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### No Excuse Bonus



The No Excuse Bonus concept is intended to shorten the construction time that would normally be required to perform the work by providing the contractor with a substantial bonus to complete a project within a specified time frame regardless of any problems or unforeseen condition that might arise. An additional advantage of the use of this technique is that it serves as a tool to motivate efficient construction as it encourages the contractor to keep projects on schedule. Bonuses are intended to reward a contractor for early completion, thereby reducing disruption and inconvenience to the public.

Bonuses may be placed on a specific milestone or on project completion date in the contract specifications for the expressed purpose of completing an element or project within the prescribed time or by a certain date. The bonus can be tied to milestones, a final completion date, or both.

Unforeseen conditions, weather delays, unforeseen site conditions or other issues, which normally extend contract time, are not a consideration when granting a bonus. Bonuses are tied to a “drop-dead” date (timeframe) that is either met or not met. If the

bonus date or milestone is not met, the contractor will not receive the bonus. • Time extensions are allowed only for catastrophic events, such as a hurricane that directly impacts the contractor's performance

Utility schedules are crucial when using the No Excuse Bonus technique. A contractor may have to accelerate work to get a bonus, requiring the Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) parties to also increase staffing or work overtime. FDOT may establish contingency funds to cover the CEI's increased workload.

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