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Subject Modify Caltrans Local Assistance sample boiler plate for contract documents

To all -

I gave a presentation to the CCSFCC way back in October 1, 2008, on changing the "Sample Boiler Plate for Contract Documents" located on the Caltrans Local Assistance (LA) internet site (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/public.htm>) to align it with changes being made at Caltrans Office Engineers (OE), due to plain language. At the time of the presentation, OE had finished the first 3 chapters of the Caltrans Standard Specifications (May 2006) to plain language, and now they are getting prepared to release 6 additional chapters of the Standards, Chapter 4 through 9. It is imperative for local agencies that use Caltrans specifications that we make changes to the LA web site to keep it current.

I would like to proceed by modifying the boiler plate so that contract specifications can still be downloaded from the Caltrans OE website. This way local agencies are still getting the latest and greatest specs developed by Caltrans. The boiler plate would include language that would delete portions of the amendments to Standard Specifications (majority of which is made up of Chapter 1 through 9) that are not required for Federal-aid projects. I understand from some of you that this sounds very cumbersome, but I feel it represents the simplest and most reliable way to provide contract specifications to the local agencies.

Please comment on this proposal by 2/6/2009. Questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.



Attached is the powerpoint presentation given 10/1/2008 - Boilerplate.ppt

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