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September 16, 2009

Mr. Roberto Fonseca-Martinez, P.E.
Federal Highway Administration
Post Office Box 10249
Richmond, Virginia 23240-0249

RE: Urban Construction Initiative - Certification Program

Dear Mr. Fonseca-Martinez:

In an effort to further enhance the quality and efficiency of construction projects administered by local governments in Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is requesting Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of the Urban Construction Initiative Certification Program. Approval is noted upon the signature of both parties on the attached signature page (see Attachment – Approval Signature Page).

Over the past year, we have worked collaboratively with representatives of local governments and your staff to develop a certification program which provides flexibility to qualified and capable localities to assume greater accountability for their programs. I am attaching a copy of the program guidance for your use (see Attachment – Urban Construction Initiative Certification Program Guidance).

We appreciate the assistance of your staff in developing this new program to streamline locally administered project development and delivery. Their comments and insights were invaluable as we seek to establish a program that is efficient, while ensuring compliance with federal and state laws and regulations. I look forward to receiving your concurrence with this final document.

Sincerely,

David S. Ekern, P.E.
Commissioner

Attachments:
Approval Signature Page
Urban Construction Initiative Certification Program Guidance

**Virginia Department of Transportation –
Urban Construction Initiative Certification Program**

By signature below, we indicate our approval of the Urban Construction Initiative Certification Program developed by the Virginia Department of Transportation, in coordination with participating local governments and the Federal Highway Administration, effective October 1, 2009.

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Roberto Fonseca-Martinez, P.E.
FHWA Division Administrator

Date

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David S. Ekern, P.E.
Commissioner

Date