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Terry Berends
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Subject: **2011 AASHTO Value Engineering Awards**
Project Name: **SR 9, Pilchuck Creek Bridge Replacement**
Award Category: **Pre-Construction Engineering (Less than \$25 Million)**

Dear Mr. Berends:

On behalf of the AASHTO Value Engineering Technical Committee, I am pleased to inform you that your submission was selected to receive a 2011 AASHTO Value Engineering Honorable Mention. Honorable Mention Awards are provided to recognize excellent studies even though they did not receive the 1st place award.

We plan to publicly recognize your accomplishments by sharing your project success. Your Honorable Mention will be presented at the AASHTO National Value Engineering Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. In order to showcase this project, the award will be presented at the Conference during a special Awards Showcase session on Monday, September 19, 2011. We will be working with you to prepare a PowerPoint presentation that briefly describes your project and highlights its success.

Your Honorable Mention will be engraved with the following agency name and VE Study title:

Washington Department of Transportation
SR 9, Pilchuck Creek Bridge Replacement

Please verify that this information is correct and provide any changes to Charles Nickel, Conference Chairperson by July 8, 2011. If you desire,

we can prepare additional award plaques for the study partners, both internal and external to your organization, at your request. Simply specify the exact number of additional plaques you need and send \$100.00 per additional plaque to the address below by July 31, 2011. Your check for additional plaques should be payable to **AASHTO VE Conference 2011**.

Charles Nickel, PE
Conference Chairperson
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
Cost Estimate & Value Engineering Director
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Once again, congratulations on your Value Engineering achievements. If you have any questions, please call me at (505)827-5475 or email carlos.ruiz@state.nm.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlos O. Ruiz', written in a cursive style.

Carlos O. Ruiz, PE
Chairman
AASHTO Value Engineering Technical Committee