### Wording Changes

**July 2009**

#### New Terms

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<td>Amendments to the Standard Specifications</td>
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<td>Revised Standard Specifications</td>
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<td>Contract Change Order</td>
<td>Contract Change Order</td>
<td>Change Order</td>
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<td>Contract pay item, item of work, contract item, bid item</td>
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<td>Notice to Contractors</td>
<td>Notice to Bidders</td>
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<td>Proposal</td>
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<td>Project Information</td>
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<td>State-furnished materials</td>
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#### New Expressions

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<td>project site</td>
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<td>contract site</td>
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<td>provisions (for laws and PLACs) specifications (for specifications, including specifications such as ASTMs) terms (for contracts not between the Department and the Contractor)</td>
<td>conditions</td>
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#### New Definitions

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<th>Definition 1999 and 2006 Standard Specifications</th>
<th>Definition implemented in July 2008</th>
<th>Definition in 2010 Standard Specifications</th>
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<td>1-1.13 Department</td>
<td>Department: Department of Transportation as defined in St &amp; Hwy Code § 20 and authorized in St &amp; Hwy Code § 90; its authorized representatives.</td>
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<td>The Department of Transportation of the State of California, as created by law.</td>
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<td>1-1.18 Engineer</td>
<td>Engineer: Department's Chief Engineer acting either directly or through properly authorized agents; the agents acting within the scope of the particular duties delegated to them.</td>
<td>Engineer: The Resident Engineer responsible for the Contract's administration; the Resident Engineer's authorized representatives.</td>
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<td>The Chief Engineer, Department of Transportation, acting either directly or through properly authorized agents, the agents acting within the scope of the particular duties delegated to them.</td>
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#### New Referencing

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<td>ASTM Designation: A 706/A 706M</td>
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<td>Title 29 of the United States Code, Section 201 and the following</td>
<td>29 USC § 201 et seq.</td>
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<td>&lt;Work description&gt; will be paid for as extra work as specified in Section 4-1.03D, &quot;Extra Work,&quot; of the Standard Specifications.</td>
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#### Omission of Needless Words

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<td>highway right-of-way</td>
<td>highway</td>
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<td>Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday</td>
<td>Saturday or holiday</td>
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#### New Punctuation and Typography Style

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<th>Old style</th>
<th>Use in 1999 and 2006 specifications</th>
<th>Use in 2010 specifications</th>
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<td>2 spaces after a period or colon</td>
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For additional wording changes, go to applicable style guide at [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/)