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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 1st 2015

TO: All Certifying Entities

FROM: CDOT Flagger Program

SUBJECT: New Mandatory Quality Assurance Program

CDOT is always striving to improve overall work zone safety through the safe and efficient movement of both motorized and non-motorized traffic through or around temporary traffic control work zones. The safe and effective use of flaggers plays a vital role in helping to protect the traveling public, as well as construction and maintenance workers, from the dangers and hazards that are present on roadway construction projects.

To help ensure that flagging is contributing to safer work zones, CDOT is implementing a new mandatory Quality Assurance program for all certifying entities that were re-certified on or after MAY 1, 2013. Due to the time needed to complete, those certified May 1st 2013 through December 31st 2013 will submit their QA document with their recertification application in 2016. Those certified January 1st 2014 or later, are required to submit the QA document on the re-certification date in 2016. Upon re-certification, each certifying entity is given a day, month and year on which its certification expires. The CDOT Flagger Program must receive the original hard copy of the Quality Assurance documentation on or before the day and month your entity's certification expires.

For example, if your entity was re-certified on June 30, 2015, then your quality assurance documentation is due by June 30th each year for the next three years. In the third year, it can be submitted along with your application for flagger training certification when you apply for re-certification.

Entities that submit incomplete documentation will be notified regarding the additional information required, and will have 15 days to submit an original hard copy of the missing information. Failure to comply with the Quality Assurance Reporting Documentation, will result in a notice of suspension. If your entity is suspended, it cannot train flaggers until the suspension has been cleared. The process is outlined in the "Denial of, Renewal, Suspension of Flagger Certification" section of the CDOT Application for Flagger Training Certification, and the Memorandum of Understanding between CDOT and select entities.

If you have questions, concerns, comments or suggestions, please contact the CDOT Flagger Program coordinator.