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September 4, 2025

Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E.
Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
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Re: Auditor General (AG) Statewide Compliance and Internal Controls over Financial
Reporting and Federal Awards—Report No. 2025-162
Six-Month Response to Joint Legislative Auditing Committee (JLAC)

Dear Secretary Perdue:

Florida Statutes¹ require the Department to provide corrective action updates to JLAC six months from the release of an AG report containing findings. The attached six-month response to JLAC, regarding AG Report No. 2025-162, *Statewide Compliance and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting and Federal Awards* (March 2025), provides status updates from the responsible manager for the following findings:

- **Finding 2024-018**, was remediated as of September 3, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 410-5506.

Sincerely,

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Kristofer B. Sullivan

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Inspector General

cc: Joint Legislative Auditing Committee
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¹ 20.055(6)(h) F.S.

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Florida Department of Transportation
Six-Month Status Report for Auditor General Report No. 2025-162
Statewide Compliance and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting and Federal
Awards (March 2025)

Issuing Agency: Auditor General
Florida Department of Transportation

Finding No: 2024-018

Finding: Procurement and Suspension and Debarment: FDOT records did not evidence that, prior to entering into covered transactions, the FDOT determined that the subrecipients were not excluded or otherwise disqualified by the Federal Government.

Recommendation: We recommend that FDOT management ensure that documentation of SAM verification is maintained in FDOT records.

Agency Response and Corrective Action Plan: The FDOT Transit Office developed a Program Management Process which includes a section related to subrecipient application reviews and grant agreement execution at the District level. In each of these sections, grant managers are instructed to take the necessary steps to ensure subrecipients have an active registration in SAM.gov. The process also instructs grant managers to screenshot the SAM.gov registration and file it in the subrecipients organization tab in Transit's Grant Management System, TransCIP. Grant managers complete additional verification of the subrecipients registration status as part of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) report.

Currently, we are working with our programmers to update the TransCIP to require submittal of confirmation of an agency's registration status from SAM.gov prior to issuance of a Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA). The project manager will be required to download a PDF from SAM.gov confirming the agency's registration status which will then be a required document in the PTGA. The PTGA is reviewed by our Office of General Counsel who will ensure the attachment is included.

Six-Month Follow-Up Response: The corrective action has been completed. When project managers create the Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) in TransCIP (Transit's Grant Management software), they are required to download a PDF from SAM.gov confirming the agency's registration status. This PDF is then uploaded into the PTGA. This is a required upload, meaning the PTGA will not generate unless the UEI Verification file has been uploaded. PTGAs are reviewed by FDOT's Office of General Counsel who ensures the attachment is included.

Estimated Completion Date: Completed