

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: **RULE TITLE:**
 6A-4.02451 Florida Teacher Standards for ESOL Endorsement

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This workshop for March 4, 2025, is being rescheduled for March 28th If Requested. This rule establishes the Florida teacher standards for the Endorsement in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). The standards are being updated to reflect current research and best practices.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Teacher standards for ESOL Endorsement

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1012.55(1), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1012.56, 1012.575, F.S.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: March 28, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. ET, or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier.

PLACE: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/411ea59c-e361-47ce-99a2-454ee79308df@63bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794>

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Dr. Raydel Hernandez, Bureau of Student Achievement Through Language Acquisition, Raydel.Hernandez@fldoe.org. To comment on this rule development or to request a rule development workshop, please go to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RULE NO.: **RULE TITLE:**
 14-15.012 Manual on Speed Zoning for Highways, Roads, and Streets in Florida

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update Speed Zoning Manual incorporated by reference.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Establishment of design speeds and signage requirements for roadways.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 316.0745(1), 316.189(1) and (2)(b), 316.1893(3), 316.1895(1)(a), 334.044(2) and (10)(a), 336.045(1), FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 316.006, 316.0745, 316.187, 316.189, 316.1893, 316.1895, 316.555, FS.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: John Ashley Peacock, Assistant General Counsel, Florida Department of Transportation, (850)414-5361, ashley.peacock@dot.state.fl.us.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

Section II

Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
65C-16.001	Definitions
65C-16.002	Adoptive Family Selection
65C-16.003	Case Reviews
65C-16.004	Recruitment, Screening and Application Process/Adoptive Applicants
65C-16.007	Abuse Hotline and Registry and Criminal Records Checks
65C-16.009	Adoption Placement
65C-16.010	Adoption Placement - Post-Placement Services
65C-16.013	Determination of Maintenance Subsidy Payments
65C-16.0131	Determination of Extension of Maintenance Subsidy Payments
65C-16.019	Intervention in Dependency Cases
65C-16.021	Adoption Benefits for Qualifying Employees of State Agencies and Other Eligible Applicants

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Align rule language regarding adoptions pursuant to Chapter Law 2024-177. Amendments will update and clarify language.

SUMMARY: Amendments include: (1) updates to align with practice and statutory requirements, (2) updates were made regarding grandparent notification, siblings, relatives, and child studies, (3) updates to replace the name of Florida’s child welfare information system, (4) updates to align with definition

of pre-adoptive placement, (5) updates background screening requirements, (6) updates effective date of adoptive placement and time frame to request documentation, (7) updates to require documentation of disruptions in Florida's child welfare information system, (8) updates to align with state EMAS program, required documentation for subsidy request and termination reasons, (9) updates 16-17 to 14-17, (10) updates to align with definition of pre-adoptive placement, and (11) updates to application for State Employee and Other Eligible Applicants program.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

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The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The Department used a checklist to conduct an economic analysis and determine if there is an adverse impact or regulatory costs associated with this rule that exceeds the criteria in section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. Based upon this analysis, the Department has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 39.012, 39.0121, 39.0137, 39.4024, 63.233, 409.166(8), 409.1664(6), 409.167(6), 409.175(5)(a), 409.988(2)(e) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 39.01, 39.0137, 39.01375, 39.0138, 39.4015, 39.4022, 39.4024, 39.521, 39.621, 39.701, 39.811(8), (9), 39.812, 63.039(1), 63.0425, 63.0427, 63.082(6), 63.085, 63.092, 63.093, 63.125, 63.165, 409.166, 409.1664, 409.167, 409.175(5)(a), 409.175(14), 409.986(2), 409.988(2) FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Elizabeth Floyd. Elizabeth can be reached at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

65C-16.001 Definitions.

Definitions in this Rule Chapter shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 39.01, F.S. Additionally, the following terms are defined:

(1) through (8) No change.

(9) "Adoptive Placement" means the ~~act of physically moving a child is placed in into~~ the home physical custody of the prospective adoptive parents and the Adoption Assistance signing of the Memorandum of Agreement is fully executed and in effect to Adopt by the preadoptive parents.

(10) through (11) No change.

(12) "Disruption" means the termination of a pre-adoptive placement or an adoption placement prior to legal finalization.

(13) through (16) No change.

(17) "Prospective Adoptive Parent" means a caregiver who has applied to adopt a child, but the Adoption Assistance Agreement has not been signed.

(18) "Pre-adoptive Placement" means a child is placed in the home of a prospective adoptive parent, but the Adoption Assistance Agreement has not been signed.

(17) is redesignated (19) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121, 63.233, 409.166(8), 409.167(6) FS. Law Implemented 39.01, 63.092, 63.165, 409.166, 409.167 FS. History—New 4-28-92, Amended 4-19-94, Formerly 10M-8.0013, Amended 12-4-97, 8-19-03, 11-30-08, 7-7-16, 12-16-18, 8-15-21, 7-20-23. Amended _____.

65C-16.002 Adoptive Family Selection.

(1) No change.

(2) Pre-adoptive Adoption placements must be made consistent with the best interest of the child. The assessment of the best interest of the child must include the current and projected future needs of the child, consideration of the birth family's medical and mental health history, ~~and~~ the strengths of the potential adoptive family to meet the child's needs, and the factors listed in Section 39.01375, F.S. The pre-adoptive adoptive placement decision must be shaped by the following considerations:

(a) Grandparent. A grandparent who is entitled to notice pursuant to Section 63.0425, F.S., shall be notified of the hearing on the petition to terminate parental rights must be afforded the opportunity to have an adoption home study completed and to petition for adoption. If grandparents apply to adopt the child, prior to a Memorandum of Agreement to Adopt being signed by another applicant, the application must be evaluated through an adoptive home study.

(b) through (d) No change.

(3) Siblings.

(a) Considerations regarding siblings shall be consistent with the directives in Sections 39.01375, 39.4015, 39.4022, and 39.4024, F.S. When considering adoption placement of a sibling group, consideration must include the fact that a sibling

relationship is the longest lasting relationship for a child and placing siblings together, whenever possible, preserves the family unit.

(b) In situations where consideration is being given to separating siblings who are in an open dependency case, placing siblings in different adoptive families, or making recommendations for post adoption sibling contact, a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Staffing pursuant to Sections 39.4022, 39.4024, F.S. and Rule 65C-30.023, F.A.C. sibling separation staffing shall be held. The staffing shall consist of at least five members to include the adoption case manager, dependency case manager, and licensing specialist, if applicable. At least five members of the staffing must have completed the Department adoption competency training and must be familiar with Chapter 63, Section 409.166, F.S., and rule Chapter 65C-16, F.A.C. The members must consider the emotional ties existing between and among the siblings and the long term harm which each child is likely to experience as a result of separation. The members must also consider the potential of siblings to develop a relationship when a sibling is added to an open dependency case, when siblings are separated due to placement limitations, or when the child has siblings who are not involved in the child welfare case. The positives and negatives of keeping the children together must be thoroughly explored, and at least one (1) member must be assigned the role of defending the position of placing the children together. In particularly difficult cases, professionals who have expertise in sibling bonding and adoptions may be consulted.

(c) Subsequent reviews after termination of parental rights shall take place pursuant to Section 39.4024(5), F.S., at least once every 6 months, to reassess sibling placement, visitation, and other sibling contact decisions in cases where siblings are separated, not visiting, or not maintaining contact. The reviewing team shall include the adoption case counselor, and if applicable the licensing specialist. The decision to separate siblings who are in an open dependency case must be approved in writing and documented in the child welfare information system by the community based care (CBC) or subcontractor staff charged with this responsibility. The CBC or subcontractor staff shall prepare a memorandum describing efforts made to keep the siblings together and an assessment of the short term and long term effects of separation on the children. The memorandum must also include a description of the plan for post adoption communication or contact, as described in Rule 65C-16.020, F.A.C., between the children if separation is approved. The final memorandum must be uploaded within 48 hours of the final signature to the adoption file cabinet of the child in the child welfare information system.

(d) If, after placement as a sibling group, one child does not adjust to the family, a decision must be made regarding what is best for all of the children. The adoption staff must review this

situation as a team, and choose the plan that will be least detrimental to the children. The staffing shall be conducted as any other sibling separation staffing as prescribed in paragraph (3)(b), of this rule. The decision and rationale must be documented within 48 hours of the decision in the child welfare information system. This documentation must also include the plan for future contact if the decision is to pursue separate placements.

(d)(e) If the Department takes into custody a child who is known to be a sibling of a previously adopted child(ren), the Department, community-based care (CBC) lead agency CBC or subcontractor staff shall advise the sibling's adoptive parents of this occurrence at the time of removal. If the child becomes available for adoption, the adoptive parents of the previously placed sibling(s) shall be notified and given an opportunity to apply to adopt the child. The application of these adoptive parents will be given the same consideration as an application for adoption by a relative, as described above. Family finding efforts shall continue throughout the duration of the case consistent with Section 39.4015(3)(a), F.S.

(4) No change.

(5) In addition to the factors listed in Section 39.01375, F.S., the The following factors must be considered in determining the best interest of the child when selecting an adoptive family and when multiple families apply to adopt the same child.

(a) No change.

(b) Siblings. Consideration must be given to whether the potential caregiver is willing to adopt all members of a sibling group when it is in each child's best interest or whether the potential caregiver is willing to promote sibling relationships when adoption of all members of the sibling group is not in each child's best interest feasible.

(c) Relative. Consideration must be given to whether an applicant is a relative as defined in s. 39.01, F.S. Kinship. Cultural values and traditions are more likely to be passed on to who have a shared history with extended family. Consideration must be given to the quality of the relationship with a relative seeking to adopt a child. Some children will already know and trust the relative seeking to adopt. If not, the willingness of the relative to participate in pre placement activities to promote the development of a relationship must be considered.

(d) through (e) No change.

(6) In any pre-adoptive adoptive placement of a Native American child, the federal "Indian Child Welfare Act" (ICWA) governs the order of placement preference. While the Indian Child Welfare Act gives a placement preference, it allows each tribe to establish a different order of preference by resolution, and that order must be followed. The Act lists the placement preference for adoption of an Indian child in the following order:

(a) through (c) No change.

~~(7) Study of the Child Study. The case manager or adoption counselor must evaluate every adoptive child's current, projected or future needs by documenting their review of all available information regarding the child and the birth family's medical and social history. A separate, written child study is only required to aid in identifying a pre-adoptive placement when the current caregiver has not applied to adopt or to document a child's difficult-to-place factors for a subsidy exception pursuant to subsection 65C-16.013(8), F.A.C. conduct a study of any child to be placed for adoption. In addition to aiding in identifying an adoptive placement, the child study is also documentation of the child's difficult-to-place factors for subsidy purposes and serves as a vehicle for sharing the child's history with the adoptive family. The child study must include current and projected or future needs of the child based on all available information regarding the child and the birth family's medical and social history. A child study of the child shall include:~~

(a) through (g) No change.

~~(8) A copy of the child study shall be provided to the prospective adoptive parents prior to the pre-adoptive adoptive placement. The identity of the birth family shall be protected when providing the child study to the family.~~

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(7), (12), (13), 39.4024, 63.233 FS. Law Implemented 39.01375, 39.4015, 39.4022, 39.4024, 63.039(1), 63.0425, 63.0427, 63.085, 63.093 FS. History—New 2-14-84, Formerly 10M-8.02, Amended 5-20-91, 4-28-92, 4-19-94, 8-17-94, 1-8-95, Formerly 10M-8.002, Amended 12-4-97, 12-23-97, 8-19-03, 11-30-08, 7-7-16, 9-22-21, 7-20-23. Amended _____.

65C-16.003 Case Reviews.

(1) The purpose of case reviews is to ensure that efforts to achieve the permanency goal of adoption are conducted and documented in the child welfare information system Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) and ongoing judicial review social studies reports for every child with an adoption goal.

(2) The case review requirements for children in adoption planning consist of two (2) types of reviews:

(a) Match Staffings. Staff responsible for case planning for children who are permanently committed to the Department with a goal of adoption shall meet every 45 days to discuss and assess the strengths and needs of children without an identified adoptive family with the goal of matching them with approved prospective adoptive families. The available families for the waiting children will be sought from but not limited to the child welfare information system FSFN, the community-based care (CBC) agencies, AdoptUSKids, and Children Awaiting Parents (CAP).

1. through 2. No change.

3. Once the potential adoptive families have been identified, the staffing team will rate each family based on the

family's ability to meet the identified needs of the child based on information documented in the child welfare information system FSFN, the Child Study and the adoptive parent's home study. The documentation must include a key of the rating scale used by the team.

4. No change.

(b) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121 FS. Law Implemented 39.621, 39.701, 39.811(8), (9), 39.812 FS. History—New 4-28-92, Amended 4-19-94, Formerly 10M-8.0023, Amended 12-4-97, 8-19-03, 11-30-08, 7-7-16, 8-15-21. Amended _____.

65C-16.004 Recruitment, Screening and Application Process/Adoptive Applicants.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) The recruitment activities shall reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of children needing a pre-adoptive adoptive placement pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1901, et seq., and Multi-Ethnic Placement Act, 42 U.S.C.A. §1996.

(4) through (7) No change.

~~(8) Persons who are an active duty member of a uniformed services branch will receive credit for approved adoptive parent training courses completed in another state which align with requirements outlined in Section 409.175(14), F.S. Once the prospective adoptive parents complete the approved adoptive parent training program, the Department will complete home studies in the following priority order:~~

(9) Once the prospective adoptive parents complete the approved adoptive parent training program, the Department will complete home studies in the following priority order:

(a) Persons with an existing relationship with a specifically identified difficult-to-place child who is waiting for pre-adoptive adoption placement, or that child's sibling.

(b) through (c) No change.

~~(10)(9)~~ Any prospective adoptive parent, who has completed the approved adoptive parent training program, and does not fall into the categories under paragraphs ~~(9)(a)-(c)~~ ~~(8)(a)-(e)~~, may be referred to the Adoption Information Center. Pursuant to Section 63.092(3), F.S., the Department is required to perform the preliminary home study only if there is no licensed child-placing agency, child-caring agency registered under Section 409.176, F.S., licensed professional, or agency described in Section 61.20(2), F.S., in the county where the prospective adoptive parent resides.

~~(11)(10)~~ The adoption case manager shall ensure the initiation and completion dates of the adoption home study are documented on the demographic tab of the unified study in the child welfare information system.

(a) The date the adoption home study was initiated shall be documented once all of the following have occurred:

1. The prospective adoptive parent(s) is applying for a specific child ~~who has been permanently committed to the Department.~~

2. through 4. No change.

(b) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121, 39.0137, 63.233, 409.175(5)(a), 409.988(2)(e) FS. Law Implemented 39.0137, 39.811(8)-(9), 39.812(1), (4)-(5), 63.092, 409.175(5)(a), 409.175(14), 409.167, 409.986(2), 409.988(2) FS. History—New 7-18-95, Formerly 10M-8.0042, Amended 8-19-03, 11-30-08, 7-7-16, 8-15-21, 7-20-23. Amended _____.

65C-16.007 Abuse Hotline and Registry and Criminal Records Checks.

(1) Abuse and neglect history checks must be conducted on all adoptive applicants and other household members 12 years of age and older, pursuant to Sections 39.0138 and 39.521, F.S. The applicants must be informed of this requirement early in the home study process and must provide written consent for the checks to be completed. Abuse and neglect history checks must be current within 30 calendar days of adoption home study approval in the child welfare information system placement of an adoptive child in the home.

(a) No change.

(b) Any request for information from the child welfare information system FSN must be in writing and must include a statement of statutory authorization to receive the information.

(c) All Department personnel and other agencies and professionals using information from the child welfare information system FSN, or any child abuse case record shall be informed that misuse of such information may cause them to be held personally liable, any person injured or aggrieved by such disclosure may be entitled to damages, and unauthorized release of abuse reports may result in criminal prosecution.

(2) Local, statewide, and national criminal records checks and juvenile records checks must be conducted on all adoptive applicants and other household members 18 years of age and older. Local, statewide, and juvenile records checks must be conducted on all household members 12 through 17 years of age.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) If the criminal records checks reveal that the applicant or household member has been found guilty or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for crimes other than those listed in Section 39.0138(3) or (4), F.S., the applicant shall be evaluated as to the extent of his or her rehabilitation. Factors to be considered will include the severity of the action resulting in the record, how much time has elapsed since the offense, circumstances surrounding the incident, and whether records indicate single or repeated offenses. Referral of these applicants to the Adoption Applicant Review Committee is not required

but they must be submitted to the ~~appropriate entity in the~~ community-based-care (CBC) agency or designee for approval.

