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I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF SERVICE

The purpose of this Contract is to provide the expeditious removal of disabled or accident vehicles, and small non-hazardous debris, from the Expressway thus reducing the traffic delays and congestion that result from those breakdowns, accidents and spills. Rapid removal is made possible by the presence of services patrol vehicles located on the expressway during hours of peak traffic. The service patrol facilitates a much quicker response time to non-recurring incidents such as breakdowns and accidents, thus reducing the total time needed to clear the incident from the highway and restore normal traffic flow.

All Expressway patrol services will be provided **FREE OF CHARGE** to the motorist. The Department will contract with the private towing company to provide the specified services and will pay the contracted company at the per service patrol vehicle per hour rate established in the contact.

II. **DEFINITIONS**

"Contractor" means a privately-owned company contracted by the Department to provide equipment and manpower for the service patrol vehicles on the Expressway during specified periods of time. The individual, firm, partnership, cooperation, or joint venture awarded the contract; acting directly through agents or employees, or the surety in case of default; each participant in a joint venture.

"Department" means the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, which is responsible for traffic and incident management systems on the Expressway. The Department shall be responsible for the management and funding of the Expressway Service Patrol Program.

"Drop-off Location" means a wide shoulder or refuge area designated by the Department to temporarily store disabled or accident vehicles that have been removed from the Expressway by the Service Patrol vehicles.

"RTMC" means the PennDot District 6-0 Regional Traffic Management Center.

"Police" means Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Philadelphia Highway Patrol, or local jurisdiction.

"DGS" means the Department of General Services.

"Contract" means fully executed Purchase Order.

"Special Events" means sports complex events, City of Philadelphia events, weather, and other events that have been or are identified as such by the RTMC.

"Expressway" is the entire length of I-95/The Delaware Expressway, I-76/The Schuylkill

Expressway, I-476, Route 422, Route 309, Route 30, and Route 202 which are covered by this program. They consist of the following:

- I-95 from the Philadelphia International Airport to the Delaware State Line
- I-95 from Woodhaven Rd. to Exit 51 New Hope / Yardley
- I-76 from City Ave Turnaround (US Route 1) to I-276
- Route 422 from Rt 202 (South Gulph Road Park and Ride) to PA 29
- Route 422 from PA 29 Exit to Stowe Exit
- Route 202 from Devon Park Drive Exit to Matlack Street
- Route 30 from Rt 202 to Airport Road Exit
- I-476 from Route 30 to I-95
- I-476 from Route 30 to I-276 (Pa. Turnpike) Route 309 from Easton Rd to Pa 63

Service Patrol Vehicle "(SPV)" means a vehicle meeting the specifications set forth in this contract and used by a Contractor for this Service Patrol Contract.

Service Patrol Vehicle Operators "(SPVO)" are the properly licensed and trained operator of each Service Patrol Vehicle.

III. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The Service Patrol Vehicle Operators (SPVOs) will assist motorists whose vehicles have suffered mechanical failure or have been involved in minor accidents. The SPVO's will be responsible for clearing the highway of automobiles, motorcycles, small trucks (vehicles with gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less) and small, non-hazardous debris. These incidents are those that are encountered in the normal course of patrolling the Expressway or those called out by the RTMC. SPVO's will remove the vehicles from the highway to a specified drop-off location. Should the SPVO's encounter a major incident, their primary duty is to immediately inform the RTMC and to protect the incident scene by the use of their vehicle combined with the use of the 28 inch cones and "Keep Right" or "Keep Left" signs and highway flares. A major incident contains any one of the following items:

- A fatality
- An injury
- A load that is hazardous as identified by a placard or cannot be identified as being non-hazardous.
- A disabled vehicle of 20,000 pounds or more that cannot be pushed or towed by the SPV.
 - In this instance, the Police will make arrangements to secure a towing service to remove this type of vehicle.
- Debris or large spilled loads that is impossible for the SPVO to remove.

Should a closure be more than twenty (20) minutes in duration, the Department in consultation with the PSP will determine if a long term lane or roadway closure will be required. If the determination that the long term closure is required, the appropriate county maintenance office will be notified to respond with the appropriate equipment. A long term lane or roadway closure is considered to be any

closure that will result in a two (2) hour closure.

In the event that the Contractor does not show up to perform the required patrol for any reason, the contract will be charge liquidated damages in accordance with the Special Terms and Conditions, Exhibit A.

A. General Requirements

- 1. SPVs will communicate with, and take orders and directions from, the Department at an incident scene. While on duty or traveling to and from the patrol site, communications with any other towing agency is prohibited. Violation of any portion of this subsection constitutes grounds for immediate dismissal of the SPVOs and is grounds for immediate cancellation of the contract.
- 2. The SPVs are prohibited from doing any other type of towing at any time including traveling to and from their patrol sites. When not in use all the SPVs (including the back-up vehicles) will be stored at the Contractor's location, a secured area or at another area designated by the Department. Violation of any portion of this section is grounds for immediate dismissal of the SPVO. Continued violation by different SPVOs is grounds for immediate cancellation of the contract.
- 3. The contract will be via an hourly rate per service patrol vehicle and will only include those hours while actually on patrol. Travel time hours will not be paid for and are not part of the contract.
- 4. At the beginning of each service call, or upon finding any disabled vehicles the SPVO will notify the RTMC of location, model, color and plate number of disabled vehicle. At the end of each service call the SPVO notify the RTMC and will fill out an incident information form and submit these to the Department on a weekly basis. The Contractor is responsible for preparing this form and submitting it for Department approval prior to beginning this service. The Contractor is also responsible for obtaining and keeping an adequate supply of these forms through the life of this contract.
- 5. At the end of each service call, the motorist will be asked to fill out and send into the Department a self-addressed stamped post card evaluating the service he received. If an SPVO receives more than one unfavorable review in the last six shifts he worked, he will be counseled, a second such situation will result in a warning, a third will result in a suspension and fourth will be cause for dismissal. The Contractor is responsible for preparing this post card and submitting it for Department approval prior to beginning this service. The Contractor is also responsible for obtaining and keeping an adequate supply of these postcards through the life of this contract.
- 6. No compensation of any type (tips, etc.) can be accepted by the SPVO from the motorist. Stealing is prohibited. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in an immediate

dismissal of the SPVO.

