ITEM #0707009A – MEMBRANE WATERPROOFING (COLD LIQUID ELASTOMERIC)

Description: Work under this item consists of furnishing and installing a seamless elastomeric waterproofing membrane system applied to a concrete or steel surface as shown on the plans, in accordance with this specification and as directed by the Engineer. Work shall also include conditioning of the surface to be coated and all quality-control testing noted herein.

The completed membrane system shall be comprised of a primer coat followed by the membrane coating which is applied in one or two layers for a minimum total thickness of 80 mil (2 mm). This work shall also include an additional 40 mil (1mm) membrane layer with aggregate broadcast into the material while still wet.

Materials: The Contractor shall select a waterproofing membrane system from the Department's current Qualified Product List (QPL) for Spray-Applied Membrane Waterproofing System. All materials incorporated in the work shall meet the Manufacturer's specification for the chosen system. The Engineer will reject any system that is not on the QPL.

Materials Certificate: The Contractor shall submit to the Engineer a Materials Certificate for the primer and membrane in accordance with the requirements of Article 1.06.07.

Construction Methods: At least ten days prior to installation of the membrane system, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer, the manufacturer's recommended procedure for preparing the deck surface, pre-treatment or preparing at cracks and gaps, treatment at curbs, vertical surfaces or discontinuities, applying the primer and membrane, and placing of aggregated coat. Procedures shall also include recommended repairs of system non-compliant issues identified during application. The system shall be applied to the prepared area(s) as defined in the plans strictly in accordance with the Manufacturer's recommendations.

A technical representative, in the direct employ of the manufacturer, shall be present on-site immediately prior to and during application of the membrane. The representative shall inspect and approve the surface prior to priming, and provide guidance on the handling, mixing and addition of components and observe application of the primer and membrane. The representative shall perform all required quality-control testing and remain on the Project site until the membrane has fully cured.

All quality-control testing, including verbal direction or observations on the day of the installation, shall be recorded and submitted to the Engineer for inclusion in the Project's records. A submittal of the quality-control testing data shall be received by project personnel prior to any paving over the finished membrane or within 24 hours following completion of any staged portion of the work.

1. Applicator Approval: The Contractor's membrane Applicator shall be fully trained and licensed by the membrane manufacturer and shall have successfully completed at least three spray membrane projects in the past five years. The Contractor shall furnish references from those projects, including names of contact persons and the names, addresses and phone numbers of persons who supervised the projects. This information shall be submitted to the Engineer prior to the start of construction. The Engineer shall have sole authority to determine the adequacy and compliance of the submitted information. Inadequate proof of ability to perform the work will be grounds to reject proposed applicators.

2. Job Conditions:

   (a) Environmental Requirements: Air and substrate temperatures shall be between 32°F (0°C) and 104°F (40°C) providing the substrate is above the dew point. Outside of this range, the Manufacturer shall be consulted.

   The Applicator shall be provided with adequate disposal facilities for non hazardous waste generated during installation of the membrane system. The Applicator shall follow safety instructions regarding respirators and safety equipment.

   (b) Safety Requirements: All open flames and spark producing equipment shall be removed from the work area prior to commencement of application.

   "No Smoking" signs shall be visibly posted at the job site during application of the membrane waterproofing.

   Personnel not involved in membrane application shall be kept out of the work area.

3. Delivery, Storage and Handling:

   (a) Packaging and Shipping: All components of the membrane system shall be delivered to the site in the Manufacturer's packaging, clearly identified with the products type and batch number.

   (b) Storage and Protection: The Applicator shall be provided with a storage area for all components. The area shall be cool, dry and out of direct sunlight and shall be in accordance with the Manufacturer's recommendations and relevant health and safety regulations.

   Copies of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all components shall be kept on site for review by the Engineer or other personnel.

   (c) Shelf Life - Membrane Components: Packaging of all membrane components shall include a shelf life date sealed by the Manufacturer. No membrane components whose shelf life has expired shall be used.

4. Surface Preparation:

   (a) Protection: The Applicator shall be responsible for the protection of equipment and adjacent areas from over spray or other contamination. Parapets and bridge joints shall be masked prior to application of the materials.