(d) No change.

(3) Federal, state and local background checks are valid for one year from the date of the last background screening. For foster parents and relative caregivers who are the current caregivers adopting a Department child, federal background checks must be current within five (5) years of the date of adoption placement. For nonrelatives or for potential adoptive parents who are not the current caregivers of the child, federal background checks must be current within one (1) year of the date of adoption placement. All potential adoptive parents must have state and local background checks that are current within 90 days of the date of adoption placement.

(4) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121, 63.233 FS. Law Implemented 39.0138, 39.521(1)(b)I., 39.701, 39.811(8), (9), 63.092(3), 63.125 FS. History—New 5-20-91, Formerly 10M-8.00513, Amended 4-28-92, 4-19-94, 8-17-94, 1-8-95, Formerly 10M-8.0053, Amended 12-23-97, 8-19-03, 11-30-08, 7-7-16, 8-15-21. Amended _____.

65C-16.009 Adoption Placement.

(1) The effective date of the adoptive adoption placement is the date the child is ~~in~~ placed in the home physical custody of the prospective adoptive parent and all signatures are obtained on the Adoption Assistance or the date the Memorandum of Agreement, CF FSP 5072, incorporated by reference in paragraph 65C-16.002(2)(c), F.A.C., is signed.

(2) The adoption placement process incorporates the following:

(a) No change.

(b) Presentation of all family and medical information to the family regarding the child and to the child regarding the family. Within 30 days of the Termination of Parental Rights Petition being filed, the case manager or adoption counselor shall request the child’s birth records, and ensure that all medical, psychiatric, and dental records that are relevant are requested and uploaded into the child welfare information system.

(c) All known information must be shared with the approved adoptive parent using the “Disclosure Information to Adoptive Parents” form, CF-FSP 5328, December 2010, incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13388>, no later than the point of adoptive placement but can occur at the time of a family being matched to a child. A Spanish version of the Disclosure Information to Adoptive Parents form, CF-FSP 5328S, December 2010, is also incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13389>. Within 30 days of the Termination of Parental Rights Petition being filed, the case manager or adoption counselor shall

confirm documents referenced in the form are uploaded in the child welfare information system.

- (d) through (h) No change.
- (3) through (6) No change.
- (7) At-Risk Placement.

(a) Occasionally it may be in the child’s best interest to be placed in a prospective adoptive applicant’s home prior to completion of legal termination of parental rights. Examples of situations where an at-risk placement may be appropriate include:

- 1. through 3. No change.
- 4. The child must be moved from his or her current foster home placement, and the placement in a pre-adoptive placement ~~adoptive home~~ will result in one less move for the child.

(b) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121, 63.233 FS. Law Implemented 39.521, 63.092 FS. History—New 4-28-92, Formerly 10M-8.0058, Amended 8-19-03, 11-30-08, 7-7-16, 9-22-21. Amended

65C-16.010 Adoption Placement – Post-Placement Services.

(1) The Department has a legal responsibility to provide services until the finalization of an adoption. This period shall be a minimum of 90 days from the date the child was placed in the home physical custody of the adoptive parent. The first home visit must be made within one (1) week after placement, unless the child has been residing in the home for more than 30 days. There shall be a minimum of three (3) home visits in placements. For placements which do not proceed smoothly, additional and more frequent contacts are necessary. The adoptive child must be contacted a minimum of once every 30 days until adoption finalization. The entire family must be seen together at least once during the post-placement supervision period.

(2) through (5) No change.

(6) After the post-placement period has been completed, the CBC agency or subcontractor staff, shall sign the consent to adoption and forward it to the adoptive parents’ attorney. Any available or readily obtainable family and medical history of the child and birth parents must be attached to the consent. If the family and medical history contains identifying information about the biological family, that information must be deleted prior to presenting it to the family.

(a) No change.

(b) When a placement disrupts, the CBC agency or subcontractor case manager or adoption counselor shall record a disruption summary, which provides an evaluation and assessment of the reasons for the disruption, preventable measures taken to prevent the disruption and services provided to the child following the disruptions in the child welfare

information system within 72 business hours of the disruption in FSN. In addition to assessing and summarizing the reasons for the disruption, the summary must also assess the impact the failed placement had on the child and issues which must be resolved before another placement can be considered. Any specific attributes or skills which will be necessary in the next adoptive parents must also be included. This summary must be recorded within 10 days after the disruption occurs.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121, 63.233 FS. Law Implemented 39.812, 63.125 FS. History—New 2-14-84, Formerly 10M-8.06, Amended 4-28-92, 4-14-94, 1-8-95, Formerly 10M-8.006, Amended 12-4-97, 8-19-03, 11-30-08, 7-7-16, 8-15-21. Amended

65C-16.013 Determination of Maintenance Subsidy Payments.

(1) The purpose of adoption subsidy is to make available to prospective adoptive parents financial aid which would enable them to adopt a difficult-to-place child, which must be established by a written child study or other form of documentation. Every adoptive family must be advised of the availability of adoption subsidy and the purpose for which it is intended. Except as set forth in subsection (6) below, placement without subsidy must be the placement of choice unless it can be shown that such placement is not in the best interest of the child.

(2) The child’s and the family’s need for subsidy must be determined prior to the adoptive placement. A family who enters into their initial subsidy agreement when the child is 16 or 17 years of age must make an election on the initial “Adoption Assistance Agreement” of whether or not to participate in the Extension of Maintenance Adoption subsidy program. No subsidy payment may be made prior to all parties signing the “Adoption Assistance Agreement,” form CF-FSP 5079, (insert date) ~~(October 2022)~~, incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXX> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14819>.

~~(a) A family who enters into their initial subsidy agreement when the child is 16 or 17 years of age are eligible for the Federal Title IV-E Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy. If the Department or community based care (CBC) agency has responsibility for placement and care of the child, the CBC agency in the county where the court has jurisdiction is responsible for entering into the Adoption Assistance Agreement and paying the adoption subsidy, even if the child is placed in an adoptive home in another county.~~

(b) A family who enters into their initial subsidy agreement when the child is 14 or 15 years of age are eligible for the State Funded Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy.

(c) The family must make an election to participate on the initial Adoption Assistance Agreement.

(d) If the Department or community-based-care (CBC) agency has responsibility for placement and care of the child, the CBC agency in the county where the court has jurisdiction is responsible for entering into the Adoption Assistance Agreement and paying the adoption subsidy, even if the child is placed in an adoptive home in another county.

(b) through (c) are redesignated (e) through (f) No change.

(3) through (7) No change.

(8) A maintenance subsidy may be negotiated up to 100% of the statewide Level II – Level V board rate. A subsidy may exceed 100% of the statewide Level II – Level V board rate when an exception is granted by the Department and documented on the “Maintenance Adoption Subsidy Approval” form CF-FSP 5077, ~~August 2018~~, incorporated by reference in Rule 65C-16.0131, F.A.C. Requests for exceptions must be in writing and supported by a written child study. In determining whether to grant an exception, the Department shall consider the medical, behavioral, and therapeutic needs of the child at the time of the negotiation, as well as the projected long-term needs of the child based on the family and medical history of the child and birth family. In no case shall the subsidy exceed the foster care maintenance payment for which the child is or would be eligible if the child had been ~~in~~ placed in a family foster home. Maintenance subsidy is not intended to cover services which can be obtained through family insurance, Medicaid, Children’s Medical Services, medical subsidy, or through special education plans provided by the public school district. If a licensed or unlicensed prospective adoptive parent requests a subsidy exception that falls within the board rate approved by the Office of Licensing, only the “Maintenance Adoption Subsidy Approval” form CF-FSP 5077, approved adoption home study and child study is required to be submitted to the Department for approval. If a licensed or unlicensed prospective adoptive parent requests a subsidy exception more than the approved board rate, the request must include the “Maintenance Adoption Subsidy Approval” form CF-FSP 5077, approved adoption home study, child study and any supporting documentation to justify the increased rate.

(9) The “Adoption Assistance Agreement,” incorporated in subsection (2) of this rule, must be signed and dated by all parties prior to the finalization of the adoption and uploaded into the child welfare information system. The effective date of the agreement is the date the child was placed with the family as a pre-adoptive an adoptive placement and the Adoption Assistance Agreement Memorandum of Agreement to Adopt, CF-FSP 5072, incorporated by reference in paragraph 65C-16.002(2)(c), F.A.C., was signed by the potential adoptive caregiver and the CBC or subcontracted agency. If not completed on the same date, the effective date will be the latter of the ~~dates two~~. Payments may not be made for any months in which there is no adoption assistance agreement in place.

(10) through (11) No change.

(12) The adoption subsidy agreement remains in effect until:

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) The child is placed in out-of-home care due to a court ordered removal. The Department discovers the child was mistakenly determined eligible for benefits.

(f) The Department discovers the child was mistakenly determined eligible for benefits.

(13) through (16) No change.

(17) No more than the documents listed in the “Adoption Revenue Maximization Eligibility Checklist,” form CF-FSP 5493, (insert date), hereby incorporated by reference and available _____ at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXX>, is required for submission to the CBC Lead Agency Revenue Maximization staff for preliminary subsidy eligibility determination.

Rulemaking Authority 409.166(8) FS. Law Implemented 409.166(4) FS. History—New 2-14-84, Formerly 10M-8.20, Amended 5-20-91, 4-19-94, Formerly 10M-8.020, Amended 12-23-97, 8-19-03, 11-30-08, 7-7-16, 10-30-16, 12-18-16, 9-25-17, 2-5-18, 12-16-18, 8-15-21, 11-7-22, 7-20-23. Amended _____.

65C-16.0131 Determination of Extension of Maintenance Subsidy Payments.

(1) The purpose of the Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy is to make available to prospective adoptive parents financial aid that would enable them to adopt a difficult-to-place child who is ~~14 - 17 16 or 17~~ years of age. Every adoptive family adopting a child at the age of ~~14 - 17 16 or 17~~ must be advised of the availability of Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy and the purpose for which it is intended.

(2) through (14) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 409.166(8) FS. Law Implemented 409.166(4) FS. History—New 12-16-18, Amended 8-15-21, 11-7-22, 7-20-23. Amended _____.

65C-16.019 Intervention in Dependency Cases.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) The Department shall evaluate the intervention preliminary home study of the adoption entity’s prospective adoptive parent and any other relevant information available to the Department to determine whether the placement will be in the child’s best interest using the “Intervention Best Interest Checklist” form, CF-FSP 5451, July 2021, incorporated and available _____ at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13391>, based on the following factors:

(a) through (k) No change.

(l) The Department or community-based care agency (CBC) shall check the child abuse and neglect registries of all

states where the prospective adoptive parents and other adults living in the pre-adoptive placement ~~prospective adoptive home~~ resided in the previous five (5) years.

(5) through (9) No change.

(10) After the child is placed with the adoption entity’s prospective adoptive parent, the Department, through an attorney for the Department, shall schedule regular status reviews with the court to monitor the child’s progress with the prospective adoptive parent ~~adoptive placement~~ until the adoption finalization. CLS ~~or the OAG~~ shall file the adoption entity’s monthly supervision reports with the court for these status reviews and shall provide a copy of all monthly supervision reports to the CBC agency or its subcontractor for its case record.

(11) through (13) No change.

(14) Final Adoption Home Study. The intervening adoption entity shall provide the court and the Department with a final adoption home study before a final order of adoption is granted. The final adoption home study shall meet the following requirements:

(a) No change.

(b) The final adoption home study shall contain:

1. No change.

2. Documentation of a minimum of two (2) scheduled visits with the child and the child’s adoptive parent after the child is placed in the pre-adoptive placement ~~prospective adoptive home~~ to determine the safety and well-being of the child. One of the visits must be in the home.

3. through 4. No change.

(15) through (18) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 63.233 FS. Law Implemented 63.082(6), 63.092 FS. History—New 7-7-16, Amended 8-15-21, 7-20-23. Amended

65C-16.021 Adoption Benefits for Qualifying Employees of State Agencies and Other Eligible Applicants.

(1) No change.

(2) The Department shall hold an annual open enrollment period for submission of applications between the first business day of January and the last business day of March. To apply for this benefit, the applicant shall use the “Adoption Benefits For State Employees And Other Eligible Applicants,” form CF-FSP 5327, (insert date) ~~(October 2022)~~, incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXX> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14887>.

(a) through (e) No change.

(3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 409.1664(6) FS. Law Implemented 409.1664 FS. History—New 11-22-15, Amended 1-2-18, 12-7-20, 11-22-22. Amended

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Valerie Proctor

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Shevaun L. Harris

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: January 30, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: February 25, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Adult Human Trafficking

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

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- 65K-1.012 Standards for Residential Housing
- 65K-1.013 Standards for Transitional Housing

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Create rules to outline the certification and program requirements for adult safe houses pursuant to Chapter Law 2023-85.

SUMMARY: Create rules to outline the certification and program requirements for adult safe houses pursuant to Chapter Law 2023-85.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

A SERC has not been prepared.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The Department used a checklist to conduct an economic analysis and determine if there is an adverse impact or regulatory costs associated with this rule that exceeds the criteria in section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. Based upon this analysis, the Department has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 402.881 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 402.881(6) FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Elizabeth Floyd. Elizabeth can be reached at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

65K-1.001 Definitions.

(1) “Administrator” means the full-time employee who is responsible for the overall operation and day-to-day management of a certified adult safe house.

(2) “Adult Safe House” as defined in Section 402.881, F.S.

(3) “Certification” means the Department’s formal recognition that an adult safe house meets the minimum standards set forth in Section 402.881, F.S., and these rules.

(4) “Emergency Housing” means an adult safe house that provides immediate safety in a temporary shelter to individuals seeking refuge from human trafficking.

(5) “Governing Body” also known as the “Governing Board” means the board of trustees, the partnership, the corporation, the association, or the person or group of persons who maintain and control the adult safe house organization and which is legally responsible for the operation of the certified adult safe house.

(6) “Human Trafficking” as defined in Section 787.06, F.S.

(7) “Human Trafficking Advocate” means an employee or volunteer of a certified adult safe house who provides direct services to trafficked individuals and has been identified by the adult safe house as an individual who may assert a claim to privileged communications with residents in an adult safe house under Section 402.881, F.S.

(8) “Owner” means an individual who has the legal or rightful ownership of the adult safe house.

(9) “Change in Ownership” means, an event in which the licensee sells or otherwise transfers its ownership to a different individual or entity. A change in governing body is not a change of ownership.

(10) “Residential Housing” means any institution, building, residence, single-family dwellings, or other place operated by any person, corporation, or agency, public or private, that provides programming to support residents in an adult safe house on a long-term basis. Residential Housing does not include private residences of victims who reside with

known relatives, friends, or through formal lease agreements or property ownership.

(11) “Transitional Housing” means any institution, building, residence, single-family dwellings, or other place operated by any person, corporation, or agency, public or private, that provides housing to support residents in an adult safe house as they transition back into the community. Transitional housing does not include private residences of victims who reside with known relatives, friends, or through formal lease agreements or property ownership.

(12) “Trauma-informed” means an organizational structure and treatment framework that involves understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of traumas.

(13) “Volunteer” means unpaid staff members or individuals who provide direct and indirect services to those seeking and receiving services from an adult safe house.

Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New

65K-1.002 Application and Certification Process.

(1) Application.

(a) Application for certification must be made on form “Application for Adult Safe House Certification” CF 1956, (insert date), incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXX>. The application must be signed by the owner.

(b) The applicant may be a for-profit or not-for-profit.

(2) Certification.

(a) Certification is valid for two years from the date it was issued.

(b) Certification is non-transferable and valid only for the adult safe house listed on the certificate issued by the Department for each individual site.

(c) The adult safe house must display the certificate in a clear and conspicuous location in each house.

(d) Prior to the issuance of a certification and annually thereafter, the adult safe house must be inspected by a representative from the Department. The adult safe house must cooperate with the Department during inspections.

(3) The adult safe house may not retain a person as a board member, director, or officer if that person served as a board member, director, or officer of an agency subject to licensure or certification by the Department and failed to secure a license or certification to operate and continued to operate after the revocation or suspension of the agency’s license or certification or if the reason for non-certification is directly related to their responsibilities. An exemption from this prohibition may be requested from the Department after two years from the most recent disqualifying event.

Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New

65K-1.003 Administration and Organization.

(1) Statement of Purpose and Program Description. The adult safe house must have a written statement of purpose describing the core values, mission, services the adult safe house provides, methods of service delivery, and a description of the program that outlines if serving females or males, and if minors are allowed to accompany their caregiver in the adult safe house.

(2) Business Registration. Adult safe houses must be registered to conduct business under the Division of Corporations in Florida.

(3) Geographic Coverage. The adult safe house must provide a description of the geographic area the adult safe house intends to serve, to include if admitting residents from a specific county, region, statewide or national level.

(4) Services. The adult safe house must provide a description of the specific services it provides or proposes to provide.

(5) Governing Body.

(a) Each adult safe house shall have a governing body.

(b) The adult safe house must maintain a list of the members of its governing body and must not be fewer than three members. This list must be available to the Department and must:

1. Include the name and term of each member; and
2. Identify each office and the term of that office.

(c) The governing body must meet no less than twice per year.

(d) Responsibilities of the governing body must include the following:

1. Review the operational policies and procedures and matters affecting the care and services to residents.

2. Evaluate in writing the administrator's performance annually.

3. Approve the annual budget of anticipated income and expenditures necessary to provide the services described in its statement of purpose. The governing body must also approve the annual financial audit report.

4. Maintain written minutes of all meetings, which must be available to the Department upon request.

(e) Members of the governing body must not have a proprietary interest in the adult safe house program and shall not be the owner or a family member of the owner of the adult safe house.

(f) Complete level 2 background screenings pursuant to Section 435, F.S., as a condition of membership on the governing board.

(g) Adhere to the confidentiality policies of the adult safe house. The governing body shall not have access to resident names or files maintained by the adult safe house.

(6) Organizational Chart.

(a) The adult safe house must maintain a current organizational chart showing the administrative structure including the lines of authority.

(b) The adult safe house must maintain an employee roster that must be provided to the Department annually and upon request.

(c) The adult safe house must provide written notification to the Department 30 days prior to changing the administrator.

(d) A change in ownership requires the submission of a new application for certification.

(7) Civil Rights Certificate. For adult safe houses obtaining federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts, or other federal financial assistance, the applicant must sign the "Civil Rights Certificate," form CF 707, April 2021, incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXX>.

(8) Accreditation. If the adult safe house is accredited, a copy must be provided to the Department.

(9) Financial Ability. The adult safe house must provide written documentation of financial ability to operate.

(a) Initial Operational Expenses. Adult safe houses seeking an initial certification must provide evidence of sufficient funding to operate for at least six months.

(b) Annual budget. The adult safe house must provide the Department with an annual budget of anticipated income and expenditures necessary to provide the services described in its statement of purpose.

(c) Financial audit. The adult safe house must have financial records audited annually.

1. Financial audits are required for adult safe houses that expend equal to or in excess of \$750,000 of state financial assistance, as outlined in Section 215.97, F.S. Annual audits must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant (CPA) licensed pursuant to Chapter 473, F.S.

2. Adult safe houses that do not meet the audit threshold must provide proof a financial review was conducted by an external auditor or by an independent certified public accountant (CPA) licensed pursuant to Chapter 473, F.S. The external auditor shall not have a proprietary interest in the adult safe house agency or program and must sign and attest that there is no conflict of interest.

(d) If fees for services are charged, the adult safe house shall have a fee schedule.

1. The schedule shall clearly list the specific services covered by each fee.

2. The fee schedule shall be given to each resident.

3. A copy of the fee schedule shall be filed with the Department. The adult safe house must submit a copy of any updates made to the fee schedule during the certification year within 30 days of the changes.

(e) If funding is obtained through public solicitation, a charitable permit for such solicitation must be obtained as required by Chapter 496, F.S.

(10) Insurance Coverage. The adult safe house must obtain liability insurance, and assess the potential risks associated with the delivery of services to determine the amount of coverage necessary.

(11) Reference Check. A reference check must be completed on the owner and administrator. The reference must be obtained from the governing body when the owner or administrator previously worked for a former certified or licensed human trafficking safe house or residential facility, which served either children or adults. The governing body must use the reference to verify that the owner and administrator are of good moral character, suitable to work with the vulnerable population, and that the individual's work performance does not negatively affect their ability to perform in an executive role.

(12) Community Support.

(a) The adult safe house shall establish partnerships with local service providers, legal organizations, and healthcare providers to provide a comprehensive range of support services and ensure ongoing collaboration with community agencies to support and expand the service array available to residents.

(b) If there is a local human trafficking task force or human trafficking coalition, the adults safe house must participate, and provide documentation to the Department through attendance records from meetings.

Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New _____.

65K-1.004 Operating Policies and Procedures.

(1) Policies and procedures set forth in this rule must be available for review by the Department prior to initial certification. Any policies or procedures that are updated during the certification year must be submitted during recertification or 30 days prior to implementation of the new policy if proposed change results in a significant change to the programming of the adult safe house.

(2) Written policies and procedures must be available to all employees and volunteers upon their beginning date of employment or service, and thereafter as revised. Employees and volunteers must indicate in writing that they have read and understand the policies and procedures relevant to their position or volunteer duties, which must be documented in their personnel file.

(3) The adult safe house must provide residents with a copy of the policies and procedures.

(4) The adult safe house must develop and implement written policies and procedures that ensure compliance with providing a therapeutic environment that is trauma-informed, provisions of this rule chapter, and Section 402.881, F.S.

(5) Written policies and procedures must be developed and complied with to address the following:

(a) Admission. Must identify who is eligible for services and how those services are accessed. Prospective residents must be informed of the admission criteria, and if ineligible, referred to other organizations that can aid the resident.

(b) Communicable Disease Prevention and Preparedness. Outline measures to prevent the spread of a disease to include accommodations for visitation at the adult safe house, capacity restrictions and emergency staffing plans to support ratio through the recruitment of volunteers, and safety measures for residents and staff.

(c) Grievance. Guidance on the grievance process that is clear and developmentally appropriate for all residents. The adult safe house must indicate timeframes for responding to the grievance, escalation process for residents, and steps to take when the grievance involves an employee or volunteer. The policy must also include grievance procedures for staff.

(d) Emergency Management Plan. A comprehensive and effective plan to ensure the safety and well-being of employees, volunteers, and residents in the event of an emergency. The adult safe house must annually review and update the plan. A current plan must be maintained by the adult safe house and made available for inspection upon request. The emergency management plan must address the following:

1. Emergencies that may be reasonably expected in the adult safe house. Examples include natural or manmade disasters such as hurricanes or tornados; contamination of the air, ground, water, or food; fire; public health hazards such as outbreak of communicable diseases; significant incidents such as resident death or injury; security incidents such as intruders, hostage situations, kidnapping, or workplace violence; human acts that may jeopardize the health, safety, or welfare of employees, volunteers, or participants; or shelter-in-place that requires the house to lockdown.

2. Procedures for reporting emergencies or incidents.

3. Procedures to implement the plan and personnel notification; delegations of authority and lines of succession.

4. Identification of alternative facilities; procedures for evacuation, including type of evacuation and exit route assignments.

5. Procedures to account for all staff members and participants; and identification and protection of records and databases.

(e) Confidentiality. Maintaining the confidentiality and privacy of residents, personnel, and resident records.

1. The adult safe house must also ensure that residents, employees and volunteers receive written information on the restrictions relating to the disclosure of information about residents and the location of the adult safe house.

2. Residents shall not participate in fundraising and sharing their stories if they are residing at the adult safe house or receiving services from the program.

3. The policy must outline the requirement for a signed consent form to allow for sharing of images, personal stories, and participation in fundraising efforts for former residents that are no longer in the program.

4. Data and information shared must be accurate, validated and align with confidentiality laws and procedures.

(f) Abuse and Neglect Reporting. The requirement of any person who knows or has reason to suspect that a vulnerable child or adult is abused or neglected, must report such knowledge or suspicion to the Department's Abuse Hotline. Policy should outline training requirements and acknowledgement forms.

(g) Personnel Policies. Must include the following:

1. Provisions for newly hired staff members to accompany trained staff until new staff members complete pre-service training requirements;

2. Annual evaluation of the work and performance of each staff member, which includes provisions for employee participation in the evaluation process;

3. Background screening, ratio and use of volunteers; and

4. When staff are named in an active abuse and neglect investigation with the Department.

(h) Service Delivery. Requirement to provide services with a trauma-informed, victim-centered, culturally sensitive approach to ensure each resident's unique needs are met in a safe and therapeutic environment. The policy must outline the programs trauma-informed model. If providing a 24-hour hotline, the adult safe house must develop procedures on responding to calls, linking individuals to services, and assessing for immediate danger.

(i) Serving Families. If serving families with minor children, procedures must detail room sharing, child-care, child assessments, service delivery, and schooling requirements.

(j) Case Management. Documentation for case management staffing's, facilitation, and development of a care plan that incorporates input from the resident.

(k) Interpreters, Translators and Language Options. Identify and assess the language needs of each resident and provide the following, as needed:

1. A range of oral and written language assistance options, including American Sign Language;

2. Written materials in languages other than English; and

3. Oral language interpretation for residents with limited English proficiency.

(l) Discharge and Aftercare. Discharge planning and aftercare services must be offered, specify the availability of services, and identify the staff member or agency responsible for follow-up and implementation of the plan. Policy must also specify that there is no requirement for residents to participate.

(m) Fee for Service. Description of the relationships between fees and services provided and the conditions under which fees are charged and waived. The policy must outline the agency's requirement to provide referrals for individuals when fees for service are not waived.

(n) Employee and Resident Code of Conduct. Maintaining boundaries, refraining from personal relationships with residents, and corrective action to address misconduct.

Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New _____.

65K-1.005 Housing Standards.

(1) Compliance with Local Codes. Adult safe houses must comply with all local codes and provide written proof of compliance to the Department.

(a) Safety and Sanitation Inspection. Prior to the issuance of a certification or to recertify, the adult safe house must be inspected by a representative from the Department using the "Adult Safe House Health Inspection Checklist" form CF 1958, (insert date), which is incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXX>. Written approval of satisfactory safety and sanitation conditions must be on file.

(b) Fire Inspection. Adult safe houses must ensure that a fire safety inspection, which conforms to fire safety standards as determined by each municipality, county, and special district with fire safety responsibilities, is conducted annually.

(c) Radon Test. Adult safe houses must obtain a satisfactory radon test if required by the city or county.

(d) Local Zoning. Adult safe houses must notify local zoning office at time of initial certification of the intent to provide residential services to adults experiencing trauma.

(2) Buildings, Grounds, and Interior Accommodations.

(a) Design, Construction, and Accessibility. The design and construction of new adult safe houses or renovations to an existing adult safe house must meet the minimum requirements of the applicable state and local governing agencies.

(b) Adult safe houses must have proper illumination and ventilation. All interior areas occupied by residents must be temperature-controlled in a manner conducive to comfort, safety, and privacy.

(c) Grounds must be well kept and free from health and safety hazards.

1. If serving children, adult safe houses with swimming pools, spas or near open water hazards must have lifesaving equipment available and accessible in case of an emergency.

2. If an outside play area is made available for children, the area must be free of debris and broken or dangerous materials and must be routinely checked for safety. Play areas must be fenced in accordance with local ordinances to prevent access by children to all water hazards within or adjacent to outdoor play areas, such as pools, ditches, retention, and fishponds.

(d) Interior Accommodations.

1. The adult safe house must be decorated and furnished to create a homelike environment.

2. A common area should be available for the informal use of the residents, to include an area large enough to accommodate the number of residents who reside in the adult safe house.

3. If offices for administrative functions are co-located in the house, they must be separate from the living and sleeping area.

4. There must be adequate space to allow human trafficking advocates and residents to talk privately and without interruption.

5. Bathrooms must be in working condition with water and electricity and include locking mechanism on the entry door for privacy.

6. Bedrooms.

a. The adult safe house must provide each resident with storage for clothing and personal belongings, which must be reserved solely for the individual to use. Residents shall have access to their personal belongings at all times.

b. Adult safe houses must provide each resident with a safe, permanent, and comfortable bed and mattress in good repair. Clean sheets, pillows, pillowcases, and blankets must be provided to each resident upon arrival.

c. Children accompanying their caregiver to the adult safe house must be provided with their own bed or crib.

d. The adult safe house must arrange for the residents and their children to have their own room, separate from other residents.

e. Residents shall have the right to keep their bedroom door closed. The adult safe house may inspect the bedroom when there are concerns of safety or suspected contraband.

7. Laundry. Laundry rooms must be available to residents and located in an area separate from areas occupied by residents.

(3) Safety, Security, and Food Service Requirements. The adult safe house must take precautionary measures to provide for the safety and well-being of residents.

(a) Safety.

1. A route of evacuation must be posted in conspicuous places in the event of a fire and other emergency situations. The

route must be reviewed with staff and residents according to the adult safe house's policy. The evacuation map must include the following:

a. Clearly identify all exits of the house, i.e. doors, windows;

b. Identify the location of any emergency equipment, such as fire extinguishers or first aid kits; and

c. Identify safe assembly points in the event of an evacuation.

2. Transportation. Vehicles used to transport residents must be maintained in a safe operating condition. The number of persons in a vehicle used to transport residents must not exceed the number of available seats; appropriate restraining devices must be used when transporting residents in vehicles. All vehicles shall be fully insured to transport residents and all staff operating vehicles must have a valid drivers license.

3. Methods of Communication. The adult safe house must have communication access available for use in the house at all times by staff and residents. Methods of communication may include mobile or landline telephones, computers for video communication or conferencing, or mobile devices equipped to make phone calls. Emergency numbers, such as 911, poison control, Florida Abuse Hotline, Florida Human Trafficking Hotline, and local law enforcement agencies must be posted in a clear and conspicuous location in the adult safe house.

4. Communicable Disease Prevention and Preparedness. In the event of a pandemic, epidemic or outbreak, the adult safe house must utilize resources issued by the Florida Department of Health (DOH).

5. Adult safe house must follow the emergency management plan developed to address the safety of staff and residents and the directives of its local emergency management center.

6. The adult safe house must maintain ongoing communication with the Department throughout an evacuation until their safe return.

7. The adult safe house must notify the Department within 24 hours upon learning of any structural damages to the property or building that effects the safety of residents. The adult safe house must submit a written plan to the Department within 48 hours of notification outlining their plan for resident safety, including when the damages will be corrected.

8. Grievance. The adult safe house must post the grievance procedure, which allows the residents and staff to make complaints anonymously without fear of retaliation. The information should be prominently posted in areas frequented by the residents and where it can be read without scrutiny. The procedure must be explained to the residents at the time of admission and staff at time of hire. Copies of grievances must be provided to the Department upon request.

9. Incident Reporting. The adult safe house must submit the “Incident Reporting” form CF 1959, (insert date), which is herein incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXX>, to the Department as soon as practical, and in no event more than 24 hours after an incident outlined in the form has occurred.

10. Resident’s Rights. The adult safe house must post any laws and policies that protect the rights of residents in a common area.

(b) Food and Nutrition. If the adult safe house serves meals, three well-balanced meals a day must be offered in the morning, noon, and evening. The adult safe house must prepare meals according to an individual’s special dietary requirements.

(c) Security Measures.

1. Coordination with Law Enforcement. The adult safe house must inform the local law enforcement agency within the county or city of its intent to establish a secure house for residents.

2. Narcotics, alcohol, or other impairing drugs are prohibited on the premises. This does not include prescription medications.

4. Smoking is prohibited within the adult safe house, all outdoor play areas, and in vehicles when being used to transport residents. The adult safe house may designate specific areas for smoking and vaping.

5. To protect the privacy of residents, electronic surveillance systems may not be installed in bedrooms and bathrooms in the adult safe houses. Electronic surveillance systems may be installed in the common areas, by entrance and exit doors, and in parking areas. If there is electronic surveillance, all residents must be notified of such surveillance in writing. Exterior doors must have working and secured locks to ensure the safety of residents; windows must have working locking mechanisms; and safe houses may include additional safety measures such as alarm systems, for added security measures.

6. The adult safe house shall allow the Department to review the surveillance upon request.

Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New _____.

65K-1.006 Admission and Services.

(1) Admission.

