

Bridge Factors Factual Report Attachment 51 – Emails from Mr. Tom Andres of FDOT to Mr. Dan Walsh of NTSB dated April 20, 2018 and May 22, 2018

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The firm *The Louis Berger Group, Inc.*, is no longer qualified with FDOT. Qualification for *The Louis Berger Group, Inc.*, expired on 12/30/2016. The firm *The Louis Berger Group Inc.*'s qualification expired due to transfer of staff to their affiliate entity *Louis Berger U.S., Inc.* The firm *Louis Berger U.S., Inc.*, is currently qualified with FDOT, as of 1/17/2017 in other work types, but not Major Bridge Design- Concrete, nor Complex Bridge Design- Concrete. *The Louis Berger Group, Inc.*, was formerly qualified with FDOT in Work Type 4.2.1 Major Bridge-Concrete up until 12/30/2016. They lost qualification in concrete bridge design on 12/30/2016, due to several of the required qualifying staff no longer being with the firm, as notified by Robin Malacrea, Vice President/Marketing Communications, with Louis Berger on 12/28/2016. The independent peer review received by the Department from Louis Berger is signed and sealed dated 2/10/2017, which is after the time-frame when *The Louis Berger Group* and *Louis Berger U.S., Inc.*, were not qualified with FDOT in either 4.2.1 Major Bridge Design- Concrete nor 4.3.1 Complex Bridge Design- Concrete.

**NTSB Question:** Is Louis Berger U.S., Inc. currently still not qualified with FDOT to perform the bridge work type "4.2.1 Major Bridge Design – Concrete" and "4.3.1 Complex Bridge Design – Concrete"?

**Answer:** That is correct. Louis Berger U.S., Inc. is currently not qualified with FDOT to perform the bridge work type "4.2.1 Major Bridge Design – Concrete". Also, Louis Berger U.S., Inc. is currently not qualified with FDOT to perform the bridge work type "4.3.1 Complex Bridge Design – Concrete".

**NTSB Question:** Provide a listing of the bridge work types Louis Berger U.S., Inc. is currently qualified to perform work on?

**Answer:** 4.1.1, Miscellaneous Structures, 4.1.2 Minor Bridge Design, 4.2.2, Major Bridge Design - Steel.