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SUBJECT: PENNDOT Certified Concrete Technician Program and
2006-2007 Schedule of Certification Classes

TO: All District Executives

FROM: Roger L. Apple, P.E., Acting Director /s/
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The Bureau of Construction and Materials (BOCM) is pleased to announce the recent completion of its updated Certified Concrete Technician Program. The program and its requirements are established in Publication 536 – Concrete Technician Certification Program. A draft copy of the new publication is attached to this letter for reference.

Under the new program, the Department has two (2) levels of certifications for concrete technicians. The Certified Concrete Field Technician certification is for five (5) years from the date of issuance. The Certified Concrete Field Technician-in-Training certification, previously detailed in Strike-Off Letter (S.O.L) 425-05-03, is for a maximum of one calendar year from the date of issuance.

Any technician who held valid certification which expired in 2005 or 2006 will have their certification extended until March 31, 2007 as the Department did not offer courses for re-certification in 2005 or 2006.

As part of the updated program, the Department has designated the Northeast Center of Excellence for Pavement Technology as its administrator for the program. Three (3) rounds of the new certification courses will be held in each District. The courses will be taught by instructors from BOCM's Quality Assurance East and West Divisions.

Due to an administrative issue, the Department does not have addresses for technicians who were certified earlier than 2002, only their names and certification numbers. Since the Department is unable to contact technicians individually, we are including a second attachment to this S.O.L. which contains the schedule of classes for 2006 and 2007 as well as an application that may be reproduced locally. Anyone who needs to be recertified should submit an application to NECEPT as soon as possible.

Any consultant or contractor that has 40 students and is willing to host a session of the course may request additional courses by contacting Joseph S. Robinson, P.E., at 717-787-4794. Mr. Robinson is the point of contact for questions regarding the program and this letter.

Attachments

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