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TO: Region Engineers
Highway Operations Bureau Directors
Associate Region Engineers
Highway Operations Division/Office Administrators

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Chief Operations Officer

SUBJECT: Construction Training and Certification

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires qualified sampling and testing personnel per Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 637, Subpart B. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), in coordination with the contracting industry and the FHWA, previously developed training courses to allow sampling and testing personnel to become certified in multiple industry areas. These training courses have been active for numerous years and the majority of classes are offered during MDOT's seasonal suspension.

Due to the current unprecedented chain of events, MDOT cancelled all training courses effective March 16, 2020. MDOT has partnered with the FHWA to extend 2020 certification expirations. The following industry certifications which expire in 2020 will be extended to expire on the same month and day in 2021.

- MDOT Concrete Strength Testing
- HMA Local Agency Sampling Certification
- HMA Level One Lab Testing (for local agency mix)
- MDOT Certification Training for Superpave Asphalt Mix Design
- MDOT HMA QC/QA Technician Certification
- MDOT Computerized Office Technician Certification
- MDOT Density Control Certification
- MDOT Hot Mix Asphalt Paving Operations
- Michigan Certified Aggregate Technician (MCAT), Level 1
- Michigan Certified Aggregate Technician (MCAT), Level 2

To ensure continued CFR compliance, early Independent Assurance Testing (IAT) is to be conducted on all individuals that have a certification that expires in 2020. Early testing is defined as a successful IAT prior to June 15, 2020.

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MDOT is looking to schedule additional training when possible. This includes training during the season and late in the season. Training is dependent on the availability of instructors and the ability to bring students together in a classroom setting.

New employees that do not yet have certification and need certification for their basic job duties will be prioritized in any training that is scheduled. Prior to receiving training, new employees are not to be performing any tests where they are not certified.

The Construction Field Services Division will notify the American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan (ACEC).

The Development Services Division will notify the County Road Association (CRA) and the Michigan Municipal League (MML).

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Gutting, Engineer of Construction Field Services, at 517-636-4913 or GuttingJ@Michigan.gov.

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