



## **APPENDIX A: FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS, STANDARDS, OR GUIDELINES LINKING IOWA'S FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (LIFTS) PROGRAM**

Since the LIFTS program is capitalized with federal-aid highway program funding through the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP), awarded projects are subject to certain federal laws and regulations, including, but not limited to:

1. Involvement of the public, including the adjacent property owners, in the development of the project.
2. Compliance with the Uniform Relocation Property Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (the Uniform Act) for the acquisition of easements or the purchase of land in fee simple. This includes fair treatment practices and may include the completion of an appraisal on parcels to be acquired. This requirement applies whether or not federal funds will be used for the acquisition costs.
3. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This requires verification the project is not harmful to the environment, including, but not limited to:
  - Noise - impacts of noise during and after construction.
  - Air quality - compliance with Iowa's state implementation plan for maintaining its attainment status relative to the national ambient air quality standards. Conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act must be verified.
  - Cultural resources - disturbances to areas of archaeological or historical significance.
  - Water quality - impacts to water quality.
  - Wetlands - impacts to wetlands.
  - Floodplains - impacts to regulatory floodways or to a 110-year floodplain.
  - Farmland protection - impacts to surrounding farmland.
  - Regulated material sites - location of and impacts to regulated material sites.
  - Threatened or endangered species - impacts to threatened or endangered species.
4. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - projects must conform to ADA, which allows for reasonable access to the project for persons with disabilities.
5. Disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) and minority business enterprises (MBE) - verification must be received that efforts have been made to solicit bids from DBEs and MBEs.
6. Prevailing wage (Davis-Bacon) requirements - projects will be required to comply with Davis-Bacon wage requirements, which state that contractors will conform to federal minimum wage requirements.
7. Competitive bidding requirements - construction projects are required to be let through the Iowa Department of Transportation or according to procedures for a public letting as per Iowa Code 26.3 through 26.13.
8. Permits or other approvals - the project owner/sponsor's responsibility to obtain all permits or other approvals that may be required as a result of the activities proposed as part of the project.
9. Accounting Procedures - the Grantee shall establish and maintain for the project either a separate set of accounts or accounts within the framework of an established accounting system, in a manner consistent with 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.302, 200.303, and 200.305. All costs charged to the project, including any approved services contributed by the Grantee or others, shall be supported by properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, contracts, or vouchers describing in detail the nature and propriety of the charges. The Grantee shall ensure that all checks, payrolls, invoices, contracts, vouchers, orders, or other accounting documents pertaining in whole or in part to the project are clearly identified with a grant agreement number, readily accessible, and to the extent feasible, kept separate from documents not pertaining to the project.
10. Maintenance – the project owner/sponsor will commit to maintaining the completed project for the duration of its useful life. In the case of most infrastructure projects, the useful life will be considered to be a minimum of 20 years.