10-3.__ HIGHWAY ADVISORY RADIO SYSTEM

Highway advisory radio (HAR) equipment will be State-furnished as provided under "Materials" of these special provisions. The Contractor shall install the HAR system, including the State-furnished HAR equipment, and the following equipment, specified elsewhere in these special provisions, as described herein and as shown on the plans:

1. One HAR grounding system.
2. One fiberglass HAR pole.
3. One HAR arrestor enclosure.
4. One HAR antenna coaxial cable (ACC).
5. One HAR antenna feeding cable (AFC).
6. Coaxial cable connectors for type ACC and AFC.

All work shall comply with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 47, Section 90.242

GROUNDING SYSTEM.—The grounding system shall consist of single ground rod system as specified in these special provisions and as shown on the plans. All hardware and connectors required to connect the grounding system to the HAR equipment shall be included. The grounding system shall allow the maximum Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved field strength to be achieved on any frequency from 530 kHz to 1710 kHz with 10 W or less of output power.

SINGLE GROUND ROD SYSTEM.--The single ground rod system shall consist of a 40 ft ground rod placed in a 6 inches, minimum, vertically drilled hole. The hole shall be backfilled with bentonite slurry.

The ground rod shall be a UL listed ground electrode designed for the purpose. The Contractor shall provide the Engineer a certificate of compliance from the manufacturer in accordance with the provisions of Section 6-1.07, "Certificates of Compliance," of the Standard Specifications for the ground rod and bentonite backfill material. The certificate of compliance shall be provided to the Engineer for approval, prior to ordering or shipping the material.

The ground rod shall be a nominal 2.125 inches outside diameter hollow tube of Type K copper, with nominal 0.083 inches wall thickness, 40 ft in length. A rod formed from two 20 ft sections and joined with an outside threaded copper coupler will be acceptable. The top end of the rod shall have a shop welded ground connection with a 4/0 gauge, minimum, copper pigtail. The ends of the rod shall have press-on end caps.

The breather and weep holes on the top and bottom of the rod, as shown on the plans, shall be protected with tape until the installation of the rod. The Contractor shall remove the tapes and provide them to the Engineer before installation.

The drilled hole shall be backfilled with 100 percent bentonite clay slurry and consolidated around the rod. The bentonite slurry shall be placed in the presence of the Engineer. Two working days notice shall be provided to the Engineer prior to backfilling.

The bentonite backfill material shall be a natural volcanic, non-corrosive form of bentonite clay grout. The backfill material shall be capable of absorbing 10 gallons of water per 38 lbs to obtain an optimal 30 percent solids density. The pH value shall be between 8 to 10 with maximum resistivity of 3 Ω-cm at 30 percent solids density.

The ground rod shall be connected to a surge arrestor ground lug. The ground wire splice to the pigtail shall be made by a UL listed exothermic (Cadweld, or similar) connection method. Soldering, brazing, or field welding will not be acceptable.

The ground rod shall be filled with non-hazardous Calsolyte to enhance grounding performance. The filler shall hygroscopically extract moisture from the air to activate the electrolytic process, improving ground performance. The ground rod system shall be 100 percent self activating and maintenance free. No additions of chemicals or water solutions shall be required.

PROTECTIVE PULL BOX.--The protective pull box shall be made of reinforced concrete with lift holes and a vented cast iron grate cover to permit air circulation into the "breather" holes of the ground rod(s).

LIGHTNING ARRESTOR.--The lightning arrestor shall be mounted on an aluminum plate which is attached to the equipment shelf support brackets in the Model 334 controller cabinet. The Contractor shall terminate the ground conductor with an aluminum-copper NEMA one-bolt hold tongue. The ground conductor and lightning arrestor shall be mounted on the aluminum plate as shown on the plans.

ANTENNA COAXIAL CABLE (ACC).--Type ACC shall consist of an RG-8/U single foil single braid flexible coaxial cable with a solid bare copper center conductor, Cellular Polyethelene dielectric, 97 percent tinned copper braid, and 100 percent shield coverage and shall conform to the following requirements:

Electrical Characteristics	
Capacitance	75 pF/m (nominal)
Impedance	50 Ω (nominal)
Velocity of propagation	78% (nominal)
DC loop resistance	0.004 Ω/m (nominal) @ 20° C.

Attenuation at 20° C.	
Frequency (MHz)	Nominal dB/100 m
10.0	0.016
50.0	0.039
100.0	0.052
200.0	0.079

Physical Dimensions	
	Nominal O.D. (mm)
Center conductor	2.62
Dielectric	7.24
Outer jacket	10.29

ANTENNA FEEDING CABLE (AFC).--The AFC shall consist of a No. 12 AWG solid copper conductor. The AFC shall have a length necessary to connect the lighting arrestor and the antenna without causing stress to the cable and shall be terminated with a UG plug and a reducing adapter as specified elsewhere in these special provisions.

