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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Transportation Builders Association, and Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers

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SUBJECT: Use of E-Commerce on FDOT Construction Contracts

Problem Statement:
Department of Transportation construction projects are often extremely complex in nature, highly technical, and extremely sensitive to complex environmental and engineering conditions. These contracts require generation of high level details, both contractual and technical throughout the life of contracts resulting in numerous reports and multiple copies of documents. Besides the volume of documentation on each contract, multi-level reviews and approvals requiring many changes of hands adds up to considerable time delay.

Objective:
The purpose of this paper is to strengthen already strong commitment of FDOT, FTBA, and FICE to the preservation of the environment, and the mobility of people and goods with a minimum disruption while implementing new ways of reducing costs and time delays.

Benefits:
Use of E-commerce on FDOT contracts will minimize or eliminate the use of paper thereby helping to preserve the environment. E-commerce will also result in significant savings of man-hours by eliminating handling of documents, printing, mailing, scanning and delivering of documents; and will further eliminate cost of long term storage of paper documents. Further, it will speed up the review and processing of documents and reports.

Commitment:
It is the commitment of FDOT, FTBA, and FICE to whole-heartedly and without delay adopt and promote the E-commerce practice among the Department and sister agencies, transportation builders, contractors and Producer industries, and engineering communities throughout the State of Florida.

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