



U.S. Department
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Federal Highway
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Memorandum

6300 Georgetown Pike
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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Pooled Fund Solicitation #1291,
"Field Testing Hand-held Thermographic Inspection
Technologies Phase II"

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This is in response to the November 18 e-mail from Ken Foster of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds for pooled fund solicitation 1291, "Field Testing Hand-held Thermographic Technologies Phase II." We understand that the Missouri Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project.

The proposed study meets the criteria for use of SP&R funds used for Research and Development studies without non-Federal matching funds. The approval status will be reflected on the Transportation Pooled Fund website: www.pooledfund.org, which serves as the primary mechanism for communication regarding pooled fund studies.

It is important to remember that the lead agency contact is required to report on the status of the pooled fund study on a timely basis. The contact should indicate when a contract is signed, and electronic copies of the quarterly and final reports and other relevant study documents should be posted on the website. By doing so, the lead agency will be fulfilling its obligation to provide information to its partners on the status of the project.

Hamid Ghasemi, Office of Infrastructure Research and Development, will be the Federal Highway Administration Technical Liaison for this study. Hamid Ghasemi can be reached via phone at 202-493-3042; or e-mail: Hamid.Ghasemi@dot.gov. We hope that Dr. Ghasemi will have the opportunity to participate in the study activities as a technical resource to the project.

You may contact Ms. Lisa Williams, Office of Corporate Research, Technology, and Innovation Management at 202-493-3375, if you have any questions or need further assistance.

