



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

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Best-Value Concept Approval under
Special Experimental Project No. 14
Innovative Contracting Practices (SEP-14)

Date: September 1, 2004

/Signed By/

From: Mr. Dwight A. Horne
Director, Office of Program Administration

In Reply Refer To:
HIPA-30

To: Mr. Gary L. Henderson
Division Administrator
Washington, D.C.

This is reference to your August 16, 2004, memorandum that requested SEP-14 concept approval for the use of the best-value contracting technique in the selection of a contractor for a lighting asset management program in the District of Columbia.

This procurement will result in a performance-based contract to rehabilitate and maintain specific lighting systems in the District. The successful firm will be responsible for maintaining all lighting systems along the District of Columbia Department of Transportation's (DDOT) alleys, streets, highways, underpasses, tunnels, bridges, overhead guide signs and a number of other miscellaneous lighting and electrical control systems.

In addition to the concepts listed in "Section F. – Reporting," the final evaluation report should include an analysis of the cost, schedule and quality of services provided by this best-value contract in comparison with the traditional low-bid method that the DDOT would use to contract for these services.

The work plan is satisfactory and the use of the best-value contracting technique for this project is approved. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this SEP-14 request. Please contact Jerry Yakowenko at 202 366-1562 with any questions.

