OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NO. 17

DATE: February 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Department of Labor Ruling

On December 19, 2008 the U.S. Department of Labor issued a final rule revising their regulations in 29 CFR Parts 3 and 5. This rule takes effect for all Federal funded contracts awarded after January 19, 2009.

The primary change in the rule is a provision that requires Contractors to limit the amount of personal information on the weekly payroll submissions. Personal addresses and full social security numbers may no longer be used. Contractors must use an "… individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number)." Form FHWA-1273 - "Required Contract Provisions Federal-aid Construction Contracts" will eventually be revised to reflect this change.

Until the revision is made to FHWA-1273, bidders are advised to disregard any requirement in FHWA-1273 regarding the use of personal addresses and full social security numbers, such as in Section V, Paragraph 2b.

Bidders are also advised that the requirement for maintaining and submitting form FHWA-47, as referenced in FHWA-1273 Section VI, is no longer required on construction projects.