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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Wayne V. Pierson

SUBJECT: Commercial Driver Drug and Alcohol Testing Contract

The Department of Education has renewed its contract with FirstLab for federally-required Drug and Alcohol Testing Program services for commercial drivers, including school bus drivers. District use of this particular provider's services to ensure compliance with the requirements with the Omnibus Transportation Employees Testing Act (OTETA) is strictly voluntary.

All terms and conditions of the current contract with FirstLab will remain in effect until August 31, 2006. The following per-test price increases have been approved in the renewal agreement. The US Department of Transportation (DOT) drug tests increase from the current $34 to $34.25; breath alcohol testing increases from the current $30 to $30.50; and, "non-DOT" drug tests increase from the current $26.50 to $27.

Individual districts may elect to continue to purchase drug and alcohol third party administration services from FirstLab, via purchase orders submitted directly to FirstLab, or may purchase these federally-required services from other suppliers.

If you or your Drug Testing Program Manager have any questions about the contract, please direct them to Dennis Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, FirstLab, at (800) 732-3784, or call Ronnie H. McCallister in our School Transportation office at (850) 488-4405, Suncom 278-4405, or e-mail Ronnie.McCallister@fldoe.org.

WVP/rhm

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