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Greetings,

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)-Division of Transportation Development- Applied Research and Innovation Branch (ARIB) is soliciting problem statements to develop the FY19 research program.

We appreciate your effort in submitting your problem statements to CDOT research staff by Friday, October 27, 2017. A problem statement is a short form describing a transportation problem and/or potential innovation that is proposed for detailed study. Research ideas will be reviewed by the appropriate CDOT Research Oversight Team (ROT) members and then submitted to the Research and Implementation Council (RIC) for ranking, approval and fund allocation.

Send your problem statements to the following appropriate research program area manager:

- Aziz Khan <u>Aziz.Khan@state.co.us</u>, (303) 757-9522 Structures, Hydraulics, Soils, and Geotechnical;
- Bryan Roeder <u>Bryan.Roeder@state.co.us</u>, (303) 512-4420 Environmental, Sustainability, and Water Quality;
- David Reeves <u>David.Reeves@state.co.us</u>, (303) 757-9518 Safety, Operations, and Planning;
- Roberto DeDios Roberto.DeDios@state.co.us, (303) 512-4771 Pavements and Materials; and
- Amanullah Mommandi <u>Amanullah.Mommandi@state.co.us</u>, (303) 757-9044 Additional uncategorized research topics and ideas.

The problem statement form is attached and available on the ARIB website which can be accessed at <a href="https://www.codot.gov/programs/research/problem-statement">https://www.codot.gov/programs/research/problem-statement</a>.

Note that this is **NOT** a process to apply for CDOT research funds, but this effort is undertaken to formulate a comprehensive set of transportation-related research ideas. Once the research ideas are prioritized, selected and funded, a CDOT study panel develops the final scope of work and universities and consultants are asked to submit proposals to conduct the research. For approved projects, funds will be available for encumbrance in October of 2018.

Again, thank you in advance for your time and effort in sharing with CDOT your novel and innovative ideas. If you have any questions related to the research program, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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