



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Fixed Price / Variable Scope Contracting
Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14)

Date: July 12, 2012

/Signed By/

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Reply to
Attn. of: HIPA-30

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This is in reference to Mr. Jeff Forster's July 11, 2012 email that transmitted the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) July 5, 2012 SEP-14 workplan for the use of a fixed price/variable scope contract for the rehabilitation of the US-2 bridge over the Cut River in Mackinac County.

This contracting method will allow MDOT to maximize the work that can be completed for a fixed budget. Lump sum bid items will be provided for mobilization and for training, oversight and prep work associated with the proprietary product used in the masonry pointing. Prioritized bid items will be used for each of the 33 segments that need rehabilitation. The best value selection will be determined based on the bids that maximize the available budget.

The MDOT's workplan and commitment for a final evaluation are satisfactory. You may consider this project approved for evaluation under SEP-14. 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.