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TO: Nebraska Department of Roads – Distribution “B”
All Nebraska Cities – Mayors
All Nebraska Counties – Chair of Board of Commissioners/Supervisors

SUBJECT: LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

Effective immediately, the Nebraska Department of Roads will provide oversight for all LPA (city and county) projects with equal diligence to that of state projects and in full compliance with all applicable state and federal laws. Concurrently, I expect cities and counties to exercise that same diligence and in full compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.

To assist in this effort, the Department will provide the following:

1. A new LPA Manual will be provided to all cities, counties and the Department of Roads by January 30, 2009.
2. Training for all cities and counties will begin by February 2009 and attendance will be a requirement for receipt of federal funds.
3. A team of auditors will be developed by January 1, 2009 and begin a systematic audit of LPA project administration by the Department, cities and counties. That effort will continue into the foreseeable future.

The State of Nebraska, to include the Department, all cities and all counties, has a long and proud history. We have met many challenges and improved our performance in many areas to the best on record. We will do the same in this area. Jim Wilkinson, Local Projects Section Engineer who reports directly to the Deputy Director of Engineering, is my personal representative and lead in this effort. He has my full support to take all actions necessary to achieve my desired result.

I know that many difficulties and challenges may be encountered and that projects may be delayed.

If I have described LPA Project Administration as a serious and priority matter, then I have made myself clear.

Sincerely,

Signed by John L. Craig, Director

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cc: League of Nebraska Municipalities
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Federal Highway Administration
Local Technical Assistance Program
American Council of Engineering Companies