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SUBJECT: SIIMS Implementation for Local Agencies

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The following is being sent on behalf of Eric Souhrada in the Iowa DOT Office of Bridges and Structures. If you have any questions, **please do not reply to this note**. Instead, you may contact Eric as shown below.

The Federal Government requires that every bridge located on a public roads be inspected biannually pursuant to the National Bridge Inspection Standards. A "bridge" is defined as a structure erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water, highway, or railway, and having a track or passageway for carrying traffic or other moving loads, and having an opening measured along the center of the roadway of more than 20 feet. It may also include multiple pipes.

Your agency has been identified as the owner of one or more of these structures. As the owner, you are responsible for the inspection of the bridge(s). If you are not an owner, please forward this email to the proper authority and notify me.

The Iowa Department of Transportation will be implementing a new Structure Inventory and Inspection Management System (SIIMS) in March 2010. It will replace the current Iowa Structure Inventory and Appraisal (SI&A) on-line application. Use of SIIMS will be required for entering, submitting and managing all bridge inspection information.

Implementation of SIIMS requires bridge owners to complete the following steps as soon as possible:

1. Obtain a State of Iowa Enterprise A&A account. If you already have an account, you may skip this step.
2. Complete the Bridge Owner Information form. This form provides the Iowa DOT with contact information for the local agency contact person. It also provides contact information of the person your agency has designated as the Program Manager for your bridge inspections. This may be either a local agency official or a consultant. When completing this form, please use the same e-mail address used for your Enterprise A&A account.
3. Notify your designated Program Manager that he / she must become certified by the Iowa DOT to serve as a Program Manager. Prospective Program Managers must complete the Program Manger Information form and submit it to the Iowa DOT. Program Managers must also obtain an Enterprise A&A account if they do not already have one.

The required forms, instructions, and additional information concerning SIIMS are all available on the SIIMS web site at <http://www.siims.iowadot.gov/>.

The current SI&A application will be disabled at the close of business on Friday, March 19, 2010. It will take a week to transfer data to SIIMS, which will be available on Monday, March 29, 2010 for use.

All SIIMS users will be notified about final implementation details, training sessions in Ames, webinars and access to the SIIMS User Manual at a later date via email and updates posted on the SIIMS web site.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

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