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Dear Consultant Community:

Subject: Implementation of AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification

As you are aware we are under a June 28, 2000 FHWA/AASHTO Policy Memorandum to implement the new LRFD Bridge Specification. The policy will require all new bridges that States initiate preliminary engineering after October 1, 2007 shall be designed by the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification. A recent January 22, 2007 memorandum from FHWA also provides further clarification for the implementation of this requirement. I have attached both Memorandums for your reference.

The Department has fully implemented the new code on all in-house projects and anticipates that all future bridge consultant advertisements for new structures will also require the use of the LRFD code.

If you have further questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

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Attachments