- 7. The "call out" of larger SPVs to handle vehicles larger than 20,000 GVW will only be made by either the Department or the Police. The SPVOs are prohibited from making such call outs or contacting any such tow companies. Violation of any portion of this subsection constitutes grounds for immediate dismissal of the SPVO. Continued violation by different SPVOs is grounds for immediate cancellation of the contract.
- 8. The SPVO, when necessary, will place the appropriate temporary traffic control devices from the SPV to protect the incident site.
- 9. The SPVO will, unless so directed differently by a law enforcement officer, follow normal traffic laws.
- 10. The SPV will continuously patrol within its assigned beat.

B. Mechanically Disabled Vehicles – (Problem apparent)

If the problem with a disabled vehicle is easily diagnosed and can be remedied quickly, the SPVO's should perform the needed service. To get the vehicle started, for example, the SPVO may change flat tires, provide fuel, provide battery "jump" starts, temporarily tape or repair cooling system hoses and refill radiators. SPVOs should spend not more than a maximum of 10 minutes in attempting to repair a disabled vehicle.

C. <u>Mechanically Disabled Vehicles – (Problem not readily apparent or repair time exceeds ten (10) minutes)</u>

If a vehicle cannot be repaired within the 10-minute time limit or the SPVO cannot immediately ascertain the source of the problem, it shall be towed or pushed to a designated drop-off location identified by the Department. The motorist can request the SPVO to call, a specified towing firm ("Personal Request"), or call a relative/friend to assist them.

D. Accident Vehicles

Under no circumstances should a SPVO attempt to repair an accident vehicle in order to make it mobile. For example, SPVOs shall not use pry bars or winch cables to pull fenders away from tires, change tires damaged as a result of an accident, or remove/repair any body parts. All accident vehicles of non-reported accidents shall be removed as promptly as possible to the nearest designated drop-off location.

E. Assistance to Law Enforcement Officers

There may be some instances where SPVOs may be requested to lend assistance to Law Enforcement Officers. Service Patrol Vehicle operators shall follow the instructions of the officer at the scene of

any incident. The instructions of the officer on the scene shall override and supersede any conflicting obligations or duties of the Contractor or his/her SPVO set forth herein. During its contracted hours of operation, the service patrol vehicles will be exclusively dedicated to the Expressway Service Patrol and may not be removed from the patrol for any reason other than the towing of a vehicle to drop-off area, or replenishment of expendable items such as fuel or fire extinguishers. Temporary removal of the service patrol vehicle from the Expressway for those reasons shall not exceed 20 minutes. The RTMC must be contacted at the time of the SPV removal and also upon its return to active patrol status.

F. Unattended Vehicle

Should the SPVO encounter any unattended vehicle that is interfering with the normal movement of traffic (such as blocking a lane or a partial lane of traffic) or constitutes as a safety hazard, the SPVO will immediately contact the RTMC and wait to receive Police approval to remove the unattended vehicle to a drop-off area or other place of safety.

Unattended vehicles not interfering with traffic and not posing a safety hazard will also be reported to the RTMC by the SPVO but no further action will be necessary by the SPVO unless so directed to do so by the RTMC or Police.

G. Two-Way Communications and Cellular Phone Service

SPVOs will maintain two-way communications with both Police and the Department through the use of the standard PennDot two-way radio and a cellular phone. Both of these items will be provided by the Contractor (See Section XVII.A.5 - Equipment). The cellular phone will include a phone unit, maintenance and all service charges for all SPV's.

All costs associated with the cellular phone service will be incidental to the Hourly Service Fees under Section XII. It is anticipated that the majority of the communication effort will be via the cellular phone. This communication effort is a critical element of this service patrol contract and is referred to throughout this document. A brief summary of these communication elements is as follows:

- Section III-(Introduction Paragraph)-SPVO informs the RTMC of a major incident.
- Section III.C-SPVOs to call for assistance at the request of the motorist.
- Section III.A-SPVOs to communicate with and take orders only from the Department, Police
 or a local government official in charge of an incident.
- Section III.F- Notifying the RTMC of an unattended vehicle.
- Section IV.B- Dispatching of SPV to an incident.
- Section IV.D-SPVO requests the need of additional tow trucks.

- Section V- Motorist requests the service of a tow truck or other assistance.
- Section VI- Motorist requests the service of another tow truck.
- Section VIII- Informing the Police and the Department of an accident involving a SPV.

When the need arises to use the cellular phone to summon assistance for the motorist each disabled motorist will be limited to one local (as defined by the cellular phone service area) three minute call (a busy signal, voice mail or answering machine or a does not answer, does not qualify as a call).

Use of the cellular phone for any other purpose than communicating with the Police, the Department or summoning assistance for the motorist (as per **Sections V and VI**) is strictly prohibited. Violation of this requirement is grounds for immediate dismissal of the SPVO. Continued violation by different SPVOs is grounds for immediate cancellation of the contract.

The Contractor, at the request of the Department, will submit to the Department copies of the monthly cellular phone service bills showing the telephone numbers of all calls made and all calls received.

IV. SERVICE PATROL AREAS OR BEATS

- A. The SPV's will patrol the Expressway in such a manner so that the SPV is continuously patrolling its beat.
- B. The detection of damaged or disabled vehicles will be primarily via the TMC, Police or by the SPVO. However, SPVO will also be dispatched via two-way radio or cellular phone to an incident location by either Police or the TMC.
- C. Ten (10) SPV's will be provided to cover the following areas as per the hours of operation under **Section IX**.

•	I-95 from the Philadelphia International Airport to the	
•	Delaware State Line	(1 SPV)
•	I-95 from Woodhaven Rd. to Exit 51 New Hope / Yardley	(1 SPV)
•	I-76 from City Ave Turnaround (US Route 1) to I-276	(1 SPV)
•	Route 422 from Rt 202 (South Gulph Road Park and Ride) to PA 29	(1SPV)
•	Route 422 from PA 29 to Stowe Exit	(1SPV)
•	Route 202 from Devon Park Drive to Matlack Street	(1 SPV)
•	Route 309 from Easton Rd to Pa 63	(1 SPV)
•	Route 30 from Rt 202 to Airport Road Exit	(1 SPV)
•	I-476 from Route 30 to I-95	(1 SPV)
•	I-476 from Route 30 to I-276 (Pa Turnpike)	(1 SPV)

The ten (10) SPV's will remain in their assigned area and will only enter into another area to give assistance at the direction of only the TMC or the Police. The department may adjust or revise these areas during the life of the contract.

