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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: **1050813 Contractor Quality Control General Requirements.**
Associated with Proposed Specification: **4550201 Structures Foundations.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Larry Jones to add qualifications for pile driving personnel in the Design-Build model in Section 455.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks (10 business days). 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 8-25-23)**

ARTICLE 105-8 is expanded by the following new Subarticle:

105-8.13 Geotechnical Foundation Services Personnel For Driven Pile Foundations:

105-8.13.1 General: 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 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 10 working days, excluding weekends and Department observed holidays. Do not begin Construction until the qualifications of supervisory personnel have been accepted by the Engineer. Acceptance of the personnel does not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for obtaining the required results in the completed work.

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