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SUBJECT: Proprietary Materials

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

It has been brought to our attention that "XJS" is often called out on plans to represent the Department's Structural Expansion Joint Sealing System. However, "XJS" is a proprietary name and cannot be specified without an approved Proprietary Materials Justification. To ensure competitive bidding, the callout for this type of expansion joint should be "Structural Expansion Joint Sealing System". Recurring special provision (RSP) 724-B-145 contains the necessary material information to allow the contractor to select an acceptable product.

Additional information on the use of proprietary materials is available in *Indiana Design Manual* section 17-1.05.