all subsequent payment requests. As an example, an electrical Contractor who is subcontracting with an EDGE company that provides electrical conduit and contracts with that EDGE company to install the conduit should show distinct entries for the labor and materials provided by the EDGE company -- indicating very clearly that the particular EDGE company provided the portion of the work. In addition, a final EDGE participation report must be submitted with the final Contractor payment request.

Associates must document and certify the actual percentage of their fee, inclusive of all basic services, additional services and reimbursable expenses, that it paid to certified EDGE business enterprises. The Associate is required to submit such documentation and certification with its request for final payment and at other intervals as may be required by the Contracting Authority.

SAO is working on a revision to the payment request forms for Contractors and Associates to make the EDGE reporting uniform and automated. Please check future editions of SAO eNews for any updates on EDGE reporting requirements. Also, a checklist was created to serve as a reminder for Contractors and Associates regarding EDGE participation and reporting requirements. The checklist can be downloaded from the SAO Web site at <http://www.ohio.gov/sao> (click on EDGE). Other useful information may be obtained from this Web page, including flow charts for professional and construction services and links to the EDGE office Web site for performing a search for EDGE-certified companies.

### 3. SAO Energy Services specialist hired

SAO is pleased to announce the addition of WeiDong Huang, P.E., LEED-AP, a resident of Hilliard, who joined our office April 17 as an energy specialist.

Mr. Huang (pronounced "Wong") brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Energy Services section of SAO. His professional career began as a building design and construction engineer at the Shanghai Airport in 1983. Beginning in 1994, he transitioned his career to align with energy auditing and mechanical engineering with Arnold & O'Sheridan, a firm in Madison, Wis. Since 1995, he has continued his work in those fields as an engineer with Fanning-Howey Associates, URS and Dynamix Engineering. WeiDong (pronounced "We-Dong") holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Ton Ji University in Shanghai and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

WeiDong is a welcome addition to SAO and will be a valuable resource for the state's awareness and more efficient use of its energy resources.

### 4. New ODH and EPA Laboratory dedicated

On April 13, Governor Bob Taft and top officials from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) dedicated the new ODH and EPA laboratory and upgrade to the ODA Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory now all located on the ODA campus in Reynoldsburg.

The new 75,000-square-foot lab will enable technicians to more efficiently test potentially hazardous substances and ensure the safety of lab personnel. In addition, the new facility will give ODH and Ohio EPA lab staff much greater "surge capacity," enabling them to perform more tests during an emergency.

The State Architect's Office oversaw the design and construction of the project with Deputy State Architect Thomas R. Poulton, AIA, as the SAO project manager and Kathy Stewart as the SAO project coordinator.

For more information about the project, go to the ODA Web site at <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov> or download the ODA press release at <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/pubs/divs/comm/news/2006/admn-041306-Lab%20Dedication.pdf>.

### 5. Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy re-dedicated

On April 20, the Attorney General's Office and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission celebrated the rededication of the newly renovated Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio. This \$6 million renovation project produced much-needed additional space and brought many improvements such as a new fitness facility, updated student dorm rooms, additional administrative offices, new windows, various structural upgrades and a new heating and cooling system. Located at 1650 State Route 56, the training academy is celebrating its 30th year in London.

The State Architect's Office oversaw the design and construction of the renovation project with Robert Simkins, RA, as the SAO project manager and Yvonne (Yogi) Gerhart as the SAO project coordinator. SAO extends its congratulations to the training academy and is proud to have been a part of the project.

To view photos of the newly renovated training academy, go to the SAO Web site at <http://www.das.ohio.gov/gsd/sao/projects/opota.htm>. For more information, go to <http://www.ag.state.oh.us/press/06/04/pr060420.asp>.

### 6. DRC project update

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) has cancelled the tuckpointing and cornice repair project for the Chillicothe Correctional Institution, which was advertised in the November 2005 issue of the Ohio Register (project number 501-2005-078).

Firms who submitted statements of qualifications to SAO and DRC for this project have been notified and are thanked for the time and effort that they put into their submittals.

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