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To the Honorable Gov. Ron DeSantis, President of Senate Bill Galvano, and Speaker of the House of Representatives Jose Oliva:

The Florida Department of Transportation is dedicated to continuing to implement the Statewide Workforce Development Program authorized by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis in 2019. In accordance with Florida Statute, the Department respectfully submits this inaugural Statewide Workforce Development Program Summary Report.

Through program activities this year we have been able to secure road and bridge construction jobs for more than 423 Floridians. These jobs are opening a new world of work for our citizens and putting them on a pathway to rewarding careers that can improve lives.

This inaugural Summary Report details the various program activities, benefits to Florida citizens and progress toward achieving the goals. The report also provides performance metrics that were used to ensure accountability to Florida taxpayers, to measure the program and cost effectiveness, as well as to lay out future program refinements.

The Statewide Workforce Development Program has successfully launched and built a framework to connect contractors in the road and bridge construction industry with experienced and entry-level workers. The program is taking a multi-faceted approach to offering employment opportunities and career development training that paves the way to a sustainable and financially rewarding career.

Program staff are working to strengthen and expand agency, industry and community partnerships to help meet goals and objectives, while scaling up activities to provide training and career opportunities to even more citizens throughout Florida.

We appreciate your consideration of this program summary report. The Department stands ready to receive feedback and to share additional information as desired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. Thibault", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Kevin J. Thibault, P.E.  
Secretary