

SECTION 02485LOAMING & SEEDINGPART 1 - GENERAL1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. Work Included: Furnish, place, and test topsoil, seed, lime, and fertilizer where shown on the drawings and protect and maintain seeded areas disturbed by construction work, as directed by the Engineer.
- B. Related Work Specified Elsewhere (When Applicable): Earthwork, excavation, backfill, compaction, site grading and temporary erosion control are specified in the appropriate Sections of this Division.

1.2 SUBMITTALS AND TESTING

- A. Seed:
 - 1. Furnish the Engineer with duplicate signed copies of a statement from the vendor, certifying that each container of seed delivered to the project site is fully labeled in accordance with the Federal Seed Act and is at least equal to the specification requirements.
 - 2. This certification shall appear in, or with, all copies of invoices for the seed.
 - 3. The certification shall include the guaranteed percentages of purity, weed content and germination of the seed, and also the net weight and date of shipment. No seed may be sown until the Contractor has submitted the certificates and certificates have been approved.
 - 4. Each lot of seed shall be subject to sampling and testing, at the discretion of the Engineer, in accordance with the latest rules and regulations under the Federal Seed Act.
- B. Topsoil:
 - 1. Inform the Engineer, within 30 days after the award of the Contract, of the sources from which the topsoil is to be furnished.
 - 2. Obtain representative soil samples, taken from several locations in the area under consideration for topsoil removal, to the full stripping depth.
 - 3. Have soil samples tested by an independent soils testing laboratory, approved by the Engineer, at the Contractor's expense.
 - 4. Have soil samples tested for physical properties and pH (or lime requirement), for organic matter, available phosphoric acid, and available potash, in accordance with standard practices of soil testing.
 - 5. Approval by the Engineer, to use topsoil for the work will be dependent upon the results of the soils tests.
- C. Lime & Fertilizer:
 - 1. Furnish the Engineer with duplicate copies of invoices for all lime and fertilizer used on the project showing the total minimum carbonates and minimum

percentages of the material furnished that pass the 90 and 20 mesh sieves and the grade furnished.

1.3 DELIVERY, STORAGE & HANDLING

A. Seed:

1. Furnish all seed in sealed standard containers, unless exception is granted in writing by the Engineer.
2. Containers shall be labeled in accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture's rules and regulations under the Federal Seed Act in effect at the time of purchase.

B. Fertilizer:

1. Furnish all fertilizer in unopened original containers.
2. Containers shall be labeled with the manufacturer's statement of analysis.

1.4 JOB CONDITIONS

A. Topsoil: Do not place or spread topsoil when the subgrade is frozen, excessively wet or dry, or in any condition otherwise detrimental, in the opinion of the Engineer, to the proposed planting or to proper grading.

B. Seeding:

1. Planting Seasons: The recommended seeding time is from April 1 to September 15. The Contractor may seed at other times. Regardless of the time of seeding, the Contractor shall be responsible for each seeded area until it is accepted.
2. Weather Conditions:
 - a. Do not perform seeding work when weather conditions are such that beneficial results are not likely to be obtained, such as drought, excessive moisture, or high winds.
 - b. Stop the seeding work when, in the opinion of the Engineer, weather conditions are not favorable.
 - c. Resume the work only when, in the opinion of the Engineer, conditions become favorable, or when approved alternate or corrective measures and procedures are placed into effect.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

A. Seed:

1. Provide the grass seed mixture approved by the Engineer, having the following composition:
 - a. Roadside Mixture:
 - 50 percent Creeping Red Fescue
 - 15 percent Kentucky Bluegrass
 - 5 percent White Clover

- 2 percent Red Top
- 3 percent Birdsfoot Trefoil
- 25 percent Annual Ryegrass
- 2. Do not use seed which has become wet, moldy, or otherwise damaged in transit or during storage.
- B. Topsoil:
 - 1. Provide the quantity of topsoil necessary, in the opinion of the Engineer, to complete the work.
 - 2. Provide topsoil that is natural, friable clay-loam soil possessing the characteristics of representative soils in the vicinity which produce heavy growths of crops, grass, or other vegetation.
 - 3. Provide topsoil which is reasonably free from subsoil, brush, objectionable weeds, other litter, clay lumps, stones, stumps, roots, objects larger than 2 inches in diameter, and toxic substances which might be harmful to plant growth or be a hindrance to grading, planting, and maintenance operations.
 - 4. Obtain topsoil from naturally well drained areas.
- C. Lime:
 - 1. Provide lime which is ground limestone containing not less than 85% of total carbonate and of such fineness that 90% will pass a No. 20 sieve and 50% will pass a No. 100 sieve.
 - 2. Coarser materials will be acceptable provided the specified rates of application are increased proportionately on the basis of quantities passing a No. 100 sieve. No additional payment will be made to the Contractor for the increased quantity.
- D. Fertilizer:
 - 1. Provide a commercial fertilizer approved by the Engineer.
 - 2. Provide fertilizer containing the following minimum percentage of nutrients by weight:
 - 10% Available phosphoric acid
 - 10% Available potash
 - 10% Available nitrogen (75% of the nitrogen shall be organic)

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Equipment:
 - 1. Provide all equipment necessary for the proper preparation of the ground surface and for the handling and placing of all required materials.
 - 2. Demonstrate to the Engineer that the equipment will apply materials at the specified rates.
- B. Soil: Perform the following work prior to the application of lime, fertilizer or seed.
 - 1. Scarify the subgrade to a depth of 2 inches to allow the bonding of the topsoil with the subsoil.

