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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** See Distribution List

**FROM:** Douglas H. Simmons   
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**RE:** Implementation of the new 2008 Specification Book

The new Standard Specifications for Construction and Materials 2008 edition is currently being distributed. In order to achieve a smooth transition from the 2001 book to the 2008 book, we have developed the following implementation plan.

All projects that will have a Final Review after October 30, 2008 will reference the 2008 book. All others will continue to use the 2001 book. Ultimately, all projects to be advertised after February 3, 2009 will utilize the 2008 book. This plan takes into account shelf projects and others that may have been delayed. Exceptions to use the 2001 book after this date will be made on a case-by-case basis.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Al Jacobs at 410-545-8810.

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