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PALM BEACH COUNTY **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	February 7, 2012	[X] []	Consent Workshop	[]	Regular Public Hearing
Department: Submitted By: Submitted For:	Engineering & Public Works Department Roadway Production Division			_	

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: a Construction Agreement, dated December 15, 2011, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for construction of the West Atlantic Avenue from west of Lyons Road to Starkey Road project (Project). This Construction Agreement was approved on November 30, 2011, by the Deputy County Engineer, as a delegated authority in accordance with R2011-1740.

SUMMARY: This Construction Agreement is being submitted as a receive and file agenda item for the Clerk's Office to note and receive.

District 5 (MRE)

Background and Justification: On November 30, 2011, the Deputy County Engineer approved a Construction Agreement with FDOT for construction of the Project. FDOT subsequently executed the Construction Agreement on December 15, 2011. This receive and file agenda item was prepared to provide the Construction Agreement to the Clerk's Office for placement in the public record.

Attachments:

1. Location Map

2. Construction Agreement (with Exhibit "A")

<u>la 1/5/12</u> Date <u>1/18/12</u> Date in a of Recommended by:

Approved By:

J. W.M.

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II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Capital Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u>	-0-	-0-	0	<u>-0-</u>
Operating Costs	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
External Revenues	-0-	0-	-0-	-0-	<u> -0-</u>
Program Income (County)	-0-		-0-		<u>-0-</u>
In-Kind Match (County)		-0-	-0-		<u>-0-</u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>\$ -0-</u>	-0-		0-	<u>-0-</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE					
POSITIONS (Cumulative)					_
Is Item Included in Cu	irrent Bu	ldget?	Yes	No	
Budget Acct No.: Fund	De	pt Pr	Unit	Object	

Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

This item has no fiscal impact.

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III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

OFMB

B. Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

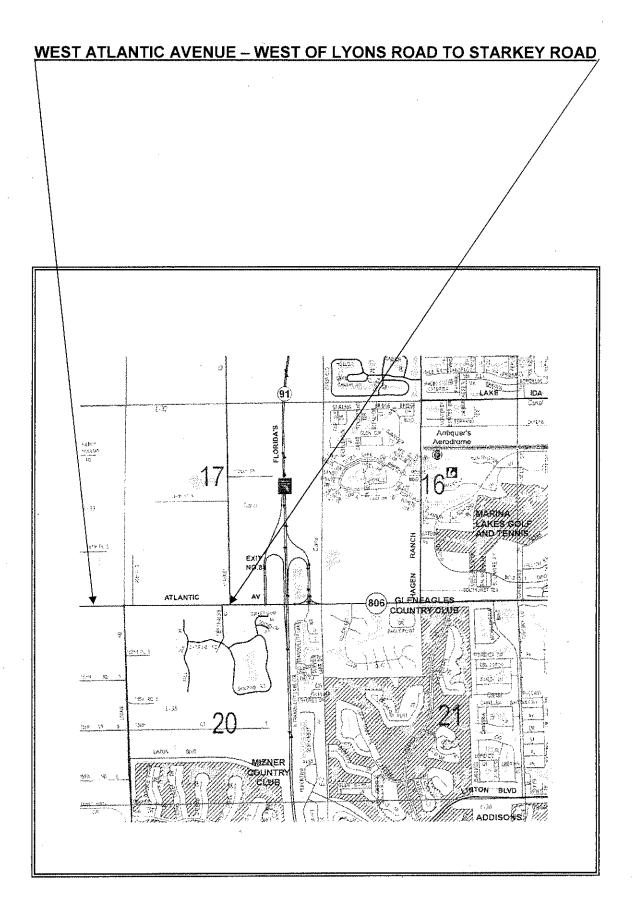
C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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LOCATION MAP



STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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THIS CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, (3400 WEST COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD, FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309) (hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT") and Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 2300 N. Jog Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33411-2745 (hereinafter referred to as the "Construction Coordinator").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT is authorized and required by Section 334.044(13), Florida Statutes, to coordinate the planning, development, and operation of the State Highway System; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 339.282, Florida Statutes, the DEPARTMENT may contract with a property owner to finance, construct, and improve public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Coordinator proposes to construct certain improvements to

 SR 806
 Section 93030
 Subsection 000
 from Begin MP 0.769
 to End MP 1.992

 Local Name West Atlantic Avenue
 located in Palm Beach
 County (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement for the Construction Coordinator to make improvements within the DEPARTMENT'S right of way to construct the Project, which will become the property of the Department upon acceptance of the work.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the premises above, and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereby agree that the construction of the Project shall proceed in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The recitals set forth above are specifically incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement. The Construction Coordinator is authorized, subject to the conditions set forth herein, to enter the DEPARTMENT'S right of way to perform all activities necessary for the construction of <u>See attached exhibit A scope of</u> <u>services/special provisions</u>.

2. The Project shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the latest edition of the DEPARTMENT'S Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction and DEPARTMENT Design Standards and Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices ("MUTCD"). The following guidelines shall apply as deemed appropriate by the DEPARTMENT: the DEPARTMENT Structures Design Manual, AASHTO Guide Specifications for the Design of Pedestrian Bridges, AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, the DEPARTMENT Plans Preparation Manual ("PPM") Manual for Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways (the "Florida Green Book") and the DEPARTMENT Traffic Engineering Manual. The Construction Coordinator will be required to submit any construction plans required by the DEPARTMENT for review and approval prior to any work being commenced. Should any changes to the plans be required during construction of the Project, the Construction Coordinator shall be required to notify the DEPARTMENT of the changes and receive approval from the DEPARTMENT prior to the changes being constructed. The Construction Coordinator shall maintain the area of the project at all times and coordinate any work needs of the DEPARTMENT during construction of the project.

3. The Construction Coordinator shall notify the DEPARTMENT a minimum of 48 hours before beginning construction within DEPARTMENT right of way. The Construction Coordinator shall notify the DEPARTMENT should construction be suspended for more than 5 working days.

4. Pursuant to Section 7-13 of the DEPARTMENT Standard Specifications, the Construction Coordinator is required to possess a general liability insurance naming the DEPARTMENT as an additional insured and insuring the DEPARTMENT and the Construction Coordinator against any and all claims for injury or damage to persons and property, and for the loss of life or property that may occur (directly or indirectly) by reason of the Construction Coordinator accessing DEPARTMENT right of way and the Construction Coordinator's performance of the Project. Such amount shall be carried in a minimum amount of not less than N/A and 00/100

 Dollars (\$ 0.00
) for bodily injury or death to any one person or any number of persons in any one occurrence, and not less than N/A

 and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 0.00

 for property damage, or a combined coverage of not less than N/A

and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 0.00 ______). Additionally, the Construction Coordinator shall supply the DEPARTMENT with a payment and performance bond in the amount of the estimated cost of construction, provided by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida, payable to the DEPARTMENT. The bond and insurance shall remain in effect until completion of construction and acceptance by the DEPARTMENT. Prior to commencement of the Project and on such other occasions as the DEPARTMENT may reasonably require, the Construction Coordinator shall

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provide the DEPARTMENT with certificates documenting that the required insurance coverage is in place and effective. If the Construction Coordinator is a local governmental entity they will be exempt from these requirements.

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5. The Construction Coordinator shall be responsible for monitoring construction operations and the maintenance of traffic ("MOT") throughout the course of the project in accordance with the latest edition of the DEPARTMENT Standard Specifications, section 102. The Construction Coordinator is responsible for the development of a MOT plan and making any changes to that plan as necessary. The MOT plan shall be in accordance with the latest version of the DEPARTMENT Design Standards, Index 600 series. Any MOT plan developed by the Construction Coordinator that deviates from the DEPARTMENT Design Standards must be signed and sealed by a professional engineer. MOT plans will require approval by the DEPARTMENT prior to implementation.

