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August 12, 2021

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Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office
Section: **001**
Proposed Specification: **0010300 Definitions and Terms.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Tim Lattner from the State Office of Design to add the definition of Estimated Quantities Report (EQR) and provide clarification to refer to the EQR when the Plans don't include quantity related information. Changes were also proposed by Scott Arnold from the State Construction Office to add definitions for Request for Information, Request for Modification, and Request for Correction to reduce delays in responding to these types of requests.

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

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 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

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For items of work not specifically covered by the Rules of the Department of Transportation, a Specialty Engineer is qualified if he has the following qualifications:

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