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July 27, 2022

Khoa Nguyen
Director, Office of Technical Services
Federal Highway Administration
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office
Section: **105**
Proposed Specification: **SP1050813DB Contractor Quality Control General Requirements.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Special Provision.

The changes are proposed by Juan Castellanos from the State Materials Office to update the requirements for inspectors assigned to monitor Auger Cast Piles for bridges and non-bridges.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at (850) 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Strickland, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

CONTRACTOR QUALITY CONTROL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**(REV 6-8-22)**

ARTICLE 105-8 is expanded by the following.

105-8.13 Geotechnical Foundation Services Personnel For Design Build Projects:

105-8.13.1 General: Provide qualified personnel to design foundations and provide geotechnical analyses and recommendations for the design of roadways and structures for the project. Provide qualified and trained personnel to perform foundation testing, inspection of the construction activities and oversight of the foundation construction operations. Ensure the personnel provided meet the registration and qualification requirements specified herein and these requirements are maintained throughout the duration of the design and construction of the project elements where these personnel are required to work.

Submit qualification statements for the geotechnical, dynamic testing, load testing and non-destructive testing personnel to be used on the project for acceptance by the Engineer. The Department will review these qualification statements, provide comments or request additional information within 15 working days, excluding weekends and Department observed holidays. Do not begin Design or Construction until the qualifications of supervisory personnel have been accepted by the Engineer. Acceptance of the Design-Build Firm's personnel does not relieve the Design-Build Firm of the responsibility for obtaining the required results in the completed work.

105-8.13.2 Geotechnical Foundation Design Engineer of Record (GFDEOR):

Provide a Geotechnical Foundation Design Engineer of Record in responsible charge of the geotechnical exploration, analysis, design and recommendations for the roadways and structures on the project. The GFDEOR shall also supervise and certify the constructed foundations. The GFDEOR must be a Professional Engineer registered in the state of Florida and must have a minimum of five years of design experience with the type of foundation proposed for the project. For bridges founded on piles and drilled shafts, the GFDEOR must possess verifiable responsible charge experience in the interpretation and utilization of data from the types of load tests (dynamic, static, Osterberg Cell and/or Statnamic load tests) used on the project on at least three Department bridge projects.

105-8.13.3 Dynamic Testing Engineer (DTE): Provide a Dynamic Testing Engineer in responsible charge of the performance of the dynamic load testing of driven piles, evaluation, signal matching and analysis of the dynamic load test data, the establishment of the production pile lengths (when these are to be determined based on test pile information) and driving criteria. Production pile lengths and driving criteria shall be developed by the same engineering firm, and under the same DTE analyzing the dynamic pile testing data in conjunction with the GFDEOR. The DTE must be a Professional Engineer registered in the state of Florida with responsible charge experience of geotechnical foundation construction engineering and dynamic testing of driven piles for a period of not less than three years including at least three Department bridge projects. This "responsible charge" experience shall include verifiable experience using the test methods that will be utilized on the project. The DTE must have a rank of Intermediate or higher in the PDCA/PDI Dynamic Measurement and Analysis Proficiency Test.

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