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Memorandum

To: Distribution
From: Paul Ferry, P.E.
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Date: April 25, 2008
Subject: Specialty items

When specialty items are included in a project they need to be identified prior to submitting the project to the Contract Plans Bureau. A specialty item is defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) as follows:

“Specialty items means work items identified in the contract which are not normally associated with highway construction and require highly specialized knowledge, abilities or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid on the contract; in general, these items are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract.”

The early identification of specialty items will ensure that any necessary special provisions have been provided and any questions concerning the items have been adequately addressed before a project is advertised for bid.

Designers should contact the appropriate District, Construction or Materials personnel to determine if an item in the plans falls into the category of a specialty item. In addition the attached special provision should be included in the plans package when a project contains specialty items.

If you have questions concerning this, please contact me at 444-6244.

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Attachment

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