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SUBJECT: Security of the Official Estimate- User Roles

ISSUE BACKGROUND: The State Specifications and Estimates Office has been reviewing user roles to ensure that only authorized users have access to the official estimate. As part of this review, roles for Trns•port PES/CES, Webgate, and the Designer Interface have been verified with the Department's Computer Security Automated Access Request Form (AARF) system. Below is a summary of the roles commonly used by estimators and designers, as shown in AARF.

Trns•port Designer Interface (Webgate/Designer Interface): This role provides access to both the Webgate and Designer Interface. Webgate is used for accessing several FDOT applications, including the Designer Interface, and Trns•port Reports.

- The Designer Interface is an FDOT application used to enter pay items and quantities.
- Trns•port Reports allows users to run several reports including project/proposal summaries, pay item lists, and historical pay item searches.

Consultant Designers are normally granted access to both applications above, but limited to edit only those projects under contract with their company. All others with this role are granted Trns•port Reports access, but limited from editing specific projects.

Trns•port PES: The Proposal and Estimating System (PES) is used by in-house DOT staff for estimating construction and maintenance projects, and preparing them for letting. Users are limited to engineers/estimators completing pricing and/or contracts administrators preparing contracts for letting. To ensure the security of the official estimate, all other reviewers should use the Webgate reports to view project and proposal summaries.

Trns•port CES: The Cost Estimating System (CES) is used by in-house DOT Estimates staff ONLY for estimating unit prices on construction projects. All other users seeking current or historical bid prices should use the Webgate reports.

IMPLEMENTATION: To ensure the security of the Official Estimate, several steps are underway or have already been completed.

- Unauthorized users have been removed from Trns•port CES.
- Changes are underway to further limit access to projects and/or screens during the confidential period prior to letting.
- All Trns•port roles are currently under review by Estimates, Maintenance, and Contracts Administration.
- AARF access selection screens will be updated to better assist users with Trns•port role selection.
- AARF user database will be updated to correctly reflect all Trns•port users.

Every effort will be made to minimize impacts at the user level. Your assistance is requested as follows:

- All future Trns•port access requests must be submitted through AARF.
- Authorizing supervisors and District Security coordinators should verify that future requests are based on the above guidelines. (Do not request PES or CES for consultant designers, unless they are working within an FDOT support position.)

If you have any questions regarding the above items, please contact Melissa Hollis 850-414-4182.