D. Should the SPVO require the service of additional tow trucks, they will immediately inform the TMC or the Police. Only the Department or the Police will be permitted to secure the services of additional tow trucks, which may involve calling in the SPV from the adjacent area or may involve calling in a private tow truck utilizing the Police resources.

V. DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

The Department shall designate locations within each area which shall be known as "drop-off locations". The SPVO shall tow or push the vehicle, and transport the vehicle occupants to the next drop-off location in the direction of travel. The motorists can request to call a specified towing firm ("personal request") or to call a relative/friend to assist them. Should it be impossible to transport the vehicle occupants to a safe area where they can wait for assistance, the SPVO then shall immediately call the RTMC to inform them of this and the SPVO will wait with the disabled vehicle and its occupants until the Police arrive. The selected Contractor and/or their employees/drivers will not be allowed to accept gratuities, perform secondary towing service from the designated drop site, recommend secondary tows, or recommend repair/body shops. Violation of this requirement shall constitute grounds for immediate cancellation of the contract.

SPVO shall use the following drop-off locations unless otherwise directed by the Department:

- 1. SOUTH GULPH RD PARK AND RIDE
- 2. MATSONFORD RD PARK AND RIDE
- 3. RT 29 & US 30 PARK AND RIDE
- 4. CORNWELL HEIGHTS PARK AND RIDE
- 5. WHITFORD PARK AND RIDE
- 6. EXTON PARK AND RIDE
- 7. ROYERSFORD PARK AND RIDE

VI. SECONDARY TOWS

If the motorist does not request a specified towing service, repair facility, or other business or individual to assist him/her at the drop-off location, the Police shall defer to the towing service/AAA system that is utilized on the Expressway.

The contracted patrol company may not receive a call for a secondary tow from a drop-off location even if the company participates in the AAA list and would ordinarily be "next up" on the rotation. The contracted patrol company would be eligible for AAA tows again at the conclusion of the patrol hours.

When a motorist requests the service of a private tow truck, he may elect to call a tow company of his

choice or utilize the local phone book in the SPV. The SPVOs are prohibited from giving out the names of any private tow companies or making arrangements to meet any private tow company or to make any type of contracts with any private tow company. If the motorist has to be given the names of another tow company, this information will only be supplied by either Police or the Department. The towing company supplying the SPVs and SPVOs is prohibited from conducting any type of secondary tows. The motorist post card required under section III.E.5 must indicate the type of secondary tow used and how the motorist obtained this secondary tow information and where the motorist plans on taking his vehicle for repairs and why.

The SPVOs are also prohibited from giving out the names or recommending any repair/body shop establishments.

Violations of any portion of section "VI Secondary Tows" is grounds for immediate dismissal of the SPVO. Continued violation by different SPVOs is grounds for immediate cancellation of the contract.

VII. DAMAGE COMPLAINTS

Upon receiving a damage complaint from a motorist assisted by the Contractor, that the Contractor damaged their vehicle while lending assistance, the Contractor shall notify the Department regarding the nature of the damage complaint and its disposition. The Contractor shall reply to the motorist by telephone within twenty four (24) hours of receiving the damage complaint notification. If necessary, the Contractor shall send either its authorized representative or its insurance company representative to inspect the vehicle and complete an incident report within 48 hours after receiving the damage complaint.

If the investigation shows that damage to the vehicle could have been caused by the Contractor, the Contractor shall negotiate in good faith to try and resolve the issue and shall report to the Department the result of the negotiations. All complaints shall be resolved within a reasonable period of time after being received.

All repair costs resulting from these damage complaints are the responsibility of the Contractor.

VIII. ACCIDENTS INVOLVING SERVICE PATROL VEHICLE

Should any SPV become involved in any type of accident, the following procedures will be followed:

- 1. The SPVO, if he/she are able, will immediately inform the Police and the RTMC of the exact nature of the accident and request necessary assistance (ambulance, tow truck) from the Police including the presence of a Police Patrol Officer to investigate the accident and prepare an accident report (required by law for reportable accident).
- 2. If the accident is non-reportable (vehicles can be moved, no injuries and no fatalities), all vehicles should be removed from the Expressway as soon as possible. If not, the accident scene should be protected by signs, cones and flares as maybe necessary.

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- 3. The SPVO will follow normal driver procedures and adhere to current Commonwealth laws and regulations regarding post-accident procedures, including but not limited to, the exchange of driver information (names, addresses, phone number, insurance information) and never flee the scene of the accident.
- 4. The SPVO may only resume the patrol of his/her area when requirements 1, 2 and 3 above have been satisfied and:
 - a) The PHP, PSP, or local Police within Service Patrol have prepared a written accident report or have instructed the SPVO that they are unable to do so (applies to nonreportable accidents only).
 - b) The SPV is in a condition to resume patrolling.
 - c) The SPVO is physically able to resume patrolling.
 - d) Department approval has been given to resume patrolling.
- 5. Should either the SPV and/or the SPVO be unable to resume their patrol area, Contractor must have the 2 "Back-up" SPV's and a fully qualified SPVO ready to cover the patrol area on the next regularly scheduled shift.
- 6. Repairs to damaged SPV's must be made as quickly as possible. The Department and Contractor will meet and review the damaged SPV in order to determine a reasonable length of time to complete all repairs.
- 7. Every accident involving SPV will be reviewed by a committee consisting of a representative of the Contractor, the Department and, if applicable, the Police. The main purpose of this review effort will be to insure that the SPV's are operated in the safest manner possible. Should it be determined by the committee that the accident in question could have been avoided by the SPVO, then the SPVO may be subject to the following disciplinary actions:
 - a) First Avoidable Accident- Letter of Reprimand.
 - b) Second Avoidable Accident- 1 Week Suspension.
 - c) Third Avoidable Accident- 1 Month Suspension.
 - d) Fourth Avoidable Accident-Termination.

