

August 7, 2008

Mr. J. Michael Bowen
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Dear Mr. Bowen:

The Kansas Department of Transportation is the lead state for the pooled fund study TPF-5(189) "Enhancement of Welded Steel Bridge Girders Susceptible to Distortion-Induced Fatigue". The Kansas Department of Transportation accepts the role of lead agency and agrees to receive, obligate, expend and manage contributions from participating agencies.

The participating agencies are requested to submit a copy of this letter with their funding transfer request form for this project to their respective FHWA Division Office for concurrence.

Please contact Richard L. McReynolds, P.E., Engineer of Research, 2300 S. W. Van Buren St., Topeka, KS 66611, 785-291-3841 or dick@ksdot.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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