Engineering Specification Side Rail Steel Deck Truck Scale

The following set of specifications shall describe a heavy-duty, fully electronic, side rail, low profile, 3/8 in steel deck truck scale system designed to be optionally mounted on an above-grade pier or slab type foundation. The scale shall be a three-module four-section system that is suitable for easy movement from one location to another.

1.0 General Provisions - Truck Scale

The scale shall be a fully electronic, low profile, steel deck design truck scale. The scale platform shall be designed and manufactured in the United States of America. The scale platform, load cells and digital indicators shall be assembled in the United States of America. The scale shall be a Rice Lake Weighing Systems Model SR7011-ST-100 or equivalent that shall meet the following minimum standards:

- **1.1** The scale shall have a gross capacity of 100 tons (200,000 lb) with a displayed resolution of 200,000 lb x 20 lb in accordance with NIST, Class IIIL devices.
- 1.2 The scale shall be a fully electronic design. The scale weighbridge shall consist of factory welded modules having a total longitudinal span of 70 ft (69 ft 10.5 in) and platform width of 11 ft(10 ft 10.5 in). Mechanical lever systems shall not be accepted.
- 1.3 Each scale module shall be designed with a Concentrated Load Capacity (CLC) of 60 tons (120,000 lb), as defined by NIST. When the CLC is applied at mid span on a module, according to NIST regulations, the maximum stress of the steel shall not exceed 26,000 psi as determined by Finite Element Analysis (FEA) software. The deflection at this loading condition shall not cause the scale to exceed the allowable accuracy tolerance as specified by NIST in Handbook 44.
- **1.4** The scale provided shall have an unobstructed weighing surface of 11 ft (10 ft 10.5 in) wide by 70 ft (69 ft 10.5 in) in length and a 24 in minimum profile. A minimum clearance of 6 in shall be provided between the concrete floor and the bottom of the weighbridge.
- **1.5** The scale modules shall be designed as such to eliminate the use of grout plates requiring setting and leveling prior to the scale's arrival at the job site.
- **1.6** The scale system shall be a full electronic design with internal self-checking weighbridge. Weighbridges using bumper bolts, externally fixed check rods or embedded bumper plates in the end walls shall not be permitted.
- **1.7** Main outside beams shall be minimum of two 24 in wide flange, 76 lb per foot.
- **1.8** Minimum weighbridge thickness shall be 24 in including steel support beams.
- **1.9** Weighbridge shall be a welded design and factory assembled.

- 1.10 The entire bridge assembly shall be cleaned prior to the addition of any coatings or paint to the weighbridge modules. The customer reserves the right to inspect the steel surfaces prior to application of any coatings to the prepared steel surfaces. All steel surfaces shall be free of welding gases, residue, oil, mill scale and rust.
- **1.11** All non-visible steel shall be evenly spray coated with an asphalt emulsified coating or have equal protection applied.
- **1.12** All steel elements shall be steel shot blasted to SSPC-A-SP6 standards.
- **1.13** All visible steel surfaces shall receive a 3-5 mill application of a high solids urethane primer and a high solids acrylic urethane top coat to a finish of 2-3 mill thickness.
- **1.14** Structural steel elements shall have a combined minimum weight of 40,600 lb
- 1.15 The scale shall be NTEP Certified and shall meet the requirements set forth by NIST Handbook 44 for Class IIIL devices. The bidder shall submit a current copy of Certificate of Conformance with bid.
- **1.16** Access to load cells shall be from the side of the scale and be boltless in design.
- **1.17** The scale provided shall be a Rice Lake Weighing Systems SURVIVOR® Series Model SR7011-ST-100 or equivalent.

2.0 Load Cells and Junction Boxes

Load cells are rigidly mounted utilizing a single link suspension to provide equal and consistent and evenly distributed force to the load cell. Load cells are totally self-contained and come complete with mounting stands, single-link suspension and 60 ft of cable to junction box. Compression or rocker style load cells shall not be permitted.

- 2.1 Load cells shall be rigidly mounted in fabricated steel stands parallel to traffic flow. Suspension system shall be E4340 material forged single link suspension hardened to Rockwell "C" 40-45 to allow self-centering and free-floating platform. Rocker column or compression type load cells requiring check rods, anti-rotation pins or bumper bolts shall not be permitted.
- 2.2 Load cells shall be of the analog type and have a minimum capacity of 75,000 lb each with an overload safety factor of 150 percent. Scales utilizing a load cell with capacity lower than 75,000 lb shall not be permitted.
- **2.3** Scales utilizing adjustable bumper bolts or embedded plates in the wall to minimize movement of the bridge shall not be allowed.
- **2.4** Systems utilizing proprietary, internal circuitry to convert analog to digital load cell signal within the load cell shall not be permitted.