(a) The adult safe house must provide an orientation to residents prior to or at time of admission to the home. The orientation must include the following:

1. Rules of the adult safe house;
2. Expectations for the resident;
3. Assessment and services offered;

4. Written policies and procedures outlined in Rule 65K-1.004, F.A.C.; and

5. Statement of purpose and program description.

(b) Children must be accompanied by their legal guardian who is receiving human trafficking services. The legal guardian is responsible for the care and supervision of the minor child.

(2) Services. Adult safe houses must use a survivor-centered approach to assess individuals and children accompanying their legal guardian to determine appropriate services and supports.

(a) Resident Services. The adult safe house must provide trauma informed and responsive, high-quality, short term or long-term services according to the individual’s care plan. The adult safe house must make appropriate referrals for services when not provided directly by the program. Services must include:

1. Counseling options, which incorporate crisis intervention, safety planning, and assessment of risk;
2. Treatment and intervention for sexual assault;
3. Substance abuse and mental health screening;
4. Case management; and
5. Advocacy.

(b) Referrals. The adult safe house must maintain a comprehensive and current database of information and referral resources, which must be made available for use by all staff.

(c) Case Management.

1. The adult safe house must provide one-on-one case management to individuals who reside in the emergency shelter for 72 hours or more, and to residential housing participants. This provision does not preclude adult safe houses from providing case management to residents housed less than 72 hours.

2. A case management staffing must be held bi-weekly for the purposes of ensuring effective communication among human trafficking advocates about the progress of residents toward meeting their goals and objectives, and addressing individual resident issues.

(d) Coordination of Medical Services.

(e) Reporting. The adult safe house, upon request, must provide the Department with information using a unique identifier to maintain confidentiality for the purpose of evaluation of adult human trafficking service trends.

(f) Care Plans.

1. The adult safe house must initiate a written care plan with the resident within 7 business days of admission and must be completed within 30 days of admission.

2. Care plans must outline details of the supports, activities, and resources required for the resident to achieve individual goals.

3. The care plan must include the following:

a. An assessment of the individual's needs, strengths, challenges, and concerns;

b. Recommended services; and,

c. Document the resident's long-term goals and supports requested to achieve goals.

4. The adult safe house must update the care plan in coordination with the resident as needed or at least every six months.

(g) Hotline or Warm Line Services. If the adult safe house provides hotline or warm line services, the adult safe house must have a telephone operated to provide crisis intervention, safety planning, information, and referrals to or on behalf of individuals involved in human trafficking. Adult safe houses that provide hotline or warm line services must have a recorded message that guides the caller on who to call when the telephone is not operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The adult safe house must respond within an hour of receiving the recorded message. The telephone must have a TTY or telephone relay service.

(3) No safe house, regardless of the faith-based affiliation, shall require residents to participate in any mandatory religious events or other expression of faith.

Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New _____.

65K-1.007 Resident Files and Confidentiality Requirements.

(1) Record Keeping. The adult safe house must provide for the maintenance of records, including electronic storage media, regarding the administrative, fiscal, and programmatic operation of the adult safe house. Records must be current, complete, accurate, and maintained in such form as to permit Department evaluation. All records and files, including electronic storage media, must be kept for a minimum of seven years after termination of certification.

(2) The adult safe house must maintain an individual file for each resident admitted into the house. Individual records must be current and must include, at a minimum;

(a) Demographic information including name, date of birth, and family composition;

(b) Social history, strengths, needs of the individual, and services required;

(c) Assessments and care plan;

(d) Signed informed consent by the individual;

(e) Summary of dates of contact and progress toward goals; and

(f) Discharge summary and aftercare plan.

(3) The case files of HIV-infected residents shall not be segregated or flagged in any way that would permit their identification as case files of a HIV-infected resident, or in any way different from the files of non-HIV-infected residents.

(4) The file on each resident must be maintained in a secure place and must not be disclosed in whole or in part without the written consent of the resident.

(5) Access to any resident's identifying information must be limited to staff members who have a legitimate interest in the case and need to know to carry out their job duties.

(6) The adult safe house must provide the Department with access to all files upon request.

(7) Destruction of Records. Adult safe houses shall ensure that all destruction of records is conducted in a manner that safeguards the interests of the residents and staff. In destroying records containing information that is confidential or exempt from disclosure, the adult safe house shall employ destruction methods that prevent unauthorized access to or use of the information and ensure that the information cannot be read, reconstructed, or recovered. Appropriate destruction methods for paper, electronic records, and non-paper media, i.e. audio tapes, video tapes, or photographic films; include burning and shredding records that are confidential or exempt from disclosure.

(8) Confidentiality.

(a) Information about the adult safe house residents or the location of the adult safe house may not be disclosed to the public or on social media.

(b) The adult safe house must ensure that employees and volunteers receive written information on the restrictions relating to the disclosure of information about residents and the location of adult safe houses as provided in Section 787.06(10), F.S.

(c) The adult safe house shall protect the identity of residents when a showcase or tour of the facility is conducted and require the individuals to sign a confidentiality agreement. Rulemaking Authority 402.881, 787.06(10)F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New _____.

65K-1.008 Personnel and Staffing Requirements.

(1) The adult safe house must have a personnel file for each employee, which includes:

(a) Identification confirming the staff's age. Human trafficking advocates who work directly with residents in an adult safe house must be at least 18 years of age.

(b) Application for employment.

(c) If previously employed, an employee reference check from an employer within the past two years.

(d) A minimum of two character reference letters or reference checks from an employer or individual unrelated to the applicant verifying that the applicant is suitable to work with individuals impacted by trauma.

(e) Verification of background screen completion prior to hire, to include:

1. A signed "Attestation of Good Moral Character," form CF 1649, (insert date), incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXX>;

2. Level 2 background screening pursuant to Section 435, F.S.

(f) Employee's start and end dates for employment and reason for departing the program.

(g) Annual performance evaluations and any disciplinary actions taken.

(h) Training record and conferences attended.

(i) A signed "Abuse and Neglect Reporting" form CF 1957, (insert date), incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXX>, acknowledgement forms of abuse and neglect laws, reporting requirements, and confidentiality.

(2) Personnel File Retention. The adult safe house must maintain personnel files for a period of five years from termination of employment.

(3) Qualifications. Each certified adult safe house must have at a minimum, the following positions filled by qualified staff:

(a) A full-time administrator responsible for the management of the adult safe house. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and two years' experience working in the human trafficking field, or four years minimum experience in an administrative/management capacity and two years' experience working in the human trafficking field. The administrator must successfully complete 30 hours of human trafficking training within 90 days of their date of employment. In the event the administrator position becomes vacant, an interim administrator must be appointed until the position can be filled permanently.

(b) The adult safe house must have at least one full time manager on site that supervises staff and manages all advocacy, counseling, and volunteer services. The adult safe house may determine the manager's qualifications. The manager must successfully complete 30 hours of human trafficking training within 90 days of their date of employment.

(c) The adult safe house may determine other positions and their qualifications as needed within the safe house.

(4) Training. The adult safe house must develop, implement, and review annually and revise as necessary a staff training and development plan to ensure that all new employees, current employees, and volunteers meet training requirements pursuant to this rule. The adult safe house may use the Department's curriculum or submit a training curriculum for approval by the Department. Adult safe houses may use trainings approved through the accrediting body that meet the required training topics.

(a) The training of each employee and volunteer must be documented in the staff member's personnel file and must include activities or course titles, number of hours, names of instructors and title or position, and dates of completion.

(b) The adult safe house must provide an orientation for all new employees during the first two weeks of their employment. This orientation must include a review of job responsibilities, adult safe house administrative procedures, confidentiality, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), program goals, adult safe house purpose and objectives, resources and services, and identification and reporting child abuse and neglect. The training hours for orientation do not count towards the 40 hours for pre-service.

(c) All human trafficking advocates working with residents must receive a minimum of 40 hours of preparation training in human trafficking prior to unsupervised contact with residents, in addition to six hours of the following training:

1. Trauma-informed care, including recognizing the signs, symptoms, and triggers of trauma and the impact of trauma;

2. Secondary trauma and self care;

3. Essential service delivery and collaboration;

4. Motivational interviewing

5. De-escalation; and

6. First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(d) In-service Training. The adult safe house must ensure that human trafficking advocates receive at least 10 hours of training activities during each full year of employment.

1. The adult safe house must identify trainings to address deficiencies of the staff for opportunities to improve.

2. Activities related to supervision of the advocate's routine tasks must not be considered training for the purposes of this requirement.

3. The training requirement is effective after the first anniversary of their employment or service.

(5) Volunteers.

(a) Adult safe houses that utilize volunteers to work directly with residents must develop a description of duties and specific responsibilities.

(b) Each volunteer must receive the same orientation and training outlined in (4)(b) of this paragraph.

(c) Records must reflect the documented hours and activities of volunteers.

(d) Volunteers that perform the same or substantially similar services for residents as a paid employee must have the same qualifications, training, supervision and evaluation as the paid employee.

(e) Volunteers that have unsupervised contact with residents will be required to meet the same background screening requirements as employees.

(f) Volunteers that have supervised contact with residents for more than 10 hours per month will be required to meet the same background screening requirements as employees.

Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New _____.

65K-1.009 Corrective Action Plan.

(1) A corrective action plan (CAP) may be imposed on the adult safe house when a violation of certification standards has occurred.

(2) The adult safe house must submit a written CAP to the Department within seven calendar days from the date of receipt of the inspection. The CAP must be signed by the administrator or designee of the adult safe house.

(a) The CAP must include the following:

1. Identify the violation;

2. The actions the adult safe house will take to correct each of the violations identified;

3. The date by which the violation must be corrected; and

4. The actions the adult safe house will take to ensure the violation identified does not occur again.

(b) The Department will reject any proposed CAP that fails to identify all the information described in paragraph (a) of this rule or reflects a plan of action that does not address the violation(s). If the Department rejects a proposed CAP, the Department must notify the adult safe house in writing of the reasons for rejection and require the submission of an amended CAP addressing the deficiency or deficiencies within five calendar days of receipt of the Department's notice rejecting the CAP. Failure to submit a CAP that is sufficient for Department approval within 30 days of the inspection completion date may be considered non-compliant and be subject to administrative action.

(3) Once the CAP is approved by the Department, the date to resolve all violations in the corrective action plan must not exceed 30 days from the inspection completion date, unless a date is directed or extended by the Department.

(4) The Department may deny, suspend, or revoke a certification pursuant to Section 402.881, F.S. when the adult safe house does not complete the CAP successfully.

Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New _____.

65K-1.010 Administrative Actions and Closures.

(1) The Department is the certifying authority for all adult safe houses and has final authority for approval, denial, revocation, or suspension of any certification under Section 120, F.S.

(2) Adult Safe House Closures.

(a) If an adult safe house closes voluntarily, it must notify the Department in writing at least 30 calendar days prior to closing.

(b) The adult safe house must submit a transition plan to the Department. The transition plan must:

1. Outline the process for assisting each resident with relocating to a new adult safe house for ongoing service delivery.

2. Identify the expected date of closure.

3. Plan for storing resident files and location where files will be stored.

Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New _____.

65K-1.011 Standards for Emergency Housing.

(1) Adult safe houses that provide services as emergency housing must comply with the certification requirements set forth in Rules 65K-1.001 through 65K-1.010, F.A.C., in addition to the program standards outlined in this rule.

(2) All emergency housing must be available for service delivery on a 24-hour basis, 7 days a week.

(3) An initial screening must be completed within the first 24 hours of admittance into the emergency housing.

(4) The initial screening must include an assessment of immediate emergency needs, including food, housing, and clothing, and relevant family, social, emotional, educational, health, and employment history.

(5) All emergency housing must provide a comprehensive, integrated program of crisis counseling with a range of counseling services, which includes immediate crisis intervention, short-term counseling, and referrals to, or arrangements for, long-term treatment when appropriate.

(6) Emergency housing may provide temporary or short-term housing to residents as identified by the adult safe house policies and procedures.

(7) Staffing Ratio. There must always be at least one awake staff for every 20 residents. Children must be counted as part of the ratio. Staff coverage shall be available at all times to provide for the services identified in the agency's statement of purpose. Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New _____.

65K-1.012 Standards for Residential Housing.

(1) Adult safe houses that provide services in a residential house must comply with the certification requirements set forth in Rules 65K-1.001 through 65K-1.010, F.A.C., in addition to the program standards outlined in this rule.

(2) A staff ratio is not required for residential housing. Human trafficking advocates must be available on-site for a minimum set of hours as outlined in the adult safe house's policy for service delivery and be available 24-hours a day, seven days a week for response when not on site.

(3) Residential housing may provide long-term housing for a period of time identified by the adult safe house.

(4) In addition to the services outlined in Section 65K-1.006, residents should be provided with comprehensive, integrated services as recommended by the assessment and input from the resident, which may include:

- (a) Life skills;
- (b) Substance abuse treatment;
- (c) Group counseling;
- (d) Support in securing employment;
- (e) Job training;
- (f) Schooling or educational support;
- (g) Securing housing and means of transportation;
- (h) Financial management and,
- (i) Healthcare (medical, dental, vision).

(5) Discharge and Aftercare. The adult safe house must prepare a written discharge summary at least 45 calendar days prior to the projected date for exiting the program, unless the release is unplanned and unforeseen.

(a) Discharge planning must include input from the resident and any supportive individuals identified by the resident.

(b) The discharge summary must include the following:

1. An outline of the plan for discharge;
2. A summary of services;
3. An assessment of goal achievement;
4. Identification of the needs which remain to be met;
5. Recommendations for the resident following discharge, including provisions for support and referrals;
6. Identify who is responsible for validating the resident engaged in the services referred by the adult safe house;
7. The date and reasons for discharge; and
8. The name, address, and telephone number of the resident.

(6) Aftercare plans must, at minimum, reflect recommendations for services, where appropriate, and document any referrals generated. The plan must include the frequency of contact between the adult safe house and the discharged resident. The aftercare plan must identify if the resident declines the aftercare services.

Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New

65K-1.013 Standards for Transitional Housing.

(1) Adult safe houses that provide services as transitional housing must comply with the certification requirements set forth in Rules 65K-1.001 through 65K-1.010, F.A.C., in addition to the program standards outlined in this rule.

(2) Transitional housing provides housing to independent residents that require minimal support from the adult safe house program.

(3) All transitional housing must provide services to residents based on an assessment or request of the resident. The

adult safe house is responsible for making appropriate referrals when appropriate.

(4) Transitional housing may provide temporary or long term housing to residents as identified by the adult safe house policies and procedures.

(5) A staff ratio is not required for transitional housing. Human trafficking advocates must be available on-call 24-hours a day, seven days a week to provide support as needed. Rulemaking Authority 402.881, F.S. Law Implemented 402.881, F.S. New

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Vanessa Snoddy

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Shevaun L. Harris

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 14, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: February 25, 2025

Section III
Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Professional Engineers

RULE NO.: 61G15-32.004 RULE TITLE: Design of Water Based Fire Protection Systems

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Notice is hereby given that the above rule, as noticed in Vol. 50 No. 66, April 3, 2024 issue of the Florida Administrative Register has been withdrawn.

NAVIGATION DISTRICTS

Florida Inland Navigation District

RULE NOS.: 66B-1.005 RULE TITLES: Funds Allocation
66B-1.006 Application Process
66B-1.014 Small-Scale Spoil Island Restoration and Enhancement Projects

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 51 No. 33, February 18, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: 1) No requirement for a SERC was triggered under Section 120.541(1), F.S. and 2) Based upon the nature of the rule, the adverse impact or regulatory cost, if any, do not exceed nor would be expected to exceed any one of the economic analysis criteria set forth in Section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. It is anticipated that the proposed rule will not have any negative economic impact. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

66B-1.006 Application Process.

(1) No change.

(2) Application Form: FIND form No. 15-15 Cooperative Assistance Program Application and Evaluation Worksheet (effective date xx-xx-xx) is hereby incorporated by reference in Rule 66B-1.005, F.A.C. and available from the District office. All applications for financial assistance and support through this program shall be made on this form. With the exception of projects eligible under the Small-Scale Spoil Island Restoration and Enhancement program, the Small-Scale Derelict Vessel program, and eligible Waterway Cleanup Events, all applications for financial assistance and support through this program from state agencies shall also be made on FIND Form No. 15-15 Cooperative Assistance Program Application and Evaluation Worksheet ~~(effective date xx-xx-xx) hereby incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-xxxxx>~~ and shall include a detailed cost estimate submitted on FIND Form No. 15-20 Cooperative Assistance Program Project Cost Estimate (effective date xx-xx-xx), hereby incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-xxxxx> or available from the District office. In addition, all applicants shall submit a complete and detailed FIND Form No. 15-25 Cooperative Assistance Program Project Timeline (effective date xx-xx-xx), hereby incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-xxxxx> or available from the District office.

(3) through (10) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 374.976(2) FS. Law Implemented 374.976(1) FS. History—New 12-17-90, Amended 2-6-97, Formerly 16T-1.006, Amended 3-5-00, 3-21-01, 7-30-02, 3-20-03, 4-21-05, 4-24-06, 4-15-07, 3-25-08, 3-7-11, 4-10-13, ~~xx-xx-xx~~.

NAVIGATION DISTRICTS

Florida Inland Navigation District

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
66B-2.005	Funds Allocation
66B-2.006	Application Process
66B-2.014	Small-Scale Spoil Island Restoration and Enhancement Projects

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 34, February 19, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: 1) No requirement for a SERC was triggered under Section 120.541(1), F.S. and 2) Based upon the nature of the rule, the adverse impact or regulatory cost, if any, do not exceed nor would be expected to exceed any one of the economic analysis criteria set forth in Section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. It is anticipated that the proposed rule will not have any negative economic impact. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

**Section IV
Emergency Rules**

NONE

Section V
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule
Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-5.001 Safety Standards

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety hereby gives notice: On February 25, 2025, the Division issued an order. The Final Order was in response to a Petition for an Emergency Permanent Variance from Alina Phase II located at 200 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33432, filed February 18, 2025, and advertised on February 20, 2025, in Vol. 51, No. 35, of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received in response to the petition. The Final Order on the Petition for Variance grants the Petitioner a variance from Rules 2.8.1 and 2.8.2.2, ASME A17.1, 2019, edition, as adopted by Rule 61C-5.001 Florida Administrative Code that requires no foreign equipment be placed in a hoistway, because the Petitioner has demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute has been met and that Petitioner would suffer a substantial hardship if required to comply with this rule (VW2025-019).

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013. thr.elevators@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Hearing Aid Specialists

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B6-8.003 Trainee Stages, Minimum Training Requirements, and Training Programs

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 24, 2025, the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, received a petition for waiver or variance filed by Megan Berg. The Petitioner is seeking a variance or waiver of paragraph 64B6-8.003(1)(a), F.A.C., which requires stage I: During this Stage, the trainee shall complete the International Hearing Society Home Study Course and shall submit proof of passing the home study course final examination. If the trainee passes the home study course final examination but fails the licensure examination, he or she will not have to repeat the home study course prior to the next available licensure examination. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Board within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B9-3.002 Qualifications for Examination

The Board of Nursing hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, which was filed on September 6, 2024, by Marianne Madrigal. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Volume 50, Number 176, of the September 6, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. Although the petition does not state a specific rule, it appears Petitioner is seeking a variance or waiver from subsection 64B9-3.002(3), F.A.C., which states in part, for an applicant writing the examination for practical nurses on the basis of practical nursing education equivalency, a completed Practical Nurse Equivalence (PNEQ) Application Letter or an official certified transcript which sets forth graduation from an approved professional program is required.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on October 24, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. The Board's Order, filed on November 14, 2024, denied the petition finding that Petitioner had failed to establish that the purpose of the underlying statute would be met by granting a variance or waiver from Rule 64B9-3.002(3), F.A.C. The Board further finds that Petitioner failed to establish that applying the requirements of the aforementioned rule to petitioner's circumstances would violate principles of fairness and impose substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3252; MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

The Board of Nursing hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, which was filed on July 11, 2024, by Omobolanle Oladuja. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Volume 50, Number 137, of the July 15, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner did not reference a specific rule in the petition. Petitioner requests that the Board use her registered nurse application information for her practical nurse licensure application.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on October 24, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, at which time the Board voted to deny the petition because it

fails to comply with the requirements of Rule 28-104.002, F.A.C. The Board's Order was filed on November 14, 2024.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3252; MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

The Board of Nursing hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, which was filed on July 24, 2024, by Titilayo Kukoyi. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Volume 50, Number 173, of the September 4, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner did not reference a specific rule in the petition. Petitioner requested a waiver or variance of Section 464.008, F.S., which requires graduation from a nursing program.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on October 24, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. The Board's Order, filed on November 14, 2024, denied the petition because the Petitioner seeks variance and/or waiver of a Florida statute so the Board is precluded from granting Petitioner's request.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3252; MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B9-3.002: Qualifications for Examination

The Board of Nursing hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, which was filed on September 6, 2024, by Octavia Hines. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Volume 50, Number 176, of the September 6, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. Although the petition does not state a specific rule, it appears Petitioner is seeking a variance or waiver from subsection 64B9-3.002(3), F.A.C., which states in part, for an applicant writing the examination for practical nurses on the basis of practical nursing education equivalency, a completed Practical Nurse Equivalence (PNEQ) Application Letter or an official certified transcript which sets forth graduation from an approved professional program is required.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on October 24, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. The Board's Order, filed on November 14, 2024, denied the petition finding that Petitioner had failed to establish that the purpose of the underlying statute would be met by granting a variance or waiver from subsection 64B9-3.002(3), F.A.C. The

Board further finds that Petitioner failed to establish that applying the requirements of the aforementioned rule to petitioner's circumstances would violate principles of fairness and impose substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3252; MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B9-3.002 Qualifications for Examination

The Board of Nursing hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, which was filed on August 13, 2024, by Essence Thomas. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Volume 50, Number 163, of the August 13, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. Although the petition does not state a specific rule, it appears Petitioner is seeking a variance or waiver from subsection 64B9-3.002(3), F.A.C., which states in part, for an applicant writing the examination for practical nurses on the basis of practical nursing education equivalency, a completed Practical Nurse Equivalence (PNEQ) Application Letter or an official certified transcript which sets forth graduation from an approved professional program is required.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on October 24, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. The Board's Order, filed on November 14, 2024, denied the petition finding that Petitioner had failed to establish that the purpose of the underlying statute would be met by granting a variance or waiver from subsection 64B9-3.002(3), F.A.C. The Board further finds that Petitioner failed to establish that applying the requirements of the aforementioned rule to petitioner's circumstances would violate principles of fairness and impose substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3252; MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B9-3.002 Qualifications for Examination

The Board of Nursing hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, which was filed on October 29, 2024, by Crysta'l Omodehinde. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Volume 50, Number 220, of the November 8, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. Although Petitioner does not reference a specific rule in the petition, it appears Petitioner is seeking a variance or

waiver from subsection 64B9-3.002(3), F.A.C., which states in part, for an applicant writing the examination for practical nurses on the basis of practical nursing education equivalency, a completed Practical Nurse Equivalence (PNEQ) Application Letter or an official certified transcript which sets forth graduation from an approved professional program is required. The Board of Nursing previously received a petition filed on July 24, 2024 from the petitioner. The Notice of Petition published on July 29, 2024 in the Florida Administrative Register. On October 19, 2024, Petitioner requested to withdraw the petition. On October 22, 2024, Petitioner requested that her original petition be considered by the Board. For efficiency reasons, the October 22, 2024, email is included as the initiation of the time period for consideration of the petition and the petition filed on July 24, 2024, is attached to the October 22, 2024, email.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on December 5, 2024, in Tampa, Florida. The Board’s Order, filed on December 19, 2024, granted the petition finding that Petitioner had established that the purpose of the underlying statute would be met by granting a variance or waiver from subsection 64B9-3.002(3), F.A.C. The Board further finds that Petitioner established that applying the requirements of the aforementioned rule to petitioner’s circumstances would violate principles of fairness and impose substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3252; MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Optometry

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B13-5.001 Hours Requirement

The Board of Optometry hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, which was filed on October 17, 2024, by Teresa Grochowski, OD. The Notice of Petition for Variance or Waiver was published in Volume 50, No. 206, of the Florida Administrative Register, on October 21, 2024. Petitioner is seeking a variance or waiver of subsection 64B13-5.001(1), F.A.C., that states in part that licensed practitioners shall not be required to complete the continuing education requirements during the biennium in which they are initially licensed but must complete one (1) hour of approved continuing education in acquired immune deficiency syndrome that complies with the requirements of section 456.033, F.S.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed videoconference public meeting held October 25, 2024. The Board’s Order, filed on February 14, 2025, denied the petition

finding that Petitioner had failed to establish that the purpose of the underlying statute would be met by granting a variance or waiver from subsection 64B13-5.001(1), F.A.C. The Board further finds that Petitioner failed to establish that applying the requirements of the aforementioned rule to petitioner’s circumstances would violate principles of fairness and impose substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Dayle Mooney, Executive Director, Board of Optometry, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C07, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – MQA.Optometry@flhealth.gov.

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Agricultural Environmental Services

The Pest Control Enforcement Advisory Council (PCEAC) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

PLACE: UF-IFAS Mid Florida Research and Education Center, 2725 South Binion Road, Apopka, Florida

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Web Conference Information -

<https://meet.goto.com/192008461>

Dial in using your phone - (872)240-3412, Access Code 192-008-461

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To address the business of the Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mr. Jerry Everton, Chief, Bureau of Licensing and Enforcement, (850)617-7997, Gerald.Everton@FDACS.gov.

For more information, you may contact: Mr. Jerry Everton, Chief, Bureau of Licensing and Enforcement, (850)617-7997, Gerald.Everton@FDACS.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Florida Rehabilitation Council Quarterly Meeting and Facility Tour announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 12, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: UF Health Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment, University of Florida, 4101 NW 89th Blvd., Gainesville, Florida 32606

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Facility Tour

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Florida Rehabilitation Council Quarterly Meeting - Replacing Notice: 29226990 announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 11, 2025. 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Aloft Gainesville – University Area - 3743 Hull Road Gainesville, Florida 32607 –

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzJiZmQ4MGMtN2ZmOC00YTBiLWI3ODEtY2MzNTkwODQ3ZTRm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221ab4ed74-bea1-4880-a65d-0e7783e49e44%22%7d

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Rehabilitation Quarterly Meeting/General Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, March 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Florida Senate, Room 110S, 400 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is the Florida Faith and Community Advisory Councils First Quarterly meeting for 2025

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Erin.Kraeft@laspbs.state.fl.us

For more information, you may contact: Erin.kraeft@laspbs.state.fl.us

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Governor and Cabinet, exercising its powers as head of governmental agencies, boards, and commissions announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: In addition to exercising its appointment authorities, including the appointment of coordinators and council chairs, the Governor and Cabinet will act on matters within its authority, including those outlined in Florida Statute, Florida Administrative Code, and the Florida Constitution, including:

The Department of Law Enforcement will take action on matters duly presented on its agenda which may include but not be limited to such matters as transfer of agency funds or positions, formulation of Departmental Rules, administrative procedure matters, submittal of reports as required, enter into contracts as authorized and to consider other matters within its authority pursuant to Chapters 20, 23, 120 and 943, F.S.

The State Board of Immigration Enforcement will take action on matters duly presented on its agenda which may include but not be limited to such matters as formulation of Board rules, exercising the appointment and approval authorities of the Board, administrative procedure matters, submittal of reports as required, enter into contracts or to award grant agreements as authorized and to consider other matters within its authority pursuant to Chapter 908, F.S.

The Governing Board of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration will take action on matters duly presented on its agenda, which will deal with the issuance of State bonds, arbitrage compliance and related matters.

The Trustees of the State Board of Administration will take action on matters duly presented on its agenda, which may include such matters as Executive Director’s reports; approval of fiscal sufficiency of state bond issues; approval of sale of local bonds at an interest rate in excess of statutory interest rate limitation; reports on investment performance; designation of banks as depositories for state funds; adoption of rules and regulations; investment of state funds pursuant to Chapter 215, F.S.; and consideration of other matters within its authority pursuant to Chapters 215 and 344, F.S., and Section 16 of Article IX of the Florida Constitution of 1885, as continued by subsection 9(c) of Article XII of the Florida Constitution of 1968.

The Financial Services Commission will take action on matters related to rulemaking for all activities of the Office of Financial Regulation relating to the regulation of banks, credit unions, other financial institutions, finance companies, retail installment sales providers, title loan lenders, collection agencies, mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, certified capital companies, money services businesses, and the securities industry.

The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund will take action on matters for which it is responsible pursuant to law (including duties pursuant to Title 18 of the Florida Statutes and Title 18 of the Florida Administrative Code) and that are duly presented on its agenda, which may include such matters as aquacultural issues as presented by the Division of Aquaculture in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; mineral leases or sales; state or sovereign land leases, sales, exchanges, dedications, and easements; conservation and preservation lands and other land purchases; land planning matters and other matters within its authority.

A copy of the agendas submitted to the Governor and Cabinet for this meeting may be obtained by viewing the website of the Governor and Cabinet at <https://cabinet.myflorida.com> or by contacting each individual agency.

CABINET AIDES BRIEFING: On the Friday of the week prior to the above meeting, there will be a meeting of the aides to the Governor and Cabinet Members at 10:00 a.m., R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: each individual agency or by viewing the website of the Governor and Cabinet at <https://cabinet.myflorida.com>.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Division of Purchasing

The Florida Dept of Management Services announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 18, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 4050 Esplanade Way, Suite 260K, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Management Services will conduct a public opening for the Request for Proposals No. DMS-24/25-176 for Building Automation Systems Services.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: DMS.Purchasing@dms.fl.gov

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Department's ADA Coordinator at (850)922-7535 or ADA.Coordinator@dms.fl.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida

Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: DMS.Purchasing@dms.fl.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Construction Industry Licensing Board

The Construction Industry Licensing Board announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 7, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/519882189>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 519-882-189

United States: +1(571)317-3116

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Florida Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jordan Jones, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1039, (850)717-1983.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Jordan Jones, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1039, (850)717-1983. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Jordan Jones, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1039, (850)717-1983.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board

The Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (ET)

PLACE: <https://meet.goto.com/456078741>

You can also dial in using your phone. United States (Toll Free):

1(877)309-2073

Access Code: 456-078-741

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Preliminary Application Review Committee Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Myfloridalicense.com – Licensing and Regulation - Building Code Administrators & Inspectors - Board Meeting Information.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee FL 32399, or by calling (850)717-1980. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee FL 32399, or by calling (850)717-1980.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

The Florida Building Commission’s Education Program Oversight Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 28, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar: Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Review pending advanced accredited courses for recommendation to the Commission.

Other committee business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Alan Burke, as set forth below or on the Commission website.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ms. Barbara Bryant, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee,

Florida 32399-0772, (850)487-1824 or fax: (850)414-8436. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Alan Burke, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0772, call (850)487-1824 or access the Commission website: <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

The Florida Building Commission’s Product Approval Program Oversight Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 31, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Review of product approval and entity applications.

Other committee business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Melissa Campos, as set forth below or on the Commission website.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ms. Barbara Bryant, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Melissa Campos, Product Approval POC, Building Codes and Standards Office,

Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436; or access information on the Commission's website, <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

The Florida Building Commission's Accessibility Advisory Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 31, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar: Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Review of applications for waivers from accessibility requirements.

Other Council business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Chip Sellers, as set forth below or on the Commission website.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ms. Barbara Bryant, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Chip Sellers, Accessibility Advisory Council, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436 or access information on the Commission's website: <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Dentistry

The Board of Dentistry Probable Cause Panel announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m., E.T.

PLACE: (888)585-9008 when prompted, enter conference room number 599196982#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Probable Cause Panel with reconsiderations.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: floridasdentistry.gov

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)245-4474. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: (850)245-4474.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Hearing Aid Specialists

The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m., EST

PLACE: Microsoft TEAMS at [Click Here to Join the Meeting](#) or by phone (850)792-1375 using Access Code: 301-372-760#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General board business involving discussion and actions, including, but not limited to general board business, licensure applications, rules and disciplinary matters.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the board office at (850)245-4292 or by visiting our website at <https://floridashearingaidspecialists.gov/meeting-information/>

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the board office at (850)245-4292. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the

proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: the board office at (850)245-4292.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Department of Children and Families announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Children's Board, 1002 E Palm Ave, Tampa, FL 33605 for an in-person only meeting.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Ongoing Hillsborough Community Alliance business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Justin Wilkins at communityalliance@cbhcf.gov or (813)204-1762.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Justin Wilkins at communityalliance@cbhcf.gov or (813)204-1762. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Justin Wilkins at communityalliance@cbhcf.gov or (813)204-1762.

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

The FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 6, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: The Joseph P. Cresse Hearing Room 148 in the Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a meeting to discuss general business of the commission.

The public meeting agenda, related documents, and Florida Gaming Control Commission contact information are available by contacting Dixie Parker at dixie.parker@flgaming.gov or (850)880-3433.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

If you want to make public comment at this meeting, please contact Dixie Parker no less than 24 hours before the start of the meeting at dixie.parker@flgaming.gov.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: dixie.parker@flgaming.gov.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PALM BEACH/TREASURE COAST, INC.

The Area Agency on Aging announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 25, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Area Agency on Aging, 4400 North Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Agency governance

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dwight Chenette at (561)684-5885 or DChenette@aaapbtc.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Dwight Chenette at (561)684-5885 or DChenette@aaapbtc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Dwight Chenette at (561)684-5885 or DChenette@aaapbtc.org

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

The Region 10 Criminal Justice Training School announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 21, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Southwest Florida Public Service Academy

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Pledge of Allegiance; Approval of minutes of February 12, 2025; Introduction of guests; F.D.L.E. report – Shawn Fagan; Academy report from Suncoast Technical College; Academy report from Southwest Florida Public Service Academy; Old business; New business; Schedule of next Meeting; Adjournment

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Rosa Henshaw at (239)334-3897

BRYANT MILLER OLIVE

The CAPITAL TRUST AUTHORITY announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m., CST/11:00 a.m., EST

PLACE: Telephonic hearing using the instructions as provided here.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARING

The Capital Trust Authority (the "CTA") has been requested by QSH/Central Florida, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and/or one or more related and/or affiliated entities (collectively, the "Borrower"), whose sole member is Quality Senior Housing Foundation, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation, and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to issue its Senior Living Revenue Bonds, in one or more series of tax-exempt "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" (as defined in the Code) or taxable bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$155,000,000 (the "Bonds").

For the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Code, notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service Revenue Procedure 2022-20, a telephonic public hearing will be held by a hearing officer on behalf of the CTA on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., CST/11:00 a.m., EST, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, using the telephone conference instructions provided herein. The purpose of the public hearing is to take public comments regarding the issuance of the Bonds by the CTA, the nature and location of the Project (hereinafter defined) and the plan of finance. The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrower by the CTA for the purpose of financing or refinancing, including through reimbursement, (i) the acquisition and renovation of certain health care facilities, as more fully described below (collectively, the "Facilities"); (ii) the funding of a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable; (iii) the funding of capitalized interest and/or working capital for the Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable; (iv) the funding of a repair and replacement fund; and (v) the payment of certain costs of issuing the Bonds (collectively, the "Project").

The Facilities consist primarily of the following:

(A) an existing senior living facility known as Grand Villa of New Port Richey, including approximately 116 units of capacity, primarily consisting of elderly and assisted living care services, totaling approximately 66,004 square feet, located on approximately 1.97 acres of land, located at 6120 Congress Street, New Port Richey, Pasco County, Florida 34653, including related facilities, fixtures, furnishings and equipment (maximum principal amount of Bonds relating to such facility: \$30,000,000);

(B) an existing senior living facility known as Grand Villa of Sarasota, including approximately 147 units of capacity, primarily consisting of elderly and assisted living care services, totaling approximately 155,155 square feet, located on approximately 3.46 acres of land, located at 730 Osprey Avenue, Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida 34236, including related facilities, fixtures, furnishings and equipment

(maximum principal amount of Bonds relating to such facility: \$35,000,000);

(C) an existing senior living facility known as Grand Villa of Clearwater, including approximately 193 units of capacity, primarily consisting of elderly and assisted living care services, totaling approximately 137,444 square feet, located on approximately 8.61 acres of land, located at 2750 Drew Street, Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida 33759, including related facilities, fixtures, furnishings and equipment (maximum principal amount of Bonds relating to such facility: \$50,000,000);

(D) an existing senior living facility known as Grand Villa of Palm Coast, including approximately 78 units of capacity, primarily consisting of independent living, elderly and assisted living care services, totaling approximately 76,125 square feet, located on approximately 11.97 acres of land, located at 100 Magnolia Trace Way, Palm Coast, Flagler County, Florida 32164, including related facilities, fixtures, furnishings and equipment (maximum principal amount of Bonds relating to such facility: \$20,000,000);

(E) an existing senior living facility known as Grand Villa of DeLand, including approximately 131 units of capacity, primarily consisting of elderly and assisted living care services, totaling approximately 87,643 square feet, located on approximately 4.6 acres of land, located at 350 E. International Speedway Boulevard, DeLand, Volusia County, Florida 32724, including related facilities, fixtures, furnishings and equipment (maximum principal amount of Bonds relating to such facility: \$25,000,000); and

(F) an existing senior living facility known as Grand Villa of Boynton Beach, including approximately 123 units of capacity, primarily consisting of elderly care services, totaling approximately 87,683 square feet, located on approximately 4.34 acres of land, located at 1935 Federal Highway, Boynton, Palm Beach County, Florida 33435, including related facilities, fixtures, furnishings and equipment (maximum principal amount of Bonds relating to such facility: \$20,000,000).

The plan of finance contemplates that the CTA will issue, in respect to the Project, not exceeding \$155,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its Bonds, in one or more series of tax-exempt qualified 501(c)(3) bonds or taxable bonds, and loan the proceeds of the Bonds to the Borrower to provide funds for the Project. The Facilities will be owned by the Borrower or another entity chosen by the Borrower.

The Bonds, when issued, will be special, limited obligations payable solely out of the revenues, income and receipts pledged to the payment thereof and derived from financing agreements with the Borrower, and none of the CTA, Pasco County, Florida, Sarasota County, Florida, Pinellas County, Florida, Flagler County, Florida, Volusia County, Florida and Palm Beach County, Florida (collectively, the "Counties"), or the

State of Florida (the "State") will be obligated to pay the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds except from the payments of the Borrower. The Bonds and the interest thereon shall never (i) pledge the taxing power of the Counties, the State or any other political subdivision, public agency or municipality thereof within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision, (ii) constitute the debt or indebtedness of the CTA, the Counties, the State or any other political subdivision, public agency or municipality thereof within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision, or (iii) pledge the full faith and credit of the CTA, the Counties, the State or any political subdivision, public agency or municipality thereof. The CTA has no taxing power. Issuance of the Bonds is subject to several conditions including satisfactory documentation and receipt of necessary approvals for the financing.

INTERESTED PERSONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE USING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW. PRIOR TO SAID TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARING, WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE CTA AT 315 FAIRPOINT DRIVE, GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA 32561, ATTENTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS: TOLL FREE DIAL IN NUMBER: 1(888)667-1808

At the date and time fixed for said telephonic public hearing all who appear by telephone conference will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the Project, the plan of finance and the proposed approval of the issuance of the Bonds. Comments made at the public hearing are for the consideration of the parties providing an approval of the issuance of the Bonds and the plan of finance but will not bind the CTA or such parties as to any action the CTA or such parties may take. All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made with respect to the proposed approval of the issuance of the Bonds, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. All interested persons are invited to present their comments on the date and time set forth above.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED, ALL PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED AND WHO NEED SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARING BECAUSE OF THAT DISABILITY SHOULD CONTACT THE HEARING OFFICER AT (850)934-4046 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, EXCLUDING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: THE HEARING OFFICER AT (850)934-4046

CARPE DIEM COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC.

The Bay County announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 6, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (CST)

PLACE: Grace Episcopal Church, 9101 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Bay County will hold a public alternatives meeting concerning the Philip Griffiths Sr. Parkway Phase III project on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at the Grace Episcopal Church, 9101 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. The meeting is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (CST). This meeting is being held to offer interested persons new information, provide an opportunity to learn about the project, and allow them to share their views. There will be maps, drawings, and other information on display. Bay County representatives and project team members will be available to explain proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

Bay County is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study and preparing of Design plans for a new roadway segment entitled Philip Griffiths Sr. Parkway Phase III from Clara Avenue to Chip Seal Parkway. The total distance of this study is approximately 5.1 miles.

The new Philip Griffiths Sr. Parkway Phase III is intended to improve regional connectivity in the area, thereby relieving some of the congestion on U.S. 98 (Panama City Beach Parkway) and improving safety outcomes in the area. The PD&E Study will identify and assess impacts of a new roadway corridor connecting Clara Avenue to Chip Seal Parkway on the social, economic, cultural, natural, and physical environment in this area of Bay County. Preliminary design activities will be completed concurrently with the PD&E Study to more efficiently move the project forward toward construction.

For any questions related to the project or this meeting, please contact Vincent Spahr, P.E., Consultant Project Manager, at (850)328-2923, via email at pgsparkway@kimley-horn.com, or by mail at 120 Richard Jackson Boulevard, Suite 230, Panama City Beach, FL 32407. You may also contact Cliff Johnson, Bay County Project Manager/Traffic Engineering Manager, at (850)248-8741, via email at cjohnson@baycountyfl.gov or by mail at 840 W 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401.

Persons wishing to submit written or verbal comments may do so at the meeting or may contact the Consultant Project Manager using the information provided above. All statements provided, or postmarked, on or before Monday, March 17, 2025, will become a part of the public meeting record.

Public participation is held without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Consultant Project Manager using the information provided above.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Consultant Project Manager using the information provided above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: The Consultant Project Manager using the information provided above.

CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

The Central Florida Expressway Authority announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 6 & 12, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: The Public Information Meeting will be held in-person and in an online/virtual format. Both the in-person and virtual meetings will present identical information and allow for discussion and questions with the study team. The meeting details are as follows:

In-person meeting

Thursday, March 6, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Harmony High School, 3601 Arthur J Gallagher Blvd., St. Cloud, FL 34771

Online/Virtual meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Pre-register at <https://shorturl.at/6YtZh> (Link is case sensitive)

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Project No. 599-247

Project Description: State Road 515 Northeast Connector Expressway Phase 2 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

This meeting will allow community members to review the alternatives being considered for an approximately 15-20-mile expressway connection from Florida’s Turnpike (SR 91) northeast to US 192 and north to SR 534 in Osceola County.

The Public Information Meeting is being held both in-person on Thursday, March 6, 2025, and virtually on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Both the in-person and virtual meetings will present identical information and allow for questions with study team representatives.

The in-person meeting will be held in an open-house format and community members may come at any point during the meeting time to view the exhibits, ask questions and provide comments to study team representatives. A continuous, pre-recorded audiovisual presentation providing an overview of the study

will be available for viewing throughout the meeting. Attendees of the virtual public meeting will be able to view the same presentation as well as submit questions and comments regarding the study.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Nick Lulli, Public Involvement Coordinator, by phone at (407)885-4743, or by email at ProjectStudies@CFXway.com

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Section VII

**Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements**

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION**

Construction Industry Licensing Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Construction Industry Licensing Board has received the petition for declaratory statement from David J. Winker, Esq., on behalf of John Kearns, Charles S. Kearns, and Kearns Construction Company, Petitioners, filed on November 21, 2024. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 489.105(3)(a), Florida Statutes as it applies to the petitioner.

Petitioner seeks the determination from the Board to clarify whether a contractor license of any kind is required for the construction of an artificial reef as outlined in RFP-568. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director, Construction Industry Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1039 or telephone: (850)487-1395, or by electronic mail to Amanda.Ackermann@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Nursing has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Lisliet J. Rovira, RN, on September 05, 2024. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

The Notice of Petition for Declaratory Statement was published in Volume 50, No. 176, of the September 9, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 464.003(2), F.S., as it applies to the Petitioner. The Petitioner seeks a Declaratory Statement from the Board as to whether it is within the scope of practice for Petitioner as a Florida Registered Nurse, to perform aesthetic services under a medical doctor's supervision and task delegation to administer Botox Cosmetics, Dermal fillers, and laser treatments to patients. At the duly-noticed public meeting held on October 24, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, the Board discussed the Petition for Declaratory Statement and found that under the specific facts of the petition and the presentation of her experience that it is not within Petitioner's scope of practice to be delegated the task of Botox Cosmetic, Dermal fillers, and laser treatments as the petition does not show that patients sign an informed consent to Petitioner performing the administration and/or laser treatments nor does it state that the administration or treatments will be performed under the direct, visual supervision of a physician. The Board's Final Order was filed on November 14, 2024.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov, or by telephone at (850)245-4125.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Nursing has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Elizabeth deChadenedes, RN, BSN, on September 05, 2024. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

The petition sought the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 464.003(2), F.S., as it applies to the Petitioner. On September 30, 2024, the Petition for Declaratory Statement was WITHDRAWN. The Petitioner seeks a Declaratory Statement from the Board requesting clarification regarding the delegation of Botox and dermal filler administration from a licensed physician to Petitioner as a Florida Registered Nurse. The Notice of Petition published September 9, 2024, in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 50, Number 176.

Please refer all comments to: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov, or by telephone at (850)245-4125.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Nursing has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Katherine Forholt, MSN, FNP-C, APRN, on August 26, 2024. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

The Notice of Petition for Declaratory Statement was published in Volume 50, No. 176, of the September 9, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 464.003, F.S., as it applies to the Petitioner. The Petitioner seeks a Declaratory Statement from the Board seeking clarification as to whether or not it is within the scope of practice for an autonomous advanced practice registered nurse in Florida with proper training and experience to prescribe drugs to treat obesity. At the duly-noticed public meeting held on October 24, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, the Board declined to answer the question because a response would be applicable to all autonomous advanced practice registered nurses and not only to Petitioner. A declaratory statement cannot be used to set forth a policy of general applicability. Rulemaking by the Board would be required. The Board's Final Order was filed on November 14, 2024.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov, or by telephone at (850)245-4125.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Nursing has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Kerry Sutherland, RN, on August 06, 2024. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

The Notice of Petition for Declaratory Statement was published in Volume 50, No. 185, of the September 20, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 464.003(19)(b) F.S., as it applies to the Petitioner. The Petitioner seeks a Declaratory Statement from the Board as to whether it is within the scope of practice for a Florida Registered Nurse to be delegated the task of medication administration of Botox Cosmetic from a licensed physician who performed a patient exam, wrote the order for the prescribed Botox Cosmetic medication treatment with a description of the muscles to be injected and the number of units per injection site. The written order would then be followed and performed by Petitioner under the direct

supervision of the licensed physician. At the duly-noticed public meeting held on October 24, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, the Board discussed the Petition for Declaratory Statement and voted to deny the petition on the grounds that the process for performance of the procedures does not comply with the Board's interpretation of the applicable statute. The Board has stated that a registered nurse's scope of practice includes administration of botox cosmetic under certain specified parameters. Those are: a physician licensed pursuant to Chapter 458 or 459, Florida Statutes, has performed a physical examination of the patient, written an order for the botox treatment with a description of the muscles to be injected and number of units per injection site, the patient has signed an informed consent that states that the medication administration will be done under the direct supervision of the physician, meaning that the physician is physically present in the room and has visualization of the injection. The Board found that these parameters cover the use of Class II medical devices, too. Because the petition did not outline these specific parameters, the Board voted to deny the petition. The Board's Final Order was filed on January 27, 2025.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov, or by telephone at (850)245-4125.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Nursing has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Dana Elizabeth Steinhauer, RN, on August 08, 2024. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

The Notice of Petition for Declaratory Statement was published in Volume 50, No. 173, of the September 4, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Chapter 464 F.S., as it applies to the Petitioner. The Petitioner seeks a Declaratory Statement from the Board as to whether it is within the scope of practice for a Florida Registered Nurse and asks the following questions: (1) May Petitioner become trained in and administer biofeedback without supervision by another medical professional? (2) If Petitioner may not become trained in and administer biofeedback without supervision, what specific type of licenses would be allowed to be supervisors (i.e. Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathy, Doctor of Chiropractic, Advanced Registered Nurse, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, etcetera)? (3) What paperwork would be required to satisfy the

requirements of the Florida Board of Nursing regarding supervision of biofeedback for a registered nurse? At the duly-noticed public meeting held on October 24, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, the Board declined to answer the question because the petition was not specific and the Board does not regulate the requirements for biofeedback training. Without more information, the Board is unable to answer. The Board's Final Order was filed on November 14, 2024.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov, or by telephone at (850)245-4125.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Nursing has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Juliana Rego, MSN, RN, on August 08, 2024. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

The Notice of Petition for Declaratory Statement was published in Volume 50, No. 181, of the September 16, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 464.003, F.S., as it applies to the Petitioner. The Petitioner seeks a Declaratory Statement from the Board as to whether it is within the scope of practice for Petitioner as a Florida Registered Nurse to be delegated the task of medication administration of Botox Cosmetic and Dermal fillers from a licensed physician, APRN, or Physician Assistant, who would write an order for the amount of units or milliliters to be injected, the injection site for the muscles, or intradermal tissue to be injected. An informed consent would be signed by the patient and co-signed by the ordering physician, APRN, or Physician Assistant. At the duly-noticed public meeting held on October 24, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, the Board discussed the Petition for Declaratory Statement and found that under the specific facts of the petition and the presentation of her experience that it is not within Petitioner's scope of practice to be delegated the task of Botox Cosmetic and Dermal fillers from an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant. The Board further found that the administration of these products by a registered nurse must be done under the direct, visual supervision of a physician. The Board's Final Order was filed on November 14, 2024.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399,

MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov, or by telephone at (850)245-4125.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

School Psychology

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B21-500.005 Experience Required for Licensure

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Department of Health has declined to rule on the petition for declaratory statement filed by Sarah Gregor on October 04, 2024. The following is a summary of the agency's declination of the petition: The Petition was denied for failure to state a set of facts or circumstances specific to the Petitioner, as required by section 120.565, F.S.

A copy of the Order Declining of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Anna King at Anna.King@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64J-1.001 Definitions

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Department of Health, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support, has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by the Nemours Foundation, d/b/a Nemours Children’s Hospital, Florida, on November 19, 2024. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

The petition is granted. The Final Order determines that DOH 2009-0023, concerning interfacility transport by emergency medical services providers licensed by the Department, applies to petitioner’s particular circumstances, such that petitioner is permitted under the Department’s 2009 Final Order to conduct interfacility transports from hospitals in counties where Petitioner does not hold a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to Petitioner’s hospital in Orange County, where Petitioner does hold a COPCN.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Lori L. Jobe, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1700, Lori.Jobel@flhealth.gov, (850)245-4005.

Section VIII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Section IX

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

Section X

Announcements and Objection Reports of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

NONE

Section XI

Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and Purchasing

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Florida International University

FIU-BT-921 Graham Center Expansion-CM

The Florida International University Board of Trustees announces that Construction Management (CM) services are required for the project identified below:

Project Name and Number: Graham Center Expansion, BT-921

Project Location: Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC), Miami, Florida

The Ernest R. Graham University Center (Graham Center) expansion project (BT-921) is expected to add an estimated 59,123 GSF (44,300 NASF) to the existing facility. The objective of the project is twofold: first, it will expand programming and event spaces to meet the needs of the FIU community.

Constructed in 1974, the Graham Center began as a 78,000-square-foot student union. Since then, the Graham Center has grown to become FIU's primary hub for academic and affinity events, student services, academic instruction, departmental functions, and retail operations. As FIU continues to soar in national rankings and be a magnet for millions internationally,

it is imperative that the Graham Center possesses facilities befitting to a world-class student union.

This expansion represents FIU's opportunity to cement itself as the go-to venue for research conferences, official governmental events and student programming. As a Carnegie R1 institution, FIU needs spaces to attract a variety of large-scale programs and events in fields such as technology, medicine, international affairs, commerce and journalism. The existing spaces in the Graham Center are fragmented. For example, there are no breakout rooms attached to the current ballrooms. Guests have to exit and re-enter the building to access additional event spaces. As well, existing breakout rooms are scattered throughout the building. The proposed project will have the required venue amenities such as breakout rooms, green rooms, and other interrelated spaces, to accommodate events in a centralized location.

In recognition of the University's commitment to sustainability practices, this project will be designed and built with the goal of meeting the USGBC's LEED-NC "Silver" certification rating or equivalent. The Project shall comply with Florida Statutes 255.251 Energy Conservation and Sustainable Buildings Act, including 255.252 (3) and (4).

Overall, these enhancements to the Graham Center will further FIU's reputation as a hub for innovation and knowledge.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Firms desiring to provide construction management services for the project shall submit a letter of application and a completed Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement (CMQS) form. Proposals must not exceed 80 pages, including the CMQS and letter of application. Pages must be numbered consecutively.

Submit Nine (9) bound copies of the required proposal data and one electronic copy of the complete proposal in Adobe Acrobat PDF format of the above-requested data bound in the order listed. Applications that do not comply with the above instructions will not be considered. Application material will not be returned. The University reserves the right to suspend or discontinue the selection process at any time and to return or reject any or all submissions of qualifications without obligation to the respondent. The award of this contract is subject to availability of funds.

The Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement (CMQS) form and the Project Fact Sheet, which describes the selection process schedule for this Project and additional information regarding the Project scope, may be obtained from the website <https://facilities.fiu.edu/Projects/BT-921.htm>. Applications on any other form will not be considered. Requests for meetings by individual firms will not be granted. Once the firm acquires the required forms, questions may be directed to Facilities Planning at (305)348-4090 or via email to griffith@fiu.edu cc: angpaz@fiu.edu.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants must be licensed to practice as general contractors in the State of Florida at the time of application. Corporations must be registered to operate in the State of Florida by the Department of State, Division of Corporations, at the time of application.

As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a person, or affiliate may not submit a proposal for this project if it is on the convicted vendor list for a public entity crime committed within the past 36 months. The selected construction manager must warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, or consultant in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO in connection with this project for a period of 36 months following the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Pursuant to §448.095, Fla. Stat., the selected consultant will have to certify that it is registered with and uses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the consultant during the term of its contract with FIU. If the consultant enters into a contract with a subcontractor to perform work or provide services pursuant to its contract with FIU, the consultant shall likewise require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of §448.095, Fla. Stat., and the subcontractor shall provide to the consultant an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The consultant shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of its Contract with FIU. This section serves as notice to the consultant regarding the requirements of §448.095, Fla. Stat., and FIU's obligation to terminate the contract if it has a good faith belief that the consultant has knowingly violated §448.095, Fla. Stat. If terminated for such reason, the consultant will not be eligible for award of a public contract for at least one year after the date of such termination. Further, FIU has an obligation to order the immediate termination of any contract between the consultant and a subcontractor performing work on its behalf should FIU develop a good faith belief that the subcontractor has knowingly violated §448.095, Fla. Stat. FIU reserves the right to request documentation from the consultant evidencing its compliance with §448.095, Fla. Stat. at any time during the term of the contract.

All applicants should review Section 448.095, Fla. Stat. carefully.

FIU HAS CREATED STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS, GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CM SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE PROCESS. THESE FORMS ARE

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, AND CAN BE FOUND AT <http://facilities.fiu.edu/formsandstandards.htm>

ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD REVIEW THE APPLICABLE FIU CONTRACT FORM AND STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO RESPOND TO THIS ADVERTISEMENT.

The Project Fact Sheet, which describes the selection process schedule for this Project and additional information regarding the Project scope, may be obtained from the website <https://facilities.fiu.edu/Projects/BT-921.htm>.

The Project selection process will require consideration of CM fee proposals from shortlisted firms.

The CM Fee is defined in Article 8.2 of the Agreement Between Owner and CM available at:

https://facilities.fiu.edu/Planning/Documents/FormsAndStandards/CM_Major_Project_Template_February_2025_Version.pdf

In consideration of the firm’s proposed discount, FIU has established a baseline fee for this project of 4.75%

Fee proposals will be ranked based on proposed % discount off the baseline fee percentage shown above. If no fee proposal is provided, the firm ranking will be based on 100% of the baseline fee. Proposed fee rank points will be combined with interview rank points to determine the final overall ranking of the firms. The weighting of fee rank points vs. interview rank points for this project will be:

- a. Interview ranking = 70%
- b. Fee ranking = 30%

DO NOT INCLUDE FEE PROPOSALS WITH YOUR QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTALS. ONLY SHORTLISTED FIRMS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE FEE PROPOSALS AT THE TIME ESTABLISHED FOR INTERVIEWS.

Once the firm acquires the required forms, questions may be directed to Facilities Planning via email to griffith@fiu.edu cc: angpaz@fiu.edu.

SUBMIT QUALIFICATIONS TO:

Selection Committee, Florida International University, Facilities Planning, Campus Support Complex, 11555 S.W. 17th St., Room #142, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida 33199. Submittals must be received between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Submittals will not be accepted before or after the times and date stated above. Facsimile (FAX) or emailed submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered.

3rd party commercial couriers must abide by these instructions, no exceptions. In all cases, the firm will be held responsible for proof of on-time delivery to the CSC building by retaining a time-stamped delivery receipt provided by FIU Planning staff.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ITB-25-072 Gibbs Elevator Repair

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) requests proposals for the subject project and has issued a Competitive Solicitation to obtain competitive responses from qualified firms consistent with the requirements outlined in the Solicitation Document.

Selection will be made in accordance with the published Solicitation Document. Firm(s) must be properly licensed in the State of Florida at the time of submittal.

Be sure to read the entire solicitation document before contacting the Agency with questions, which must be submitted via e-mail. Only procedural questions will be answered on receipt – all other questions will only be answered according to the published timeline.

RESPONSE DUE DATE: April 1, 2025, no later than 1:45 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTAL: Firms interested in being considered for this project should access the Solicitation Document from: Purchasing | Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind Click “View Active Competitive Solicitations” and navigate to the project folder. **RESPONDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE** for checking the FSDB website for amendments and addendum. Failure to comply with any changes published to the FSDB website may be grounds for rejecting a proposal.

Primary Contact: Kim Whitwam, Director of Purchasing – whitwamk@fsdbk12.org; or Leigh Gillette, Purchasing Analyst - gilletter@fsdbk12.org.

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FWC 24/25-77C WEST BAY ESTUARINE HABITAT RESTORATION – PHASE VI
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

BID NO: FWC 24/25-77C

BID NAME: WEST BAY ESTUARINE HABITAT RESTORATION – PHASE VI

PROJECT LOCATION: BAY COUNTY FLORIDA

The intent of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to obtain competitive pricing for the construction of up to 67 subtidal oyster reefs along the western shore using large (16-18”) native Florida limestone aggregate, in Bay County, in accordance with the documents and Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes.

To review the bid details for FWC 24/25-77C:

Visit <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/search/bids> to view a list of FWC’s formal solicitations and agency decisions. Choose the FWC 24/25-77C solicitation link to view the advertisement details.

From the Advertisement Details page, you can download the PDF bid file for your reference.

NOTE: The Vendor Information Portal (link provided above) is the posting location for all new and changing information regarding this solicitation. Interested bidders should continue to monitor this site for the entirety of the solicitation process.

DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER: Joshua Stringer, Procurement Manager, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Tallahassee Purchasing Office, 1875 Orange Avenue East, Tallahassee, Florida 32311-6160, Phone: (850)617-9617, Email: Joshua.Stringer@myfwc.com.

Section XII Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraph 120.55(1)(b)6. – 7., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2025, and 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5C-4.0015	2/25/2025	3/17/2025
5C-4.003	2/25/2025	3/17/2025
5K-4.034	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
5M-6.002	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
5M-6.003	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
5M-6.004	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
5M-6.005	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
5M-6.006	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
5M-14.001	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
5M-14.002	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
5M-14.003	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
5M-14.004	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
5M-14.005	2/20/2025	3/12/2025
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53ER25-10	2/20/2025	2/24/2025
53ER25-11	2/20/2025	2/24/2025
61-19.003	2/24/2025	3/16/2025
61N-1.024	2/24/2025	3/16/2025
61N-2.033	2/24/2025	3/16/2025
64B8-8.0011	2/19/2025	3/11/2025
65CER22-1	2/19/2025	2/21/2025

68B-65.001	2/19/2025	7/1/2025
68B-65.002	2/19/2025	7/1/2025
68B-65.003	2/19/2025	7/1/2025
68B-65.004	2/19/2025	7/1/2025
68B-65.005	2/19/2025	7/1/2025
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68E-5.004	2/19/2025	7/1/2025
68E-5.005	2/19/2025	7/1/2025
68E-5.900	2/19/2025	7/1/2025
69V-160.030	2/19/2025	3/11/2025
69V-160.031	2/19/2025	3/11/2025
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69V-160.036	2/19/2025	3/11/2025
69V-160.038	2/19/2025	3/11/2025
69V-160.039	2/19/2025	3/11/2025
69V-160.111	2/19/2025	3/11/2025
LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES		
Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

Establishment of Pristine Leasing Company Inc, line-make PLDG

Notice of Publication for a New Point Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of Less than 300,000 Population

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Plastic Development Group LLC, intends to allow the establishment of Pristine Leasing Company Inc, as a dealership for the sale and service of low-speed vehicles manufactured by Plastic Development Group LLC (line-make PLDG) at 290 Nieuport Dr, Vero Beach, (Indian River County), Florida 32968, on or after March 28, 2025.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Pristine Leasing Company Inc are dealer operator(s): Michael Moucheboeuf, 290 Nieuport Dr, Vero Beach, Florida 32968, principal investor(s): Michael Moucheboeuf, 290 Nieuport Dr, Vero Beach, Florida 32968.

The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of less than 300,000 population, according to the latest population estimates of the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

Certain dealerships of the same line-make may have standing, pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, to file a petition or complaint protesting the application.

Written petitions or complaints must be received by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice and must be submitted to: Sondra L. Howard, Administrator, Dealer License Section, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Room A-312 MS65, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0635.

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Ann Yousif, Plastic Development Group LLC, 24445 Northwestern Hwy Suite 101, Southfield, Michigan 48075.

If no petitions or complaints are received within 30 days of the date of publication, a final order will be issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approving the establishment of the dealership, subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
 Division of Emergency Management
 DR-4828 and DR-4834 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
 Notice of Funding Availability

MEMORANDUM

To: Local Governments, State and Regional Agencies, Indian Tribal Governments, Local Mitigation Strategy Working Groups, and Private Non-Profit Organizations Submitting Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications for Hurricane Helene (DR-4828) and/or Hurricane Milton (DR-4834)

From: Kevin Guthrie, State Coordinating Officer

Subject: DR-4828 and DR-4834 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability

Date: February 26, 2025

Program Summary

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (Division) is pleased to announce the availability of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds as a result of the recent Presidential Disaster Declarations for both Hurricane Helene (FEMA-4828-DR-FL) and Hurricane Milton (FEMA-4834-DR-FL), which were declared on September 28, 2024, and October 11, 2024, respectively. This is a joint Notice of Funding Availability for two separate funding opportunities that will share the same application deadline. The funds from these two disasters are not combined, and eligible applicants will need to submit separate applications for either, or both, according to their need.

HMGP funding is authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act. This funding helps communities implement measures to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects. The Division encourages all potential applicants to submit applications for projects that address eligible mitigation activities. The amount of HMGP funding available to the state is based on the total federal disaster assistance for each Presidential Disaster Declaration, separately. The HMGP funding for this notice is for regular funds only and does not include funding options for initiative, codes and standards, or planning set-asides. Applications submitted for the latter obligations will not be accepted under this funding notice.

Current Changes

As of October 7, 2024, 27P-22 of the Florida Administrative Code is now updated to establish the Division of Emergency Management Enterprise Solution (DEMES) system as the required method to submit applications to the Division for the HMGP. Hard copies are no longer being accepted, nor is there a requirement to submit an original signed application into DEMES as an attachment, thus removing this redundancy. In order to ensure each project has been approved by an authorizing agent, a single-page form will be required as the final step in the application submission process (Attachment G) If you have been granted access to DEMES for a past event, please use your existing account and do not re-register. If you have problems accessing your account, please use the DEMES contact below.

Application Timeline

Both application periods for DR-4828 and DR-4834 will close July 25, 2025. The Division encourages potential applicants to submit complete applications before the close of the application period. Applications will only be accepted from eligible applicants as defined in the Minimum Program Eligibility section of this notice. Submitting the same application for both disasters requires two separate submissions in DEMES under each declaration.

DEMES Registration: If you have not already registered for access to DEMES, please see the instructions in Attachment I to do so.

