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MANUAL FOR FABRICATION OF PRECAST PRESTRESSED CONCRETE PRODUCTS

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In the course of an FHWA/IDOT process review of Local Agency Bridge Construction, it was discovered that many local agencies were not aware of the Illinois Department of Transportation’s Manual for Fabrication of Precast Prestressed Concrete Products.

This publication, also known as the Fabrication Manual, replaced the previous Manual for Inspectors of Precast Prestressed Concrete Products, which was referenced in previous issues of the Standard Specifications. Many items were removed from the Standard Specifications and moved to the new Fabrication Manual to facilitate timelier implementation of updates in policies and procedures. The new Fabrication Manual became effective with the January 1, 2007 Standard Specifications and is still considered a part of the contract document, as it is referenced in Article 504.06 of the Standard Specifications.


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