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SUBJECT: JUDGMENT INTEREST RATE FOR THE QUARTER BEGINNING
January 1, 2018

Chapter 2011-169, Laws of Florida, amended Section 55.03(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to require the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to set the rate of interest that shall be payable on judgments and decrees on a quarterly basis rather than an annual basis. Sections 215.422(3)(b), 337.141(3) and 687.01, F.S., require the use of the interest rate established in Section 55.03(1), F.S., as follows:

- the payment of interest on late payments to vendors for goods and services purchased by the State;
- the payment of interest on late payments for construction or maintenance contracts administered by the Department of Transportation; and
- cases where a rate of interest is not specified in a contract.

The interest rate established for the quarter beginning January 1, 2018 has been set at 5.53 percent per annum or .0151507 percent per day (.000151507 expressed as a decimal), pursuant to Section 55.03(1), F.S. The interest rate for payments to health care providers remains at 1% per month or .03333 percent per day (.0003333 expressed as a decimal), pursuant to Section 215.422(13), F.S. The current and historical interest rates are located on the Internet at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/aadir/interest.htm>.

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