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Chapter 44
Tied Bids
Interim LAG Changes**

To: All LAG Manual Holders and CA Agencies:

This revision to the Local Agency Guidelines (LAG) manual will be in effect until the revisions are reflected in the October 2010 LAG update.

Chapter 44, section 44.22, item "f" of the LAG Manual has been rewritten to reflect changes to the process for Tied Bids.

The Section is changed to read:

"A **'tied bid'** is a federal project and a non-federal project or two federal projects (otherwise separate contracts) that are advertised and bid together as a single contract. To bid the projects under a single contract, approval is required by Highways and Local Programs prior to being advertised."

This update is made to meet revised Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval authority levels that will be reflected throughout the October 2010 LAG Manual update. These changes and clarifications are in effect immediately. To ensure your projects are eligible for FHWA funding, you must follow the revised section of Chapter 44 as written above.

If you have any questions regarding this direction, please contact David Mounts at 360.705.7379.

Sincerely,

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cc: Region Local Programs Engineers