



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** A+C+D / Best Value Approval under
Special Experimental Project No. 14
Innovative Contracting Practices (SEP-14)

Date: September 6, 2005

/Signed By/

From: Dwight A. Horne
Director of Program Administration

In Reply Refer To:
HIPA-30

To: Mr. David O. Cox
Division Administrator
Salem, Oregon

This is reference to Mr. Graham's August 31, 2005, letter that transmitted an SEP-14 work plan for the use of a best-value contracting method for the Martin Luther King Viaduct replacement project.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is proposing to award the contract based 40% on price, 40% on technical qualifications and 20% on technical approach. Some of the technical qualifications criteria include: related project experience, key personnel experience, detailed architectural concrete experience, experience with structural work above and adjacent to active railroads and formal safety programs. The technical approach criteria include: means and methods, safety, schedule, resources, and a quality control plan.

The ODOT's work plan is satisfactory and the use of the best-value concept for this project is approved. We have no objection to ODOT's request to use best-value contracting as a standard contracting method on a programmatic basis provided: a) ODOT submits an annual program evaluation covering all active best-value projects, and b) your office monitors the use of best-value contracts to ensure that it is used appropriately.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this SEP-14 request. Should you have any questions, please contact Gerald Yakowenko at (202) 366-1562.

