Question:
The specifications for Micropile Foundations request a lump sum bid for the micropile system and testing. The lump sum pricing schedule for the installation of the micropile system puts all the risk of running long on the subcontractor. The lump sum pricing schedule will create an artificially inflated price for the system because of the risk we have to cover. For example we may add 20 liner feet to each pile to reduce our exposure of running long and if the piles do not run long the owner has paid for all the additional footage that was not installed. We typically see an allowance for a mobilization, a linear footage price (based on a total footage to bid to), and a price per each for testing.

Answer:
“The unique special provision for the Micro-Piles is currently in draft status. This comment will be considered when developing the final basis of payment.”