MEMORANDUM TO ALL FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Contract Requirements

DATE: July 15, 2008

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that all contractors continue to emphasize, whenever possible, equal employment opportunity and affirmative action in the following areas:

a. Increasing minority and/or female representation in contractors' work forces, particularly in those crafts in which minorities and/or females are underutilized (supervisors, foremen/women, equipment operators, truck drivers, ironworkers, carpenters, cement masons, semi-skilled laborers, and unskilled laborers).

b. The post-employment treatment of minorities and females in the areas of promotions, upgrades, demotions, lay-offs, training, discharges, benefits, and other conditions of employment.

c. Conducting recruitment of minorities and females for employment and training opportunities and maintaining documentation of good-faith efforts.

d. The submittal of the Annual EEO Report (Form FHWA-1391) to project engineers by August 15, 2008.

e. Including appropriate EEO provisions and Required Contract Provisions (FHWA Form-1273) in subcontracts and purchase agreements of $10,000 or more in value.

Please note that prime contractors are responsible for disseminating this information to all approved subcontractors subject to EEO requirements (e.g., those subcontractors holding subcontracts of $10,000 or more in value). Contractors may be subject to compliance reviews by DOTD and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP).

If you need assistance, please contact Ms. Jenny Hamilton at (225) 379-1364 or Mr. Gene McArdle at (225) 379-1775 of the Compliance Programs Section.

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