

Design Standards Letter

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It has come to our attention that in some cases project specific plans are being discussed or shared with some contractors prior to advertising the projects for letting or pre bid meetings.

We recommend this practice be stopped since it provides some contractors an unfair advantage over those who have not been privileged to this advance information. This will provide a "level playing field" for all contractors. The preliminary meetings could also result in changes to the plans which favor one contractor's operation over another thus further leading to more disadvantage to the other bidders.

It is not intended to preclude general conversations with representatives of the construction industry which may result in designs with better constructibility. However, specific project design details should not be discussed with contractors who are prospective bidders.

Please contact this office if you have questions concerning this letter.

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