6. The Construction Coordinator shall be responsible for locating all existing utilities, both aerial and underground, and for ensuring that all utility locations be accurately documented on the construction plans. All utility conflicts shall be fully resolved directly with the applicable utility.

7. The Construction Coordinator will be responsible for obtaining all permits that may be required by other agencies or local governmental entities.

8. It is hereby agreed by the parties that this Agreement creates a permissive use only and all improvements resulting from this agreement shall become the property of the DEPARTMENT. Neither the granting of the permission to use the DEPARTMENT right of way nor the placing of facilities upon the DEPARTMENT property shall operate to create or vest any property right to or in the Construction Coordinator, except as may otherwise be provided in separate agreements. The Construction Coordinator shall not acquire any right, title, interest or estate in DEPARTMENT right of way, of any nature or kind whatsoever, by virtue of the execution, operation, effect, or performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, the Construction Coordinator's use, occupancy or possession of DEPARTMENT right of way. The parties agree that this Agreement does not, and shall not be construed to, grant credit for any future transportation concurrency requirements pursuant to chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

9. The Construction Coordinator shall perform all required testing associated with the design and construction of the project. Testing results shall be made available to the DEPARTMENT upon request. The DEPARTMENT shall have the right to perform its own independent testing during the course of the Project.

10. The Construction Coordinator shall exercise the rights granted herein and shall otherwise perform this Agreement in a good and workmanlike manner, with reasonable care, in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and all applicable federal, state, local, administrative, regulatory, safety and environmental laws, codes, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, guidelines, standards and permits, as the same may be constituted and amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, those of the DEPARTMENT, applicable Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard and local governmental entities.

11. If the DEPARTMENT determines a condition exists which threatens the public's safety, the DEPARTMENT may, at its discretion, cause construction operations to cease and immediately have any potential hazards removed from its right of way at the sole cost, expense, and effort of the Construction Coordinator. The Construction Coordinator shall bear all construction delay costs incurred by the DEPARTMENT.

12. All work and construction shall be completed within <u>730</u> days of the date of the last signature affixed to this agreement. If construction is not completed within this time, the DEPARTMENT may make a claim on the bond. The DEPARTMENT may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause and without DEPARTMENT liability to the Construction Coordinator, by providing sixty (60) days prior written notice of termination to the Construction Coordinator.

13. The Construction Coordinator shall be responsible to maintain and restore all features that might require relocation within the DEPARTMENT right of way.

14. The Construction Coordinator will be responsible for clean up or restoration required to correct any environmental or health hazards that may result from construction operations.

15. Upon completion of construction, the Construction Coordinator will be required to submit to the DEPARTMENT final as-built plans and an engineering certification that construction was completed in accordance to the plans. Prior to the termination of this Agreement, the Construction Coordinator shall remove its presence, including, but not limited to, all of the Construction Coordinator's property, machinery, and equipment from DEPARTMENT right of way and shall restore those portions of DEPARTMENT right of way disturbed or otherwise altered by the Project to substantially the same condition that existed immediately prior to the commencement of the Project.

16. If the DEPARTMENT determines that the Project is not completed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the DEPARTMENT shall deliver written notification of such to the Construction Coordinator. The Construction Coordinator shall have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the DEPARTMENT'S written notice, or such other time as the Construction Coordinator and the DEPARTMENT mutually agree to in writing, to complete the Project and provide the DEPARTMENT with written notice of the same (the "Notice of Completion"). If the Construction Coordinator fails to timely deliver the Notice of Completion, or if it is determined that the Project is not properly completed after receipt of the Notice of Completion, the DEPARTMENT, within its discretion may: 1) provide the Construction

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Coordinator with written authorization granting such additional time as the DEPARTMENT deems appropriate to correct the deficiency(ies); or 2) correct the deficiency(ies) at the Construction Coordinator's sole cost and expense, without DEPARTMENT liability to the Construction Coordinator for any resulting loss or damage to property, including, but not limited to, machinery and equipment. If the DEPARTMENT elects to correct the deficiency(ies), the DEPARTMENT shall provide the Construction Coordinator with an invoice for the costs incurred by the DEPARTMENT and the Construction Coordinator shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice.

17. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or otherwise interpreted as waiving the DEPARTMENT'S sovereign immunity protections, or as increasing the limits of liability as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. The DEPARTMENT'S liability for breach of this Agreement is limited in amount and shall not exceed the limitations of liability for tort actions as set forth in Section 768.28(5), Florida Statutes.

18. All formal notices, proposed changes and determinations between the parties hereto and those required by this Agreement, including, but not limited to, changes to the notification addresses set forth below, shall be in writing and shall be sufficient if mailed by regular United States mail, postage prepaid, to the parties at the contact information listed below.

19. The Construction Coordinator shall not cause any liens or encumbrances to attach to any portion of DEPARTMENT right of way.

20. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida in terms of interpretation and performance. Venue for any and all actions arising out of or in any way related to the interpretation, validity, performance or breach of this Agreement shall lie exclusively in a state court of appropriate jurisdiction in Leon County, Florida.

21. The Construction Coordinator may not assign, pledge or transfer any of the rights, duties and obligations provided in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the DEPARTMENT'S District Secretary or his/her designee. The DEPARTMENT has the sole discretion and authority to grant or deny proposed assignments, with or without cause. Nothing herein shall prevent the Construction Coordinator from delegating its duties hereunder, but such delegation shall not release the Construction Coordinator from its obligation to perform this Agreement.

22. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to confer any rights, privileges, benefits, obligations or remedies upon any other person or entity except as expressly provided for herein.

23. This instrument, together with the attached exhibits and documents made part hereof by reference, contain the entire agreement of the parties and no representations or promises have been made except those that are specifically set out in this Agreement. All prior and contemporaneous conversations, negotiations, possible and alleged agreements and representations, covenants, and warranties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, and any part hereof, are waived, merged herein and superseded hereby.

24. By their signature below, the parties hereby acknowledge the receipt, adequacy and sufficiency of consideration provided in this Agreement and forever waive the right to object to or otherwise challenge the same.

25. The failure of either party to insist on one or more occasions on the strict performance or compliance with any term or provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquished in the future of the enforcement thereof, and it shall continue in full force and effect unless waived or relinquished in writing by the party seeking to enforce the same.

26. No term or provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted for or against any party because that party or that party's legal representative drafted the provision.

27. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Agreement is adjudged by a court, agency or authority of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, all remaining parts of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and the parties shall be bound thereby so long as principle purposes of this Agreement remain enforceable.

28. A modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective only if made in writing and executed with the same formality as this Agreement.

29. The Construction Coordinator agrees to promptly indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the DEPARTMENT and all of its officers, agents and employees from and pay all demands, claims, judgments, liabilities, damages, fines, fees, taxes, assessments, penalties, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees and suits of any nature or kind whatsoever caused by, or arising out of or related to the performance or breach of this Agreement by the Construction Coordinator, including, without limitation, performance of the Project within the DEPARTMENT'S right of way. The term "liabilities" shall specifically include, without limitation, any act, action, neglect or omission by the Construction Coordinator, its officers, agents, employees or representatives in any way pertaining to this Agreement, whether direct or indirect, except that neither the Construction Coordinator nor any of its officers, agents, employees or representatives in any way pertaining to this Agreement, whether direct or indirect, except that neither the Construction Coordinator nor any of its officers, agents, employees or representatives will be liable under this provision for damages arising out of injury or damages directly caused or resulting from the sole negligence, intentional or wrongful acts of the DEPARTMENT or any of its officers, agents or employees. The Construction Coordinator shall notify the DEPARTMENT in writing immediately upon becoming aware of such liabilities. The Construction Coordinator's inability to evaluate liability, or its evaluation of liability, shall not excuse performance of the provisions of this paragraph. The indemnifies assumed by the Construction Coordinator shall survive termination of

this Agreement. The insurance coverage and limits required in this Agreement may or may not be adequate to protect the DEPARTMENT and such insurance coverage shall not be deemed a limitation on the Construction Coordinator's liability under the indemnities granted to the DEPARTMENT in this Agreement.

