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SUBJECT: Technical Memorandum

Requirements to become a Structure Inspection Team Leader

GUIDELINES: This memorandum describes the requirements to be an Inspection Team Leader and is effective immediately. (This policy amends but does not replace the Wisconsin Structures Inspection Manual (SIM) requirements. See Part 1 – Chapter 2 of the SIM for more information on Inspector qualifications).

Inspection Team Leader

To meet WisDOT qualification requirements and in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS), a Bridge Inspector must successfully complete an FHWA-approved comprehensive training to become a certified Bridge Inspection Team Leader, or Program Manager. A new streamlined course, Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges for Professional Engineers has been developed and meets this NBIS requirement. (Note the prerequisites required)

WisDOT will accept completion of this National Highway Institute (NHI) course along with WI P.E. registration to satisfy requirements for the team leader qualifications.

QUESTIONS: For information on the technical contents of this memorandum, please contact

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