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October 17, 2014

Mr. Adam Lougee
Municipal Project Manager
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
14 Seminary Street
Middlebury, Vermont 05753

RE: Bristol STP EH09(2) Request for Public Interest Finding

Dear Adam,

I am in receipt of your request, on behalf of the Town of Bristol, that a Public Interest Finding (PIF) be made for the Town of Bristol to specify specific lighting fixtures in its bid documents for the subject project.

There will be 5 decorative poles and light fixtures specified in the bid documents; the town is requesting that Sternberg brand lighting be specified. The luminaries requested are 1130 LED Ripon series in park green and the poles are 4508-FP4, also in park green. The estimated cost of each lighting unit is \$1,905 (uninstalled cost) for a total overall cost of \$9,505.

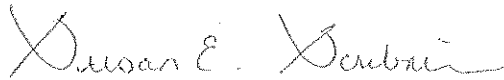
The subject project will be providing pedestrian lighting along the pedestrian sidewalk within the town green located in the town's historic downtown/ village. The same lighting currently lines both sides of Main Street; currently there are 16 of these units. As well, the Agency approved a PIF for 7 additional units to be installed as part of the Bristol HES 021-1(28) project that will improve the main intersection in town. Using a single manufacturer will enable the town to efficiently stock replacement parts and maintain the fixtures more cost effectively and quickly.

Reviewing the material presented and as summarized above, a PIF is granted under Category B at an estimated cost of \$9,505, uninstalled, for this project.

This PIF is subject to two conditions. The prices for the bid items must be found to be reasonable in comparison to the anticipated costs provided above or other available lighting during the bid analysis for the subject project. Should this not be the case, the PIF will be rescinded and the town can either rebid the project or choose to have the items as non-participating for federal participation. While it appears it may not be pertinent, the second condition is that the products must fully comply with Buy America provisions if applicable.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan E. Scribner".

Susan E. Scribner
Director, Municipal Assistance Bureau

cc: Project File via S. Gurley and S. Robertson

**Vermont Agency of Transportation
Public Interest Finding Related to Materials Procurement for a Project**

The federal regulation detailed in 23CFR Part 635.411 provides specific conditions under which a proprietary item, or reduced competition may be authorized. This form contains attachments that document the necessary facts, conditions and citation to authorize a Public Interest Finding.

This project, Bristol STP EH09(2), located at the Town Green in the Town of Bristol is intended to provide for safe and efficient transportation. In the course of the project development, the designers have specified Sternberg brand lighting to fulfill a requirement for synchronization in their historic downtown to complete the project and meet the project's intention. Documentation supporting this "Finding" is attached.

Despite responsible efforts to identify the most competitive material to perform this function, the Agency through its Project and Program Managers has found that (check appropriate box):

- there is only one item available that can fulfill the necessary function required for the project (Category A); or
- the proprietary product is necessary for synchronization with other adjacent resources or existing facilities (Category B); or
- the proprietary product has been incorporated for research or experimental evaluation in relatively short sections of road (Category C); or
- the proprietary product is shown to be cost effective (Category D).

Or

the material being specified was approved on a prior VDPIF. That VDPIF is valid for this project as it is for municipal, regional or statewide systems that require integration or synchronization. It was approved on (fill in date) and has a sunset date of (fill in date).

These findings have been made in accordance with Agency practices, including documentation of the underlying facts compelling the Public Interest Finding.

Recommended by: [Signature], Project Manager

Date: 10/17/2014

Approved by: [Signature], Program Manager

Date: 10/17/2014

FHWA's approval required: Yes No

FHWA _____ Date: _____
(signature, if FHWA approval is required)

cc: FHWA Division Administrator
Director Program Development
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