- **2.5** Steel conduit shall be provided within the weighbridge for load cell cable runs.
- 2.6 A flexible screw type conduit fitting shall be provided at each load cell. Load cell cable shall be totally enclosed within permanent conduit provided within the weighbridge. Load cells using connectors of any type shall not be permitted. Braided metal cable covering shall not be used in place of steel flex conduit or hardened steel conduit.
- **2.7** Load cells shall be of 4340 alloy steel nickel plated and shall be sealed with a minimum IP67 rating.
- **2.8** Replacement load cells shall be available from a multitude of vendors nationally, and shall not be single sourced or of a proprietary design.
- 2.9 Load cells shall be non-proprietary in design, including both mechanical operation and electronic transmission of data. Manufacturers using proprietary load cell technology available from a single source shall not be permitted.
- 2.10 Fiberglass Reinforced Polyester (FRP) junction box with formed contoured edges and gasketed top access. Junction box shall have a GORE-TEX® single directional breather vent with a hydrophobic membrane for pressure equalization. Steel junction boxes shall not be permitted.
- 2.11 Load cell stands shall be flush mounted to concrete piers and anchored using wedge locks or similar bolts. A maximum of two ¾ in x 7 in anchor bolts shall be required per stand and shall be included in cost of scale. Grout plates or embedded items in the foundation concrete shall not be allowed.
- **2.12** A 1 in braided copper transient bypass cable shall be provided at each load cell from the weighbridge to the base stand.
- **2.13** UPS Duplex Voltage regulating transformer or equivalent.
- **2.14** UJB-3T6 DC transient circuitry protection or equivalent.
- 2.15 The weighbridge, load cells, junction box, digital weight indicator and remote display shall be warranted for a minimum of full twelve years against failure of all types including lightning or surge voltage..
- **2.16** A single-point grounding system shall be provided. Systems utilizing a multiple-point ground shall not be permitted.

3.0 Digital Instrumentation Specifications

The scale instrument shall be a Rice Lake Weighing Systems 1280 Enterprise™ Series programmable indicator/controller complete with operator-friendly diagnostics for load cells and digital j-box or equivalent.

- 3.1 The scale instrument shall be NTEP Certified and meet or exceed all specifications set forth by NIST Handbook 44 for Class II, III, and IIIL devices. Additionally, the instrument shall meet or exceed approvals for UL, C-UL and CE. The manufacturer, on request, shall provide a Certificate of Conformance (COC) to these standards.
- **3.2** The scale instrument shall be housed in an all stainless steel 304, IP69K enclosure measuring 10.85" wide x 12.50" high x 5.25" deep.
- **3.3** The instrument shall be 100 percent manufactured by the manufacturer of the weighbridge assembly.
- 3.4 The instrument shall be Linux® based
- **3.5** The scale instrument shall be fully programmable and configurable according to the needs of the application.
- 3.6 The scale display shall be a LCD graphical, color display with minimum size of 800 x 480 pixels and be available in 500 or 1,000 NIT.
- **3.7** The instrument shall allow connection of a QWERTY-type, computer-style keyboard.
- **3.8** The front panel of the instrument shall have the following operational keys as standard with tactile feedback:

Zero

Print

Gross/Net

Clear

Tare

Decimal Point

Units

Numeric 0-9

- **3.9** The instrument shall have the following displayed operational annunciators: gross, tare, net, zero, motion and three units of measurement
- **3.10** The scale instrument shall have the capability of powering up to (16) 350 Ohm load cells.
- **3.11** The instrument shall have the ability to display both gross and net weights and the ability to recall gross or tare weights in the net mode.
- **3.12** The instrument shall have the ability to provide in/out, gross/tare/net calculation of individual truck weights and storage for the following information:
 - 1,000 open transactions
 - 1,000 tare weights
 - Database report
- **3.13** The instrument shall have six smart card slots for additional scale channels, serial ports, digital inputs and outputs, analog outputs and protocol interfaces.

- **3.14** The instrument should have 100 setpoints, 18 configurable setpoint types.
- **3.15** The scale instrument shall be designed to provide noise protection for RFI, EMI and ESD.
- **3.16** The excitation voltage shall be 10 +/- 0.5 VDC.
- **3.17** The instrument shall have an automatic zero tracking feature that will be programmable and in compliance with NIST, Measurement Canada and OIML regulations.
- **3.18** The instrument shall be fully programmable.
- **3.19** The instrument shall include as standard surge voltage protection as recommended by the manufacturer
- **3.20** The digital instrument shall be warranted by the manufacturer for two years from date of installation.
- **3.21** The instrument shall have a multi-level digital filtering system for environmental noise or vibration.
- **3.22** Individual load cell monitoring and system diagnostics shall be available when paired with the iQUBE^{2®} digital diagnostic junction box.
- **3.23** The scale instrument shall have an internal resolution of 8.000.000 counts.
- **3.24** Operating temperature for the instrument shall be -4°F to 131°F (-20°C to 55°C).
- **3.25** Customized programmable print formats, including 20 auxiliary print formats, shall be available.
- **3.26** Operational power input shall be 115 or 230 VAC, ±10 percent. 50/60 Hz single phase.
- **3.27** The scale instrument shall have the capability of receiving custom programs.
- **3.28** The instrument shall have a real-time clock and battery-backed feature.
- **3.29** A/D conversion rate shall be selectable from 7.5 Hz to 960 Hz.
- **3.30** Multi-range/internal selection for setting two or three weight ranges with different division sizes
- **3.31** The digital instrument should have web server capabilities.