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NOTICE TO: All Prequalified Contractors

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SUBJECT: Design and Certification of Trenchless Installations (all methods)

Through the AGC/NCDOT Roadway Subcommittee, it has been determined there is little consistency with the enforcement of this requirement. This has resulted in some Contractors not accounting for this expense in their bid. In an effort to improve consistency and fairness among bidders, the Department will enforce this longstanding requirement of the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Land Surveyors and NC GS Chapter 89C.

Effective with the January 2018 letting, there will be a renewed effort of enforcement of Articles 1550-1 and 1550-3(B) of the *Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures*, Section 1550-1 requires:

An engineer licensed by the State of North Carolina shall design the method and certify the work will not damage the roadway above or endanger the roadway user.

Article 1550-3(B) requires:

Before construction, provide detailed plans for the method of installation certified by an engineer licensed by the State of North Carolina. Provide certified calculations demonstrating the method of installation as safe and of minimal risk. Provide certified calculations of the structural adequacy of all materials. The design shall meet AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications. An engineer licensed by the State of North Carolina shall certify changes or modifications to the designed method as needed for actual field conditions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at cbarclay@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6982.

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