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Memorandum

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Subject: **ACTION**: Announcement of FY 2009
Solicitation for National Scenic Byways Grant
Applications
(*Reply Due: April 10, 2009*)

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To: Division Administrators
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Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the solicitation of grant applications for FY 2009 funding under the National Scenic Byways Program. Applications are due from the State departments of transportation (State DOTs) and Indian Tribes to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) division offices by March 13, 2009. The division offices should forward all applications to Headquarters by April 10, 2009, to the address below:

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Background

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users; P.L. 109-59 authorizes \$43.5 million in FY 2009 for the National Scenic Byways Program, expands eligibility to Indian Tribe scenic byways, allows Indian Tribes to submit applications directly to FHWA division offices, and authorizes FHWA to enter into project or grant agreements directly with Indian Tribes.

The FHWA will continue to be open to more strategic investments in its FY 2009 National Scenic Byways Program grant awards process by targeting its resources toward projects that provide the greatest benefits. The FHWA is particularly focusing on projects with substantial

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benefits and invites application of large-scale high-cost projects that provide strategic benefits within the National Scenic Byways Program.

Conclusion

This solicitation memorandum, FY 2009 Grant Information, the online application, and other important materials are available at <http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/>. All applications must be completed online and submitted both electronically and in hard copy. Indian Tribes may submit applications through the State DOTs or directly to the FHWA division offices. All other applications must be submitted to the State DOTs for review and possible submission to the FHWA division offices. Applicants must also submit a SF-424 using Grants.gov in addition to submitting their application on [bywaysonline.org](http://www.bywaysonline.org).

If you have questions about the FY 2009 solicitation, please contact Cindi Ptak at 202-366-1586 or cindi.ptak@dot.gov or Gary Jensen at 202-366-2048 or gary.jensen@dot.gov.