



The Wisconsin statutes provide that improvements of local roads and streets, when federal aid funds are used for such improvements, will be under the jurisdiction of the department. The municipality (county or other local unit of government) where the proposed improvement is located provides the necessary funds for matching or supplementing the federal funds. The improvement of a local road or street, when authorized by state and federal authorities, is performed under a contract based on bids. This contract is executed between the department and the lowest responsible and competent bidder, unless the department finds it to be in the best interests of the public to have the improvement performed by the municipality under a negotiated agreement. In the latter case, the department enters into an agreement between the municipality, and the department. Normally this will be a local force account agreement.

The administration and inspection of work under federal aid contracts for the improvement of local roads and streets will be by the department's engineering forces or the department's management consultant or by a separate consultant. In some instances the inspection of the grading, paving, curb and gutter, etc. may be by WisDOT forces (the management consultant or a separate consultant), and the inspection of specialty work such as sanitary sewer or water supply may be by municipal forces. Municipal forces may also perform other routine inspection duties, if they are pre-qualified. In either event, the agreement with the municipality should clarify that the engineer is in "responsible charge" of the project, and the local inspectors will report to the engineer.

### **2-14.1 Project Oversight Requirements for Components of Project Listed in State/Municipal Agreement**

On some projects, portions of the work may be federally funded, and other portions may be entirely locally funded. Construction oversight (overall responsible charge) as defined in the standard specifications and the CMM by the management consultant or other consultant is required for all federally funded components of work performed.

Construction oversight of locally funded or locally let components should be limited to projects that were developed using the DOT/DNR Cooperative agreement. The oversight needs to be sufficient to ensure the construction activities comply with the terms of this agreement.