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Memorandum

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Subject: INFORMATION: Transportation Pooled Fund
(TPF) Solicitation #1658 “Advancing
Geotechnical Site Investigation with
Automated 3D SPT-Seismic Testing”

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This memorandum is in response to the email from Catherine Patrick of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research funds for TPF project solicitation number 1658, “Advancing Geotechnical Site Investigation with Automated 3D SPT-Seismic Testing.” We understand that the Kansas Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project and Mr. David Behzadpour will be the lead agency contact.

The proposed study meets the criteria for use of SPR funds for research and development studies without non-Federal matching funds. The approval status will be reflected on the TPF website: www.pooledfund.org, which serves as the primary mechanism for communication regarding pooled fund studies.

Silas Nichols, Principal Geotechnical Engineer, will be the Federal Highway Administration’s technical liaison for this study. Mr. Nichols can be reached at silas.nichols@dot.gov.

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