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TO: RTDs, Program Engineers, and Resident Engineers

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SUBJECT: Partnering on Construction Projects

Attached is a copy of CDOT's standard special provision on Partnering. Also attached is a copy of the CDOT "Guide to Implementation – Project Partnering" developed in the late '90's when Partnering was more common. Our industry partners, members of the Colorado Contractor's Association (CCA) have suggested a renewed emphasis on the program as a way to improve both the quality of our projects and the level of cooperation on our projects. While the spec and guidelines may need some minor updating, (Mitch Kumar's staff will be doing those), the concept of Partnering on projects is a sound one and I agree with CCA's suggestion.

Please make a renewed effort to include the partnering special provision on all projects that meet the guidelines listed in the 1999 Partnering Program notice. On projects where this provision is employed, please encourage your contractor partners to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in formal partnering.

As you know, Partnering is a way to develop a plan to effectively work together to meet the objectives of the project. By improving the effectiveness of our working relationships, we can also define a quality improvement process to identify and implement innovative and mutually beneficial solutions to problems.

I've directed staff to provide updates and presentations at both the upcoming Program Engineer meeting and this fall's Resident Engineer meeting to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.