



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** New York Best Value Selection of
Design-Bid-Build Projects under Special
Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14)

Date: May 30, 2019

From: /S/ Brian J. Fouch
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In Reply Refer To:
HICP-20

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This is in reference to Mr. Christopher Millington's May 16, 2019 email that forwarded and endorsed a request from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to extend the pilot program for the best-value procurement method for design-bid-build projects under SEP-14. The reauthorization of the New York State Infrastructure Investment Act allows NYSDOT to continue to use alternative contracting methods until March 31, 2021. The request contained the following documents:

1. A NYSDOT workplan under Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14), dated April 2019, for the use of Alternative Contracting - Utilizing Best Value Selection for Capital Construction Contracts;
2. 2015 Infrastructure Investment Act as amended by the 2017 and 2019 reauthorizations; and
3. A letter, dated May 10, 2019, From Eric G. Cella, P.E., of NYSDOT, which transmitted and requested approval of the SEP-14 workplan.

The NYSDOT's request for a two-year extension of the best-value procurement method for design-bid-build projects is approved as requested through March 31, 2021.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Huyer at (720) 437-0515 or Gerald Yakowenko at (202) 366-1562.