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TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: FEDERAL AID PROJECT ADMINISTRATION - NEW
EXEMPTION AGREEMENT

The Department has met with the Federal Highway Administration to resolve the interpretation of a new FHWA Exemption Agreement.

FHWA Oversight Projects:

The new FHWA Exemption Agreement provides that FHWA will maintain full oversight for new construction or reconstruction on Federal Aid projects greater than \$1 million on the Interstate system (**FHWA Oversight** projects), as in the past. Federal Aid participation in project changes on **FHWA Oversight** projects will be administered as in the past. The Districts will address prior requests for Federal Aid participation in project changes directly to FHWA on Form # 700-010-47 (CPAM Ch. 4, Sec. 3, - 05/01/99). Federal Aid participation in all claims on **FHWA Oversight** projects will be obtained from FHWA by the Central Construction Office.

Reviews of all Federal Aid Projects other than FHWA Oversight Projects:

Reviews of all other Federal Aid projects, including Construction, Value Engineering Change Proposals, Final Inspection and Acceptance in compliance with all Federal Aid requirements contained in Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) will be performed by the Districts. Form 700-010-32, Final Inspection & Acceptance of Federal Aid Projects, is available from the Department's Forms Library, and will be completed and executed by the Districts for these projects.

FHWA Participation in Central Office Oversight Projects:

Central Office Oversight projects will comprise a) Federal Aid projects for new construction or reconstruction on the Interstate system less than \$1 million, b) all 3R (Resurfacing, Rehabilitation, Restoration) projects on the Interstate system, and c) Federal aid projects on the National Highway system (NHS). Federal Aid participation in project changes on **Central Office Oversight** projects will be determined by the State Construction Engineer on Form # 700-010-43 (CPAM Ch. 4, Sec. 3, - 05/01/99) for the following: Supplemental Agreements, Unilateral Payments, Work Orders, Change Orders, Time Extensions, Suspensions of the Work, Contract Claims.

FHWA Participation in NON-NHS Projects:

Federal Aid participation in project changes on NON-NHS Federal Aid projects will be determined by the Districts.

Although FHWA review or concurrence for Federal Aid participation will not be required on Federal Aid projects other than **FHWA Oversight** projects, the new FHWA Exemption Agreement does not preclude FHWA access to and review of all Federal Aid projects at any time.

The Department has also committed to a partnership relationship of developing and sharing technical skills by allowing FHWA participation in construction inspection of major, unusual or innovative structures on all Federal Aid projects.

The FDOT Central Office will continue to establish Department policies, rules, procedures, specifications and standards in order to ensure uniform compliance and quality performance by the Districts in implementing the Transportation program. The Central Construction Office will also continue monitoring all construction projects for the purpose of measuring compliance and reporting deficiencies in regard to the above, as well as providing technical assistance to the Districts, as required by Florida Statutes and the Department's Quality Assurance Review Procedure (Topic No. 260-010-002).

CPAM will be revised to accommodate the above changes.

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