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Utility Overhead Certification Advisory Report No. 131-5001

As part of the Office of Inspector General's efforts to monitor compliance with Title 23, Part 645.117(d)(2), Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), we requested written assurance that utility entities receiving more than \$300,000 did not bill unallowable costs to the department for utility relocation projects.

23, C.F.R. 645.117(d)(2), states:

Costs not eligible for Federal reimbursement include, but are not limited to, the costs associated with advertising, sales promotion, interest on borrowings, the issuance of stock, bad debts, uncollectible accounts receivable, contributions, donations, entertainment, fines, penalties, lobbying, and research programs.

The seven utility entities identified below received more than \$300,000 in utility relocation fees for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012:

- AT&T Corporation
- City of West Palm Beach
- Florida Power & Light Company
- Glades Electric Cooperative Incorporated
- Jacksonville Electric Authority
- Level 3 Communications, LLC
- Tampa Electric Company

We received letters of assurance from all seven entities.

Please let us know if you have any concerns or information indicating these entities are not fully compliant. If so, we can discuss options for future audits or reviews which could provide a greater level of assurance.

DISTRIBUTION, PROJECT TEAM AND STATEMENT OF ACCORDANCE

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Statement of Accordance

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The mission of the Office of Inspector General is to promote integrity, accountability and process improvement in the Department of Transportation by providing objective fact-based assessments to the DOT team.

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