All cases will be reviewed on their own merit including the severity of each accident. Continued avoidable accidents by different SPVO's will be cause for termination of the service.

IX. HOURS OF OPERATION

The Department shall be responsible for the establishing the hours of service of the contracted

Expressway Service Patrol. The hours of service for the service patrols shall be designated by the Department based upon the relevant local factors affecting traffic congestion such as commuting hours, special events and construction crew hours (if applicable).

The initial hours of service for I-76 will be:

- AM Shift- 5:00 AM to 12:30 PM Monday through Friday
- PM Shift-12:30 PM to 8:00 PM Monday through Friday
- Weekends and Special Events As needed

The initial hours of service for Route 422, Route 202, Route 309, Route 30, I-476, and I-95 will be:

- AM Shift 5:30 AM to 9:30 AM Monday through Friday
- PM Shift 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM Monday through Friday
- Weekends and Special Events As needed

SPVs shifts may be temporarily or permanently changed or extended (such as being called out earlier for special events) at the contract hourly rate. SPVs may also be called out on the weekends at the contract hourly rate. These changes in the normal work shift must and can only be made and authorized by a representative of the Department.

The SPVOs will not normally operate on the following holidays:

NEW YEARS DAY
MEMORIAL DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
LABOR DAY
THANKSGIVING DAY & THE DAY AFTER
CHRISTMAS DAY

SPVOs should anticipate patrolling the respective areas during all types of inclement weather unless instructed not to do so by the Department.

X. SPV VEHICLE AND ACCESSORY REQUIREMENTS

A. The Service Patrol Vehicle

The service patrol vehicles must be retrofitted to conform to all the vehicle and equipment specifications contained in Section XVII. A total of ten (10) such SPV's plus two (2) SPV's as "back-up" vehicles) will be provided by the Contractor.

Prior to commencement of service, the Department will inspect each vehicle designated for the service patrol to ensure that it meets or exceeds safety requirements. Succeeding inspections will occur periodically as mandated by the Department. Any unsafe or poorly maintained vehicle(s) will be removed from service or repaired as directed. The "back-up" vehicles will be provided to complete the shifts of vehicles removed from service. The Contractor will be required to have the "back-up" vehicles

available for service at all times. All SPVs must have a current Pennsylvania Vehicle Registration Card and must meet Pennsylvania Vehicle Insurance Requirements.

B. <u>SPV Equipment</u>

Each of the twelve (12) SPV's (including the 2 "back-up" vehicles) will be equipped at the Contractor's expense (unless otherwise noted) as per **Section X**, **SPV Vehicle and Accessories**.

C. <u>Pre-Operation Inspection</u>

The SPVO will be required to complete a pre-operation inspection of the vehicle as well as inventory all the SPV equipment called for in **Section X**, **SPV Vehicle and Accessories**, prior to the start of each shift. An inspection/inventory sheet will be completed prior to the start of each shift. The preparation and printing of the inspection inventory sheet is the responsibility of the Contractor. These will be kept on file by the Contractor and will be made available to the Department upon demand. Any item missing must be replaced before the start of the shift. The Department reserves the right to be present at any and all pre-operation inspections and to prohibit the commencement of any SPV patrol if the equipment in the SPV is not in conformance with **Section X**, **SPV Vehicle and Accessories**. Should this occur and the correction cannot be made before the patrol is scheduled to begin then the Contractor will be assessed liquidated damages at the rate of twice the hourly SPV rate until the equipment is suitable for service. The time for the assessment of liquidated damages will be measured in hours and include each hour or a portion thereof during which the service is not provided.

D. Vehicle Identification and Markings

Unless otherwise directed by PennDOT as set forth below, each SPV will contain only the following identification on each side:

- A vehicle identification number
- The PennDOT Symbol
- The name "Expressway Patrol" or similar type of name.

An exact logo will be given to the contractor at the time of awarding the contract. It is the Contractor's responsibility to insure the proper preparation and application of the logo onto the side of the SPV. Except as set forth below, company names, logos, advertising or other markings are prohibited. The contractor will be required to keep the vehicle clean and in good appearance.

PennDOT may direct and require that logos or other identifying markings of freeway service patrol sponsors be displayed on the SPV. The contractor will, if and when directed by PennDOT, coordinate with PennDOT to add such logos or other identifying markings to the SPV at the expense of PennDOT.

E. Fuel

The Contractor will supply, at his cost, all items required for the operation of the SPV including but not limited to fuel, oil, antifreeze, lubricants and etc. The Contractor will also supply to any motorists who have run out of fuel a maximum of two (2) gallons of gasoline or diesel fuel at no cost to either

the motorist or the Department.

F. "Back -up" Vehicles

The Contractor will be required to have two (2) spare "back-up" vehicles available for the patrol. The "back-up" vehicles should be rotated with the other ten (10) regular vehicles. The "back-up" vehicles should be painted the required color with the required identification markings and title. It shall meet all vehicle equipment specifications and will contain all the SPV equipment called for in Section VIII-B. The "back-up" vehicles must be available to be placed into service within 45 minutes of the time a permanently dedicated vehicle is taken out of service for any reason. If the vehicles are unavailable within that time period, the Contractor will be assessed liquidated damages at the rate of twice the hourly SPV rate until the SPV is put into service. The time for the assessment of liquidated damages will be measured in hours and include such hour or a portion thereof during which the service is not provided.

G. Vehicle Maintenance and Storage

All SPV's (including the two (2) "Back-up" vehicles) when not on patrol will be stored at the Contractor's location in a secure area or at another area so designated by the Department.

The vehicles will continuously patrol their assigned area, respond to communication dispatches for service, and use the Department's identified designated drop-off locations. The Department will inspect all vehicles, including spares, prior to the service start date. Documentation of the vehicle identification number and successful completion of the inspection will be kept on file at the Department Offices and the Contractors Base Office. Vehicle maintenance will be performed during non-patrol hours by the Contractor. Maintenance records will be kept by the Contractor and will be made available to the Department upon request. The Contractor may remove the vehicles from the Expressway or from their storage area during non-patrol hours for maintenance, repairs and replenishment of supplies.

