

November 12, 2004

Mr. Robert S. Wright
Acting Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
545 John Knox Rd., Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Dear Mr. Wright:

As part of the Department's continuing effort to improve our Design-Build Program, enclosed is one copy of the Florida Department of Transportation's "Design-Build Program Evaluation" report dated November 2004 for the evaluation period of July 1996 thru June 2003.

The report reviews and summarizes FDOT's on-going Design-Build Program including thirty-three (33) completed projects and thirty-nine (39) on-going projects as of the end of the reporting period. The report also addresses and analyzes cost, schedule and quality of this set of Design-Build projects.

Of equal importance are the chapters on "Significant Findings" and "Lessons Learned," which provide information learned from FDOT's many years of managing Design-Build projects. The program has provided significant benefits in both schedule and cost in the project delivery process.

It has been a rewarding experience working with FHWA on this innovative approach to contracting and the flexibility FHWA has provided. FDOT looks forward to continuing to work with FHWA in providing the broadest range of transportation solutions to the citizens of Florida. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (850) 414-4792.

Sincerely,

Ken Leuderalbert, PE
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Enclosure