

## SECTION 32 9223

### SODDING

#### PART 1 GENERAL

##### 1.01 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

##### 1.02 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Fertilizing.
- B. Sod installation.
- C. Maintenance.

##### 1.03 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. Section 32 9300 - Plants: for trees, shrubs, ground covers, and other plants as well as border edgings and mow strips.

##### 1.04 DEFINITIONS

- A. Weeds: Includes Dandelion, Jimsonweed, Quackgrass, Horsetail, Morning Glory, Rush Grass, Mustard, Lambsquarter, Chickweed, Cress, Crabgrass, Canadian Thistle, Nutgrass, Poison Oak, Blackberry, Tansy Ragwort, Bermuda Grass, Johnson Grass, Poison Ivy, Nut Sedge, Nimble Will, Bindweed, Bent Grass, Wild Garlic, Perennial Sorrel, and Brome Grass.
- B. Finish Grade: Elevation of finished surface of planting soil.
- C. Pesticide: A substance or mixture intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating a pest. Pesticides include insecticides, miticides, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, and molluscicides. They also includes substances or mixtures intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant.
- D. Pests: Living organisms that occur where they are not desired or that cause damage to plants, animals, or people. Pests include insects, mites, grubs, mollusks (snails and slugs), rodents (gophers, moles, and mice), unwanted plants (weeds), fungi, bacteria, and viruses.
- E. Planting Soil: Existing, on-site soil; imported soil; or manufactured soil that has been modified with soil amendments and perhaps fertilizers to produce a soil mixture best for plant growth.
- F. Subgrade: The surface or elevation of subsoil remaining after excavation is complete, or the top surface of a fill or backfill before planting soil is placed.

##### 1.05 PRE-INSTALLATION MEETINGS

- A. Pre-installation Conference: Conduct conference at Project site.

##### 1.06 SUBMITTALS

- A. See Section 01 3000 - Administrative Requirements, for submittal procedures.
- B. Qualification Data: For landscape Installer.
  - 1. Certification of each seed mixture for turfgrass sod. Include identification of source and name and telephone number of supplier.
- C. Product Certificates: For fertilizers, from manufacturer.
- D. Pesticides and Herbicides: Product label and manufacturer's application instructions specific to Project.

##### 1.07 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Installer Qualifications: A qualified landscape installer whose work has resulted in successful turf establishment.
  - 1. Professional Membership: Installer shall be a member in good standing of either the Professional Landcare Network or the American Nursery and Landscape Association.

2. Experience: Three years' experience in turf installation in addition to requirements in Section 014000 "Quality Requirements."
3. Installer's Field Supervision: Require Installer to maintain an experienced full-time supervisor on Project site when work is in progress.
4. Personnel Certifications: Installer's field supervisor shall have certification in one of the following categories from the Professional Landcare Network:
  - a. Landscape Industry Certified Technician - Exterior.
  - b. Landscape Industry Certified Lawncare Manager.
  - c. Landscape Industry Certified Lawncare Technician.
5. Pesticide Applicator: State licensed, commercial.

#### **1.08 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING**

- A. Sod: Harvest, deliver, store, and handle sod according to requirements in "Specifications for Turfgrass Sod Materials" and "Specifications for Turfgrass Sod Transplanting and Installation" sections in TPI's "Guideline Specifications to Turfgrass Sodding." Deliver sod within 24 hours of harvesting and in time for planting promptly. Protect sod from breakage and drying.
- B. Bulk Materials:
  1. Do not dump or store bulk materials near structures, utilities, walkways and pavements, or on existing turf areas or plants.
  2. Accompany each delivery of bulk materials with appropriate certificates.

#### **1.09 FIELD CONDITIONS**

- A. Planting Restrictions: General planting, in areas receiving irrigation, shall be installed under favorable weather conditions preferably November 1st to April 15th. General planting, in non-irrigated areas shall take place November 1st through March 1st, under favorable weather conditions. Planting small reforestation trees in non-irrigated areas shall take place between November 15th and January 15th. The contract may be adjusted, if necessary, to meet the proper planting time frame, at no additional cost to the Owner.
- B. Weather Limitations: Proceed with planting only when existing and forecasted weather conditions permit planting to be performed when beneficial and optimum results may be obtained. Apply products during favorable weather conditions according to manufacturer's written instructions.

### **PART 2 PRODUCTS**

#### **2.01 TURFGRASS SOD**

- A. Turfgrass Sod: Certified, complying with "Specifications for Turfgrass Sod Materials" in TPI's "Guideline Specifications to Turfgrass Sodding." Furnish viable sod of uniform density, color, and texture that is strongly rooted and capable of vigorous growth and development when planted.
- B. Turfgrass Species:
  1. *Cynodon dactylon* - Bermuda Grass

#### **2.02 FERTILIZERS**

- A. Commercial Fertilizer: Commercial-grade complete fertilizer of neutral character, consisting of fast- and slow-release nitrogen, 50 percent derived from natural organic sources of urea formaldehyde, phosphorous, and potassium in the following composition:
  1. Composition: 1 lb/1000 sq. ft. (0.45 kg/92.9 sq. m) of actual nitrogen, 4 percent phosphorous, and 2 percent potassium, by weight.
  2. Composition: Nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium in amounts recommended in soil reports from a qualified soil-testing laboratory.
- B. Slow-Release Fertilizer: Granular or pelleted fertilizer consisting of 50 percent water-insoluble nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium in the following composition:
  1. Composition: 20 percent nitrogen, 10 percent phosphorous, and 10 percent potassium, by weight.

