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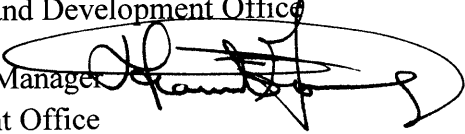
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2005

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SUBJECT: Justification to Proceed with Design/Build Process
FPID: 412488-1-52-01
SR 844 / NE 14th Street Bascule Bridge Rehabilitation
Broward County

The subject project was added to the District Four Work Program due to the electrical, mechanical, and structural deficiencies of the existing bascule bridge structure. The Design-Build innovative contracting technique was selected in an effort to expedite this important project quickly and efficiently. The project will upgrade the overall structure and bring this bridge into current standards, providing continued safe operation for the traveling public, and also preventing the reoccurrence of any electrical, mechanical or structural problems.

This project was advertised on two separate occasions and in both times, only two Letters of Interest (LOI) were received. The same two contractors submitted LOI's each of the two times. The District then contacted all pre-qualified contractors in the State to inform them about the project as an effort to generate interest from additional Design/Build Teams. The deadline for this third special advertisement period was Friday, February 18, 2005, and no additional LOI's were received.

The District requests to proceed with the Design-Build Team selection process with the two LOI's received. The District did everything possible to generate the three LOI's as required by the Design-Build rules, policies and procedures. In allowing the District to continue with this project, it will help us to preserve and improve this bridge from any further deterioration. This is an important project for our district, the city, the county, and the traveling public.

Your prompt response to this request will be greatly appreciated.