



DATE: 8/31/11

INITIAL ASSESSMENT COMPLETED

Applicant: Kodi Klip Corp
Product: Rebar Connection System
Product Classification: Type 2

Thank you for your interest in the MassDOT Qualified Construction Materials List (QPL) program.

A. Your application has been reviewed by the Product Evaluation Team (PET) as a Type 2 new product. Unfortunately, the PET has determined that no current need exists for this product at this time. This decision is based on all data received to date related to this application including input from other MassDOT divisions. MassDOT will keep an open file on this product for future reference in the event that changing circumstances warrant further consideration in the future. While this product will not receive consideration for placement on MassDOT's QPL at this time, use of the product may be pursued by the applicant on a project by project basis by incorporation into the individual contract special provisions. This of course, is a matter of businesses between the vendor and the contractor or project designer.

B. DEFINITIONS

- a. **Type 1 New Product (Type 1)** - A product that appears to fall within an existing product category under the Qualified Construction Materials List (QPL) but will require evaluation or validation of performance prior to approval.
- b. **Type 2 New Product (Type 2)** - A product that appears to have not been used or evaluated by MassDOT previously and does not fall within an existing product category under the Qualified Construction Materials List (QPL). These products will require an initial assessment of whether MassDOT has a need or interest for the new product; whether the product is cost competitive; and, whether approval of the product would create a potential sole-source problem.

C. POLICY

Any vendor or manufacturer can submit a product for consideration and possible addition to the Department's QPL. Following product classification (Type 1 or Type 2), all applications within a given category are evaluated in the same fashion. For Type 1 products, MassDOT's initial assessment is a desk top evaluation based on the submitted new product application. For Type 2 product, MassDOT's initial assessment involves a determination of whether MassDOT has a need or interest for the new product; whether the product is cost competitive; and, whether approval of the product would create a potential sole-source problem. It is the burden of the vendor to demonstrate that a need for a new product exists and that their product has a good potential for satisfying this need. Vendor proposals that attempt to place the Department with the responsibility for developing the application for a product being offered will not be considered. The Department will consider for evaluation only those products adequately developed, screened, and tested by the manufacturers.