2. Composition: Nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium in amounts recommended in soil reports from a qualified soil-testing laboratory.

### **2.03 PESTICIDES**

- A. General: Pesticide, registered and approved by the EPA, acceptable to authorities having jurisdiction, and of type recommended by manufacturer for each specific problem and as required for Project conditions and application. Do not use restricted pesticides unless authorized in writing by authorities having jurisdiction.
- B. Pre-Emergent Herbicide (Selective and Nonselective): Effective for controlling the germination or growth of weeds within planted areas at the soil level directly below the mulch layer.
- C. Post-Emergent Herbicide (Selective and Nonselective): Effective for controlling weed growth that has already germinated.

## **PART 3 EXECUTION**

### **3.01 EXAMINATION**

- A. Verify that prepared soil base is ready to receive the work of this section.
  1. Verify that no foreign or deleterious material or liquid such as paint, paint washout, concrete slurry, concrete layers or chunks, cement, plaster, oils, gasoline, diesel fuel, paint thinner, turpentine, tar, roofing compound, or acid has been deposited in soil within a planting area.
  2. Suspend planting operations during periods of excessive soil moisture until the moisture content reaches acceptable levels to attain the required results.
  3. Uniformly moisten excessively dry soil that is not workable or which is dusty.

### **3.02 PREPARATION**

- A. Protect structures; utilities; sidewalks; pavements; and other facilities, trees, shrubs, and plantings from damage caused by planting operations.
  1. Protect grade stakes set by others until directed to remove them.

### **3.03 TURF AREA PREPARATION**

- A. General: Prepare planting area for soil placement and mix planting soil according to Landscape Plans.
- B. Placing Planting Soil: Place and mix planting soil in place over exposed subgrade.
  1. Reduce elevation of planting soil to allow for soil thickness of sod.
- C. Moisten prepared area before planting if soil is dry. Water thoroughly and allow surface to dry before planting. Do not create muddy soil.
- D. Before planting, obtain Landscape Architect's acceptance of finish grading; restore planting areas if eroded or otherwise disturbed after finish grading.

### **3.04 LAYING SOD**

- A. Lay sod within 24 hours after harvesting unless a suitable preservation method is accepted by Landscape Architect prior to delivery time. Do not lay sod if ground is frozen or muddy. The planting and/or installation of dormant sod is prohibited, unless stated otherwise herein the contract documents and/or amended through a Change Order.
- B. Lay sod smooth and tight with no open joints visible, and no overlapping; stagger end joints 12 inches minimum. Do not stretch or overlap sod pieces. A void damage to soil or sod during installation. Tamp and roll lightly to ensure contact with soil, eliminate air pockets, and form a smooth surface. Work sifted soil or fine sand into minor cracks between pieces of sod; remove excess to avoid smothering sod and adjacent grass.
  1. Lay sod across slopes exceeding 1:3.
  2. Anchor sod on slopes exceeding 1:6 with wood pegs or steel staples spaced as recommended by sod manufacturer but not less than two anchors per sod strip to prevent slippage.

- C. Saturate sodded areas with fine water spray within two hours of planting. During first week after planting, water daily or more frequently as necessary to maintain moist soil to a minimum depth of 1-1/2 inches of soil.

