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COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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This revision in liquidated damage amounts places Florida further afield as an outlier in terms of per diem damage assessments when compared with other states of similar infrastructure investment programs. Thereby further corroborating the notion of contractors abroad, that the Florida Department of Transportation is not a good business partner, and does not foster a contractor friendly environment. Perhaps a more appropriate measure would be to liberalize the use of the "incentive/disincentive" procurement option. This would allow for a better partnering relationship between contractors and the Department, with known and credible impacts at fixed milestones. By focusing on positives rather than negatives, the Department would be able to achieve project delivery within desired time frames, while maintaining a positive working relationship with the contractor.

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It is interesting that the Department would raise liquidation damages during the worst Public Construction Market I can recall in nearly 30 years. It should also be noted that there are clearly stark differences between Districts where Computation of Time is concerned, a couple being vastly more realistic than the several others. Perhaps the Department should consider allowing Industry Review of proposed Project Time Constraints as well...

Response:
