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Commissioner
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MEMORANDUM

To: Chiefs, Division and District Administrators

From: Gregory Whirley, Commissioner

Subject: Professional Services Consultant Invoices

As part of VDOT's business process improvements initiative, the professional services consultant invoice process was reviewed by a team of subject matter experts, including managers from Alternate Project Delivery, Administrative Services, Construction, Environmental, Fiscal, Location and Design, and Audit. The focus of the review was to reduce the administrative burden associated with invoice preparation and approval, thus providing a time saving for consultants and VDOT staff.

The team reviewed the current invoice template and the required supporting documentation that is submitted with each invoice and determined that the invoice process could be changed from the current documentation based invoice process to a risk based review process that is supported by reliance on advance approvals, contract requirements, and periodic reviews of supporting documentation. It was determined that VDOT's contract requirements related to records and audit provide VDOT with sufficient access to consultant documentation at any time during the contract period and for three years after the payment of final voucher.

Based upon these findings, VDOT will no longer require supporting documentation to be included with professional services consultant invoices. However, consultants and sub-consultants will be required to maintain supporting documentation/evidence for each invoice including, but not limited to, timesheets, lodging, and travel expense authorization, receipts and other costs consistent with contract terms and conditions. VDOT project managers will periodically request supporting documentation from consultants for invoices for review and verification. Consultants will be required to submit requested information to the VDOT project manager within two business days (48 hours) of such a request. The VDOT project manager will not process the invoice payment until the required information has been submitted and found to be accurate and complete.

An updated professional services invoice template and instructions have been developed and are attached to this memorandum for use on all professional services contracts. My expectation is that the revised template and the associated invoice process will be implemented consistently across the entire agency.

The respective Central Office Lead Divisions responsible for professional services procurements will be working with District staff and VDOT's consultants to provide further details and answer any questions in order to ensure a smooth transition to this directive.

Attachments: Invoice Template and Instructions

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