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Cathy Kendall
Director, Office of Technical Services
Federal Highway Administration
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office
Section: 7
Proposed Specification: **0071400 Legal Requirements and Responsibility to the Public**

Dear Ms. Kendall:

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

The changes are proposed by Taylor Carlquist to clarify that a project cannot be paid off (closed) and receive reimbursement for third party damages.

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

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC (REV 6-25-24)

ARTICLE 7-14 is deleted and the following substituted:

7-14 Contractor's Responsibility for Work.

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The Department will have no obligation to pay any reimbursement for damage caused by the execution or nonexecution of the Work by the Contractor or its sub-contractors, or damage the Contractor was negligent in preventing.

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Repair cost will be determined in accordance with 4-4. Theft and vandalism are considered damage caused by an unknown third party.

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