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**SUBJECT:** Iowa DOT COVID-19 Related Construction Update #2  
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To our Local Agency and Consultant partners,

**Construction Update:**

Construction projects across Iowa continue to progress amid the COVID-19 pandemic. While mostly minor, there have been some construction projects on the primary system and a couple of projects on the local system that we know have experienced impacts. Please continue to reach out to your Local Systems Field Staff if you have questions or concerns related to your active projects. Our website includes their [contact information](#) and our [regional map](#).

**Technical Training Update - "Drive in" Certification Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>:**

As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Iowa DOT will be administering "drive in" certification testing to certify inspectors and technicians during the current national emergency. A separate email was sent to all valid email addresses on file, associated with the TTCP participants.

This "Drive In" testing will only be available to the following:

- Individuals who need to retest from a previously failed exam this training season.
- Individuals approved for reciprocity per IM 213 Certification Requirements, section #5 <https://www.iowadot.gov/erl/current/IM/content/213.htm>
- Engineers and engineering graduates
- Individuals approved for Provisional Certification per IM 213 Provisional Certification section <https://www.iowadot.gov/erl/current/IM/content/213.htm>

For additional details, please see the [TTCP Drive In Certification Testing Flyer](#). If you meet one of the criteria listed above and are interested in testing on this date, please contact [DOT.TTCP@iowadot.us](mailto:DOT.TTCP@iowadot.us) by Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Manuals are available at: <https://iowadot.gov/training/TTCP-manuals>.

### **Future TTCP Certification Level Training Opportunities:**

Construction and Materials are currently creating a new approach to administering certification level training during COVID-19 that will provide safety for all instructors and students. They are still finalizing details, but plan to hold several certification classes in late May/early June. Specific dates and locations will be posted when they are known. All updates on TTCP training will be available soon on their website: <https://iowadot.gov/training/technical-training-and-certification-program>.

### **Contracts and Specifications Update:**

Contractors have been advised that if they are experiencing delays in getting audits for their annual Contractor's Financial, Experience, and Equipment (CFEE) statements, and those delays will impact their ability to renew qualification prior to their expiration date, they should notify the Contracts and Specifications Bureau in a timely manner, in advance of expiration, so an extension can be issued.

### **Local Systems COVID-19 Resources Website:**

For quick reference, Local Systems posts copies of COVID-19 related mailings and updates on the following website: [https://iowadot.gov/local\\_systems/COVID-19](https://iowadot.gov/local_systems/COVID-19) At the bottom of the same website there are some additional resources from the Iowa League of Cities and Iowa State Association of Counties that may be of interest to you. We will continue to update this website as we receive more information.

### **American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) Video:**

Sharing this short, 7.5 minute [Jobsite Safety During COVID-19 YouTube Video](#).

Thanks for all you do in your cities and counties to allow both things and people to keep moving. Stay Safe!

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