

## **Personnel and Lab Qualifications of Research Team**

### General Requirements

The Principal Investigator (PI) or any substitutes to the PI shall preferably be a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Oklahoma. In addition, any substitution shall have equivalent or higher qualifications than the PI selected in the original contract. The research personnel who will be conducting the research shall have been deemed qualified by the PI prior to the start of the research.

The laboratories performing the work shall have a documented Quality Management System (QMS) acceptable to ODOT. The intent of the QMS is to document to ODOT that the lab has the necessary calibrated and/or verified equipment, competent technicians, and quality system in place to properly conduct testing on highway construction materials used in the research. The PI will submit a copy of the universities laboratory QMS prior to the award of the contract to proceed. As a means of achieving this goal it is recommended that the PI and his/her staff refer to AASHTO R-18 for guidance in developing the QMS for conformance with this policy.

Periodic lab inspections by ODOT representatives may be conducted during the performance of the contract, and any infractions noted at the time of such inspections will be brought to the attention of the PI and corrective actions taken.

**Failure to produce the required research personnel qualifications and a copy of the universities QMS as specified above will preclude a fully executed agreement.**