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November 17, 2005

Mr. Donald Davis
Program Operations Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section 450
Proposed Specification: 4500014 – Precast Prestressed Concrete Construction.

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of a proposed Supplemental Specification for Precast Prestressed Concrete Construction.

This change is one of a group of changes proposed by Robert Robertson of the State Structures Office to split existing Specifications references to Specialty Engineer into a redefined Specialty Engineer and a newly defined term, Contractor's Engineer of Record.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to SP965DB or duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Duane F. Brautigam, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4110.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Duane F. Brautigam, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: General Counsel
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

PRECAST PRESTRESSED CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION.
(REV 9-21-05)

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If the proposal is accepted by the Engineer, all Department costs associated with review of the proposal, including the cost of any and all engineering evaluation and/or testing services required, will be deducted from payment to the Contractor, but not to exceed 15% of the product value based on unit bid prices.

Prepare the proposal to consist of the following:

1. A cover letter prepared on the Contractor's letterhead describing the product and addressed to the Engineer,
2. Information describing the details of the non-compliance and the proposed repairs in a format acceptable to the Engineer,
3. A structural and durability evaluation of the product,
4. A proposed credit to the Contract proportionate to the product's deficiency. The credit is in addition to the cost for review and evaluation of the proposal,
5. Any other supportive information, pictures and sketches. The description of the proposed repair and/or the structural and durability evaluation of the product must be prepared by or under the direct supervision of ~~a Specialty Engineer~~ *the Contractor's Engineer of Record* and must bear his signature and seal.

Include in the proposed credit consideration of the Department's added costs which may include but are not necessarily limited to re-inspection, testing, reduced durability, or increased maintenance cost. The Engineer will review and evaluate the Contractor's proposal and will notify the Contractor of its disposition. The Engineer's review of the Contractor's proposal does not amend or delete code requirements, unless such changes are specifically brought to the Engineer's attention and accepted by the Engineer. The Engineer's acceptance of a proposal does not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility to provide products that are structurally adequate to resist the loads specified in the Contract drawings and that maintain the intended aesthetic, durability and maintenance aspects of the product. The Engineer will not accept repaired products unless repairs are made as proposed or described, the resulting repairs are sound in all aspects, and the repairs are aesthetically acceptable. Replace a rejected product with a product meeting the requirements of the Contract Documents at no additional expense to the Department.

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