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Specification: 105

Subject: 105-8.7 Concrete QC Personnel

Origination date: October 15, 2009

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Problem statement: Subarticle 105-8.7 does not reflect the latest training requirements implemented by Prestressed/Precast Industry and the Concrete Technical Review Team.

Proposed solution: The proposed language adds additional qualification alternatives for the Production Facility Quality Control Manager and defines the specific requirements for Concrete Field and Laboratory Level II qualified personnel.

Information source: For more information, contact Mike Bergin at 352-955-6666.

Recommended Usage Note: All contracts

Estimated fiscal impact, if implemented: No fiscal impact. The change allows for the use of existing qualifications already held in addition to the current qualifications and defines the responsibilities of the Level II personnel already required.

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



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December 22, 2009

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Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section 105
Proposed Specification: **1050807 Contractor Quality Control General Requirements
– Concrete QC Personnel**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

These changes were proposed by Susan Blazo of the State Materials Office to change “concrete field technician” to “concrete field inspector” to be consistent with national standards and the Construction Training and Qualification Manual (CTQM), Chapter 4; to add additional qualification alternatives for the Concrete Production Facility Quality Control Manager; and to specify the requirements for Concrete Laboratory Technician Level II.

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,

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State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

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State Construction Engineer

**CONTRACTOR QUALITY CONTROL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
CONCRETE QC PERSONNEL.**

(REV ~~12~~10-22-09)

Subarticle 105-8.7 (Pages 144-145) is deleted and the following substituted:

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105-8.7.1 Concrete Field Technician - Level I: Ensure technicians performing plastic property testing on concrete for materials acceptance are qualified CTQP Concrete Field Technicians Level I. Plastic property testing will include but not be limited to slump, temperature, air content, water-to-cementitious materials ratio calculation, and making and curing concrete cylinders. Duties will include initial sampling and testing to confirm specification compliance prior to beginning concrete placements, ensuring timely placement of initial cure and providing for the transport of compressive strength samples to the designated laboratories. ~~Technicians who test concrete properties or perform Verification testing for the Department must possess this qualification.~~

105-8.7.2 Concrete Field ~~Technician~~ Inspector - Level II: Ensure field ~~technicians~~ inspectors responsible for the quality of concrete being placed on major bridge projects are qualified CTQP Concrete Field ~~Technicians~~ Inspectors Level II. A Level II ~~Technician~~ Inspector must be present on the jobsite during all concrete placements. Prior to the placement of concrete, the ~~technician~~ inspector will inspect the element to be cast to ensure compliance with Contract Documents. A Level II ~~Technician's~~ Inspector's duties may include ensuring that concrete testing, inspection, and curing in the field ~~is~~ are performed in accordance with the Contract Documents. The QC ~~Technician~~ Inspector will inform the Verification ~~Technician~~ Inspector of anticipated concrete placements and LOT sizes.

105-8.7.3 Concrete Laboratory Technician:

105-8.7.3.1 Concrete Laboratory Technician - Level I: Ensure technicians testing cylinders and recording concrete strength for material acceptance are qualified CTQP Concrete Laboratory Technicians Level I. Duties include final curing, compressive strength testing, and the recording/reporting of all test data.

105-8.7.3.2 Concrete Laboratory Technician – Level II: *Ensure that laboratories providing hardened property test results to the Department are under the supervision of a CTQP Concrete Laboratory Technician - Level II. This person is responsible to ensure that the tests are performed in accordance with Standard Test Methods, project specifications and other contract documents.*

105-8.7.4 Concrete Production Facility Manager for Quality Control:

Ensure each concrete production facility has a Facility Manager for QC with the following qualifications:

1. CTQP Concrete Laboratory Technician Level I, CTQP Concrete Field Technician-Level I, and CTQP Batch Plant Operator. As alternatives to these qualifications, the Department will accept *the following qualifications*:

a. Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) Level III

~~or certification,~~

b. National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) Concrete Technologist Level II, as equivalent qualifications. or

c. Precast Concrete Pipe, Box Culverts, Drainage Structures or Incidental Precast Concrete Plants Level II Quality Control Inspector Certifications meeting the requirements of 105-8.11.

2. Three years of QC experience directly related to cement concrete production.

3. Demonstrated proficiency in implementing, supervising, and maintaining surveillance over a QC Program.

4. Experience and certification in performance of required QC tests and statistical evaluation of QC test results.

105-8.7.5 Concrete Mix Designer: Ensure all mix designs are developed by individuals who are qualified under one of the following:

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