### **3.05 TURF MAINTENANCE**

- A. General: All planting shall be protected and maintained by the Contractor until time of final acceptance as defined herein these contract documents and/or amended by a Change Order. Contractor's maintenance shall include but is not limited to watering, weeding, cultivation, removal of dead material, lawn mowing, fertilizing, staking, and other necessary operations. Roll, regrade, and replant bare or eroded areas to produce a uniformly smooth turf. Provide materials and installation the same as those used in the original installation.
  - 1. Fill in as necessary soil subsidence that may occur because of settling or other processes. Replace materials and turf damaged or lost in areas of subsidence.
  - 2. Apply treatments as required to keep turf and soil free of pests and pathogens or disease. Use integrated pest management practices whenever possible to minimize the use of pesticides and reduce hazards.
- B. Watering: Water necessary for planting and maintenance shall be of satisfactory amounts and quality to sustain the growth of plants and shall not contain harmful, natural or man-made, elements detrimental to plants. Water meeting the above standard shall be furnished by the Contractor and all arrangements for securing water, dispersing, and associated expenses are the responsibility of the Contractor. Install and maintain temporary piping, hoses, and turf-watering equipment to convey water from sources and to keep turf uniformly moist to a depth of 4 inches (100 mm).
  - 1. Schedule watering to prevent wilting, puddling, and erosion. Lay out temporary watering system to avoid walking over muddy or newly planted areas.
  - 2. Water turf with fine spray at a minimum rate of 1 inch (25 mm) per week unless rainfall precipitation is adequate.
- C. Mow turf as soon as top growth is tall enough to cut. Repeat mowing to maintain specified height without cutting more than one-third of grass height. Remove no more than one-third of grass-leaf growth in initial or subsequent mowings. Do not delay mowing until grass blades bend over and become matted. Do not mow when grass is wet. Schedule initial and subsequent mowings to maintain the following grass height:
  - 1. Mow bentgrass to a height of 1/2 inch (13 mm) or less.
  - 2. Mow bermudagrass to a height of 1/2 to 1 inch (13 to 25 mm).
  - 3. Mow carpetgrass, centipedegrass, perennial ryegrass, and zoysiagrass to a height of 1 to 2 inches (25 to 50 mm).
  - 4. Mow Kentucky bluegrass, buffalograss, annual ryegrass, and chewings red fescue to a height of 1-1/2 to 2 inches (38 to 50 mm).
  - 5. Mow bahiagrass, turf-type tall fescue, and St. Augustinegrass to a height of 2 to 3 inches (50 to 75 mm).
- D. Turf Post-fertilization: Apply commercial fertilizer after initial mowing and when grass is dry.
  - 1. Use fertilizer that provides actual nitrogen of at least 1 lb/1000 sq. ft. (0.45 kg/92.9 sq. m) to turf area.
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### **3.06 SATISFACTORY TURF**

- A. Turf installations shall meet the following criteria as determined by Landscape Architect:
  - 1. Satisfactory Sodded Turf: At end of maintenance period, a healthy, well-rooted, even-colored, viable turf has been established, free of weeds, open joints, bare areas, and surface irregularities.
- B. Use specified materials to reestablish turf that does not comply with requirements, and continue maintenance until turf is satisfactory.

### **3.07 PESTICIDE APPLICATION**

- A. Apply pesticides and other chemical products and biological control agents according to requirements of authorities having jurisdiction and manufacturer's written recommendations. Coordinate applications with Owner's operations and others in proximity to the Work. Notify Owner before each application is performed.
- B. Post-Emergent Herbicides (Selective and Nonselective): Apply only as necessary to treat already-germinated weeds and according to manufacturer's written recommendations.

### **3.08 CLEANUP AND PROTECTION**

- A. Promptly remove soil and debris created by turf work from paved areas. Clean wheels of vehicles before leaving site to avoid tracking soil onto roads, walks, or other paved areas.
- B. Remove surplus soil and waste material, including excess subsoil, unsuitable soil, trash, and debris, and legally dispose of them off Owner's property.
- C. Erect temporary fencing or barricades and warning signs as required to protect newly planted areas from traffic. Maintain fencing and barricades throughout initial maintenance period and remove after plantings are established.

### **3.09 MAINTENANCE SERVICE**

- A. Turf Maintenance Service: Provide full maintenance by skilled employees of landscape Installer. Maintain as required in "Turf Maintenance" Article. Begin maintenance immediately after each area is planted and continue until acceptable turf is established, but for not less than the following periods:
  - 1. Sodded Turf: Until substantial completion and Owner acceptance.

### **3.10 LANDSCAPE WARRANTY**

- A. The Owner's Representative shall have the final approval for acceptance of all work. All plants, grass, shrubs, and trees shall be warranted to be alive and healthy one (1) year after the date of final acceptance.
  - 1. The Owner will not water non-irrigated plant material upon acceptance.
  - 2. The Owner is not responsible for adverse weather or environmental conditions.
  - 3. The Owner's Representative is responsible for notifying the Contractor of any plant material, including grass, shrubs, or tree that is dead, dying, diseased, or not showing satisfactory growth. Following written notification, said plant material shall be replaced, or conditions contributing to unsatisfactory growth shall be corrected by the Contractor in a mutually agreeable and or appropriate season timeframe with the Owner's Representative.
  - 4. All replacement plant material shall be of the same contract specified quality and or shall be of a size equal to that attained by adjacent plant material or trees of the same species. If necessary, any replacement plant material substitutions shall be proposed to and accepted by the Owner's Representative, prior to installation. The Contractor is responsible for protection and maintenance of replacement plant material including, but not limited to, watering, weeding, cultivating, removal of dead material, lawn mowing, fertilizing, staking, and other necessary operations.
  - 5. The Contractor shall water replacement plant material for a period of ninety (90) days following installation, a minimum of 3" per plant every ten (10) days, if no measurable rain is received during that period. Replacement plant material shall be guaranteed to be alive and healthy at the beginning of the following growing season. The Contractor shall submit written warranty notice detailing replacement plant material, locations, quantity, species, substitutions accepted, date of installation, and scheduled maintenance. The Owner's Representative shall review, approve, and note the date beginning of the following growing season and end of re-instated warranty period.

**END OF SECTION**