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SAMPLE FHWA PIF approval letter

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Subject: Public Interest Finding, Bridge-in-a-Backpack Technology

Dear Nate:

I have reviewed your request of July 24, 2009 for Sole Source Procurement to further develop and refine the FRP arch technology for five bridges by the AEW C Composites Center at the University of Maine. Based on the documentation that you provided, I find that the criteria of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(3) have been met and therefore approve the proposed system for use on Federal-aid projects on experimental basis. Please follow the procedures posted at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/expermnt.cfm> for incorporation of experimental features on Federal-aid projects.

The monitoring plan developed for these projects should be submitted for FHWA approval prior to finalizing the PS&E packages.

If you have any questions, please call me at 622-8350 Ext 108.

Sincerely yours,

Maria Drozd, P.E.
Bridge Engineer

