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The Honorable Elaine Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Federal Wage Rate Certification for National Infrastructure Investments
Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), as administrator of highway construction projects, will comply with Title 40, United States Code (Federal wage rate requirements) with respect to the applicability of Davis-Bacon and Related Acts requirements.

MDOT uses contract specifications requiring prime contractors and all subcontractors to pay their laborers and mechanics employed under the contract a wage not less than the highest wage applicable to their work classifications, as specified by the current and applicable Federal Wage Determination. If no federal work classification appears to apply, the prime contractor shall make a written request to obtain the applicable work classifications and wage rates prior to the start of construction. When the same classification appears in both the Federal and State Wage Decisions, the preemption noted at 24 CFR 965.101 shall apply. The prime contractor is responsible for ensuring subcontractor compliance with Davis-Bacon and related Acts Requirements.

If MDOT is awarded an FY 2019 BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant to construct a roundabout at the intersection of US 51 and West Main Street in Senatobia, Mississippi, all prime and sub-contractors working on the project will be required to meet federal wage requirements.

Sincerely,

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