After installing the AFC between the arrestor and the antenna, the Contractor shall seal the 40 mm nipple near the top of the fiberglass pole.

COAXIAL CABLE CONNECTORS (FOR TYPE ACC AND AFC).--Coaxial cable connectors for attaching type ACC and AFC including the reducing adapter shall be UG Standard and meet the following requirements:

Electrical Characteristics	
Impedance:	50 Ω (nominal)
Frequency range:	0 to 300 MHz
Voltage rating:	500 V peak

Mechanical	
Mating:	Standard size: 5/4- 24 threaded coupling. Push-on mates with any standard size threaded receptacle
Method of attachment:	Clamp and crimp.
Composition:	Bodies- Brass or die cast zinc Contacts- brass, silver plated Insulators- TFC, copolymer of styrene, polystyrene, mica-filled phenolic and/or, PBT polester or equal Plating- ASTRO plate and silver Other metal parts- Brass

Environmental	
Temperature	-55°C to +165°C.
Moisture	Weather resistant design.

INSTALLATION;--Installation and backfilling for direct burial poles shall be as provided for wood poles in Section 86-2.12, "Wood Poles," of the Standard Specifications.

HAR SYSTEM INSTALLATION.--The Contractor shall provide a crew with experience installing RF systems similar to the HAR and any work on the transmitter (adjustments) must be performed by, or under the immediate supervision of a person holding an FCC general class radio telephone operators license.

The Contractor shall terminate the power conductors on the terminal block TBS and the telephone cable on the terminal block TB0 of the Model 334 controller cabinet.

GROUNDING SYSTEM TESTING.--The Contractor shall take certified measurements before and after the installation of the grounding system.

The testing shall utilize an earth resistance meter and be conducted in accordance with IEEE Standard 3-point fall of potential method.

The Contractor provide all test equipment, take and document resistivity measurements on the grounding system as shown on the plans and these special provisions and submit them to the Engineer for approval.

CABLE TESTING.--The ACC shall be tested by the Contractor. Any cable found to have faults shall be replaced. The testing shall utilize a time domain reflectometer.

For the purpose of these special provisions, a fault in a length of cable is defined as any of the following:

1. A return loss measurement indicating that there is a short in the cable.
2. A return loss measurement indicating a cut or open circuit in the cable.
3. A visual inspection which reveals exposure or damage to the cable shielding.
4. A return loss measurement less than 30 db anywhere along the cable.

HAR SYSTEM TESTING.--After the completion of all work under "HAR SYSTEM INSTALLATION," each system shall be tested by the Contractor.

Minimum test equipment required for the testing shall consist of:

1. Dummy load, 50 Ω.
2. Power meter.
3. Communications monitor.
4. Field strength meter.

The Contractor shall tune the HAR system with the impedance matching network of the coupling unit and by adjusting the stainless steel tip of the antenna.

The HAR system shall be considered tuned when the system's voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR) is at a lowest possible value (1.2:1 or better) as directed by the Engineer.

After the system has been tuned, the Contractor shall record and transmit a test message with the output power level of the transmitter set at approximate 10 W or lower. Modulation shall be adjusted between 85 to 95 percent as specified by the FCC for the standard AM broadcast band.

The Contractor shall make actual on-the-air field strength measurements. A sufficient number of points must be selected to determine the distance at which the attenuated field of 2 mV/m exists, as measured with a calibrated standard field strength meter. This may be done in a 5 to 8 radial directions facilitating a plot of a 2 mV/m at a distance of 0.93 mile from the antenna. If the measured field exceeds 2 mV/m at a distance of 0.93 mile, the transmitter output power must be decreased accordingly and if the measured field is less than 2 mV/m at the same distance then the power may be increased as directed by the Engineer.

At the completion of all HAR system testing as specified in these special provisions, the Contractor shall submit a written report of all measurements to the Engineer for approval. The report shall include a map showing a 2 mV/m contour based on the actual on-the-air field strength measurements. The VSWR, percent modulation and transmitter output power measurements shall be tabulated.

PAYMENT.--The contract unit price paid for the HAR System shall include full compensation for furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals, and for doing all the work involved in the highway advisory radio system, complete in place, including testing and manuals, as shown on the plans, as specified in the Standard Specifications and these special provisions, and as directed by the Engineer.