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545 John Knox Road, Suite 200
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Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section 981
Proposed Specification: **9810100 Turf Materials.**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

These changes were proposed by Richard Massey of the State Construction Office to remove the certification requirement from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry. The specification requirement in Section 570 is sufficient without this language.

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,

Rudy Powell, Jr., P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

RP/dt

Attachment

cc: Gregory Jones, Chief Civil Litigation
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

TURF MATERIALS.**(REV 7-1-10)**

ARTICLE 981-1 (Page 951) is deleted and the following substituted:

981-1 General.

The types of seed and sod will be specified in the Contract Documents. All seed and sod shall meet the requirements of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and all applicable state laws, and shall be approved by the Engineer before installation.

All seed, sod and mulch shall be free of noxious weeds and exotic pest plants, plant parts or seed listed in the current Category I “List of Invasive Species” from the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC, www.fleppc.org). Any plant officially listed as being noxious or undesirable by any Federal Agency, any agency of the State of Florida or any local jurisdiction in which the project is being constructed shall not be used. ~~Furnish to the Engineer, prior to incorporation onto the project, a certification from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, stating that the seed, sod or mulch materials are free of noxious weeds.~~ Any such noxious or invasive plant or plant part found to be delivered in seed, sod or mulch will be removed by the Contractor at his expense and in accordance with the law.

All materials shall meet plant quarantine and certification entry requirements of Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry Rules.

ARTICLE 981-4 (Page 952) is deleted and the following substituted:

981-4 Mulch.

The mulch material shall be compost meeting the requirements of Section 987, hardwood barks, shavings or chips; or inorganic mulch materials as approved by the Engineer; or hydraulically applied wood fiber mulch or bonded fiber matrix (BFM) *for the establishment of turf material.*

ARTICLE 981-5 (Page 952) is deleted:

~~981-5 Source Requirements for Sod and Mulch.~~

~~—————The Contractor shall comply with all current restrictions in regard to movement of sod and mulch material, as required by the Division of Plant Industry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/plantinsp/pi_reg_summary.html).~~

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