INTRODUCTION

SINCE THE FIRST STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR STATE AID ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WERE ISSUED ALMOST 25 YEARS AGO, THE SOP'S HAVE BEEN REVISED SEVERAL TIMES. ONCE AGAIN, THE TIME FOR REVISION IS UPON US.

CHANGES IN BOTH THE ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES DICTATES THAT STATE AID'S STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES BE REVISED.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS UPDATED MANUAL OF STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES WILL PROVIDE CLARITY AND DIRECTION. IT SHOULD ALSO ENHANCE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PROGRAM'S ADMINISTRATION AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY LEVELS.

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