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May 12, 2010

Monica Gourdine  
Program Operations Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Office of Design, Specifications  
Section 002  
Proposed Specification: 0020400 Examination of Contract Documents and Site of Work

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Special Provision.

These changes were proposed by Juanita Moore in the State Contracts Administration Office. The issue is the standard deadline for submitting questions for December lettings is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving with responses posted on the following Monday. For December 09 lettings, the contracts office sent a letter to bidders encouraging them to submit questions prior to the deadline. This language clarifies the deadline for December lettings and eliminates the need for the letter. We plan to implement as a mandatory to the July Workbook for December lettings only.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to ST986RP or rudy.powell@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Rudy Powell, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4280.

Sincerely,

Signature on File  
Rudy Powell, Jr., P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

RP/ft

Attachment

cc: Gregory Jones, Chief Civil Litigation  
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND SITE OF WORK.****(REV ~~2-7-08~~ 4-28-10) (FA ~~2-13-08~~) (7-08)**

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