

## Memorandum

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**Subject:** MSEPlus™ Retaining Walls by SSL

Please be advised that the suspension of the MSEPlus™ earth retaining system from the California Department of Transportation's qualified products list (QPL) of pre-approved earth retaining systems (ERS) was lifted August 2, 2012. The MSEPlus™ Wall System is approved for use on State projects.

The next quarterly posting of Construction Standard updates is October 19, 2012. All projects with PS&E dates after the October posting should include MSEPlus™. Keeping with the purpose of the suspension, no additional costs due to this change will be permitted. Addendums solely for the purpose of this change will not be permitted. However, the MSEPlus™ system may be considered for projects with addendums already started. Contact change orders that have no net increase in project costs may be considered.

If you have any technical questions, please contact Senior Bridge Engineer Kathryn Griswell at (916) 227-7330.

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