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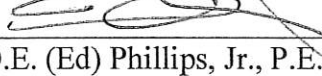
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LOCAL TRANSPORTATION BUREAU MEMORANDUM 2018-27

TO: Local Agencies
ALDOT Region Local Transportation Engineers

FROM: 
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REFERENCE: Blue Book Equipment Rates for FHWA Force Account Projects

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has developed process and procedures whereby Federal Aid projects may be performed by local agency forces and seek reimbursement. These policies and procedures were presented in LTB Memo 2017-9, dated August 2, 2017.

Part of these procedures requires force account records to include equipment usage worksheets where adjusted hourly rental rates are obtained from the "Blue Book" published by EQUIPMENT WATCH, a unit of PRIMEDIA Information Incorporated. It has come to our attention that not all local agencies have access to "Blue Book" equipment rental rates. Therefore, on the occasion where a local agency has been approved to perform force account work on a Federal Aid project, the local agency should coordinate with the ALDOT Region Local Transportation Engineer and ALDOT will provide the proper equipment rental rate for use in preparing the required records.

If you should have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact this office.

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