

**NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY  
CONSULTANT INSTRUCTION**

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**SUBJECT: EARTHWORK INSPECTION – CERTIFICATION/TRAINING  
REQUIREMENTS**

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**CODE: 09-1**

**SUPERSEDES: N/A**



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This consultant instruction notifies consultants that intend to perform Construction Inspection Services for the New York State Thruway Authority/Canal Corporation of the training/certification requirement for performing earthwork inspection and testing.

This requirement stated below is already in effect for all Construction Inspection Agreements with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). See NYSDOT Construction Instruction 08-04, EARTHWORK INSPECTION – CERTIFICATION/TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

The requirement for inspection staff to have obtained this training/certification is mandated if the below language appears in the contract advertisement and will be incorporated into the contract agreement scope of services.

**REQUIREMENT:**

“Technicians employed by the consultant who perform field inspection of geotechnical construction (earthwork), including, but not limited to embankment construction, subbase placement, structure and culvert backfill placement and testing of earthwork items for in-place density and/or graduation, shall possess a current certification and/or proof of training from the following organization:

**New England Transportation Technician Certification Program (NETTCP)**  
Soils Aggregate Inspector Certification

An alternate to the certification/training listed above would be proof of previous training (within the past 5 years) of the NYSDOT Earthwork Inspectors Training, given by NYSDOT’s Geotechnical Engineering Bureau.”

(Note: NYSDOT has recently joined NETTCP. As a result, NETTCP will change its name to the **Northeast Transportation Training and Certification Program.**

Construction Inspection Consultants who plan on working for the New York State Thruway Authority/Canal Corporation in the future are strongly encouraged to arrange for training their staff.

Costs associated with this training are not eligible for direct cost reimbursement and should be included in the firm's appropriate overhead account.

This requirement shall be effective with all agreements advertised after June 30, 2009.