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TO: MAG Specification and Details Committee Members

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RE: Reclaimed Materials – CLSM

PURPOSE: Addresses the use of alternate or reclaimed materials along with proper reference adjustments to their respective corresponding sections

REVISIONS:

Section 728

- 1) Added the option of alternate materials , ABC (per City of Phoenix Supplements) or Reclaimed Concrete Materials (RCM) to Section 728.2 "Materials" – with Engineer approval
- 2) Added additional clarification to Note 2 or Table 728-1 regarding the prohibition of "structural" concrete or "grout" in lieu of CSLM (per City of Phoenix Supplements)

SECTION 728 – AS APPROVED 9-5-12

CONTROLLED LOW STRENGTH MATERIAL

728.1 GENERAL:

Controlled Low Strength Material (CLSM) is a mixture of cementitious materials, aggregates, admixtures\additives, and water that, as the cementitious materials hydrate, forms a soil replacement. CLSM is a self-compacting, flowable, cementitious material primarily used as a backfill, structural fill, or a replacement for compacted fill or unsuitable native material. Placement and usage of each type of CLSM is described in Section 604,

728.2 MATERIALS:

Cementitious materials shall conform to Section 725.2.

Coarse aggregate shall conform to ASTM C-33 grading size No. 57. The size and gradation of fine aggregates (sand) shall conform to ASTM C-33. Alternate materials meeting the applicable requirements of Section 701 or 702 such as combinations of other aggregates, Aggregate Base Course (ABC) or Reclaimed Concrete Material (RCM) may be used to replace the required coarse and fine aggregate as long as the approved mix design meets the requirements of Table 728-1 and is approved by the Engineer.

Water shall conform to Section 725.4.

728.3 PROPORTIONING OF MIXTURES AND PRODUCTION TOLERANCES:

Proportioning of the mixture shall comply with Section 725.6 and Table 728-1. The CLSM shall have consistency, workability, plasticity, and flow characteristics such that the material when placed is self-compacting. A minimum of 40% coarse aggregate shall be used. A mix design shall be submitted for the Engineer's approval prior to the excavation for which the material is intended for use. Sampling shall be in accordance with ASTM D-5971. The flow consistency shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D-6103. Unit weight (when applicable) shall be obtained by ASTM D-6023. Compressive strength shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D-4832.

TABLE 728-1	
CONTROLLED LOW STRENGTH MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS	
Portland Cement Content, Sack/cu yd	Flow, inches
1/2 Sack	9±2
1 Sack	9±2
1 1/2 Sack	9±2

Note for Table 728-1:

- 1) CLSM mixes meeting the table requirements will not generally be placeable by means of a concrete pump or may not provide the needed workability for certain conditions. When pumpable mixes or increased workability are required, the addition of fly ash or a natural pozzolan in excess of the required Portland Cement Content may be used.
- 2) Ready-mixed **structural** concrete **or grout** shall not be used in lieu of CLSM without prior approval from the Engineer and shall be subject to rejection.

728.4 MIXING:

CLSM mixing shall comply with Section 725.7. Mixing shall continue until the cementitious material and water are thoroughly dispersed throughout the material. Mixes shall be homogenous, readily placeable and uniformly workable.