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To: All Indian Contractors and Awarding Entities
From: Charles Foote, MHA TERO Executive Director
Subj: DISCONTINUING THE MHA TERO SELF-PERFORMING PREFERENCE LIST GUIDANCE

On 6 May 2020, MHA TERO issued the **MHA TERO Guidance - 2020 Pandemic – Emergency Preference List**. On 12 June 2020, this same guidance was then renamed as the **MHA TERO Guidance - Self-Performing Preference List**. This guidance was created in response to the challenging economic downturn brought on by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This guidance was issued as part of MHA TERO's continued support for Indian Contractors during those trying times. While we were coping with the pandemic, plummeting crude oil prices, and the severe lack of available work, Indian Contractors began to ask MHA TERO for help. It was with very good intentions that MHA TERO show our support and attempt to throw our Indian Contractors a "life preserver" during those very difficult time with this guidance.

The MHA TERO Self-Performing Preference List Guidance was successful in accomplishing two very important things. First, it demonstrated to the awarding entities that Indian Contractors could effectively perform services on their own. Secondly, it provided the support or "life preserver" from MHA TERO through those difficult times. Now, with the oil prices on the upswing along with the increase in work becoming available, the guidance is not necessary and is discontinued. Consistent with the decision to discontinue the Self Performing Preference List Guidance, the Bid Opening Protocol (Guidance) will discontinue.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, the MHA TERO Self-Performing Preference List Guidance and the associated Bid Opening Protocol will discontinue.

If you have any questions, please contact the MHA TERO Indian Contracting Department at (701) 627-3634. Thank you.