

## ORINATION FORM

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Modify Specification \_\_\_\_\_SS0060000\_\_\_\_\_.  
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New Section \_\_\_\_\_.  
Section number

**Subject:** Control of Materials - Lab Qualification Program

**Origination date:** May 21, 2007

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**Problem statement:** Current wording for 6-9 is unclear as to what is required for the Lab Qualification Program.

**Information source:** The FDOT Quality Control Manager Technical Review Team identified the need for the revision.

**Background data:** For more information please contact Susan Blazo at 352-955-6633.

**Recommended Usage Note:** Use on all projects beginning with July 2007 lettings.

**Expected fiscal impact, if implemented:** There will be no fiscal impact. The requirements remain the same. The purpose of the revision is to clarify current requirements.

**Implementation of these changes, if and when approved, will begin with the July 2008 letting.**



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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 19, 2007

**TO:** Specification Review Distribution List

**FROM:** Duane F. Brautigam, P.E., State Specifications Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Specifications Change: 0060900 Control of Materials- Lab Qualification Program

In accordance with Specification Development Procedures, we are sending you a copy of a proposed new specification change for Control of Materials- Lab Qualification Program.

This change was proposed by Tom Malerk of the State Materials Office to rephrase the requirements for the Lab Qualification Program.

Please share this proposal with others within your responsibility. Review comments are due within four weeks and should be sent to Mail Station 75 or to my attention via e-mail at SP965DB or duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us. Comments received after July 18, 2007 may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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COMMENTS:

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**CONTROL OF MATERIALS.**  
**(REV 05-21-07)**

ARTICLE 6-9 (of the SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS) is deleted and the following substituted:

**6-9 Lab Qualification Program.**

Testing Laboratories participating in the Department's Acceptance Program must ~~meet one of the following requirements. In addition to the following they must~~ have current Department qualification when testing materials that are used on Department projects. *In addition, they must have one of the following:*

- a. Current AASHTO (AAP) accreditation.
- b. Inspected on a regular basis per ASTM D 3740 for earthwork, ASTM D 3666 for asphalt and ASTM C 1077 for concrete for test methods used in the Acceptance Program, with all deficiencies corrected, and under the supervision of a Specialty Engineer.
- c. Current Construction Materials Engineering Council (CMEC) program accreditation or other independent inspection program accreditation acceptable to the Engineer and equivalent to a. or b. above.

After meeting the criteria described above, submit a Laboratory Qualification Application to the Department. The application is available from the Department's website. Obtain the Department's qualification prior to beginning testing. The Department may inspect the laboratory for compliance with the accreditation requirements prior to issuing qualification.

Meet and maintain the qualification requirements at all times. Testing without Department's qualification may result in a rejection of the test results. Continued qualifications are subject to satisfactory results from Department evaluations, including Independent Assurance evaluations. In case of suspension or disqualification, prior to resumption of testing, resolve the issues to the Department's satisfaction and obtain reinstatement of qualification. The following conditions may result in suspension of a laboratory's qualified status:

- a. Failure to timely supply required information.
- b. Loss of accredited status.
- c. Failure to correct deficiencies in a timely manner.
- d. Unsatisfactory performance.
- e. Changing the laboratory's physical location.
- f. Delays in reporting the test data in the Department's database.
- g. Incomplete or inaccurate reporting.
- h. Using unqualified technicians performing testing.

It is prohibited for a non-Department laboratory to perform Contractor Quality Control testing and any other Acceptance Program testing on the same contract.