

003 CONTRACT BOND REQUIRED.
(REV 6-22-07) (FA 7-3-07) (1-08)

SUBARTICLE 3-5.1 (Page 17) is deleted and the following substituted:

3-5.1 General Requirements of the Bond: Upon award, furnish to the Department, and maintain in effect throughout the life of the Contract, an acceptable surety bond in a sum at least equal to the amount of the Contract. Execute such bond on the form furnished by the Department. Obtain a surety that has a resident agent in the State of Florida, meets all of the requirements of the laws of Florida and the regulations of the Department, and has the Department's approval. Ensure that the surety's resident agent's name, address, and telephone number is clearly stated on the face of the Contract Bond.

On contracts of \$250,000 or less, the Department may waive the requirement for all or a portion of a surety bond if it determines that the project is of a noncritical nature and nonperformance will not endanger the public health, safety, or property. The Department may require alternate means of security if it waives the requirement for a surety bond.

SUBARTICLE 3-5.4 (Pages 17 and 18) is deleted and the following substituted:

3-5.4 Surety to Furnish Legal Defense: The surety company shall indemnify and provide defense for the Department when called upon to do so for all claims or suits against the Department, by third parties, pertaining to Contractor payment or performance issues arising out of the Contract. It is expressly understood that the monetary limitation on the extent of the indemnification shall be the approved Contract amount, which amount shall be the original Contract amount as may be increased by subsequent Supplemental Agreements.