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Khoa Nguyen  
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Re: State Specifications Office  
Section **005**  
Proposed Specification: **0050700 Control of the Work-REVISED**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification. This proposed revision was originally submitted on June 5, 2015. **Additional changes were made and are highlighted in the attachment.**

The changes are proposed by Rich Hewitt of the State Construction Office to reduce the staking requirements to "as needed" if Automated Machine Guidance (AMG) is used on a project. When AMG is used, a Global Navigational Satellite System (GNSS) Work Plan will be required to ensure accuracy of the Automated Machine Guidance (AMG) and GNSS equipment.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to SP965DS or daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us.

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

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Scheer, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**CONTROL OF THE WORK.****(REV 4-86-15-15)**

ARTICLE 5-7 is deleted and the following substituted:

**5-7 Engineering and Layout.**

**5-7.1 Control Points Furnished by the Department:** The Engineer will provide centerline control points (Begin Project, End Project, PIs, PTs, etc.) and bench marks at appropriate intervals along the line of the project to facilitate the proper layout of the work. Normally, the Engineer will furnish only one bench mark for water crossings. Preserve all reference points and bench marks that the Department furnishes.

As an exception to the above, for projects where the plans do not show a centerline or other survey control line for construction of the work (e.g., resurfacing, safety modifications, etc.) the Engineer will provide only points marking the beginning and ending of the project, and all exceptions.

**5-7.2 Furnishing of Stake Materials:** Furnish all stakes, templates, and other materials necessary for establishing and maintaining the lines and grades necessary for control and construction of the work.

**5-7.3 Layout of Work:** Utilizing the control points furnished by the Department in accordance with 5-7.1, establish all horizontal and vertical controls necessary to construct the work in conformity to the Contract Documents. Perform all calculations required, and set all stakes needed such as grade stakes, offset stakes, reference point stakes, slope stakes, and other reference marks or points necessary to provide lines and grades for construction of all roadway, bridge, and miscellaneous items.

When performing utility construction as part of the project, establish all horizontal and vertical controls necessary to carry out such work.

**5-7.4 Specific Staking Requirements:** When performing new base construction as part of the project, set stakes to establish lines and grades for subgrade, base, curb, and related items at intervals along the line of the work. If Automated Machine Guidance is utilized, set stakes as needed. If Automated Machine Guidance is not utilized, set stakes no greater than 50 feet on tangents and 25 feet on curves. Set grade stakes at locations that the Engineer directs to facilitate checking of subgrade, base, and pavement elevations in crossovers, intersections, and irregular shaped areas.

For bridge construction stakes and other control, set references at sufficiently frequent intervals to ensure construction of all components of a structure in accordance with the lines and grades shown in the plans.

For projects where the plans do not show a centerline or other survey control line for construction of the work (resurfacing, safety modifications, etc.), provide only such stakes as necessary for horizontal and vertical control of work items.

For resurfacing and resurfacing-widening type projects, establish horizontal controls adequate to ensure that the asphalt mix added matches with the existing pavement. In tangent sections, set horizontal control points at 100 foot intervals by an instrument survey. In curve sections, set horizontal control points at 25 foot intervals by locating and referencing the centerline of the existing pavement.

Establish by an instrument survey, and mark on the surface of the finished pavement at 25 foot intervals, the points necessary for striping of the finished roadway. As an

exception, for resurfacing and resurfacing/widening projects, establish these points in the same manner as used for horizontal control of paving operations. Mark the pavement with white paint. If performing striping, the Engineer may approve an alternate method for layout of striping provided that the Contractor achieves an alignment equal to or better than the alignment that would be achieved using an instrument survey.

For projects that include temporary or permanent striping of “no passing zones”, provide the location and length of these zones as shown in the plans, except projects where the vertical or horizontal alignment is new or altered from preconstruction alignment. For projects that consist of new or altered vertical or horizontal alignment, the Department will provide the location and length of the "no passing zones" during construction. For these projects, notify the Engineer not less than 21 calendar days prior to beginning striping.

For all projects, set a station identification stake at each right-of-way line at 100 foot intervals and at all locations where a change in right-of-way width occurs. Mark each of these stakes with painted numerals, of a size readable from the roadway, corresponding to the project station at which it is located. As an exception to the above, for projects where plans do not show right-of-way lines, set station identification stakes at locations and intervals appropriate to the type of work being done. For resurfacing and resurfacing/widening projects, set station identification stakes at 200 foot intervals.

**5-7.5 Personnel, Equipment, and Record Requirements:** Employ only competent personnel and use only suitable equipment in performing layout work. Do not engage the services of any person or persons in the employ of the Department for performance of layout work.

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4. Describe how project control will be established. Include a list and map showing control points enveloping the site.

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7. ~~Provide~~ Keep on site and provide upon request, a copy of the project's most up-to-date GNSS Work Plan at the project site.

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