



## **Exchange**

**September 24, 2013**

### **EDC Exchange for Local and Tribal Agencies**

## **Locally Administered Federal-Aid Projects: What's in it for You?**

Are your federally funded local projects challenging to complete on time and within budget? Are the Federal-aid Program requirements daunting? If the answer to these questions is "yes," then this Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative may be right for you!

To address these concerns, the second round of EDC introduced a three-pronged strategy to aid local public agencies (LPAs) through the complexities of delivering and administering Federal-aid projects. The strategy focuses on:

### **Stakeholder Partnering**

Communication, coordination and cooperation are key to successfully implementing any funding program. Clarity of FHWA's requirements for LPA administered Federal-aid projects is critical. To aid in this partnering effort and collaboration goal, a Stakeholder Committee composed of FHWA, state and LPA representatives may be established. Its purpose is to ensure effective communication among members, training is provided and that development and delivery processes are reviewed and refined.

### **Certification Programs**

Certification programs developed by state transportation agencies (STAs) ensure that LPAs have the technical capabilities to manage project activities that use Federal-aid funds, mitigating the potential for non-compliance and reducing the potential for unnecessary project delays.

### **Consultant Services Flexibilities**

STAs and LPAs have the flexibility to use consultant services to manage, develop and deliver the locally administered Federal-aid program and projects. Understanding the available options may allow agencies to lower projects costs, shorten project development and delivery times, improve the quality and performance of contracted services and ensure projects meet the necessary Federal and state requirements.

The session will highlight examples that demonstrate the successful use of these LPA initiatives.

*Join the Federal Highway Administration, the Local and Tribal Technical Assistance Programs and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for a presentation on the Locally Administered Federal-Aid Projects Initiative via a live webinar:*

**September, 24, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm Central Time. Location information coming soon!**