



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

6300 Georgetown Pike
McLean, VA 22101

Subject: **INFORMATION**: Pooled Fund Solicitation
#1332 "Validation of Tsunami Design
Guidelines for Coastal Bridges"

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This is in response to the July 31 e-mail from Jazmin Casas of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds for pooled fund solicitation 1332, "Validation of Tsunami Design Guidelines for Coastal Bridges." We understand that the Oregon 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.

Dr. Phil Yen, Principal Bridge Engineer, Office of Bridge Technology, will be the Federal Highway Administration Technical Liaison for this study. Dr. Yen, can be reached via phone at (202) 366-5604 or e-mail: Wen-huei.Yen@dot.gov. We hope that Dr. Yen 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.