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SUBJECT: ***2027 Geotechnical Design Manual***

This bulletin announces the release of the ***2027 Geotechnical Design Manual***. The ***Geotechnical Design Manual*** is available at the following link:

https://www.fdot.gov/geotechnical/default.shtm

IMPLEMENTATION

The ***2027 Geotechnical Design Manual*** is effective on all projects beginning design on or after January 1, 2027, and on projects currently in the design phase where implementation will not adversely impact production schedules.

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COMMENTARY

The ***Geotechnical Design Manual*** is the primary source for FDOT geotechnical subsurface exploration, laboratory testing, and design criteria. The document replaces the Soils and Foundations Handbook, and outlines the requirements for bridge foundations, roadway explorations, retaining walls, and transportation related geotechnical assets. The ***Geotechnical Design Manual*** can be viewed online at the link above or downloaded.

Structures Design Bulletins are available on the State Structures Design Office website at the following link:

https://www.fdot.gov/structures/memos/currentbulletins.shtm

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