

## ORIGINATION FORM

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**Specification:** Special Provision 7-16

**Subject:** Wage Rates for Federal-Aid Projects

**Origination date:** October 22, 2009

**Originator:** Kim Smith

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**Problem statement:** The Special Provision refers to the Department's website for the Wage Determination. The USDOL now maintains a website with this information and the number of wage determinations and frequency of update makes it impractical for the Department to keep our own website current. Also, the Special Provision directs the bidder to contact the Prevailing Wage Rate Coordinator directly if there are questions – a practice that could result in bid protests.

**Proposed solution:** The Special Provision should direct the bidder to the USDOL website for the applicable, current Wage Determination. Bidders should be directed to file their questions through the district and the question and answer should appear on the Department's website for Prebid Questions and Answers so that the question and the answer is posted for all bidders to see.

**Information source:** None.

**Recommended Usage Note:** None.

**Estimated fiscal impact, if implemented:** Minor (staff time for updating website will be saved)

**Implementation of these changes, if and when approved, will begin with the July 2010 letting.**



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### **M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** November 9, 2009

**TO:** Specification Review Distribution List

**FROM:** Rudy Powell, Jr., P.E., State Specifications Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Specification: 0071600 Legal Requirements And Responsibility To The Public-Wage Rates For Federal-Aid Projects

In accordance with Specification Development Procedures, we are sending you a copy of a proposed specification change.

This change was proposed by Kim Smith to change the website for wage determination information referenced in the special provision from the FDOT's to the U.S. Department of Labor's website. Also, it changes the point of contact for any wage determination questions the bidder may have.

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 ST986RP or rudy.powell@dot.state.fl.us. Comments received after **December 4, 2009** may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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