2. Apply topsoil to a depth of 4 inches or as directed on areas to be seeded.
3. Trim and rake the topsoil to true grades free from unsightly variations, humps, ridges or depressions.
4. Remove all objectionable material and form a finely pulverized seed bed.

3.2 PERFORMANCE

A. Grading:

1. Grade the areas to be seeded as shown on the Drawings or as directed by the Engineer.
2. Leave all surfaces in even and properly compacted condition.
3. Maintain grades on the areas to be seeded in true and even conditions, including any necessary repairs to previously graded areas.

B. Placing Topsoil:

1. Uniformly distribute and evenly spread topsoil on the designated areas.
2. Spread the topsoil in such a manner that planting work can be performed with little additional soil preparation or tillage.
3. Correct any irregularities in the surface resulting from topsoiling or other operations to prevent the formation of depressions where water may stand.
4. Thoroughly till the topsoil to a depth of at least 3 inches by plowing, discing, harrowing, or other approved method until the condition of the soil is acceptable to the Engineer.

C. Placing Fertilizer:

1. Distribute fertilizer uniformly over the areas to be seeded.
2. Incorporate fertilizer into the soil to a depth of at least 3 inches by discing, harrowing, or other methods acceptable to the Engineer.
3. The incorporation of fertilizer may be a part of the tillage operation specified above.
4. Distribution by means of an approved seed drill equipped to sow seed and distribute fertilizer at the same time will be acceptable.

D. Placing Lime:

1. Uniformly distribute lime immediately following or simultaneously with the incorporation of fertilizer.

E. Seeding:

1. Level out any undulations or irregularities in the surface resulting from tillage, fertilizing, liming or other operations before starting seeding operations.
2. Hydroseeding:
 - a. Hydroseeding may be performed where approved and with equipment approved by the Engineer.
 - b. Sow the seed over designated areas at a minimum rate of 5 pounds per 1000 square feet.
 - c. Seed and fertilizing materials shall be kept thoroughly agitated in order to maintain a uniform suspension within the tank of the hydroseeder.

- d. The spraying equipment must be designed and operated to distribute seed and fertilizing materials evenly and uniformly on the designated areas at the required rates.
3. Drill Seeding:
 - a. Drill seeding may be performed with approved equipment having drills not more than 2 inches apart.
 - b. Sow the seed uniformly over the designated areas to a depth of 1/2 inch and at a rate of 5 pounds per 1,000 square feet.
4. Broadcast Seeding:
 - a. Broadcast seeding may be performed by equipment approved by the Engineer.
 - b. Sow the seed uniformly over the designated areas at a rate of 5 pounds per 1,000 square feet.
 - c. Sow half the seed with the equipment moving in one direction and the remainder of the seed with the equipment moving at right angles to the first sowing.
 - d. Cover the seed to an average depth of 1/2 inch by means of a brush harrow, spike-tooth harrow, chain harrow, cultipacker, or other approved devices.
 - e. Do not perform broadcast seeding work during windy weather.
- F. Compacting:
 1. Seeded areas must be raked lightly after sowing unless seeding is to be directly followed by application of an approved mulch.
 2. Compact the entire area immediately after the seeding operations have been completed.
 3. Compact by means of a cultipacker, roller, or other equipment approved by the Engineer weighing 60 to 90 pounds per linear foot of roller.
 4. If the soil is of such type that a smooth or corrugated roller cannot be operated satisfactorily, use a pneumatic roller (not wobbly wheel) that has tires of sufficient size to obtain complete coverage of the soil.
 5. When using a cultipacker or similar equipment, perform the final rolling at right angles to the prevailing slopes to prevent water erosion, or at right angles to the prevailing wind to prevent dust.

3.3 PROTECTION & MAINTENANCE

- A. Protection:
 1. Protect the seeded area against traffic or other use.
 2. Erect barricades and place warning signs as needed.
- B. Maintenance:
 1. At the time of the first cutting, set mower blades two inches high. All lawns shall receive at least two mowings before acceptance. Coordinate schedule for mowing with Engineer.
 2. Maintenance shall also include all temporary protection fences, barriers and signs and all other work incidental to proper maintenance.

3. Maintain grass areas until a full stand of grass is indicated, which will be a minimum of 45 days after all seeding work is completed, and shall not necessarily related to Substantial Completion of the General Contract.
4. Protection and maintenance of grass areas shall consist of watering, weeding, cutting, repair of any erosion and reseeding as necessary to establish a uniform stand for the specified grasses, and shall continue until Acceptance by the Engineer of the work of this section. It shall also include the furnishing and applying of such pesticides as are necessary to keep grass areas free of insects and disease. All pesticides shall be approved by Engineer prior to use.

3.4 ACCEPTANCE

- A. At final acceptance of the project all areas shall have a close stand of grass with no weeds present and no bare spots greater than three inches (3") in diameter over greater than five percent (5%) of the overall seeded area.

END OF SECTION