



One Stop Permitting By: District Utility Staff

***NEW* One Stop Permitting (OSP) E-Permitting for Utility Permits:**
The OSP database is used by the Utility Agency Owners (UAOs) and our Maintenance office.

In a continuing effort to improve customer service and streamline the permitting process, we are pleased to introduce the One Stop Permitting System (OSP). The new E-Permitting will allow utility owners to apply for and obtain utility permits on-line without leaving the office. This system is available 24 hours a day - 7 days a week. The site allows internal and external (consultant & utility companies with an existing ISA account) access to log in and submit permit applications and pertinent documents on-line.

**(It is not mandatory that the UAOs utilize this system; however any paper documents submitted will be put into the OSP system by an operations center personnel).*

The website was launched in 2014 to review utility permits electronically. This program proves useful as it eliminates paper, allows for permit applications and associated documents to be uploaded in the system. It also allows project managers the capability to review documents and submit comments, tracks the status of an application and can be used as a reference tool. This process is to make the FDOT project manager(s) aware of any anticipatory changes and/or conflicts within the project limits. The electronic system will make accessing and coordinating review of permits much easier and faster.

The database is user friendly and easy; it makes the review process more timely and efficient; as ALL utility permit application(s) identified within an area of the five year work program must be submitted to the District Utility office for review. The District Utility office will assign the permit to the appropriate project manager while reviewing the package for compliance with the Utility Accommodation Manual. Project Managers has the capability to add other reviewer(s).

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Why use E-Permitting? Using OSP E-Permitting is designed to shorten the delivery of permit applications and track their status. It will speed up production, save time and money, and increase permit efficiency by eliminating mailing or hand-delivery of printed documents to and from the FDOT District, Maintenance, County and Utility Agencies Offices.

Access E-permitting by visiting the One Stop Permitting Website: <https://gis.dot.state.fl.us/OneStopPermitting>.



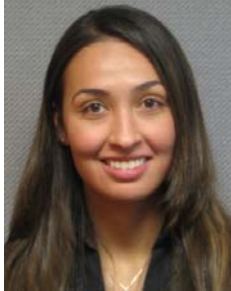
Who's Our Host By: James Poole, P.E.

The D4 Drainage Unit has a unique office culture that is reinforced by regular activities intentionally planned by members of our team. For instance, we rotate our weekly team meeting hosting responsibilities so everyone (including a visiting PE Trainee) is afforded the opportunity to benefit from that leadership practice. A host or hostess is tasked with soliciting discussion topics and preparing a detailed agenda before the meeting. They will also organize a brief team building or "ice breaker" activity for the opening of our meeting. These activities are intended to directly relate to items in our Drainage Team Charter (including our Vision, Mission, Values, and Norms). Sometimes they're more contemplative and inspiring, like a TED Talk or motivational video clip. Often times they're highly interactive, competitive, or brain teasing. All of these team building activities are meant to strengthen the bond between us and energize the group to tackle the rest of our agenda with extra enthusiasm and from a more unified, upbeat perspective.

Staff meetings can be boisterous and loads of fun. Taking the time to deliberately plan activities that highlight why we exist and what we want to achieve together will always prove beneficial and make the rest of our time together more open and productive.



New/Relocated Employee Introductions



Claudia Calvo - Drainage

I completed my bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Florida International University in 2012 and worked for a private trading company in a non-engineering role right out of school. In November of 2013, I began with FDOT as part of the P.E. Trainee Program, in which I recently finished my six month specialty phase with Construction. Currently, I am working on my Masters in Engineering Management also from FIU. My hobbies include spending time with family, going to the beach and travelling. I am very happy to be working for FDOT and grateful to be part of such a special group of people in the Drainage office.



John Olson - District CM Engineer

John came to the Department shortly after graduating from North Carolina State University. During his career with the Department he has worked in varying capacities in the Office of Design, including In-house Design and Consultant Management. John brings twenty-seven years of experience to the position of District Consultant Project Management Engineer. His broad ranging experience with roadway and bridge projects, in both final design and more recently with PD&E studies, has given him the background necessary to tackle the variety of projects that come through Consultant Management, and keep the unit moving in the right direction. Please join me in welcoming John into his new position and wishing him success in continuing the outstanding leadership of the Consultant Management Office.