XI. EMPLOYEES/DRIVERS REQUIREMENTS

A. General

All SPVO's will be required to have a safe driving record, and medical certification. All SPVO's shall be 18 years of age or older. Potential SPVO's will be subject to driving record and criminal background checks by the Department. Potential SPVO's shall be sufficiently experienced in the tasks of tow truck operations to provide safe and proper service and must be capable of demonstrating their operating abilities prior to beginning their first day of work. Additionally, the SPVO's will be expected to exercise reasonable judgment in carrying out their duties.

B. License Required

All SPVO's must have a current Pennsylvania Class C Driver's license.

C. Special Training and Knowledge

All SPVO's, including back-up drivers, will be required to complete a special Expressway

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Service Patrol Training Program put together and taught by the Contractor or a training organization approved by the PA Towing Association and approved by the Department. The course shall include education on the details of the Expressway Service Patrol Program, minor vehicle repair, customer service and roadside service safety.

No driver will be allowed to begin patrolling without attending this mandatory training class. At the end of each 12 month period from the notice to begin the Expressway Service Patrol, the Contractor will prepare and conduct, at its own cost, an 8 hour refresher training course (during non-patrolling hours) for all SPVO's. A Contractor utilizing a driver on patrol who has not completed the mandatory training class and the refresher course may, following an investigation of the circumstances, have its contract terminated.

This training program and refresher course must insure that the SPVO be fully knowledgeable in the following areas:

- Publication 203-Work Zone Traffic Control
- Tow Truck Operator manual
- Proper Tow Truck Maintenance
- All Towing Safety Procedures
- Driver Vehicle Daily Inspection report must be in truck with driver
- Tow Truck Preventive Maintenance Procedures
- Proper Tow Truck and Equipment Pre-Operation Inspection Procedure
- Lubrication Procedures
- Control/Gauges
- Proper Start Up
- Use of Transmission
- Backing Procedures
- Over the Road Techniques
- Proper Shutdown
- Air tank Drain
- Proper Setting of Brakes
- Cleaning of Equipment
- Post Inspection of Tow Truck and Equipment
- Proper Connection of Towed vehicle
- Equipment Being Towed
- Securing Towed Vehicle
- Emergency Warning Lights
- Towing of Vehicle
- Parking of Towed vehicle
- Securing Towing Device
- American Red Cross (or equivalent) First Aid.
- Knowledge of the geographic area of Philadelphia in general and of the Interstates in particular. This will include such items as names of interchanges and local roads and

directions to major landmarks and attractions.

D. <u>Uniform and Other SPVOs Equipment</u>

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide all the SPVO's with at least two uniforms that will be kept clean and will be immediately replaced if they become torn or stained. The uniform will consist of a Shirt and Trousers and shall meet the most current ANSI reflective standards on the front and back. The final uniform must be approved by the Department. This uniform will only be worn while patrolling the assigned areas or while traveling to and from the assigned area. The Contractor will also supply SPVO with protective shoes or boots, jackets, rain gear and hard hats, all of which shall meet both OSHA safety standards and ANSI reflective standards.

The Contractor will furnish at his cost new uniforms and accessories should OSHA safety standards and or ANSI reflective standards become updated during the contract term.

The Contractor will also supply each SPVO with a photo identification card which contains only their name and current photo and no reference to any private tow company. This card will be prominently displayed on their uniform.

E. <u>Driving and/or working Under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol</u>

Any use of alcohol or illegal drugs is grounds for immediate dismissal of the SPVO by the Department. The Contractor will be responsible for finding a replacement SPVO by the beginning of the next SPVO shift.

F. SPVO Behavior

It is anticipated and expected that all SPVO's will be considered as representatives of the Department and their appearance and behavior in front of the general public will be impeccable. Violations of proper behavior and etiquette will not be tolerated. Such violations are listed as follows:

- Poor grooming, poor personal hygiene
- Dirty, torn or worn uniforms
- Sleeping during normal working hours
- Unsafe acts or violations of traffic laws
- Leaving motorists in unsafe areas, such as in a median divisor or alone on a narrow shoulder without another tow truck or police vehicle present.
- Foul language or inappropriate hand gestures
- Yelling or being rude to motorists
- Falsifying information orally or in written form
- Damaging a motorist's vehicle due to a careless act
- Insubordination
- Demeaning the Department or the Service Patrol Program
- Arriving to patrol area later or leaving patrol area early

Although each case will be weighed on its own merits, violation of **ANY** of the above items by the SPVO will be dealt with as follows:

First Offense: Written reprimand
Second Offense: 1 Week suspension
Third Offense: 1 Month suspension

• Fourth Offense: termination

Multiple and continual violations by more than one SPVO may result in more severe penalties up to and including contract termination.

These violations are not intended to be an exhaustive list. The Department reserves the right to characterize any unsatisfactory action as a violation and subject to the above actions.

XII. RECORD KEEPING/REPORTING/AUDITS

The Service Patrol Operators are required to call the RTMC at the beginning and end of each shift and are required to complete a daily log which documents beginning and ending shift times, vehicle assisted, type of assistance rendered, any time he/she left the assigned beat, and total mileage for the day. These records shall be made available upon request of the Department. The Contractor shall permit the authorized representatives of the Department, and any other government agency, to inspect and audit all records of the Contractor relating to its performance under this contract from the date of the contract through and until expiration of three years after completion of the contract.

XIII. CONTRACTOR SELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Only one (1) Contractor will be selected to provide all the SPVs and SPVOs for the Expressway. The Contractor submitting the lowest hourly rate will be the one selected for this service provided it can meet all of the following qualifications:

- 1. Written, notarized proof of at least six (6) years' experience in the automotive towing business showing compliance with all Federal, State and Local law governing the operation of a towing Business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 2. Proper Insurance Requirements as required in the IFB Terms and Conditions.
- 3. Written outline of how the Contractor plans to conduct the required SPVO training Program (Section XI C. of these specifications).
- 4. A notarized statement that the Contractor shall perform 100% of all Towing Services.

NOTE: Subcontractors will not be allowed to perform any of this work. Subcontractors will be allowed to supply the materials.

Failure to properly meet these four (4) qualifications and the requirements as outlined above will be justification for the rejection of the low bidder. The Department will have the right to go to the next low bidder providing they meet the above requirements.