The Construction Coordinator shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, 30. in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of:

1. all persons employed by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the Contract to perform employment duties within Florida; and

2. all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Construction Coordinator to perform work pursuant to the contract with the Department.

CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name John Kopelakis	Title Chief Construction Coordinator	
Office No. 561-684-4180	Cell Email jkopelak@pbcgov.org	
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Name Dave Young	Title Special Projects Manager	
Office No. 561-684-4149	Cell Email dlyoung@pbcgov.org	

Mail Address 2300 N. Jog Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33411-2745

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Construction Coordinator and the DEPARTMENT have executed this Agreement for the purposes herein expressed on the dates indicated below.

CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR (Signature) Tanya N. McConnell (Print Name) (Title)

Deputy County Engineer

(Date)

egal Review:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	
By: Marie leandly	(Signature)
MARIA CONNOLLY) (Print Name)
DISTRICT 4 MAINTENANCE ENGINEER	(Title)
12/15/2011	(Date)
Legal Review:	

PERMIT # 2011-C-496-0003-93030

EXHIBIT A

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Palm Beach County is going to Contract and perform Construction and Construction Engineering Inspections (CEI) Services on SR806/Atlantic Avenue from West of Lyons Rd to Starkey Road (including the transitions back to the existing roadway on the west and east ends of the project) in Palm Beach County for the reconstruction of the existing two-lane, rural roadway to a four-lane, divided-urban roadway. This includes the relocation and reconstruction of the existing Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) Canal on the south side of the road and the connection to the new relocated Lyons Road.

II. PROJECT PLANS

The Construction Coordinator is authorized to install the Project in accordance with the attached plans prepared by Wantman Group, Inc. and dated 10/28/2011. Any revisions must be approved by the DEPARTMENT in writing.

III. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Palm Beach County shall be responsible for construction of the improvements shown in the construction plans to the Department's current standards and specifications at the time of letting. The County shall submit to the Department for review and approval all revisions to the construction plans that result in modifications to the permanent works. Submit revisions for minor modifications under the shop drawing process. Indicate on all drawings the deviations from the Contract Documents and itemize all deviations in the letter of transmittal. The Department will require additional submittals and/or submittal for major modifications. Minor modifications are those items that, in the opinion of the Department, do not significantly affect the quantity of measured work, or the integrity or maintainability of the structure or its components. (For example, adjusting concrete dimensions, substituting steel plate sizes, changing reinforcing bar size and spacing, etc., all within the acceptable limits of the design.) Major modifications are any modifications that, in the opinion of the Department, significantly affect the quantity of measured work, or the integrity or maintainability of the structure or its' components. (For example, substituting alternative beam sizes and spacings, changing material strength or type, and the like.) Provide signed and sealed revised sheets to the Department for any required revisions to the Contract plans. The Department's decision on the delineation between a minor and a major modification and the disposition of a proposal is final.

Provide a spreadsheet with each monthly invoice that depicts the cost of the work completed and the proportionate cost to the department. Final payment for the project shall be made after final acceptance of permitted work by the department.

The County shall perform mowing and litter pickup within the corridor during construction as necessary or as directed by the department.

Please be aware that a Portable Traffic Monitoring Site (PTMS) or a Telemetry Traffic Monitoring Site (TTMS) may exist within the vicinity of your proposed work. It is the responsibility of the County to locate and avoid damage to these sites. If a PTMS or TTMS is encountered during construction, the Planning and Environmental Management Office (PL&EM) must be contacted immediately at 954-777-4601.

