



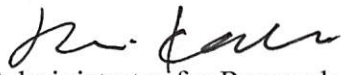
U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

6300 Georgetown Pike
McLean, VA 22101

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Pooled Fund Solicitation
#1476 “Traffic Disruption–Free Bridge
Inspection Initiative with Robotic Systems”

Date: **AUG 20 2018**

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Development, and Technology

In Reply Refer To:
HRTM-10

To: Kevin W. Ward
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This memorandum is in response to the July 19, 2018, email from Dawn Perkins of your staff, requesting a waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research–Subpart B (SP&R–Subpart B) funds for pooled fund solicitation #1476 “Traffic Disruption–Free Bridge Inspection Initiative with Robotic Systems.” We understand that the Missouri 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, 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.

Dr. Hoda Azari, Nondestructive Evaluation Program Manager for the Office of Infrastructure Research and Development, will be the Federal Highway Administration’s Technical Liaison for this study. Dr. Azari can be reached via telephone at (202) 493-3064 or email at hoda.azari@dot.gov. We hope that Dr. Azari will have the opportunity to participate in the study activities as a technical resource to the project.

You may contact David Pamplin, Transportation Pooled Fund Manager, via telephone at (202) 493-3166 or email at david.pamplin@dot.gov if you have questions or need further assistance.

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