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**TO:** County Engineers, City Representatives, and Consultants

**CC:** District Local Systems Engineers, Service Bureau,  
and Office of Local Systems

**FROM:** Office of Local Systems

**SUBJECT:** BIAS 2000 Notification and Revision #5

**DATE:** March 1, 2011

If you have any questions, **please do not reply to this note**. Instead, you may contact the person shown below.

The BIAS 2000 Notification and Revision #5 to the October 19, 2010, Bid Item Descriptions English and Metric Booklet is now available and is effective immediately for projects unless otherwise noted.

The following link is the BIAS Notification & Revision Update:

[http://www.iowadot.gov/local\\_systems/mailling/2011/march/10-11\\_bias\\_revision\\_5.pdf](http://www.iowadot.gov/local_systems/mailling/2011/march/10-11_bias_revision_5.pdf)

Thanks,

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Note: Documents are in Adobe Acrobat's pdf format. If you do not have the Adobe Acrobat Reader software, you can download it free of charge at:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>.

Mailings are available at the Local Systems Weekly Mailing web address

[http://www.iowadot.gov/local\\_systems/mailing/main\\_mailing.htm](http://www.iowadot.gov/local_systems/mailing/main_mailing.htm)

Iowa Department of Transportation -- Office of Contracts

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BIAS Notification and Revision #5
to the Bid Item Descriptions English and Metric Booklet
dated October 19, 2010

FYI - 'Spec' changes to existing bid items are not included in the BIAS notification.

BIAS has been updated.

- New items are effective immediately unless otherwise noted.
Items shown as omitted shall not be used on projects to be let after the Apr 19,2011 letting.
Following is a summary of the updates to the bid item files.

ENGLISH ITEMS

The following items have been added to the valid bid item description listing:

Table with columns: Effect Dt, Item Code, Description, Unit, Spec. Includes items like PATCH SUBDRAIN and PAVED SHOULDER.

The following items have been identified as no longer being valid bid items, and have been omitted from the current version of BIAS:

Table with columns: Item Code, Description, Unit. Includes items like FLOATING SILT CURTAIN.

METRIC ITEMS

The following items have been added to the valid bid item description listing:

Table with columns: Effect Dt, Item Code, Description, Unit, Spec. Includes items like PATCH SUBDRAIN and PAVED SHOULDER.

The following items have been identified as no longer being valid bid items, and have been omitted from the current version of BIAS:

Table with columns: Item Code, Description, Unit. Includes items like FLOATING SILT CURTAIN.