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SUBJECT: **Sunset of Classical Electronic Delivery for FDOT Project Lettings**

This bulletin changes the Department's policy for project delivery and requires Digital Delivery to be used instead of Electronic Delivery for all FDOT project lettings after June 30, 2015.

BACKGROUND

Since 2001, the Department has been advertising and letting projects based upon a process described in the FDOT CADD Production Criteria Handbook (CPCH) as Electronic Delivery. This process modeled former paper processes with software, and was successful.

In the early fall of 2012, with leadership and initiative from District 2 staff, the Department began to undertake the next phase of electronic submission of Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) files. This also included files representing other engineering and surveying data, and most importantly, those files representing the analog Plans and Specifications. The Department listened to customers and used lessons learned to simplify the Electronic Delivery process into what the CPCH today calls Digital Delivery. With successive District 2 pilot projects, and the beginning of adoption by other Districts in early 2013, the CPCH was updated to accept both the "Classical" Electronic Delivery and Digital Delivery methods.

COMMENTARY

The success of Digital Delivery has proven more cost and time effective over the Classical Electronic Delivery methodology, and more projects are being delivered by Digital Delivery as Districts realize the efficiencies. The effort has also been reduced for making project deliveries thus saving time in review and distribution.

IMPLEMENTATION

For projects **LET effective July 1, 2015**, Digital Delivery will be the sole method of project delivery for CADD and other files accepted by the Department. As such, the Engineering / CADD Systems Office (ECSO) will sunset Classical Electronic Delivery and no longer actively support those software which supports it. Likewise ECSO will phase out Electronic Delivery from the CADD Production Criteria Handbook. References in other documents and manuals will be updated accordingly.

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Based upon successful widespread use in several Districts, all Districts are encouraged to adopt Digital Delivery at an accelerated pace, but certainly before the sunset date for Classical Electronic Delivery established herein.

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Link to FDOT CADD Production Criteria Handbook:

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