

## URBAN CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE (UCI) - CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

### *What is certification?*

UCI Certification is an opportunity for qualified UCI participating localities to proceed with delegated authority by VDOT for project administration and development with streamlined VDOT oversight on federal and state funded projects. The program was developed using the FHWA/VDOT relationship as a model, where different oversight levels and delegations are outlined for different types of projects. The program was based on the delegations and streamlining measures outlined in the FHWA/VDOT Joint Efficiencies Agreement.

### *Does certification apply to all projects within a certified locality?*

Certification does not apply to projects on the National Highway System, projects designated as federal oversight, or any project identified by the Commissioner as requiring full state oversight.

### *What is VDOT's role in certified localities?*

VDOT participation will be at only those points during project development that concurrence is required by Federal and State Code or regulation such as project phase authorization, NEPA Document approval, and contract award.

### *How will VDOT ensure that the projects are being delivered in accordance with law and regulation?*

The successful implementation of this program is reliant on a strong compliance program which will have three types of reviews: project level (annual), program level recertification (2-5 years), and process reviews (periodic).

For more information on the UCI Certification Program, including details on eligibility, evaluation, and compliance, please refer to the guidance available on our webpage at <http://www.virginia-dot.org/business/local-assistance-firstCities.asp>.