Brent Lee Shue Ling - Design Section 2

Please join me in welcoming Brent as a newest Design Section Leader for In-house Design effective July 31st, 2015. His recent experience in Consultant Management mixed with his experience as a designer in roadway design will serve him well in this new supervisory role. Needless to say, In-house Design is extremely pleased to have Brent back with the In-house Design Team leading Design Section 2. Currently, he is working on finalizing his duties in Consultant Management as he transitions to his new role in Design. On a professional note, Brent graduated from the City College of New York with a Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering in May 2005. In search of better climates, he quickly moved to South Florida where he began his engineering career at FDOT in July 2005 with In-house Design Section 2. In 2008 he took on the additional duty to serve as District Pavement Design Engineer. Brent served as a designer with increasing responsibilities for 7 years. In 2012, he was promoted to a Project Manager position in Consultant Management where he currently works. Among his many achievements, Brent was recognized as the Design Employee of Year in 2008. On a personal note, moving to South Florida was not only a good move for the weather and his career, but also for his personal life. Brent got married in 2010 to his wife, Tonya, who he first met soon after moving down to the sunshine state. Brent enjoys spending time with his wife, his family, and friends. His favorite hobby is soccer and can be found playing with fellow coworkers most Wednesday evenings when not taking care of his new addition to the family. Again, please join me in welcoming Brent to In-house Design Section 2.



Alexander Dieppa - Design Section 1

I recently graduated from Florida State University in 2014 earning my Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. I was born and spent a majority of my life here in South Florida. Outside of work, my hobbies include relaxing with my friends and family, playing basketball, and cooking. I hope in time I can become a valuable member of the design team.



Maria Rojas - Design Section 3

My name is Maria Lucia Rojas, but I like to go by Malu. I have been working at FDOT as a PE Trainee for the last 15 months rotating through all the departments. I graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering. Go Gators! I grew up in Paterson, New Jersey but both of my parents are Peruvian, so essentially I love Peruvian food. Some of my hobbies include playing soccer and listening to all kinds of music. I enjoy working here at the DOT and can't wait to start designing in Section 3!

New/Relocated Employee Introductions continued



Hui Shi - Drainage

The Drainage Team is very pleased to introduce our newest member, Hui Shi! Hui (pronounced "hwee") is joining design after having supported the Department's environmental compliance program as a consultant in District Construction for six years. She has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology and a master's degree in environmental engineering from FIU. She is a PE and a LEED Green Associate. Hui enjoys making creative natural soaps and lotions and delicious Chinese mooncakes. Hui lives in Davie with her beautiful daughter, Anita, and her husband, Quan. Please join us in welcoming Hui to the Department!



Casey Graham - CM Section 6

Please welcome Casey Graham as the newest Project Manager to join Consultant Management in Henry's Section. Casey comes to District 4 with more than 15 years of experience in both the public and private transportation sector, having served most recently as Capital Improvement Construction Manager at Gwinnett County in Georgia. He has extensive experience in carrying projects from design through construction and recent accomplishments include successful completion of two diverging diamond interchanges. Casey was born and raised here in Broward County and graduated from the University of Florida with an engineering degree and is a registered professional engineer in both Florida and Georgia. He is married and looks forward to avoiding the Georgia winter's in the future.

2015 D4 Award Winners

James Ford - Exceptional Project Manager Award



Design's Mobility Projects Team (Armando Aguiar, Alexander Barr, Eric Burnie, Alexander Estrada, Tonya Estwick, Aysel Freda, James Ford, Betsy Jeffers, Alain Jimenez, Roberto Jimenez, Adham Naiem, Scott Peterson, Jamie Polidora, Brad Salisbury, Ines Shaffer, Yenny Soca, Istvan Virag) - Team of the Year Award



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Design Semi-Annual Town Hall Meeting - October 22
- ◆ PM Forum - November 3
- ◆ Service Pin Presentation - December 1
- ◆ Design Holiday Luncheon - December 17

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