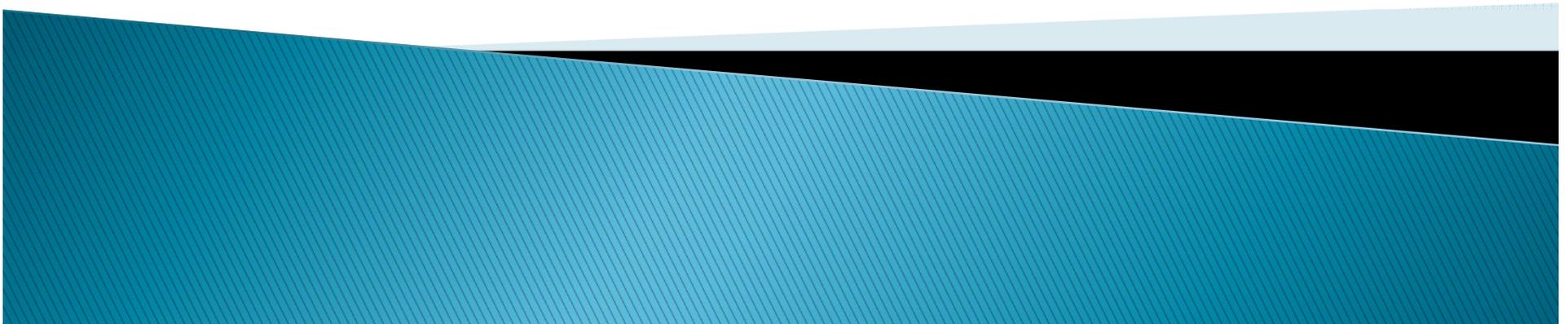




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Safe Routes to School Design Assistance Program

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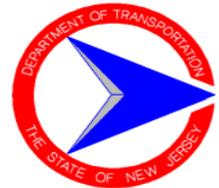
What is Every Day Counts?

- ▶ FHWA initiative launched in 2009
- ▶ An effort to bring a better, faster, and smarter approach to highway and bridge construction
- ▶ Currently in 3rd round of EDC
 - EDC-3 (2015-2016)
 - EDC-2 (2013-2014)
 - EDC- (2011- 2012)
- ▶ EDC-2 promoted a three prong strategy to help local public agencies
- ▶ <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/>



EDC 2–Locally Administered Projects Three Pronged Strategy

- ▶ LPA Certification/Qualification Programs
- ▶ Flexibility in Consultant Services
- ▶ Stakeholder Partnering



Procurement of Professional Services for Federal Aid Projects

- ▶ Brooks Act – Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process. Based on qualifications and experience, not cost.
 - Approval of written procurement policies and procedures
 - Solicitation, evaluation, ranking, and selection
 - Negotiation of compensation and contract terms
 - Monitoring consultant’s work
 - Evaluating consultant’s performance at contract completion



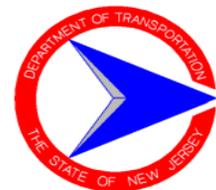
NJDOT Design Assistance Program for Safe Routes to School–NJDOT’s Role

- ▶ NJDOT issued RFP using NJDOT procurement process and NJDOT prequalified consultants
- ▶ NJDOT evaluated, ranked, and selected a pool of 4 qualified design consultants
 - Michael Baker International
 - RBA Group, Inc.
 - IH Engineers
 - Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.



NJDOT Design Assistance Program for Safe Routes to School–LPA’s Role

- ▶ LPA selects a design consultant from the pool
- ▶ LPA prepares SOW and independent cost estimate
- ▶ LPA negotiates with consultant and enters into contract
- ▶ NJDOT authorizes federal–aid funds
- ▶ LPA submits payment vouchers, NJDOT provides funds on a reimbursement basis
- ▶ LPA monitors consultant’s work, and evaluates performance at contract completion



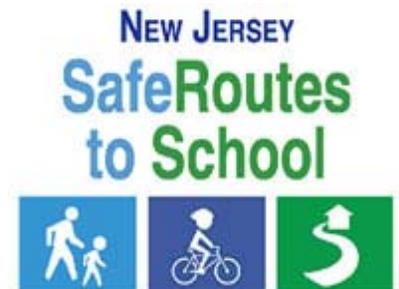
Program Highlights

- ▶ 1 year pilot program with an option to extend to two years
- ▶ 2012/2014 SRTS recipients are eligible
- ▶ Selected consultants will be posted on the NJDOT website with firm's information
- ▶ Disciplines limited to Highway and Traffic Engineering
- ▶ \$125,000 cap on fee proposals



Program Highlights

- ▶ LPA enters into agreement directly with consultant
- ▶ Use of pool consultants is not mandatory
- ▶ LPA must evaluate consultant's performance at contract completion
- ▶ Quality based selection process remains the same if pool consultant is not used



Program Benefits

- ▶ Simplified procurement process
- ▶ Shortened time and reduced costs
- ▶ Improved quality and performance
- ▶ Quicker review times
- ▶ Improved compliance with federal and state procurement requirements



Future Local Aid Assistance Programs

- ▶ Design Assistance Program for Transportation Alternatives (mid – 2016)
- ▶ Construction Inspection Assistance Program for Safe Routes to School/Transportation Alternatives (mid – 2016)



Resources

- ▶ NJDOT Local Aid and Economic Development
 - <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/>
- ▶ LPA Training–Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT)
 - <http://cait.rutgers.edu/cait/training>
- ▶ FHWA Federal–aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies
 - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/>

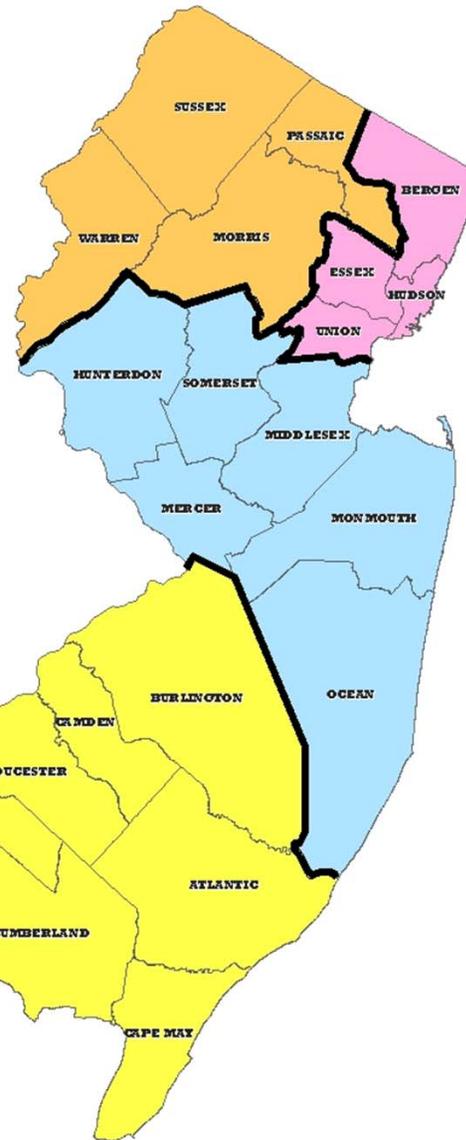


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