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Subject: Iowa DOT Oversight of Local Agency Bridge Inspection Programs

TO: County Engineers

CC: District Local Systems Engineers, Service Bureau,
Office of Local Systems, Office of Bridges and Structures

FROM: Office of Local Systems, Iowa DOT

SUBJECT: Iowa DOT Oversight of Local Agency Bridge Inspection Programs

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Please note: The following message is being sent on behalf of the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) Office of Bridges and Structures. This message contains important information related to bridge inspections. Please forward to the appropriate person within your agency that is responsible for bridge inspections.

The National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) tasks the State Transportation Departments with oversight responsibilities for all bridges within a State. Because of this responsibility, the Iowa DOT has developed a system to assist in this oversight role. Starting March 3, 2008, the Iowa DOT will institute an automated notification system that will send e-mail notifications to Local Agency bridge owners. There will be three types of notifications sent periodically. These notifications will be to inform Local Agency bridge owners as described below:

1. If the frequency of a bridge inspection is 30 days or more past the due date, a list of those bridges will be sent to the bridge owner. The notice will ask that the bridge be inspected as soon as possible or the data be updated in the NBI database through the on-line SI&A form, if the inspection has already been completed. This notification will be sent monthly.
2. Quarterly a list of the bridges due for inspection in the upcoming quarter will be sent to all bridge owners. This is for informational purposes only. This list will be sent in March, June, September, and December every year.
3. Semi annually bridge owners who have bridges, which the computer data base indicates should be posted but are not, will be e-mailed a list of these specific bridges needing attention. These lists will be sent in January and June every year. The e-mail notice will ask that the bridges be posted or, if posted, the data base be corrected.

These notices are meant to assist bridge owners in their efforts to inspect bridges within the time frames required by the NBIS. The notices are not meant to imply non-compliance, but are to prevent potential non-compliance with the NBIS.

If you have any questions, please do not reply to this message. Instead, please contact:

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