Maintenance of Traffic (lane closures on the state road system occurring during peak hours (7:00-9:00 AM or 4:00-6:00 PM) and/or lasting over twenty-four hours must comply with the lane closure analysis as outlined in the Plans Preparation Manual, Volume 1, Chapter 10.12.7. All lane closures occurring on an interstate or limited access facility, regardless of time of day or duration, must comply with the lane closure analysis in the Plans Preparation Manual, Volume 1, Chapter 10.12.7. Provide a weekly lane closure report to the Departments Public Information Officer Barbara Kelleher, 954-777-4090 or her designee.

The County shall implement best management practices for erosion and pollution control to prevent violation of state water quality standards. The County shall be responsible for the correction of any erosion, shoaling, or water quality problems that result from the construction or operation of the surface water management system.

IV. MODIFICATIONS TO BASIC AGREEMENT

The following sections shall be modified as indicated below:

- A. Section 12: The DEPARMENT and County Engineer of the CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR may extend the completion date, if mutually agreed to in writing.
- B. Section 17: The following shall be added: Nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted as waiving the CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR'S sovereign immunity protection as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.
- C. Section 23: The following agreement(s) shall be excepted out of section 23 and shall continue to apply:

Date of	Contract	Title of Document	Brief description of	FM#
Agreement/	Number		agreement	
other				
Document				
January 31 st ,	ANH96	Joint Participation	To widen and reconstruct	229658-3-38-01
2004		Agreement and all	Atlantic Avenue for West	
		Amendments	of Lyons Road to East of	
		thereto	Florida's Turnpike in	
			Palm Beach County	
July 18 th ,	AOU42	Transportation	Construction and CEI	229658-3-58-01
2007		Regional Incentive	Services of SR806	
		Program and all	Atlantic Avenue from	
		Amendments	west of Lyons Road to	

		thereto	Starkey Road
10/11/2010	Permit number 2010K-496- 0096-93030	Temporary General Use Permit	Removal of arsenic contaminated soil within the FDOT ROW between the south edge of Atlantic Avenue (SR806) and the Lake Worth Drainage District (L34) Canal

- D. With respect to indemnity for tort liability as provided for in Florida Statutes section 768.28 and Insurance the following shall apply:
 - a. With respect to any of the COUNTY'S agents, consultants, subconsultants, contractors, and/or sub-contractors, such party in any contract for this Project shall agree to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the DEPARTMENT from all claims, demands, liabilities, and suits of any nature arising out of, because of or due to any intentional and/or negligent act or occurrence, omission or commission of such agents, consultants, subconsultants, contractors and/or subcontractors. The COUNTY shall provide to the DEPARTMENT written evidence of the foregoing upon the request of the DEPARTMENT. It is specifically understood and agreed that this indemnification clause does not cover or indemnify the DEPARTMENT for its own negligence.
 - b. When either party receives notice of claim for damages that may have been caused by the other party in the performance of services required under this Agreement, that party will immediately forward the claim to the other party. Each party will evaluate the claim, and report its findings to each other within fourteen (14) working days and jointly discuss options in defending the claim. A party's failure to promptly notify the other of a claim will not act as a waiver or any right herein.
 - c. LIABILITY INSURANCE. The COUNTY shall carry or cause its contractors, subcontractors, consultants and/or subconsultants to carry and keep in force during the period of this Agreement a general liability policy or policies with a company or companies authorized to do business in Florida, affording public liability insurance with combined bodily injury limits of at least \$1,000,000 per person and \$5,000,000 each occurrence, and property damage insurance of at least \$100,000 each occurrence, for the services to be rendered in accordance with this Agreement. The COUNTY shall have the DEPARTMENT endorsed as additionally insured with regards to the general liability requirements. However, in the event the COUNTY maintains a self-insurance fund to cover such liability, the COUNTY agrees to maintain sufficient reserves in the fund to pay the above-described liability limits. In addition to any other forms of insurance or bonds required under the terms of this Agreement, the COUNTY must comply or cause its contractors and subcontractors to comply with Section 7-13 of the DEPARTMENT's Current Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (2010), as amended.