



FHWA and the Recovery Act

- Delivery of the ARRA is the top priority for FHWA
- FHWA is:
 - redirecting existing staff:
 - **Two National Review Teams**
 - adding additional part-time and full time staff
 - **1 additional position in Wisconsin**



ARRA Expectations

- Transparency
 - All Project Reports on web
 - Recurring Reports to Congress by USDOT
- Accountability
 - Governor (WisDOT Secretary) Project Certifications
 - US DOT OIG
 - Congressional Government Accounting Office (GAO)



FHWA Identified Risks

- Local Public Agency (LPA) Oversight
- PS&E Quality
- Contract Administration
 - Procurement
 - Bidding
 - Contract Changes
- Quality Assurance
 - Inspection
 - Material Acceptance



FHWA Identified Risks

- DBE
 - Industry Capacity
 - Attempts to avoid good faith efforts
 - Temptation to use front companies
- Achievement of Program goals
 - Meet public expectations for economic recovery
 - Deliver projects that yield long-term value



Wisconsin Division Risk Management

- **FHWA will use a variety of techniques to conduct in-process examination of areas identified as high risk.**
 - **Additional construction inspections**
 - **Post project records reviews**
 - **Focus process reviews e.g.**
 - **Bid analysis and acceptance**
 - **Consultant Management**
 - **Environmental Commitments**
 - **Work Zone Traffic Control**
- **Financial management and State oversight of local projects will be areas of particular attention!**



Fraud Prevention and Identification

- Preventing and detecting fraud is a goal on every Federal-Aid project or program
- For ARRA projects, Congress gave US DOT OIG \$20 million in additional funding to provide increased oversight
- Key to fraud prevention and detection is a proactive, informed Project Staff



Fraud Prevention and Identification

- OIG has provided “Red Flag” cards, copies of which are provided
- Project Staff should be familiar with these indicators
- When present, all indicators of potential fraud should be investigated



Fraud Prevention Resources

- FHWA Fraud Website

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/fraud.cfm>

- US DOT OIG Home Website

<http://www.oig.dot.gov/>

- National Fraud Awareness Conference Web site

www.PreventTransportationFraud.org



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