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SUBJECT: Bureau of Highway Instructional Memorandum 2010-09
Innovative Construction Contracting Manual and Procedures

In December 2009, a Technical Agenda team was charged with investigating MDOT's use of innovative contracting techniques and charting a course for our future use of innovative contracting in the future. Among that team's accomplishments was the production of MDOT's first "Innovative Construction Contracting" Manual. This manual provides a comprehensive overview of innovative contracting techniques ranging from acceleration techniques, including both contractual incentive provisions as well as construction techniques, to procurement and payment options, and specific delivery methods, such as design-build. The manual gives practical advice on the advantages and disadvantages of each technique, and serves as a useful guide for choosing the right application of various innovative contracting methods to fit specific project challenges.

Printed copies of the "Innovative Construction Contracting" Manual will not be published. The manual will be posted in the Design section of the MDOT public website.

Consideration of innovative contracting techniques shall be reviewed and documented during the scoping phase for all projects. Recommendations for the application of specific techniques are to be referred to a new standing committee, the Innovative Contracting Committee (ICC), who reports to the Engineering Operations Committee (EOC). The ICC will be charged with the ongoing review and evaluation of innovative contracting practices, and will be responsible for issuing revisions to the manual as needed through the instructional memorandum process.

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