PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

A. Amtrak requires that a site-specific work plan for accomplishing hoisting operations be prepared for every applicable project, and for each type of lift on a project.
   1. The plan shall demonstrate adherence to Amtrak safety rules.
   2. The plan shall demonstrate constructibility.
   3. The plan shall minimize impact to rail operations.
   4. The approved plan will provide the basis for field inspection/verification of the actual work.

B. Preparation, review and approval of the Crane/Hoisting site-specific work plan does not relieve the Contractor from meeting other Amtrak requirements for adequate planning and documentation of proposed work procedures within the Right-of-Way of the railroad.

C. Current Amtrak safety rules shall be adhered to in every respect.

D. Use of this specification is as required by Amtrak, as described in Amtrak Engineering Practice EP3014.

1.2 RELATED DOCUMENTS

A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and other Division 1 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

A. CHIEF ENGINEER: Amtrak Vice President, Chief Engineer

B. RAILROAD: National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), and/or the duly authorized representative

C. ENGINEERING PRACTICE: Amtrak Engineering Practices establish a system of uniform practices, notices and instructions for the Amtrak Engineering Department, providing current, permanent and temporary, departmental procedures and policies.

1.4 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. Unless otherwise directed in the Contract, the Contractor shall submit five sets of plans and calculations to the authorized representative of the Chief Engineer, Structures, whose name and address will be provided at the project pre-construction meeting.

B. Submitted calculations and plans shall be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer, registered in the State in which the work will be performed.
C. The Contractor shall revise and resubmit plans and calculations as many times as necessary, until a complete and correct site-specific work plan for crane/hoisting operations has been approved.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS (Not Used)

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY AMTRAK ENGINEERING STRUCTURES:

A. Plan view showing location(s) of cranes, operating radii, with delivery and/or disposal locations shown. Provide all necessary dimensions for locating the elements of the plan.

B. Plans and computations showing the weight of the pick.

C. Crane rating sheets, demonstrating that cranes are adequate for 150% of the calculated pick weight. That is, the cranes shall be capable of picking 150% of the load, while maintaining normal, recommended factors of safety. The adequacy of the crane for the proposed pick shall be determined by using the manufacturer’s published crane rating chart and not the maximum crane capacity. Crane and boom nomenclature is to be indicated.

D. Calculations demonstrating that slings, shackles, lifting beams, etc. are adequate for 150% of the calculated pick weight.

E. Location plan showing obstructions, indicating that the proposed swing is possible. “Walking” of load using two cranes will not be permitted. Rather, multiple picks and repositioning of the crane may be permitted to get the load to the needed location for the final pick, if necessary.

F. Data sheet listing types and sizes of slings and other connecting equipment. Include copies of catalog cuts for specialized equipment. Detail attachment methods on the plans.

G. A complete procedure, indicating the order of lifts and any repositioning or re-hitching of the crane or cranes.

H. Temporary support of any components or intermediate stages, as may be required.

I. A time schedule of the various stages, as well as a schedule for the entire lifting process.

END OF SECTION 01142A