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MEMORANDUM

TO: Partners within the Construction Contractors Community

FROM: Donald L. Williams, P. E.
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SUBJECT: Research Problem Statement Solicitation FY 2017

It is the time of year when the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) solicits problem statements for future research. The WVDOT looks forward to statements submitted by our partners within the construction contractor's community. We encourage all agencies from the consultant community to submit problem statements.

Problem statements may range from the way an operation works in the field to problems encountered with design specifications. The Commissioner of Highways has indicated that future research projects should emphasize issues important to the WVDOT. As such, statements submitted should consider research that can be directly implemented by the WVDOT and improve performance.

To submit a problem statement, please complete the attached Problem Statement Submission Form and submit it (email or mail) to the Research and Special Studies Section of Planning Division by January 15, 2016. Please submit only the form and no solutions at this time. Once received, the Research and Special Studies Section will forward the statements to review committees, which will evaluate and prioritize the statements. The Problem Statement Evaluation Form is attached for your information only. Please note that rating points are given for having a WVDOT champion. The research problem statement review form is also attached to show rating categories. It is anticipated the selected problem statements will be incorporated into the FY 2017 research program.

The WVDOT looks forward to receiving and evaluating your problem statements. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 304-677-4000 or research@wv.gov.

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Attachment

cc: CC, CP, FHWA(Jason Workman)