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## Memorandum

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Federal Highway Administration

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As part of a program of national infrastructure investments, the Department of Transportation (DOT) awards discretionary grants on a competitive basis for transportation projects with a significant national, regional, or local impact. DOT awards these grants through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program, which succeeded DOT's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program. In total, both programs have received over \$9 billion since TIGER began in fiscal year 2009.

After DOT awards BUILD and TIGER grants, DOT Operating Administrations (OAs), such as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), become responsible for drafting the grant agreements and overseeing the projects. DOT's procedures also require OAs to monitor project performance to ensure compliance with all aspects of the grant agreement. To that end, DOT requires grant recipients to report periodically on project progress during project development and construction and report on completed projects.

Since the programs' inception in 2009, FHWA has been responsible for administering the majority of BUILD and TIGER grants and funds. Given the importance of oversight to ensure effective stewardship of taxpayer dollars, we are initiating an audit to assess FHWA's post-award BUILD and TIGER grant oversight.

We plan to begin this audit in the coming weeks and will contact your audit liaisons to schedule an entrance conference. We will conduct our work at DOT Headquarters, FHWA Headquarters, and Division offices; select BUILD and TIGER grantee locations; and other sites as needed. If you have any questions, please

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