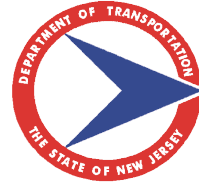


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## *Baseline Document Change Announcement*

**ANNOUNCEMENT: BDC23S-04**

**DATE: April 14, 2023**

**SUBJECT: Force Account**  
- **Revision to the 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Subpart 104.03.08**

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Subpart 104.03.08 of the 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction has been revised in order to prevent Contractors from charging for higher cost specialized equipment on Force Account work when not needed. In addition, to ensure the rental companies does not rent exclusively to a single Contractor.

**The following revisions have been incorporated into the 2019 Standard Specifications via 2019 Standard Inputs, SI2019:**

**104.03.08 Force Account**

THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF PART 7 IS CHANGED TO FOLLOWING:

7. **Equipment.** The Department will make payment for Contractor-owned or rented equipment required for the force account work. The Department will not provide payment for equipment that is determined to be more than necessary or unsuitable by the RE for the force account work or that is inoperable due to breakdown or during periods of repair. In the event the Contractor proposes to use equipment of a higher cost, including equipment with one or more of the following: specialized functionality, features, trim levels, options, or accessories than that suitable and necessary for the work, the Department will make payment at the rate applicable to the suitable and necessary equipment. The Department will make payment for Contractor-owned or rented equipment as follows:

PART 7.B IS CHANGED TO THE FOLLOWING:

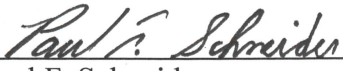
- b. **Rented Equipment.** In the event that the Contractor does not own a specific type of equipment and must obtain it by rental, submit in writing to the RE for approval the need to rent the equipment and the rental rate for that equipment before using it on the work. Ensure the rental company does not rent equipment exclusively to a single Contractor. The Department will make payment for the rental of the equipment as specified in the rental agreements and as evidenced by paid invoices for the time that the equipment is used to accomplish the work, plus the cost of moving the equipment to, on, and away from the work site.

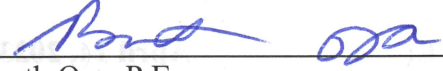
**Implementation Code R (ROUTINE)**

Changes must be implemented in all applicable Department projects scheduled for Final Design Submission at least one month after the date of the BDC announcement. This will allow designers to make necessary plan, specifications, and estimate/proposal changes without requiring the need for addenda or postponement of advertisement or receipt of bids.

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