INTERIM

SPECIFICATIONS FOR SEEDING

540. 1 SCOPE

Seeding shall consist of placement of seed and fertilizer along the side slopes, ditch bottoms, and back slopes within the right-of-way and within such other areas as directed by the Engineer.

540. 3 SUPPLY OF SEED AND FERTILIZER

The Department will supply bagged seed at a location indicated in the Special Provisions. **The Contractor shall supply fertilizer of a blend indicated in the Special Provisions.** The Contractor shall provide temporary storage on-site if required. The seed and fertilizer shall be protected from the elements of the weather.

540. 4 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

The rate of application for seed and fertilizer shall be as indicated in the Special Provisions.

Seeding shall commence immediately upon completion of trimming operations. Within the limits as directed by the Engineer, the Contractor shall seed and fertilize the areas along the side slopes, ditch bottoms, and backslopes throughout the entire length of the project. Areas to be seeded shall be harrowed as part of final trimming operations prior to seeding and fertilizing, and again upon completion. Harrowing after the seeding operation may be undertaken as a separate operation or in conjunction with the seeding operation. Harrowing and seeding operations shall be carried out parallel to the centerline of the roadway to discourage erosion. Rutting or damage caused by the Contractor's operation shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense.

Foreign debris collected during harrowing operations shall be removed and disposed of by the Contractor. Loose rock shall be disposed of and paid for in accordance with Section 500.8 of the Specifications for Grading.

Seeding operations shall not be carried out under adverse conditions of high winds, frozen ground, or ground covered with snow, ice, or standing water.

540. 9 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

The number of hectares of "Seeding" will be derived from measurements made by the Engineer of the area actually seeded and fertilized.

540. 11 BASIS OF PAYMENT

The unit price for "Seeding" will be payment in full for seeding, fertilizing, **supply of fertilizer**, harrowing, transportation, handling and storage of seed and fertilizer, and all operations necessary or incidental thereto.