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September 4, 2025

Daniel Holt, PE, PTOE
Director, Project Delivery
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400 West Washington Street, Suite 4200
Orlando, FL 32801

Re: State Specifications Office
Section: 120
Proposed Specification: **1200603 Excavation and Embankment**

Dear Mr. Holt:

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

The changes are proposed by Jason Russell to eliminate unnecessary pay item/quantity issues on resurfacing projects where soil is required to meet shoulder drop requirements.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks (10 business days). Comments should be sent via email daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at (850) 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

Daniel Strickland, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT (REV 6-20-25)

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