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Max Grogg  
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Dear Mr. Grogg,

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) is soliciting funds for the following proposed pooled fund project:

**11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Low Volume Roads and Peer Exchange** – Solicitation 1378

The focus of this pooled fund project will be to encourage States and other agency participation in the Low Volume Roads Conference. The primary activities of this pooled fund project are technology exchange, information sharing, and the facilitation of partnering relationships among state agencies, FHWA and other appropriate associations. Specifically this pooled fund will:

1. Provide communication and information sharing among member states. Discuss research, development and technology transfer needs in the areas of design, construction, maintenance, and safety on low volume roads and provide research ideas to TRB in connection with the 2015 11<sup>th</sup> LVR Conference.
2. 11<sup>th</sup> International Low Volume Roads Conference: Provide a technology and knowledge exchange forum to enhance the practical knowledge of conference participants concerning low volume road management with a focus on encouraging State DOT participation in the conference.
3. State DOT Meeting on Low Volume Road Issues: Provide a technology and knowledge exchange forum focused on State DOT Low Volume Road Issues during a workshop at the conference. Topics may include agency collaboration, funding, asset management, shared ROW/utilities, safety programs, emergency response, training and certifications, maintenance of traffic, federal oversight, standards and specifications, contracting methods, environmental issues, energy development, maintenance, material sources and quality, and bonding.

The Iowa DOT will serve as lead agency for this proposed project. In support of this solicitation, the Iowa DOT requests a waiver to the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds for the conduct of this project. This waiver will allow for the use of 100% federal funds for this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Secondary Road Research Engineer

cc: Peggi Knight, Iowa DOT, Director, Office of Research & Analytics  
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