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Association of County Engineers of Alabama
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In accordance with the provisions of Section 7(c)(2)d of Act 2019-2, known as the “Alabama Rebuild Act,” the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts hereby approves the attached bidding procedures submitted by the Association of County Engineers of Alabama on August 15, 2019. The approval is effective August 16, 2019 for a one-year period.

Additionally, the Association submitted sample forms and administrative policies related to the Alabama Rebuild Act that do not require the Department’s approval under the Act. In order to promote consistency among the counties across the state, the Department believes it is in the best interest of the state for each county to utilize these forms and administrative policies. While these forms and policies appear to be consistent with Alabama law, the Department makes no determinations related to their correctness or legality.

Sincerely,

Rachel Laurie Riddle
CHIEF EXAMINER

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Two funds will be created by counties to account for new Rebuild Alabama revenues. The 25% portion of the new fuel tax levies under Rebuild Alabama shall be deposited into a new and separate fund called the County Rebuild Alabama Fund (CRAF), proposed fund number 220. The federal exchange funds set out in the Rebuild Alabama Act to begin Oct 1, 2019, shall be deposited into a new and separate account called the Federal Aid Exchange Fund (FAEF), proposed fund number 221.

Except as otherwise provided in the Rebuild Alabama Act, counties must ensure that at least fifty percent (50%) of the County Rebuild Alabama Funds (CRAFs) be allocated for projects utilizing established bidding procedures submitted by the Association of County Engineers of Alabama (ACEA) and approved by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts (Examiners), the ACEA proposes the following apply to the bidding of CRAFs and FAEFs:

- Except for the advertising method and schedule enumerated below in items 2 and 3, all contracts paid for using CRAF and FAEF funds will comply with the Public Works Law (Code of Alabama 1975, Title 39) and the Competitive Bid Law (41-16-50), where applicable;

- The placement of the advertisement for bids and the notice of completion on a central website, hosted by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama (ACCA), will satisfy all advertisement requirements for projects utilizing CRAF and FAEF funds otherwise provided by law. Such advertisements shall utilize the documents included in this submittal. The ACCA will provide notice to ALDOT and the Alabama Roadbuilders Association of this method of advertising in an effort to inform all contractors;

- All projects utilizing CRAF and FAEF funds will be bid and let to contract according to the schedule and will utilize the sample documents included with this submittal. The ACCA will provide notice to ALDOT and the Alabama Roadbuilders Association of this method of advertising in an effort to inform all contractors;

- County required reports will be on file for the Examiners to aid in the assurance on the proper expenditure of the funds. Reports will be retained in accordance with the county record disposition authority.