

EXPECTED IMPLEMENTATION JANUARY 2010

004 SCOPE OF THE WORK – VALUE ENGINEERING INCENTIVE. (REV 7-28-09) (FA 7-30-09) (1-10)

SUBARTICLE 4-3.9.6 (Pages 28 and 29) is deleted and the following substituted:

4-3.9.6 Conditions of Acceptance for Major Design Modifications of

Category 2 Bridges: A VECP that proposes major design modifications of a category 2 bridge, as determined by the Engineer, shall have the following conditions of acceptance:

All bridge plans relating to the VECP shall undergo an independent peer review conducted by a single independent engineering firm referred to for the purposes of this article as the Independent Review Engineer who is not the originator of the VECP design, and is pre-qualified by the Department in accordance with Rule 14-75, Florida Administrative Code. The independent peer review is intended to be a comprehensive, thorough verification of the original work, giving assurance that the design is in compliance with all Department requirements. The Independent Review Engineer's comments, along with the resolution of each comment, shall be submitted to the Department. The Independent Review Engineer shall sign and seal the submittal cover letter stating that all comments have been adequately addressed and the design is in compliance with the Department requirements. If there are any unresolved comments the Independent Review Engineer shall specifically list all unresolved issues in the signed and sealed cover letter. The independent peer review will be paid for by the Contractor.

The Contractor shall designate a primary engineer responsible for the VECP design and as such will be designated as the Contractor's Engineer of Record for the VECP design. The Department reserves the right to require the Contractor's Engineer of Record to assume responsibility for design of the entire structure.

New designs and independent peer reviews shall be in compliance with all applicable Department, FHWA and AASHTO criteria requirements including bridge load ratings.