



U.S. Department  
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Federal Highway  
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# Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Pooled Fund Solicitation  
#1428 "Utilization of Laser Induced Breakdown  
Spectroscopy (LIBS) for Real-Time Testing and  
Quality Control Monitoring of Aggregate Materials  
used in Highway Construction"

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This is in response to the April 14, e-mail from Eric Deitcher of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research-Subpart B (SP&R-Subpart B) funds for pooled fund solicitation 1428 "Utilization of Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) for Real-Time Testing and Quality Control Monitoring of Aggregate Materials used in Highway Construction". We understand that the Kansas Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project.

The proposed study meets the criteria for use of SP&R-Subpart B funds used for Research and Development studies without non-Federal matching funds. The approval status will be reflected on the Transportation Pooled Fund website: [www.pooledfund.org](http://www.pooledfund.org), which serves as the primary mechanism for communication regarding pooled fund studies.

It is important to remember that the lead agency contact is required to report on the status of the pooled fund study on a timely basis. The contact should indicate when a contract is signed, and electronic copies of the quarterly and final reports and other relevant study documents should be posted on the website. By doing so, the lead agency will be fulfilling its obligation to provide information to its partners on the status of the project.

Richard Meininger, Office of Infrastructure Research and Development, Highway Research Engineer, will be the Federal Highway Administration Technical Liaison for this study. Mr. Meininger can be reached via phone at 202-493-3191 or e-mail: [richard.meininger@dot.gov](mailto:richard.meininger@dot.gov). We hope that Mr. Meininger will have the opportunity to participate in the study activities as a technical resource to the project.

You may contact David Pamplin (202) 493-3166 in the Office of Corporate Research, Technology, and Innovation Management if you have any questions or need further asst.