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TO:

ADOT Project Managers/Monitors, Resident Engineers

And Consultant Engineering Firms

FROM:

Engineering Consultants Section

SUBJECT:

DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION PROCESS

AND REVISED CONTRACT LANGUAGE

In an effort to protect the Federal and State governments from conducting business with firms that are currently suspended and/or debarred, Engineering Consultants Section procedures were modified to include the review of the GSA List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-Procurement Programs prior to entering into contract.

In addition, our contract debarment language was modified to allow receipt of a written explanation to the Department, when applicable, if a firm is unable to certify to all debarment contract conditions. The Department will make a determination whether to enter into contract based on a firm's historical performance, qualifications and the written explanation.

Effective this date, all our contract boilerplates will include our revised Debarment and Suspension contract language.

In addition, during the negotiation phase, ECS staff will review the GSA List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs(www.epls.gov) to verify that the selected consultant and lower tier subconsultant(s) are not excluded from participation in Federal programs.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin or the contract language, please call the undersigned at (602) 712-7720.

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