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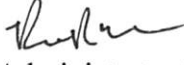
# Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Pooled Fund Solicitation  
#1512 “Developing and Calibrating Fragmental  
Rockfall Models using Physics Engines”

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This memorandum is in response to the December 27, 2019, e-mail from Megan Hall of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research–Subpart B (SP&R–Subpart B) funds for pooled fund solicitation 1512 “Developing and Calibrating Fragmental Rockfall Models using Physics Engines”. We understand that the Washington State Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project.

The proposed study meets the criteria for use of SP&R–Subpart B 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](http://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.

Jennifer Nicks, Geotechnical Research Engineer in the Office of Infrastructure Research and Development, will be the Federal Highway Administration’s Technical Liaison for this study. Ms. Nicks can be reached via telephone at (202) 493-3075 or e-mail: [jennifer.nicks@dot.gov](mailto:jennifer.nicks@dot.gov). We hope that Ms. Nicks will have the opportunity to participate in the study activities as a technical resource to the project.

You may contact Jack Jernigan via telephone (202) 493-3363 or email at [jack.jernigan@dot.gov](mailto:jack.jernigan@dot.gov) if you have questions or need further assistance.

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