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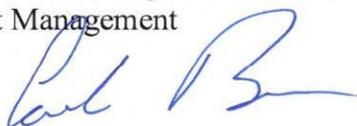
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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Electronic Digital Signatures on Plan Sets and Design Exceptions

Beginning July 1, 2007, the Department will be taking a large step toward wider usage of digital signatures. All projects produced in-house and received for advertisement on or after July 1, 2007, will be stamped and signed electronically using digital signatures. Additionally, all Design Exceptions, Design Waivers, and Level 1 Deviations from Standards for projects produced in-house and received on or after July 1 will be processed electronically using digital signatures.

After the initial period of using this process on projects produced in-house, we will begin requiring digital signatures on all projects, state and local government, advertised through UDOT. Our target date for this transition is January 1, 2008.

This is a good business decision; it will allow us to have better control on the consistency and accuracy of the documents that we produce. As we gain more experience in the use of digital signatures, we will see their use spread to other areas of our business and realize efficiency gains in our processes.

If you are involved in the stamping or signing of plan sets and design exceptions, please lend your support to this effort by obtaining a digital signature token and certificate. Bob Peterson, (801) 965-4041, of the Engineering Technology Support Group is available to help answer questions with this process and obtaining the required hardware and certificates.

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