XIV. NOTICE TO PROCEED

The term of this service will be as specified in the general requirements of the Invitation to Bid (IFB) and bid documents. Upon execution of the contract and formal notification by the Department to the Contractor of the notice to proceed, the Contractor will have 180 calendar days to provide the twelve (12) SPVs and all their equipment and present the credentials of all SPVOs. Failure to provide these items within this time frame is cause for cancellation of the contract.

Upon the Department's approval of the following items:

- Surety Bonds, Performance and Payment or acceptable form of guarantee (Exhibit A)
- Insurance Requirements (IFB Terms and Conditions)
- Incident Information Forms (Section III. A. 4)
- Post card Evaluation (Section III. A. 5)
- SPV's and all Equipment (Section X and Section XVII)
- SPVO's Names and Credentials (Section XI)
- SPVO Training Program (Section XI.C)

The Department will inform the Contractor of the date and time to begin the Expressway Service Patrols.

XV. HOURLY SERVICE FEES/PAYMENT

The Department shall reimburse the Contractor on an hourly basis for services rendered by each service patrol vehicle during the normal hours of operation. The hourly rate shall be a compensatory rate as set forth in the contract.

This hourly rate shall be only for those hours when the Service Patrol vehicles are actually on patrol as called for in Section III, IV, V and VII of this Contract. No hourly rates will be paid for in such situation as:

- The two (2) "Back-up" Service Patrol Vehicles when they are not on actual patrol.
- Removal of the Service Patrol Vehicle from the Expressway for longer than 20 minutes as permitted under Section III. D of these Specifications.
- Service Patrol Vehicle Operator travel time as per **Section III. A. 3** of these specifications.
- Vehicle Maintenance as per **Section X.G** and **Section XVII** of these specifications.

Overtime, when required by the Department, shall be paid at the straight time rate and paid in quarter hour increments.

Disabled vehicles discovered on the Expressway with the operator present, just at the end of a shift period or discovered by the SPVO while returning to the Contractor's location, will be handled in a normal response manner even if this means staying out beyond the normal end of the shift period. The SPVO must not drive past a disabled vehicle when the operator is present. The SPVO will immediately

contact the RTMC. The Contractor will be reimbursed for this overtime at a straight time rate paid in quarter hour increments. The SPVOs daily log, incident information form and motorists post card evaluation, will be used to document this overtime work.

Disabled vehicles discovered on the Expressway without the operator present, just at the end of shift period or discovered by the SPVO while returning to the Contractor location will be immediately reported to the RTMC. If the disabled vehicle doses no hazard then no further action by the SPVO is necessary. If the RTMC or PHP instruct the SPVO to relocate the disabled vehicle to a safer location, the Contractor will then be reimbursed for any overtime in the same manner as if the vehicle had been discovered with the operator present.

The Contractor shall, within five (5) business days after the close of the month, submit an OS-501 form "Confirmation of Service Form" and supporting documentation for work performed during the previous month to the RTMC. Once the RTMC confirms acceptance of services, the Contractor shall invoice Commonwealth Comptroller for authorized work performed. Invoices need to be broken down per each SPV and in accordance with Invitation for Bid (IFB) Terms and Conditions. Payment of the invoice will be remitted to the Contractor in accordance with the Invitation for Bid (IFB) Terms and conditions.

XVI. CONTRACT EXPIRATION

At the normal expiration of this contract the SPV's and all their equipment shall be turned over to the Contractor for his future use providing that:

- 1. The SPV's must be immediately repainted any color except hot lime green before being placed in private service by the Contractor. All the Department and Department logos must be removed by the Contractor and turned over to the Department.
 - All costs associated with this work are the responsibility of the Contractor.
- 2. Before placing the SPV's into private service the Contractor must have a written clearance from the Department that all the requirements of item (XV-1) have been met.

XVII. SERVICE PATROL VEHICLE (SPV) SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

A. SPV SPECIFICATIONS:

The purpose of these specifications is to describe a 19,500 GVWR dual rear wheel Expressway Patrol Vehicle to be used in heavily traveled congested highways. The truck and wheel hoist shall be designed for a one-man operation of short distance towing.

1. Weight Distribution -

- Weight slip shall be provided with the unit supplied. It is understood that the components specified are minimum and if the truck is not already meeting the requirements, a Manufacturer's Engineering Department will recommend or deem necessary, due to their particular weight distribution, a larger component or a larger G.V.W.R. the burden of responsibility is hereby placed upon the Contractor and the Manufacturer's Engineering Department if an existing truck is being retrofitted to supply a unit that is totally engineered to meet the requirements outlined in this contract. Components shall included, but are not limited to the truck's:
 - a) Frame
 - b) Axle
 - c) Tires
 - d) Steering Components
 - e) Rims
 - f) Suspension
 - g) Brakes
 - h) Any other items as required

The dynamic and static loads created by the unit, plus operational stresses, must be reviewed to insure the Commonwealth of a properly functioning unit.

In addition to the weight slip provided the following information is required.

• **TRAILER TOWING INFORMATION** - Allowable weight to be towed without brakes 7,000 lbs.

2. Power Train Overview -

• Vehicle shall be 19,500 GVWR capable of handling all the requirements as set forth in this contract.

3. Vehicle Components -

a. Alarm-backup:

Ref: ECCO 450, shock Mounted

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b. Chassis:

19,500 lbs. G.V.W.R. manufacturer's rating, minimum, certified in the cab or on the door. Front bumper, push type that extends full width with a guard that extends the height and width of front grill. The bumper shall be rubber faced.

c. Engine Accessories:

<u>Intermission type engine heater:</u> for cooling system with waterproof flush-mounted plug, mounted in front sheet metal, 115 volt, 3 prong plug. The electrical cable from the heater to the receptacle shall be one piece and waterproof.

d. <u>Light Bar and Arrow Panel:</u>

Light Bar meeting the requirements of and in accordance with title 75, Pennsylvania Consolidated Status, Section 4572 and 67 Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 173. There shall be an arrow panel, approved for use in Pennsylvania, 3 ft. High by 6 ft. Wide, with a raise lower mechanism, and a control box mounted in the cab within reach of the driver. The Control box shall incorporate lights to signify the arrow panel mode. The arrow panel shall be capable of displaying a left arrow, right arrow, double arrow and four (4) corner caution.

e. <u>Paint:</u>

Entire unit shall be hot lime green (per PPG Color Chip 46973).

f. Safety:

The extinguisher rechargeable with vehicle mount. One mounted in the cab for easy and quick access (REF: 2A:10B:C). All grab handles and exit steps shall be furnished to provide "optimum safety" for field personnel (REF: Non-skid paint). Non-skid tape is unacceptable. There shall be a first-aid kit mounted in the utility body (Ref: American Van Part No. A1712, Telephone No: 1-800.526-4743 or equal).

g. GPS

Each unit shall be equipped with a GPS (Global Positioning Device) and Contractor is to supply a web based user name and password (log in information) or an internet ready laptop computer with software pre-installed to the department for use by the RTMC operators.

