



## LAP Community of Practice Biannual Meeting

September 30, 2024

2:00 pm to 2:16 pm

Via Microsoft TEAMS

**Welcome** – Samantha Samford

**Legislative Updates** – Samantha Samford

The agenda items for this meeting are related to the Human Trafficking bill that passed this past session and the consolidation of the LAP Division 1 Specifications.

### 1. Human Trafficking Bill

The Statute requires certification as part of the implementation for LAP Agreements in the contracts between the local agencies and their consultants and or contractors. For the Department, whenever you enter into a LAP Agreement, you will fill out the attestation form as part of the LAP Agreement. Nothing will be held up as far as processing the LAP Agreement and getting it back. Everything is ready to go and incorporated into the LAP Agreement. This is not something we need at Central Office because it's not a certification to us. We will include on the checklist that we have verified you are aware of the law and that you have reached out to get the signed form. We will not need a copy of it: we can't enforce it. If you have any local agencies that don't have that form created yet, we do have ours that we can offer as a template. It just can't be used as is because it's the Department's forms.

Ramon (Alachua County), I would appreciate having a template. We have our contractors sign the drug free and other certifications when they submit bids, so what's one more. It is state law, right?

Samantha agreed and will see about adding it as a template, noting this is just going to be the clarification. Neither the Department nor the Local Agencies or anyone else can hold up processing of anything. Per the Statute, this requirement cannot hold up any of the solicitations or procurement of the contract.

Ramon indicated they will probably include a certification when the Local Agency submits a bid that they're complying with that.

### 2. Consolidation of the LAP Division 1 Specs

The Lap Division 1 Specs are now consolidated as opposed to listed separately for Class A, B, C, and D. The Division II and III will remain Department Division II and III specs. And



there will be LAP Big 3 for how they relate to off-system work or that specific type of work. The consolidation has been done and published. The checklist and the Manual will be updated because there's a lot of places throughout the Manual where it breaks out by class A, B, C and D and also a couple of areas in the checklist. We're also in the process of reviewing the existing ones and verifying if every spec that's in there should be in there and if there are any additional specs that need to be added. With all these updates, you will have the opportunity to review them and provide comments, before we make any of those changes..

Deborah (Sumter County) - how soon are the LAP Specs going to be changed?

Samantha - the consolidated spec is already on Specs on the Web. Hurricane Helene is taking precedence right now but we're hopefully going to work this week and next on getting the LP Manual and Checklist updates done. We are taking our time to make certain we are finding all the places it is referenced and make the corrections that are needed. We want to make certain we remove all references to the multiple forms and then the checklist to make sure we have the Division I specs being used. But hopefully it won't be too long. It's on our top 3 things to do, but I got pulled in to do some EMAC for the Department, so I'm going to try and balance those two out as much as possible. We can send out a notice once the updates are done. FHWA has to review, and it may have to go out for the complete review for everyone. It makes it hard to get the information out there when changes to the Manual have to go through multiple reviewers like FHWA, the Local Agencies and partners, the subject matter experts and then Department Leadership.

Nahir (FHWA) - when we review small changes we can do them quickly.

Samantha - we appreciate FHWA for doing that. Anything else?

Nahir the current NOFO's we have available like the Bridge Program, the National Scenic Byway, National Park Service can be found on Grants.gov [Home](#) | [Grants.gov](#)

Program Abbreviation	FY Round	Status	Date NOFO Posted	Date NOFO Closed	Funding Available in NOFO
Culvert AOP	FY23	NOFO Posted	06/25/24	09/23/24	\$196,000,000
BIRPIng	FY25	NOFO Posted	12/20/23	10/01/24	\$20,000,000
NSFLTP	FY24	NOFO Posted	07/17/24	10/16/24	\$47,740,000
BIRBridge	FY25	NOFO Posted	12/20/23	11/01/24	\$0
LCTM-NS	FY24	NOFO Posted	08/27/24	11/25/24	\$800,000,000
NSBP	FY23,FY24	NOFO Posted	09/17/24	12/16/24	\$26,950,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$1,090,690,000</b>



Samantha asked if anyone has insight on what people may want to hear about at the upcoming FACERS meeting from Samantha and our Department Staff to. Please let us know if there are presenters that local agencies might want to hear from and anything in particular you want Central Office to present on.

Ramon - keeps hearing the question, "when will there be an updated Greenbook?"

Samantha -Jackie will be at FACERS.

Ramon - For it to be 2024 and to still be working from a 2018 FL Greenbook version is ridiculous. I don't know what we can do as locals to pressure somebody, but that is a question I am being asked a lot. Even from my own staff and the Cities within my jurisdiction. And even engineers trying to design stuff that is more current that has more neighborhood type streets and they're still having to follow the 2018 Greenbook that does not have any of the stuff that we have added.

Samantha - anything else you've got that you've been hearing about?

Ramon - as for LAP I haven't heard my staff or the city complain.

Samantha will send an email next month to get feedback on things we can present on. We don't want to present Department information that doesn't really pertain much to you. We'd rather present on things that are beneficial to the Local Agency's.

Ramon - asked for an email requesting anything Deborah, himself and the board of directors can update the Counties and Cities on.

Samantha will send a request at the beginning of November

Samantha closed call at 2:16pm.

#### **Next Meeting Dates**

- February 4, 2025
- August 5, 2025



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