Specialist Payment on Force Account Work

The Standard Specifications (see Section 9) provide that services or extra work may be performed and paid for on a specialist basis if the work or service “cannot be performed by the forces of the Contractor or those of any of his subcontractors”.

For the purpose of administering this specification, the term “Contractor” will include all firms or organizations performing contract item work, subsidiaries of such firms or organizations, and subsidiaries of the Contractor. The term “subcontractor” will include subsidiaries of the subcontractor.

Work performed off the project in connection with the fabrication of material needed for extra work may be paid for on a speciality billing basis. Such work would include engineering and shop costs in a machine shop, foundry, fabricating plant or similar facility. The specialist billing may include transportation if transportation is furnished by the fabricator or manufacturer.

All erection or other work at the job site which is performed in connection with fabricated or manufactured items must be paid for at force account.

Extra work may require the services of an independent specialist such as a plumber, electrician, etc. These specialists are equipped with service trucks and a variety of tools and equipment, and they normally bill on the basis of a flat hourly rate covering all elements of cost. In these situations an accurate determination of hours of use and rental rates of incidental equipment is highly impractical, and so the work may be paid for on a speciality billing basis.

See Chapter II of the Construction Manual for additional information relative to speciality billings.