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MEMO TO: Alice L. Lee, Chair

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SUBJECT: **WEBINAR ON BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW GUIDEBOOK** (PAF 21-012(32))

With the signing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in mid-November, President Biden marked a new era of building a better America together. That was the message from the White House during the February 2, 2022, webinar on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook, which I attended on your behalf. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is historic in its size—with the largest-ever investments in broadband, rail and transit, clean energy, and water, just to name a few.

The White House released a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook to provide information on what organizations and agencies can apply for, who to contact, and how to get ready to rebuild. This Guidebook is a roadmap to the funding available under the law, as well as an explanatory document that shows direct federal spending at the program level.

This training was led by Sam Silverberg, Deputy Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator, and focused on the following topics:

- vision and values for implementation;
- key priorities;
- key progress in the first two months;
- what's in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; and
- how to use the Guidebook.

The key vision and values for implementation include:

- **On task, on time, on budget.** The primary objective for this work is getting this bill delivered effectively, and spending taxpayers' dollars both wisely and well.
- **Vertical and horizontal integration.** Working across all levels of government to deliver projects and outcomes, breaking down silos to ensure there is integration, not just coordination.

- **Facilitate, link, leverage.** Their office's role is to facilitate support where it is needed most, link people across agencies together, and leverage their collective assets to get the job done.

Ms. Silverberg went on to explain that their priorities include buying American to increase the competitiveness of the U.S. economy by bolstering domestic manufacturing and manufacturing supply chains; creating good-paying job opportunities; investing equitably; building stronger, resilient infrastructure; and effectively coordinating with state, local, tribal, and territorial governments.

Since the launch of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, over \$80 billion has been announced, allocated, or headed to states, territories, and local governments. This includes:

- \$52.5 billion to state highways and roads projects;
- \$5.3 billion to state bridges projects;
- \$14 billion to 500 Army Corps projects;
- \$7.4 billion to state water projects;
- \$3 billion to over 3,075 airport projects;
- \$1.15 billion to orphan wells for 26 states; and
- \$1 billion to Superfund cleanup for 24 states.

This launch has also included creating key plans, office set-up, and establishing public notice periods for:

- clean-energy demonstrations;
- electric-vehicle chargers;
- high-speed internet and broadband;
- grid modernization;
- lead pipes and paint; and
- orphan wells.

The law also includes:

- 375 unique programs at over a dozen federal agencies;
- 125 new programs across nine federal agencies representing greater than 25% of total spending;
- 90% of investments delivered by non-federal partners;
- 60% of investments flowing through formula programs; and

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- 38% of funding with provisions that allow for expanded federal cost-sharing arrangements, particularly for rural and disadvantaged communities.

This training provided an overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook, which is available as a PDF book, or as a sortable, searchable file at:

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BUILDING-A-BETTER-AMERICA\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BUILDING-A-BETTER-AMERICA_FINAL.pdf)

The Guidebook is organized by category of infrastructure to better navigate what is available:

- Executive summary
  - Total Funding
  - Existing programs and resources
  - Tips on how states can prepare
- Transportation
- Climate, Energy, and the Environment
- Broadband
- Other Programs & Regional Commissions

The White House has requested the implementation of State Infrastructure Coordinators to help encourage regional collaboration and better connect organizations with accessible, local support and information.

I hope this is helpful. If you have any questions or need anything else, please contact me at 342-4165.

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