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Categories: Wait for another action to occur

Dan, Larry, Lash and Jackie, please distribute this to your constituents. Thank you.

This e-mail applies only to Nebraska Local Public Agencies (LPA) which have a Federal-aid Transportation project(s) in progress through NDOR and FHWA, or are seeking to program a project(s). Generally (there may be exceptions, you know who you are), if your agency is not a County, City-of-the-First Class, Primary Class City (Lincoln) or Metropolitan Class City (Omaha), you need not respond or act unless you have an enhancement (trails or historic building renovation) or safe routes to school project involving Federal-aid through FHWA and NDOR.

Read the attached letter from FHWA which states that they will not, at least for the foreseeable future, allow local public agencies to utilize a consultant firm for consultant construction engineering services if the same consultant firm was the designer for the project. The effective date is today. However, FHWA-NE has agreed that consultant agreements fully executed prior to today are grandfathered and will be reimbursed with Federal funds, assuming all applicable Federal state laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines were and are followed.

There will be more details to follow, as NDOR is working with FHWA on the implications and implementation of this policy.

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