A complete submission of your applications, and all required supporting documentation, should be uploaded to DEMES no later than
 July 25, 2025, 11:59 p.m. (EDT)
 It is imperative that your access request for DEMES is received by the Division no later than 5:00 p.m., EDT on July 25, 2025, in order to meet the application deadline.

The HMGP application and all other pertinent resources for completing the application may be obtained at the Division’s website located at FloridaDisaster.org/hmgrp in the section HMGP Application and Resources.

Questions regarding DEMES system may be directed to: Jared Jaworski, (850)544-8372, Jared.jaworski@em.myflorida.com

Minimum Program Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: According to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 44 §206.434(a), the following parties are eligible to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds:

- State agencies;
- Local governments who have an approved Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) in accordance with 44 CFR §201.6, prior to receipt of HMGP subgrant funding for projects;
- Private non-profit organizations or institutions that own or operate a private non-profit facility as defined in 44 CFR §206.221(e); and
- Indian tribes or authorized tribal organizations

However, be advised that pursuant to Rule 27P-22, Florida Administrative Code, all project applications must go through the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group (LMSWG) of the county where the project will take place. Any application submitted in DEMES without a signed endorsement letter, from either the Chair or Vice-Chair of an LMSWG, will be denied. A separate and unique endorsement letter is required for each declaration.

Eligible Activities: Activities include mitigation projects that will result in protection of public or private property from natural hazards. Activities for which implementation has already been initiated or completed are not eligible for funding. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Acquisition (demolition or relocation) of existing at-risk structures
- Aquifer (recharge, storage, and recovery) serve primarily as a drought management tool and reduce flood risk
- Dry Floodproofing structures by sealing the structure to keep floodwaters out
- Elevation of flood prone structures
- Flood Risk Reduction (Localized or Non-localized) – lessen the frequency or severity of flooding
- Generator for critical facilities or are an integral part of a larger eligible project
- Infrastructure Retrofit modifications to the existing infrastructure to reduce or eliminate the risk of future damage and increase protection
- Mitigation Reconstruction of properties that cannot be elevated
- Safe Room to provide immediate life-safety protection from severe wind events
- Secondary Power Source to increase power system resilience

Stabilization to reduce risk to structures/infrastructure from erosion

Structural Retrofit modifications addressing the structural element of a building/facility that are essential to increase protection

Wildfire Mitigation - at-risk structures and associated loss of life from the threat of future wildfires

Wind Retrofit modifications to the existing structure to reduce or eliminate the risk of future damage and increase protection

Ineligible Activities: The state will not consider funding requests for the following:

- Construction of new facilities (Nevertheless, the cost associated with Code Plus upgrades to new facilities may be considered);
- Equipment such as emergency pumps, vehicles, and communication devices;
- Stand-alone studies, design, and planning-related activities, not directly related to the design and implementation of a proposed mitigation project;
- Tree removal, debris removal, and other forms of maintenance; or
- Projects already in progress (Construction may not begin until the contract between the State and subrecipient is executed and the project has met requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act).

Eligibility Criteria: All projects submitted must meet minimum criteria to be considered for funding. An eligible project must: Conform to the requirements stated in this Notice of Funding Availability;

Conform to the Florida State Hazard Mitigation Plan and the respective community’s LMS;

Conform to the funding priorities for the disaster, as established in the appropriate LMS;

Demonstrate cost-effectiveness;

Be technically feasible;

Benefit the designated disaster area;

Conform to all applicable environmental laws and regulations, as well as Executive Orders;

Solve a problem independently or constitute a functional part of a solution;

Benefit a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participating community that is not on probation or suspended from the NFIP; and

Meet all applicable State and local codes and standards.

Cost-Share Requirements

The HMGP is a cost-reimbursement grant program, with FEMA contributing up to 75-percent of the total amount approved under the grant award to implement eligible, cost-effective mitigation measures. The applicant must provide the remaining 25-percent non-federal share. Contributions, cash, and in-kind services are acceptable as part of the non-federal

share. Requirements for in-kind contributions can be found in 2 CFR §200.306. In-kind contributions must be directly related to the eligible project cost and are those personnel, materials, equipment, and supplies owned, controlled, and operated by the applicant or a third-party contributor.

Applicants may use the Global Match concept as part of the 25-percent non-federal share. Global Match permits a potential applicant to meet the non-federal share match by receiving credit for state and/or local government funds that were committed to a similar type of project(s). These similar non-federally funded projects require a separate application submission, must meet all of the HMGP eligibility requirements, and be submitted under the same disaster. This means that if Global Match is approved, the applicant may receive up to 100-percent federal share. Phased projects are not eligible for Global Match. The benefits from this cost-sharing method will not apply across separate disasters.

Pre-Award Costs

Prior to receiving a grant award, pre-award costs may be requested. Pre-award costs include items such as engineering, environmental study, permitting, and other "soft" costs associated with a construction project. Construction activities are not considered pre-award costs. Pre-award costs must be requested, in writing, by submitting a signed pre-award request form at application submittal and included in the budget as separate line-item. Directions for getting this form are included in Attachment A.

Procurement

Any procurement of property or services under a federal award must conform to 2 CFR §200 Subpart D (§§ 200.317 - 200.327). This also includes any activities performed as a part of the pre-award request.

Sub-Recipient Management Costs

Per FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and Policy Guidance, dated July 30, 2024, HMGP projects awarded under disasters, on or after the effective date, are eligible for sub-recipient management costs (SRMC) up to a hard cap of 5 percent of their eligible and actual project costs. SRMC is a separate pool of funding and will not be calculated as part of the benefit-cost analysis (BCA). SRMC will be reimbursed at a 100 percent federal cost share following the submission of compliant source documentation in conformance with 2 CFR 200 Subpart E. Additional information on SRMC can be found in the attached HMGP SRMC Request Form (Attachment H). Any applicant requesting SRMC will need to complete and upload this form along with their application in DEMES. Each disaster will have its own separate SRMC funding pool.

County Funding Allocation

To ensure funds are distributed equitably, designated counties have been assigned a portion of the total HMGP grant. The amount is based on a calculation of the proportional share of the

total federal assistance under the Public Assistance (PA), Individual Assistance (IA), and Small Business Administration (SBA) programs for the relevant disaster and is not combined with any other. Commitment of project funds by the Division is contingent upon receipt of appropriate Legislative Budget Authority.

These figures are shown in Attachment B and Attachment C for their respective disaster declarations, and represent the estimated amount of HMGP funds currently available. HMGP funding is available only to those counties that have a current FEMA-approved LMS. Project applications will be considered only if:

- (1)The application is accompanied by an endorsement by the LMS Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson stating that the project is included in the current LMS; and,
- (2)If more than one project is submitted, the endorsement indicates the prioritization. A sample project submission letter is shown in Attachment D.

The Division will attempt to fund each submitted project in priority order until the county's allocation has been exhausted. In accordance with Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) 27P-22.006, the Division uses the following tiered allocation system up until the State application deadline with FEMA:

Tier 1

The available HMGP funds are allocated to counties included in the relevant Presidential Disaster Declaration in proportion to each county's share of federal disaster funding from the Public Assistance (PA), Individual Assistance (IA), and Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Program as of 120 days after a Disaster Declaration as reported by FEMA. Eligible projects submitted by each county included in the relevant Presidential Disaster Declaration will be funded in order of priority as outlined in the LMS until the allocated funds are exhausted or all eligible projects are funded.

Tier 2

Any allocation remaining after all eligible projects in any declared county are funded shall be re-allocated to those counties included in the relevant Presidential Disaster Declaration whose allocation was not sufficient to fund all submitted eligible projects. The order of priority for re-allocating funds is detailed in Attachment E.

Tier 3

In the event that funds remain after the Tier 1 and Tier 2 processes, any remaining funds will be offered on a statewide basis as described in Attachment E.

Please see Attachment E for a detailed explanation of funding tiers. Tier assignment is unique to the declaration for the relevant disaster.

Funding Availability and Notification

FEMA notifies the State of HMGP funding availability at the following milestones:

Initial 30-Day Estimate

This is an early estimate only and not an actual commitment of funding by FEMA. Funding may increase or decrease based on actual disaster claims during the declaration period. These estimates are provided for planning purposes and to jump-start the HMGP application process.

Obligation prior to 12 Months

Prior to the 12-month lock-in, FEMA will only obligate funds up to 75% of any current estimate. This is to eliminate the risk of over-obligating funds for any given disaster in the event the 12-month lock-in is lower than initially estimated.

12 Months from the Date of Declaration

This represents the State’s Lock-in Amount. It is the maximum amount available the state can expect to receive from FEMA.

In rare occurrences, FEMA may conduct a subsequent review 18 months after the declaration, but only at the request of the State. The estimate from that review may cause the final lock-in to fluctuate up or down depending on the findings.

It is important for potential applicants to recognize that HMGP funds are contingent upon FEMA’s reexamination of the disaster figures at the given time intervals. A county’s funding allocation can increase or decrease after application submission.

Technical Assistance

The Division is in the process of scheduling HMGP application development workshop webinars and will be in touch with these counties in the next few weeks to finalize dates and times. The webinars will focus on the declared counties so that their project-specific concerns can be addressed by state staff.

Please check the Division’s website FloridaDisaster.org/hmgp for technical guidance. The Division will provide additional technical assistance throughout the application process. This includes assistance with the application process, Benefit Cost Analysis, Engineering Feasibility and Environmental/Historical Preservation Compliance. If there are any questions regarding the allocation of funds or the project review and selection criteria, please call Bureau staff at one of the following numbers:

Program Eligibility: (850)815-4537 or (850)815-4503

Environmental: (850)228-6679

Engineering and Technical Feasibility: (850)528-5713

For additional information and technical assistance, please refer to FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance document available at the link below.

www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/learn/hazard-mitigation-assistance-guidance

To assist you in submitting qualified project applications, the following attachments are located on the Division website Floridadisaster.org/hmgp.

Attachment A: Pre-award Cost Guidance and Form

- Attachment B: DR-4828 3-month Estimate of Available HMGP Funding
- Attachment C: DR-4834 3-month Estimate of Available HMGP Funding
- Attachment D: Sample LMS Project Submission Letter
- Attachment E: Florida Administrative Code 27P-22
- Attachment F: Data Collection Worksheet Notice
- Attachment G: Authorizing Agent Approval Form
- Attachment H: HMGP SRMC Request Form
- Attachment I: DEMES Access Request and Guidance

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Attachments

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Certificate of Need

LETTERS OF INTENT

The Agency for Health Care Administration received and accepted the following letters of intent for the March 26, 2025 application filing date for the Hospice batching cycle:

County: Pinellas District: 5B

Date Filed: 2/20/2025 LOI #: H2502001

Applicant/Facility/Project: Affinity Care of Pinellas, LLC – Establish a new hospice program

County: Pinellas District: 5B

Date Filed: 2/21/2025 LOI #: H2502002

Applicant/Facility/Project: Arc Hospice of Florida, LLC – Establish a new hospice program

County: Pinellas District: 5B

Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502003

Applicant/Facility/Project: Bristol Hospice – West Florida, LLC – Establish a new hospice program

County: Pinellas District: 5B

Date Filed: 2/20/2025 LOI #: H2502004

Applicant/Facility/Project: Gulfside Hospice, Inc. – Establish a new hospice program

County: Pinellas District: 5B

Date Filed: 2/21/2025 LOI #: H2502005

Applicant/Facility/Project: Heart’n Soul Hospice of Pinellas County, LLC – Establish a new hospice program

County: Pinellas District: 5B

Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502006

Applicant/Facility/Project: Odyssey HealthCare Holding Company d/b/a Heartland Hospice (Jacksonville) – Establish a new hospice program

County: Pinellas District: 5B

Date Filed: 2/21/2025 LOI #: H2502007

Applicant/Facility/Project: VITAS Healthcare Corporation of Florida – Establish a new hospice program

County: Polk District: 6B
 Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502008
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Central Florida, LLC – Establish a new hospice program
 County: Orange District: 7B
 Date Filed: 2/21/2025 LOI #: H2502009
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Arc Hospice of Florida, LLC – Establish a new hospice program
 County: Lee District: 8C
 Date Filed: 2/20/2025 LOI #: H2502010
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Affinity Care of Southwest FL, LLC – Establish a new hospice program
 County: Lee District: 8C
 Date Filed: 2/18/2025 LOI #: H2502011
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Avow Hospice, Inc. – Establish a new hospice program
 County: Lee District: 8C
 Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502012
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Bristol Hospice – South Florida, LLC – Establish a new hospice program
 County: Lee District: 8C
 Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502013
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Empath Hospice SWFL, LLC – Establish a new hospice program
 County: Lee District: 8C
 Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502014
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Heart’n Soul Hospice of Southwest Florida, LLC – Establish a new hospice program
 County: Lee District: 8C
 Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502015
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Odyssey HealthCare Holding Company d/b/a Heartland Hospice (Jacksonville) – Establish a new hospice program
 County: Lee District: 8C
 Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502016
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Safe Harbor Hospice, LLC. – Establish a new hospice program
 County: Lee District: 8C
 Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502017
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Central Florida, LLC – Establish a new hospice program
 County: Sarasota District: 8D
 Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502018
 Applicant/Facility/Project: The Hospice of Florida, LLC – Establish a new hospice program
 County: St. Lucie District: 9B
 Date Filed: 2/21/2025 LOI #: H2502019
 Applicant/Facility/Project: VITAS Healthcare Corporation of Florida – Establish a new freestanding inpatient facility of up to 12 beds
 County: Palm Beach District: 9C

Date Filed: 2/24/2025 LOI #: H2502020
 Applicant/Facility/Project: Affinity Care of Palm Beach County LLC – Establish a new hospice program
 If requested within 14 days after notice that an application has been filed, a public hearing may be held at the local level within 21 days after April 23, 2025, the date the application is scheduled to be deemed complete. Tentative hearing dates will be published on April 2, 2025.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
 Medicaid
 Model Waiver Renewal Request

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is submitting a request to renew the Model Waiver, which operates under the authority of Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The Agency is providing public notice of the 30-day public comment period as specified in 42 CFR 441.304(f) to solicit meaningful input from recipients, providers, and all stakeholders on the renewal request prior to submission to CMS.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF RENEWAL REQUEST:

This renewal request does not propose any significant changes. This renewal will make the following changes to the waiver.

- Renewing the waiver period for an additional five years.
- Updating agency representative contact information.
- Updating the waiver frequency of services. Monthly monitoring of individuals when services are furnished on a less than monthly basis.
- Addition of the State plan program monitoring processes & remediation activities that are in compliance with the HCBS Settings Rule.
- Revising the methodology for determining the G factor.
- Cost Neutrality Demonstration updated within appendix

To view the full description of the proposed renewal request, please see the public notice documents published on the Agency’s Web site at the following link: <https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/home-and-community-based-settings-rule/model-waiver>

PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The Agency will conduct a 30-day public notice and comment period prior to the submission of the proposed renewal request to the CMS. The Agency will consider all public comments received regarding the proposed renewal request. The 30-day public notice and public comment period is from February 26, 2025, through March 27, 2025. This public notice and public comment period is being held to solicit public input from recipients, providers, and all stakeholders and interested parties. When submitting comments, please include “Proposed Renewal to 1915(c) Model Waiver” in the subject line:

Submit email comments to
FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com.

Submit comments by mail to Bureau of Medicaid Policy,
Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive,
MS 20, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

For more information, you may contact: Jacqueline Davis at
(850)412-4255 or
FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com. If you are hearing
or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida
Relay Service, 1 (800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800)955-8770
(Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FLORIDA FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
(FFONSI)

City of Marathon, Florida
WW44040 – Wastewater Effluent Disposal Deep Injection
Well Project

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
has determined that the City of Marathon project is not expected
to generate controversy over potential environmental effects.
The project includes the construction of a new deep injection
well with approximately 12 miles of force main and five new or
upgraded pump stations for effluent disposal of five existing
wastewater treatment plants. The total estimated construction
cost is \$44.9 million. The project may qualify for Clean Water
SRF loans composed of federal and state funds. DEP will
consider public comments about the environmental impacts of
the proposed projects that are postmarked or delivered at the
address below within 30 days of this notice. A copy of the
FFONSI can be obtained by writing to: Greg Alfsen, DEP,
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 3505, Tallahassee, Florida
32399 3000, or calling (850)245-2983 or emailing
gregory.alfsen@dep.state.fl.us.

Section XIII
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Week

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beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it
will be published on Wednesday of that week.
