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**Florida Department of Transportation Awards Construction of
SunTrax Test Facility to Bergeron Land Development**

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – Bergeron Land Development has announced that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has retained the 52-year old roadway and civil construction firm to construct the SunTrax Test Facility in Polk County, Florida. The facility will be constructed on a 400-acre site centrally located between Tampa and Orlando within the city of Auburndale and adjacent to the Polk Parkway, just north of Braddock Road.

SunTrax, a state-of-the-art transportation technology testing facility, is the result of a long-term partnership between FDOT and Florida Polytechnic University. According to the FDOT, the creation of this facility will establish Florida as a transportation technology leader and create a high-tech hub for the research, development and testing of emerging transportation technologies related to tolling, intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and automated and connected vehicles. For more information, please visit www.bit.ly/suntrax.

Bergeron Land Development will be responsible for the all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to construct the 2.25 mile, bi-directional, oval track with adjacent straightaways extending into turnaround areas on each side of the oval track. Two toll equipment buildings and associated toll gantries will be constructed on each side of the track for a total of four toll equipment buildings and four toll gantries.

The project also includes the construction of an entrance road from Braddock Road to the infield area of the track. The entrance road will cross under the oval track through a three-sided box culvert. The entrance road will also provide access to the Operations and Storage Buildings. The project also includes Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), landscaping, and lighting.

“For 52 years, the Bergeron name has been attached to projects that have shaped Florida’s future,” said President J.R. Bergeron. “From the construction of major roadways that connect communities to the site development of the sites themselves, we’ve been there. We’re proud to have been selected on this innovative project that will improve transportation well into Florida’s future.”

About Bergeron Land Development:

Few companies or individuals have influenced the landscape of Florida more than Bergeron Land Development and its founder, "Alligator" Ron Bergeron and his eldest son J.R. Bergeron who is President of the company. Since 1965, Bergeron Land Development has expanded communities, increased commerce and made commutes a lot more convenient. In 2016, Bergeron Land Development was named a "Best of the United States" honoree by *US Builders Review* for its commitment to success, employee satisfaction and superior products and services. Regardless of the project, Bergeron Land Development measures its success, not only by its profits, but by its commitment to the Florida community and its sensitive ecosystem as well. Also in 2016, Bergeron was named one of Top 100 Contractors in the Southeast by ENR Magazine. For more information, please visit www.BergeronLandDev.com.

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