

**Joint District DCE/DMRE/DCTA Meeting Notes**  
**February 12 , 2014**

**Attendees:**

*CO – David Sadler, Rudy Powell, Tom Byron, Tim Ruelke, Amy Tootle, Rich Hewitt, Alan Autry, Art Berger, Jason Watts, Paul Martin, Mario Paredes, Susan Robeson, Ken Cox, Jim Musselman, Paul Vinik, David Horhota, Bouzid Choubane*

*D1 – Jon Sands, Bill Jones, Brian Penny, Sam Joseph, Mark Peronto, Lori Spruce*

*D2 – Carrie Stanbridge, Michael Sandow, Steve Sedwick, Howie Moseley*

*D3 – Steve Potter, Steve Benak, Frank Kreis*

*D4 – Carolyn Gish, Mayur Patel, Michael Kim, Enrique “Henry” Pico,*

*D5 – John Tyler, Mike Ruland, John Hatfield, Dee Zinc, Rafael Rodriguez*

*D6 – Mark Croft*

*D7 – Brian McKishnie, Megan Arasteh, Shirley Knapp*

*TP – Pete Nissen, Jeff Fetzko, Ken Morgan, Debbie Glatz*

*FWHA – Rafiq Darji, Abe Ramirez, Nicholas Finch*

**New Business – DCE/DMRE Meeting:**

1) Introductions

*Introductions were made recognizing those present as listed above.*

2) CTQM and CTQP Various Issues – (Susan Robeson)\*

a) Direction of CTQP

*David Sadler, Tim Ruelke, and Susan Robeson provided an overview of the future direction of the CTQP program. The CTQP will continue as the qualification program for FDOT Construction inspection staff, even with the curtailment of use of FDOT inspectors in 2016.*

b) Limited Training opportunities offered by Providers

*The group discussed limitations of training opportunities offered by providers. The State Construction Training Administrator (SCTA) is aware of the current issue of limited training opportunities posted on the CTQP schedule. A meeting will be scheduled with the Providers and Red Vector to discuss this subject and possible means of resolving this issue. Districts asked for flexibility which would allow individuals to take courses “out of order” (i.e. take a Level II class before a Level I class) based on availability of the courses offered. The group discussed errors in the current training and testing materials. Districts were asked to compile those and send to Susan. Districts were instructed to escalate training availability issues to Susan and the providers.*

c) Interpretation of CTQM

*A request for Managers to be given leeway in applying CTQM requirements was discussed. The CTQM is procedural, if changes in the manual are needed the SCTA needs to be notified and if appropriate these changes would follow the procedural review process for updates to the CTQM. This discussion included the requirement of Self-Studies as prerequisites for FDOT employees in the CTQP Qualifications. The DCEs & DMREs are in agreement that the Self-Studies will remain in the Construction training program.*

- d) CTQP Funds  
*CTQP funds were discussed. David Sadler, Director of Construction requested the Cost Center Managers provide the data of needed CTQP training for Qualification now through 2016, to make budget determinations.*
- 3) Proposed change to rolling straightedge acceptance criteria – (Rudy Powell)  
*The group discussed proposed changes to the acceptance criteria for rolling straightedge requirements as presented to the Department by Industry. It was noted that this topic is being discussed further at various other statewide meetings.*
- 4) Proposed changes to Section 125 (Reference Documents Attached) – (Stephen Sedwick, Tim Ruelke, Rudy Powell)  
*The group reviewed and discussed proposed changes to specification 125 (refer to attached documents for additional information) to address issues related to the installation and performance of metal pipe. SMO, Drainage Design Office, SCO, and Maintenance will coordinate to best determine the cause of the issues noted during the discussion in addition to a method of addressing the issue before moving forward with implementation of the proposed changes to the specifications.*
- 5) Buy America for Utilities (Reference Documents Attached) – (Rafiq Darji)  
*The group reviewed and discussed the attached reference documents, raising awareness of the BA requirements. Issues or concerns related to these requirements are to be sent to Jason Watts (OGC).*
- 6) Changes to Specification 400 – (Rafiq Darji)  
*The group discussed recent changes to specification 400-7.10 which will be implemented in July 2014. Those changes can be viewed at the link below:*  
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/specificationsoffice/Implemented/WorkBooks/History/Jul14/Default.shtm>

#### **Walk-On Items – DCE/DMRE Meeting:**

- 1) Long-term Pavement Performance/Warm Mix Asphalt (Reference Documents Attached) – (Rafiq Darji)  
*The group reviewed and discussed the information included in the attached documents. It was noted that SMO is taking the lead on developing proposed implementation plans.*
- 2) Material Certification Timeframes – (Tim Ruelke)  
*Tim reminded the group of the timeframe requirements for processing Material Certifications on Final Accepted projects.*
- 3) Asphalt Roadway Sampling – (John Tyler/Jim Musselman)  
*SMO provided an update on the data gathered from projects where sampling at the paver has been deployed as a pilot program. It was noted that SMO's final report from that pilot program is expected to be released in July 2014. SMO also provided an update on various other pilot programs and initiatives currently underway.*
- 4) Specification 285-3 – (Steve Potter)  
*The group reviewed and discussed the requirements of this specification related to a project specific issue.*

*\*DCTA's were only present for the discussion of this agenda item*