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Khoa Nguyen
Director, Office of Technical Services
Federal Highway Administration
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office
Section **455**
Proposed Specification: **4554300 Structures Foundations.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Donnie Bagwell of the State Materials Office (SMO) to modify the language relating to Contractor responsibility for loss, missing, damaged or destroyed quality control (QC) auger grout cylinders.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to 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

STRUCTURES FOUNDATIONS.**(REV ~~11-5-15~~ 1-8-16)**

ARTICLE 455-43 is deleted and the following substituted:

455-43 Testing Cement Grout.

Prepare three 4 inches x 8 inches cylinders in accordance with ASTM C31, except pour grout in a single lift into cylinders molds without rodding, for each LOT. Plastic properties in accordance with ASTM C31 are not required. A LOT is defined as the lesser of 50 cubic yards of cement grout placed or one day of pile placement. Prepare one additional “hold” cylinder on the lot that is selected by the Engineer for Verification. Provide curing facilities for all QC and Verification test cylinders in accordance with ASTM C31. Test the cylinders at 28 days, in accordance with ASTM C39.

When one of the three QC cylinders from a LOT is lost, missing, damaged or destroyed, determination of compressive strength will be made by averaging the remaining two cylinders. If more than one QC cylinder from a LOT is lost, missing, damaged or destroyed, ~~the Contractor will~~ core the structure at no additional expense to the Department to determine the compressive strength. Acceptance of LOT may be based on verification data at the discretion of the Engineer. Obtain the approval of the Engineer to core, and of the core location prior to coring. Repair core holes after samples are taken with a product meeting the approval of the Engineer, at no additional cost to the Department.

For each QC cylinder that is lost, missing, damaged or destroyed, payment for that LOT will be reduced by \$750.00 per 1,000 psi of the specified design strength [Example: loss of two ~~Class IV (Drill Shaft) auger cast pile grout QC cylinders that have no verification data will require the element to be cored and a pay reduction will be assessed (4,000~~5,500 psi / 1,000 psi) x \$750 x 2 = ~~\$6,000~~8,250]. This reduction will be in addition to any pay adjustment for low strength.

The Engineer will also cast three verification cylinders and one “hold” cylinder from one of every four consecutive lots, randomly selected. The Engineer will compare QC and Verification results in accordance with Section 346. If the results do not compare, the Engineer will initiate a Resolution Investigation in accordance with Section 346

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Where: PLR = Equivalent Pile Length Reduction in feet

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1. Remove and replace the cement grout represented by the LOT in question at no additional cost to the Department; or,

2. Submit a structural analysis performed by the Contractor's Engineer of Record. If the results of the analysis, approved by the Department, indicate adequate strength to serve the intended purpose with adequate durability, the concrete may remain in place.

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