- **4. Body** Color to be Hot Lime Green as per IID5. Compartments shall not be open to one another. Compartments shall be adequate size to store/carry all equipment listed under Item 5, "Equipment"
- **Equipment -** The vehicle will be equipped at the Contractor's expense with the following items and the compartments of each vehicle will be properly sized to hold this equipment.
 - CELLULAR PHONE (COMPLETE WITH ON-LINE CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE)
 - SCANNER

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- CB RADIO
- PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM WITH EXTERNAL SPEAKER
- TOOL BOX CAPABLE OF CONTAINING THE BASIC MECHANICAL TOOLS CALLED FOR
- SET OF STANDARD SCREWDRIVERS
- SET OF PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVERS
- NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS
- LARGE CRESCENT WRENCH
- SMALL CRESCENT WRENCH
- 5 LB HAMMER
- RUBBER MALLET
- CHANNEL LOCK PLIERS
- COMMON PLIERS
- WIRE CUTTER
- ELECTRIC TAPE(2 ROLLS)
- DUCT TAPE (2 ROLLS)
- MECHANICS WIRE
- BOLT CUTTERS
- TIRE PRESSURE GAUGE
- FLASHLIGHT WITH EXTRA BATTERIES
- SAFETY GOGGLES
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS GUIDE BOOK
- GLOVES
- COMPLETE FIRST AID KIT
- *DIESEL FUEL (5 GALLONS)
- * UNLEADED GASOLINE (5 GALLONS)
- *RADIATOR COOLANT (5 GALLONS)
- *ENGINE OIL (2 QUARTS)
- 20 LB ABC TYPE FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- FIRE AXE
- PRY BAR
- WOOD BLOCKS-4
- STREET BROOM
- SQUARE POINT SHOVEL
- FUSES-(HIGHWAY FLARES)-36 MINUTES
- 28-INCH CONES-10
- FOUR WAY LUG WRENCH-STANDARD
- FOUR WAY LUG WRENCH-METRIC
- A JAR OF PUTTY SUITABLE FOR TEMPORARILY STOPPING LEAKS
- ESPECIALLY FROM FUEL TANKS SIMILAR TO THE "AW DIRECT LEAK
- LOCK KIT, SR-4" OR PRE-APPROVED EQUAL
- FOUR-WAY LIGHT TRUCK LUG WRENCH
- "AN ABSORBENT SPILL CONTAINMENT SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THE "AW DIRECT OIL ATTACK PACK SR-10" OR PRE-APPROVED EQUAL

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- HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK
- RECHARGEABLE AIR BOTTLE (MIN. 15 GAL.) HOSES AND FITTINGS
- BOOSTER CABLES, HEAVY DUTY, MIN 25 FT. ADAPTED TO TRUCK POWER
- OUTLETS
- LARGE VICE GRIPS
- SMALL VICE GRIPS
- SOCKET SET-STANDARD WITH 3 FT. BREAKER BAR
- SOCKET SET-METRIC WITH 3 FT BREAKER BAR
- FUNNELS (2)
- TRASH CAN-5 GALLON WITH LID AND TRASH BAGS
- ½-INCH ROPE-100 FT. MIN.
- ALLOY TOW CHAIN-LARGE
- ALLOY TOW CHAIN-SMALL
- *STOP SIGN,(R1-1) 36"X36"
- *KEEP RIGHT SIGN, (R4-7-3) 36"X 48"
- *KEEP LEFT SIGN, (R4-8-3) 36"X 48"
- *EMERGENCY AHEAD SIGN (W25-1) 48"X 48"
- *PORTABLE SIGN STANDS WITH FLAGS (2 STANDS)
- RED FLAGS-4
- HIGHWAY MAPS-10 (WILL BE SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT)
- WHISK BROOM
- PAPER TOWELS-2 ROLLS
- BAGS OF SAND
- HAND CLEANER
- TIRE CHOCKS (2 PAIRS)
- BLANKET
- PEN AND PAPER
- CLIP BOARD
- EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS
- VESTS-2
- HARD HAT
- INDICATED ITEMS THAT MAY BE USED BY OR GIVEN TO THE MOTORIST
- AT NO COST TO THE MOTORIST.
- AM/FM RADIO
- TRAILER HITCH(17/8 INCH AND 2 INCH CAPABILITY)
- LOCAL PHONE BOOK
- ROLL OVER KIT

**SIGNS AND STANDS MAYBE OF THE CLOTH OR PLASTIC ROLL UP TYPE

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6. Wheel Lift, BOOM and Dollies - As per manufacturer's specifications and as follows:

• Boom Structural Rating (crane)

Fully retracted 16000 lb. at 30 degrees elevation Fully extended 8000 lb. at 30 degrees elevation

Wheel Lift

The recovery vehicle also shall have a wheel lift system with (4) functions:

- a) the wheel lift shall hydraulically raise and lower
- b) extend and retract
- c) tilt function independently or simultaneously
- d) must be able to complete wheel lift operation while in motion (self-loading)

The tilt function provides means of engaging either the standard "L Arms" to the towed vehicle on uneven terrain or in mud and snow conditions. The retracting wheel-lift boom in combination with the tilt feature allows the towed vehicle to be retracted close to the recovery vehicle for better weight distribution

Dollies

Each unit shall be equipped with self-loading 4.80 aluminum dollies for use in quick clearance of all-wheel drive vehicles. The dollies should have a galvanized coating, aluminum mounting bunks under truck body and top mounting brackets for aluminum rails and break over bar along with safety straps.