   (b) Surface Preparation: Sharp peaks and discontinuities shall be ground smooth. The surface profile of the prepared substrate is not to exceed 1/4 inch (6 mm) (peak to valley) and areas of minor surface deterioration of 1/2 inch (13 mm) and greater in depth shall also be repaired. The extent and location of the surface patches require the approval of the Engineer before the membrane system is applied.

   Surfaces shall be free of oil, grease, curing compounds, loose particles, moss, algae, growth, laitance, friable matter, dirt, bituminous products, and previous waterproofing materials. If required, degreasing shall be done by detergent washing in accordance with ASTM D4258.

   The surface shall be abrasively cleaned, in accordance with ASTM D4259, to provide a sound substrate free from laitance.

   Voids, honeycombed areas, and blow holes on vertical surfaces shall be repaired in the same manner.

   All steel components to receive membrane waterproofing shall be blast cleaned in accordance with SSPC SP6 and coated with the membrane waterproofing system within the same work shift.

5. Inspection and Testing: Prior to priming of the surface, the Engineer, Applicator and Manufacturer's technical representative shall inspect and approve the prepared substrate.

   (a) Random tests for deck moisture content shall be conducted on the substrate by the Applicator at the job site using a "Sovereign Portable Electronic Moisture Master Meter," a "Tramex CMEXpertII Concrete Moisture Meter" or approved equal. The minimum frequency shall be one test per 1000 s.f. (100 sq.m) but not less than three tests per day per bridge. Additional tests may be required if atmospheric conditions change and retest of the substrate moisture content is warranted.

   The membrane system shall not be installed on substrate with a moisture content greater than that recommended by the system's manufacturer, but shall not be greater than 6%, whichever is less.

   (b) Random tests for adequate tensile bond strength shall be conducted on the substrate using an adhesion tester in accordance with the requirements of ASTM D4541. The minimum frequency shall be one test per 5,000 s.f. (500 sq.m) but not less than three adhesion tests per bridge.

Adequate surface preparation will be indicated by tensile bond strengths of primer to the substrate greater than or equal to 150 psi (1.0 MPa) or failure in a concrete surface and greater than or equal to 300 psi (2.1 MPa) for steel surfaces.

If the tensile bond strength is lower than the minimum specified, the Engineer may request additional substrate preparation. Any primer not adequately applied shall be removed and a new primer applied at the Contractor's expense, as directed by Engineer.

(c) Cracks and grouted joints shall be treated in accordance with the Manufacturer's recommendations, as approved or directed by the Engineer.

6. Application:

(a) The System shall be applied in four distinct steps as follows:
   1) Substrate preparation and gap/joint bridging preparation
   2) Priming
   3) Membrane application
   4) Membrane with aggregate

(b) Immediately prior to the application of any components of the System, the surface shall be dry (see Section 5a of this specification) and any remaining dust or loose particles shall be removed using clean, dry oil-free compressed air or industrial vacuum.

(c) Where the area to be treated is bound by a vertical surface (e.g. curb or wall), the membrane system may be continued up the vertical, as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

(d) The handling, mixing and addition of components shall be performed in a safe manner to achieve the desired results, in accordance with the Manufacturer's recommendations or as approved or directed by the Engineer.

(e) A neat finish with well defined boundaries and straight edges shall be provided by the Applicator.

(f) Primer: The primer shall consist of one coat with an overall coverage rate of 125 to 175 s.f./gal (3.0 to 4.3sq.m/1) unless otherwise recommended in the manufacturer's written instructions.

All components shall be measured and mixed in accordance with the Manufacturer's recommendations.

The primer shall be spray applied using a single component spray system approved for use by the Manufacturer. If required by site conditions and allowed by the manufacturer, brush or roller application will be allowed.

The primer shall be allowed to cure tack-free for a minimum of 30 minutes or as required by the Manufacturer's instructions, whichever time is greater, prior to application of the first lift of waterproofing membrane.

