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***Subject: Contractor and Consultant Technician and Inspector Certification***

Dear Mr. Gulliver:

Thank you for your letter dated November 30, 2020 requesting approval to extend technician and inspector certifications until the 2021-2022 training cycle for contractors and consultants working on MassDOT projects.

The FHWA understand the challenges associated with managing and conducting in-person training and testing during a pandemic (COVID 19). We agree with MassDOT's plan to allow the certifications that are expiring to be extended until the next training cycle when online training is developed and available to contractor and consultant staffs.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me or Mr. John McVann, our Director of Project Delivery at [John.McVann@dot.gov](mailto:John.McVann@dot.gov) or (617) 494 – 2521.

Sincerely,

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