<u>Controls:</u> Controls will be provided on both sides of the body. Provision is made so that controls can be operated independently or simultaneously. Variable speed of all functions is controlled by the handle movement. The following shall be provided:

- 1. Single cable 9000lb. planetary winch hydraulic, with boom and wheel lift body on truck chassis as well as a remote inside the cab for complete wheel lift operation while in motion.
- 2. Tow sling with chains
- 3. Wrecker special light bar
- 4. Upper and lower work lights
- 5. Cable tensioner on winch
- 6. Switch panel
- 7. Throttle Control (Manual or Electric)
- 8. Push Bumper
- 9. Engine Driven Pump

B. SPV REQUIREMENTS:

The following shall indicate the **MINIMUM** requirements including all genuine parts, accessories, equipment and safety features consider and standard, whether mentioned herein or not.

1. Standards, Codes Rules and Regulations -

- Each unit shall conform to the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.
- Each unit shall comply with all current applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, Federal and Pennsylvania Exhaust Emission and Noise Standards and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements, with appropriate decals stating compliance.
- The equipment shall be manufactured as per good engineering practice. Standard manufacturing practices and tolerances shall be in accordance with the latest codes, standards and practices of the following professional organizations:

Re: American Institute of Steel Construction (AISI) American National Standards Institute (ANSI) American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) American Trucking Association (ATA) American Welding Society (AWS) Battery Council International (BCI) British Standards Institute (BSI): Limits & Fits International Standards Organization (ISO) Industrial Fastener Institute (IFI) National Truck Equipment Association (NTEA) Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)

Steel Structure Painting Council (SSPC)
Truck Body & Equipment Association, Inc. (TBEA)

- The vehicle shall be certified for 19,500 lb Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). The GVWR shall be identified in the cab or on the door as the final complete certification label (minimum rating).
- The Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR) shall be furnished and identified by decal in the cab or on the door to indicate approved weight which can be towed.
- Each unit shall bear the latest applicable Pennsylvania Official Inspection Sticker as required for permanent license plates by Pennsylvania State Inspection Laws.
- All Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMS) that participate have full responsibility in fulfilling their contract obligations to the main Contractor.

2. Scope of Supply -

- All design, workmanship, techniques and materials shall in every respect be in accordance with the most current accepted practice in the industry.
- The proposed base model shall be model year 2011 or newer. All materials, parts and

components shall be properly functioning.

- Each unit shall be free of dealer signs and/or emblems.
- All equipment and parts furnished shall be of the Manufacturer's latest model year or latest
 design for the equipment provided, shall be on his latest listed and published stock models
 for the equipment provided and shall satisfy this specification.
- Unless otherwise specified, each unit shall include all specified accessories, parts, equipment, and options which are listed in the Manufacturer's specifications as standard or optional equipment for the indicated model, and which have been factory installed and immediately operative. Parts alliance equipment components specified and need to be provided which are not available through the equipment provided by the manufacturer shall conform to the best quality standard known to that particular industry, both product and installation, and also shall be immediately operative. Units provided in a condition considered to be below customer acceptance level will not be accepted. Items which determine this acceptance level shall include, but not limited to, the general appearance of the interior and exterior of the cab and body for completeness and quality workmanship, lubrication and fluid levels with leaks corrected, mechanical operation of the unit and all systems and electrical components operation. The above items are pre-delivery items.
- Each unit shall be free of dealer and private company signs and/or emblems.
- Each unit shall be clean, lubricated, serviced, assembled, adjusted and ready for <u>"Immediate Operation"</u>.
- Each unit shall include completely filled tanks for all fluids including fuel, hydraulic fluid.
- Safety features and items available for the proposed units shall be furnished and installed
 whether mentioned herein or not to reasonably protect the user, Commonwealth, and Vendor
 from needless liability exposure.
- **3. Performance -** The units provided shall have been engineered and designed to lend itself to practical and efficient servicing.

This specification, including all specified components to be retrofitted on existing units, and their Installation, shall be reviewed and approved by the successful "<u>Manufacturer's Engineering Department</u>" that would perform the retrofit.

The power package required must be compatible with respect to the engine, transmission, axles hydraulic system, and power steering in order to meet the requirements specified herein.

Each unit shall be protected from -25 to -40 degrees F with a <u>50-50 mix</u> of permanent type ethylene glycol anti-freeze. Low silicate type anti-freeze for diesel engines only.

The ratio of the rear axle and transmission shall be geared to maintain a road speed of approximately 60 mph operating at maximum G.V.W.R without exceeding recommended engine rpm value.

The vehicle shall have a grade-ability of 35% when loaded to maximum G.V.W.R without exceeding the engine manufacture's recommended maximum rpm based on a maximum net torque.

- 4. **Documentation** Each unit shall include the proper notarized form(s) to apply for Pennsylvania title and license. "Certificate of origin" statement is required for all existing SPVs. A "vehicle history report" may also be required for existing trucks being retrofitted. The materials required in this contract are subject to reproduction for the Department's internal use only. By signature on this bid proposal, the Contractor authorizes the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to reproduce any material including printed materials and training aids, submitted in fulfillment of this contract.
- **Inspection -** All designs, workmanship, materials and procedures shall be, at all times and places, subject to the inspection by the Department personnel. Should any item fail to meet these specifications, the item shall be made to comply with the contact by replacing or correcting the said item, as the case may be, at the Contractors or the Contractor's expense.
- **6. Warranty Requirements -** In the event that a breakdown occurs, the Contractor shall make the complete repair at no cost to the Department throughout the length of the Contract.
- **7. Delivery** A detailed delivery schedule of all outfitted trucks shall be provided after award to inform the Department on the delivery. Delivery time must be specified and such phrases as "as required" "as soon as possible" or "prompt" have no meaning and maybe the cause for rejecting the bid.

XVIII. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SEMP) REQUIREMENTS

Prior to the start of any work, the Contractor must comply with PennDOT's Strategic Environmental Management Program (SEMP) requirements. The requirements of this program can be found on the PENNDOT's website at **WWW.dot.state.pa.us** Go to PENNDOT Organizations/Engineering Districts and County Maintenance Office/ click on "6"/ click on Roadwork/ click on Maintenance/ click on SEMP.