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To: Users of Oregon DOT Bridge Office Practice Manual

Subject: New ODOT Bridge Design and Drafting Manual Replaces old Office Practice

The ODOT Bridge Office Practice Manual, September 2003, has been updated and replaced with the new ODOT Bridge Design and Drafting Manual (BDDM). The new Manual is effective on 20 October 2004. The new Manual is being released as a web-based Acrobat file, which can be accessed at the following web site:

<http://www.odot.state.or.us/tsbbridgepub/BrStds.htm>.

The Manual can be viewed from the site, or downloaded and printed. The entire Manual consists of 5 files: Table of Contents, Introduction, Section 1 on Design Standards and Methods, Section 2 on Drafting Standards, and the Index. A separate link will be provided for those who wish to download all five portions of the Manual in one file. Also on the web site is a file that summarizes the major changes from the September 2003 Office Practice Manual.

The September 2003 Office Practice Manual will remain on the web site for projects already underway. New projects that have not yet received TS&L or DAP are expected to be done in accordance with the new BDDM, where feasible.

When different standards or methods are requested that are not covered in the BDDM, a deviation must be requested by E-mail to Kevin Davidson, BDDM coordinator, or to Bruce Johnson, State Bridge Engineer from the responsible Tech Center or BDU, via the project leader or Consultant Project Manager. An E-mail approval will then be sent to the requesting project leader or consultant project manager, and the Tech Center Manager or BDU Manager.

The BDDM has several significant changes. Because of this, the Manual will be reviewed again within one year to assess any needed changes. Please forward any comments for clarifications and proposed revisions to

either Kevin Davidson or Jeff Silbernagel. Suggestions for changes will be reviewed by Bridge Engineering Section, the Bridge Leadership Team and will be posted on the Web Site for comment by users of the Manual before being incorporated into the Manual.

For questions and comments about the Manual or updating process, please contact either of the following individuals at: Kevin Davidson 503.986.3342 Kevin.F.DAVIDSON@odot.state.or.us for design related issues or Jeff Silbernagle 503.986.3362 Jeffrey.SILBERNAGEL@odot.state.or.us for drafting practice related issues.

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