



Memorandum

U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Highway
Administration**

Subject: **ACTION:** Best Value Selection Process under
Special Experimental Projects No. 14 (SEP-14)

Date: April 19, 2012

From: David A. Nicol
Director, Office of Program Administration

Reply to
Attn. of: HIPA-30

To: Jonathan D. McDade
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This is in reference to Mr. Dan Wood's April 16, 2012 email that forwarded a request from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for program approval of the best-value procurement method for several design-bid-build projects under SEP-14. NYSDOT initially intends to evaluate this procurement approach on the Sprain Brook Parkway over Route 119 project and the Twin Bridge Project. We understand that NYSDOT wishes to use this technique programmatically subject to the successful implementation on these two projects.

Under the best-value procurement method, NYSDOT will evaluate and score the contractor's proposed schedule/approach as well as the contractor's experience and past performance. The ratings from the evaluations will be used along with price to determine the successful contractor.

The NYSDOT's SEP-14 workplan and proposed programmatic use of the best-value procurement approach is approved for evaluation under SEP-14 subject to the submission of evaluation reports and your determination that this technique is being implemented in a fair and transparent manner.

The evaluation reports should be provided in electronic format to facilitate posting on our [SEP-14 Active Project List web page](#). Should you have any questions, please contact Gerald Yakowenko at (202) 366-1562.