

Requirements to be on the Florida Department of Transportation's List of Prequalified Fabricators of Painted Galvanized Steel and Aluminum Products

In order to be listed, a fabricator must meet all of the following requirements.

1) The fabricators of:

- a) Painted galvanized steel mast arms,
- b) Painted galvanized steel strain poles,
- c) Painted galvanized steel monotube assemblies,
- d) Painted galvanized steel light poles
- e) Painted aluminum conventional light poles and,
- f) Painted aluminum light poles, pedestals, and posts...

(collectively referred to herein as "Products") must be listed as a manufacturer in the Materials Acceptance and Certification System (MAC) for the specific portions of Section 646, 649 and 715 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction for the specific types of steel and/or aluminum products the fabricator wishes to supply.

2) The fabricator must, prior to supplying any of the above-referenced Products on a Department contract, provide to the Department an Assumption of Obligations by the Fabricator as the Responsible Party for Color and Adhesion Warranties on Painted Galvanized and Aluminum Structures (Department Form No. 700-010-20).

3) The fabricator must provide a Painted Galvanized and Aluminum Structures Warranty Bond (Department Form No. 375-020-65) (referred to herein as "Warranty Bond") against any color retention or adherence failures as described in section 975 of the Department's Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, for Products supplied for use on any Department contract. This Warranty Bond shall only apply to color retention or adherence failures, which occur within 5 years from the date of Final Acceptance of the contract under which the Products were installed, pursuant to an Assumption of Obligations by the Fabricator as the Responsible Party for Color and Adhesion on Painted Galvanized and Aluminum Structures (Department Form No. 700-010-20). For the first year this Warranty Bond is provided, the effective period for that bond cycle shall end on June 30th. After the first year, this Warranty Bond shall have a one-year effective bond cycle beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th of the following year. This Warranty Bond shall also provide that if the fabricator stops selling the above-referenced products for use on Department contracts and/or fails to provide a Warranty Bond annually, the preceding Warranty Bond shall by its terms be extended (please reference paragraph 5 of the Department's bond form).

4) The fabricator shall provide a written statement made by an officer of the company with the capacity to bind the company, certifying the number of Products that it sold for use on Department contracts during the current bond cycle. For subsequent years, the total bond amount shall be the previous year(s) calculated bond amount, plus the calculated bond amount for the current bond cycle, minus the total number of products sold to the Department that are no longer within the warranty bond period.

5) The dollar amount of the current bond cycle described above shall be a minimum of \$50,000 for aluminum products and \$100,000 for galvanized steel products and \$100,000 for fabricators providing both galvanized steel and aluminum products. The bond maximum shall be \$1,000,000 with amounts in between calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$\$2,500 \times$ (the number of painted galvanized steel mast arm assemblies sold by that fabricator for use on Department contracts during the previous bond cycle) . . .
plus $\$3,500 \times$ (the number of painted galvanized steel monotube assemblies sold by that fabricator for use on Department contracts during the previous bond cycle) . . .
plus $\$200 \times$ (the number of painted galvanized steel highway light poles sold by that fabricator for use on Department contracts during the previous bond cycle)
plus $\$500 \times$ (the number of painted aluminum conventional light poles and painted aluminum poles, pedestals, and posts sold by that fabricator for use on Department contracts in the previous bond cycle)

Reduction of the bond amount for the Products sold to the Department six or more years prior to the effective fiscal year bond cycle shall be calculated by subtracting the actual product costs from the 5-year accumulation of the new bond amount.

Regardless of the calculations above, the minimum and maximum bond amounts shall apply.

Fabricators who have previously supplied a bond but have not supplied any Products within the last year and do not have an active bond, shall submit a written estimate of the product quantities, based on the formula above, for the next bond cycle. The bond for that cycle shall be based on those estimated quantities. All bonds submitted based on estimated quantities must be updated within seven months of the effective bond cycle. The need for a bond update shall be calculated based on twice the actual product cost sold during the first six months of that bond cycle.

6) The annual Warranty Bond, stating the maximum limit of the bond and the applicable bond cycle ending June 30th, must be provided to the Warranty Tracking Coordinator at the Department's State Construction Office by April 30th of the year in which the bond cycle begins in order for the renewal to be considered timely. A timely renewal of this Warranty Bond is required to

continue being listed as one of the prequalified fabricators of the above-referenced Products shown on the Department's State Construction Office internet website.

7) The surety providing the Warranty Bond must be licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida, meeting all the legal requirements of Florida and the regulations of the Department and having the Department's approval. The surety's Florida Licensed Insurance Agent's name, address, and telephone number must clearly be stated on the Warranty Bond Form.

8) The fabricator may submit a Continuation Certificate (Department Form No. 375-020-65a) of the original bond in lieu of a newly executed bond beginning in the second bond cycle and for any subsequent cycles. The Continuation Certificate must be submitted in accordance with paragraph 6 of these instructions and must include a newly executed Power-of-Attorney.