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Khoa Nguyen  
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Federal Highway Administration  
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: **580**  
Proposed Specification: **SP5800000 Landscaping.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Jeff Caster to include new soil enhancement, new inspection forms into use, and eliminate the need for monitoring soil moisture. Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [dan.hurtado@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:dan.hurtado@dot.state.fl.us).

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

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Dan Hurtado, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**LANDSCAPING**  
**(REV 11-28-198)**

SECTION 580 is deleted and the following substituted:

**580-1 Description.**

Install landscaping as indicated in the Contract Documents.

**580-2 Materials.****580-2.1 Plants:**

**580-2.1.1 Sizes:** Small plants includes all ground covers, shrubs less than 7 gallon, trees less than 7 gallon, clustering type palms less than 6 foot overall height, cycads less than 7 gallon, and incidental landscaping.

Large plants include shrubs 7 gallon or greater, trees 7 gallon or greater, all single trunk palms, and clustering type palms 6 foot overall height and greater.

**580-2.1.2 Grade Standards and Conformity with Type and Species:** Provide plant materials purchased from Florida commercial nursery stock that comply with all required inspection, grading standards, and plant regulations in accordance with the latest edition of the Florida Department of Agriculture's "Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants."

Florida commercial nursery stock is defined as plants propagated or grown at a Florida commercial nursery or imported to a Florida commercial nursery, made available for sale to the public, and included as inventory for fee. Nursery stock purchased from outside Florida and shipped directly to the project site is not Florida commercial nursery stock. Prior to installation, provide nursery invoices or delivery tickets that include written certification that all nursery stock meets the requirements of this Section.

Unless otherwise specified, the minimum grade for plant material is Florida No. 1. Plant materials must be the specified size and grade at the time of delivery to the site.

Use only plants that are true to type and species, free of fungal infection and disease, and ensure that the plants not specifically covered by Florida Department of Agriculture's "Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants" conform in type and species with the standards and designations in general acceptance by Florida nurseries. Submit a list of nurseries where plants are tagged, including contact information and location. The Engineer may visit the nursery sites to inspect representative samples and lock tag the example plant material.

A minimum of two plants of each species on each shipment must be shipped with tags stating the botanical nomenclature and common name of the plant. Should discrepancies between botanical nomenclature and common name arise, the botanical name will take precedence.

**580-2.2 Inspection and Transporting:** Move nursery stock in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local Rules and Regulations. For each shipment of nursery stock, provide the nursery's General Nursery Stock Inspection Certificate with as required in Chapter 5B-2, F.A.C.

**580-2.3 Water:** Meet the requirements of Section 983.

**580-2.4 Mulch:** Provide and install mulch in accordance with the Contract Documents  
~~Use of cypress mulch is prohibited.~~

**580-2.5 Soil Enhancement:** ~~Remove all unsuitable soil and debris to root ball depth. Replace soil meeting the requirements of 987-2.4.~~

Enhance soil in accordance with the Contract Documents.

### **580-3 Worksite Landscape Supervisor.**

Provide a Worksite Landscape Supervisor to directly oversee all landscape installation. The Worksite Landscape Supervisor must be a Certified Landscape Technician or Certified Landscape Contractor in accordance with the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) ~~located at the following URL address: <http://www.fn gla.org/professional-development/certifications/certification-verification>~~, or a State of Florida Registered Landscape Architect. Provide verification at the preconstruction meeting.

### **580-4 Installation.**

**580-4.1 Installation Plan:** At the preconstruction meeting, provide an installation plan for review and comment. ~~Specifically D~~describe the methods, activities, materials, and schedule to achieve installation as described in this Section. Include a schedule for monthly inspections and reports described in 580-4.9. Include a Schedule of Values for each item on the Tabulation of Quantities/Plant List. Begin installation after Installation Plan is accepted by Engineer.

**580-4.2 Delivery:** All materials must be available for inspection before installation.

**580-4.3 Layout:** The locations of plants as shown in the Contract Documents are approximate. At no cost to the Department, adjust final locations when directed by the Engineer to accommodate unforeseen field conditions or to comply with safety setbacks and requirements. Mark proposed mowing limits, planting beds and individual locations of trees and palms as shown in the Contract Documents for the Engineer's review, prior to excavation or planting.

Make no changes to the layout, or any variations of materials from the Contract Documents without the Engineer's approval.

**580-4.4 Soil Drainage:** Planting holes and beds must drain sufficiently. Notify the Engineer of drainage or percolation problems before plant installation.

**580-4.5 Installation:** Meet the requirements of the Contract Documents.

**580-4.6 Maintenance:** Maintain plant material to the equivalent visible structural, quality and health characteristics per the Contract Documents of Florida No. 1.

**580-4.7 Site Repair and Restoration:** Repair and restore existing areas disturbed by installation or maintenance activities. Where new turf is required to restore and repair disturbed areas, meet the requirements of Section 570.

**580-4.8 Disposal of Surplus Materials and Debris:** Remove from the jobsite any surplus material unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. Surplus is defined as material not needed after installation of landscaping per Contract Documents. Upon commencement of landscaping installation, remove daily all debris from the landscape locations described in the Contract Documents.

**580-4.9 Reporting:** Monthly, document the condition of the landscaping on the form provided by the Engineer and submit to the Engineer.

### **580-5 Method of Measurement.**

The quantities to be paid for will be the items shown in the Contract Documents, completed and accepted.

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