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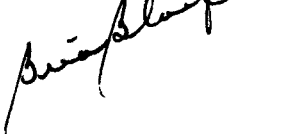
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**TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS**

**FROM:** Brian Blanchard, Director, Office of Construction 

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**SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR PRODUCTS LISTED ON THE QPL TO BE MANUFACTURED BY A QUALIFIED PRODUCER**

The purpose of this memo is to remind all CEI personnel that the listing of a product on the QPL does not by itself constitute final acceptance of that product. Final acceptance of a product is granted only when it is in full compliance with applicable specifications and these all require that the product be manufactured by a producer that is qualified by the Department and is on the State Materials Office (SMO) list of "Producers With Acceptable QC Programs" at the following website:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/statematerialsoffice/quality/programs/qualitycontrol/materialslistings/pstjuly2002.htm>

The SMO website has 15 lists depending on the category of product. The following is a summary of those items on the QPL by category that are required to be on an approved producer list of the SMO website:

Precast Temporary Barrier Wall (Specification 521), Sound Barrier Panels (Specification 534), Retaining Wall Panels (Specification 548) and Concrete Strain Poles (Specification 641): SMO List - Concrete Sources -- Precast Incidental, Drainage and Pipe

Galvanizers for Guardrail (Specification 536) Roadway Sign Supports (Specification 700-2.3) and Light Poles (992-2.1): SMO List – Coatings Sources

Steel Strain Poles, Steel Mast Arms and Monotube Assemblies (Specification 649) and Steel and Aluminum Light Poles (992-2): SMO List - Metal Fabricators

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Aluminum Pedestrian-Bicycle Railing (Index 860) and Aluminum Pipe Guiderail (870): SMO List – Metal Fabricators

If the component is not manufactured by a producer on the SMO list then even if it appears on the QPL, it may not be accepted for use on a Department project. Checking the list before acceptance is the responsibility of CEI staff and must be carried out consistently.

Where required, the product must be stamped by the producer which signifies that the product has been manufactured in full compliance with the producer's QC Plan and the applicable specifications and the required certifications and shipping tickets must be received and be in order. Unstamped products must be rejected; however, products delivered to the project site without a stamp, may be stamped on site by the producer. This is with the understanding that the product meets all requirements and is not used in the work until stamped.

If you have further questions, please contact Steve Plotkin at (904)360-5501 or Rafiq Darji at (850)414-4195.

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