



## **MN Seeding Contractors Association Industry Standards Contract Language “2022 Edition”**

In order to achieve the best project success, our association is initiating the following language to protect our industry professionals from being held financially accountable for uncontrolled circumstances on performance base contracts. Such circumstances can include the following: Seeding Dates, Weeds, Soil Amendments needed to fix soils, Weather, Damage by other, Adverse Soil Conditions due to Construction Activity, etc.

### **Turf Establishment-**

**Installation-** Any bid item such as: seed bed prep, seeding, fertilizer, seed, cover, etc. are considered installation pay items. These items are to be installed according to plans and specifications.

**Payment for Installation-** All installation pay items are to be considered complete when the contractor feels it was installed satisfactory and the inspector approves it. Installation pay items are not performance based.

**Post Installation-** Any work that needs to be performed after the initial installation should have their own pay item or items and not be considered incidental. If there are no items, then they would be considered extra to the contract. These items could include: watering, spraying weeds, mowing, soil testing, soil amendments, re-seeding, maintenance fertilizer, maintenance mobilization, etc.

**Payment for Post Installation-** All post installation pay items should be agreed upon before work takes place. Payment of these items should be considered from the original bid or by change order. This work should not be considered the same as the installation pay items.

\*The MN Seeding Contractors Association recommend that current specifications that do not reflect the above, be reviewed and consider revising to meet this industry standard. \*

### **Example of Inclusion on a Quote:**

Quote is for install only/ also reflects the MN Seeding Contractors Association Standards - see link below.

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