ITEM #1131002A – REMOTE CONTROL CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGN

Description: Work under this item shall include furnishing and maintaining a trailer-mounted, "Changeable Message Sign", "Remote Control Changeable Message Sign", "Changeable Message Sign with Radar", or "Remote Control Changeable Message Sign with Radar" whichever is applicable, at the locations indicated on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

Materials: The full matrix, internally illuminated variable message sign shall consist of a LED, fiber optic, lamp matrix, or hybrid magnetically operated matrix – LED message board; and a computer operated interface, all mounted on a towable, heavy duty trailer.

The sign shall have a minimum horizontal dimension of 115 inches and rotate a complete 360 degrees atop the lift mechanism.

In the raised position, the bottom of the sign shall be at least 7 feet above the roadway. The messages displayed shall be visible from a distance of 1/2 mile and be clearly legible from a distance of 900 feet during both the day and night.

The lighting system shall be controlled both manually and by a photocell for automatic sign dimming during nighttime use.

The sign shall be capable of storing a minimum of 100 preprogrammed messages and be able to display any one of those messages upon call from the trailer mounted terminal and/or through the cellular telephone hookup for the remote controlled sign.

The sign shall be a full matrix sign that is able to display messages composed of any combination of alphanumeric text, punctuation symbols, and graphic images (notwithstanding NTCIP limitations). The display shall be capable of producing arrow functions. Full- matrix displays shall allow the use of graphics, traffic safety symbols and various character heights.

Standard messages shall be displayed in a three-line message format with 8 characters per line. The letter height shall not be less than 18 inches.

The sign shall utilize yellow green for the display with a black background. Each matrix shall have a minimum size of 6 x 9 pixels. Each pixel shall utilize a minimum of four high output yellow green LEDs or equivalent light source. The LEDs or light source shall have a minimum 1.4 candela luminance intensity, 22 degrees viewing angle, and wavelength of 590 (+/- 3) nanometers.

For hybrid magnetically operated matrix – LED matrix, each pixel shall have one single shutter faced with yellow green retro-reflective sheeting with a minimum of four high output yellow green LEDs or equivalent light source. The hybrid magnetically operated matrix – LED matrix sign shall be capable of operating in three display modes; shutter only, LED only, and both LED

and shutter. These modes shall be automatically controlled by a photocell for day and night conditions and also capable of being manually controlled through the software.

The sign shall be controlled by an on-board computer. The sign shall automatically change to a preselected default message upon failure. That default message shall remain on display until the problem is corrected.

The sign shall include all necessary controls, including, but not limited to, personal computer, keyboard or alphanumeric hand-held keyboard, and software. The sign shall interface with PCs, cellular phones, and radar speed detection devices as required.

Controls shall be furnished for raising and lowering the message board, aligning the message board and, for solar powered units, a read-out of the battery bank charge.

Power shall be provided by a self-contained solar maintained power source or a diesel engine driven generator. Hardware for connection to a 110-volt power source shall also be provided.

Solar powered signs shall display programmed messages with the solar panel disconnected, in full night conditions, for a minimum of 30 consecutive days.

Remote Control Changeable Message Signs shall include one (1) industrial-grade cellular telephone and be equipped with a modem to control the sign and a security system to prevent unauthorized access. The security system shall allow access only through use of a code or password unique to that sign. If the proper code or password is not entered within 60 seconds of initial telephone contact, the call will be terminated. Remote control for the Remote Control Changeable Message Sign shall be by cellular telephone and touch tone modem decoder.

The radar equipped signs shall include a high-speed electronic control module (ECM-X), Radar SI transceiver, signal processing board and radar logging software.

The radar software will operate the sign in four modes:
1) The sign will display words “YOUR SPEED” followed by the speed (2 digits). The display will repeat the message as long as vehicles are detected. The sign will blank when no vehicles are present.
2) The sign will display a series of up to six messages (programmed by the user) when a preset speed (programmed by the user) is exceeded. The sign will blank when no vehicles are present.
3) Will perform like mode #2 with the addition of displaying the actual speed with it.
4) The sign will work as a standard Changeable Message Sign or Remote Control Changeable Message Sign with no radar.

Construction Methods: The Contractor shall furnish, place, operate, maintain and relocate the sign as required. When the sign is no longer required, it shall be removed and become the property of the Contractor. The cellular telephone required for the Remote Control Changeable Message Sign shall be provided to the Engineer for his use, and subsequently returned to the Contractor.

When the sign is not in use, it shall either be turned off with a blank display or turned from view.

Any signs that are missing, damaged, defaced or improperly functioning so that they are not effective, as determined by the Engineer and in accordance with the ATSSA guidelines contained in "Quality Standards for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices," shall be replaced by the Contractor at no cost to the State.

Method of Measurement: This work will be measured for payment for each "Changeable Message Sign", "Remote Control Changeable Message Sign", "Changeable Message Sign with Radar", or "Remote Control Changeable Message Sign with Radar", whichever applies, furnished and installed, for the number of calendar days that the sign is in place and in operation, measured to the nearest day. When a sign is in operation for less than a day, such a period of time shall be considered to be a full day regardless of actual time in operation.

Basis of Payment: This work will be paid for at the Contract unit price per day for each "Changeable Message Sign", "Remote Control Changeable Message Sign", "Changeable Message Sign with Radar", or "Remote Control Changeable Message Sign with Radar" which price shall include placing, maintaining, relocating and removing the sign and its appurtenances and all material, labor, tools and equipment incidental thereto. Additionally, for the "Remote Control Changeable Message Sign", or "Remote Control Changeable Message Sign with Radar", the cellular telephone service and telephone charges shall be included.

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