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INTEGRITY IN GOVERNMENT

The Florida Department of Transportation (Department) embraces the public's right to honest state government. The Department will always strive to protect public money and property and maintain a high level of vigilance for indicators of fraud or other criminality impacting the Department. Any attempt by Department employees, members of the public, contractors, subcontractors, or others to use their association with the Department to gain a financial or other benefit to which they are not properly entitled will be investigated promptly and appropriate action will be taken.

The Department will not tolerate or condone any attempt to conceal fraud or other illegal acts. All Department employees are responsible for reporting suspected wrongdoing to their supervisor and the Office of Inspector General. Department managers who receive reports of suspected wrongdoing must inform the Office of Inspector General. No Department employee will retaliate against another employee, contractor, or consultant for reporting suspected wrongdoing.

The Office of Inspector General is responsible for activities that promote accountability, integrity, and efficiency in government pursuant to section 20.055(2), Florida Statutes. To fulfill this responsibility, the Office of Inspector General conducts investigations, audits, and management reviews.

If an investigation or audit identifies reasonable grounds indicating a violation of criminal law, the Office of Inspector General will notify appropriate law enforcement or prosecutorial agencies pursuant to section 20.055(7)(c), Florida Statutes, and coordinate Department assistance necessary to address the potential violation.

The Office of Inspector General will keep the Department Secretary and the Chief Inspector General informed concerning fraud, abuses, and deficiencies relating to programs and operations administered or financed by the Department. The Office of Inspector General may also recommend corrective actions and report on the progress made in implementing corrective actions.

The Office of Inspector General has a toll-free "Fraud Hotline" available to facilitate the reporting of possible wrongdoings (1-800-255-8099). Reports of suspected wrongdoing may also be submitted in person, by mail, or email available at the Inspector General's link on the Department's Internet or Infonet web sites.



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