Porous concrete (brick) may require a second coat of primer should the first coat be absorbed.

(g) Membrane: The waterproofing membrane shall consist of one or two coats for a total dry film thickness of 80 mils (2 mm). If applied in two coats, the second coat shall be of a contrasting color to aid in quality assurance and inspection.

The membrane shall be comprised of Components A and B and a hardener powder which is to be added to Component B in accordance with the Manufacturer's recommendations.

The substrate shall be coated in a methodical manner.

Thickness checks: For each layer, checks for wet film thickness using a gauge pin or standard comb-type thickness gauge shall be carried out typically once every 100 s.f. (9 sq.m). Where rapid set time of the membrane does not allow for wet film thickness checks, ultrasonic testing (steel surfaces only), calibrated point-penetrating (destructive) testing, in-situ sampling (cutout of small sections for measuring thicknesses), or other methods approved by the Engineer shall be employed for determination of dry film thickness. The measured thickness of each and every individual test of the membrane shall be greater than or equal to the required thickness.

Bond Strength: Random tests for adequate tensile bond strength shall be conducted on the membrane in accordance with the requirements of ASTM D4541. The minimum test frequency shall be one test per 5,000 s.f. (500 sq.m) but no less than three adhesion tests per bridge. Adequate adhesion will be indicated by tensile bond strengths of the membrane to the substrate of greater than or equal to 150 psi (0.7 MPa) or failure in a concrete surface and greater than or equal to 300 psi (2.1 MPa) for steel surfaces.

Spark Testing: Following application of the membrane, test for pin holes in the cured membrane system over the entire application area in accordance with ASTM D4787- "Continuity Verification of Liquid or Sheet Linings Applied to Concrete Substrates." Conduct the test at voltages recommended by the manufacturer to prevent damage to the membrane.

Repair the membrane system following destructive testing and correct any deficiencies in the membrane system or substrate noted during quality-control testing in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to the satisfaction of the Engineer at no additional cost to the State.

(h) Repairs: If an area is left untreated or the membrane becomes damaged, a patch repair shall be carried out to restore the integrity of the system. The damaged areas shall be cut back to sound materials and wiped with solvent (e.g. acetone) up to a width of at least four inches (100 mm) on the periphery, removing any contaminants unless otherwise recommended by the manufacturer. The substrate shall be primed as necessary, followed by the membrane. A continuous layer shall be obtained over the substrate with a four inches (100 mm) overlap onto existing membrane.

Where the membrane is to be joined to existing cured material, the new application shall overlap the existing by at least four inches (100 mm). Cleaning and surface preparation on areas to be lapped shall be as recommended in the manufacturer's written instructions.

(i) Aggregated Finish:
1) Apply an additional 40 mil (1 mm) thick layer of the membrane material immediately followed by an aggregate coating, before the membrane cures, at a rate to fully cover the exposed area. The membrane and aggregate shall be fully integrated after the aggregate has been applied and the membrane cured.
2) Localized areas not fully coated shall be touched-up with additional membrane and aggregate as needed.
3) Remove loose and excess aggregate from the surface to the satisfaction of the Engineer and dispose of properly after application prior to allowing traffic onto finished surface or application of tack coat.

(j) Tack Coat:
Prior to application of a bituminous concrete overlay, the aggregated finish shall be coated with tack coat in accordance with Section 4.06.

7. Final Review: The Engineer and the Applicator shall jointly review the area(s) over which the completed System has been installed. Any irregularities or other items that do not meet the requirements of the Engineer shall be addressed at this time.

Method of Measurement: The quantity to be paid for under this item shall be the number of square yards (square meters) of waterproofed surface completed and accepted.

Basis of Payment: This item will be paid for at the contract unit price per square yard (square meter) of "Membrane Waterproofing (Cold Liquid Elastomeric)," complete in place, which price shall include all surface preparation, furnishing, storing and applying the system, technical representative and quality control tests, and any necessary repairs and remediation work as well as all materials, equipment, tools, labor incidental to this work.

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Membrane Waterproofing (Cold Liquid Elastomeric)	s.y. (sq.m)