ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

- **Effective Date:** This Engineering Bulletin (EB) is effective Sept. 1, 2010.
- **Superseded Issuances:** The information transmitted by this EB supersedes Project Development Manual (PDM), Appendix 9 - Value Engineering in Design.
- **Disposition of Issued Materials:** Project Development Manual, Appendix 9.

PURPOSE: To announce the availability of revised PDM, Appendix 9.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

The revisions to PDM, Appendix 9 are as follows: (pertinent sections in parenthesis):

- Updates the Value Engineering (VE) threshold amounts in accordance with current federal regulations (Sec. 3.1).
- Provides clarification regarding the Region’s responsibility to provide relevant project information to the VE Team Leader (Sec. 4.2).
- Provides clarification regarding Regional and Design Quality Assurance Bureau’s role in apprising FHWA of current and upcoming VE activities, and providing copies of Final Dispositions and annual reports. (Sec’s 4.3 and 7.3.3, Post Study Activity Timeline)
- Establishes that formal VE training will be offered a minimum of once every two years (Sec. 5.2).
- Provides clarification regarding the degree of VE participation allowed by project designers/managers (Sec. 5.2).
- Strengthens the language encouraging Regional and Main Office staff to participate as VE team members, particularly on High Profile/Critical/Major or Unusual Projects. (Sec. 6.0).

TRANSMITTED MATERIALS: None.

Revised PDM, Appendix 9 is available at:

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BACKGROUND: These revisions have been implemented in response to recommendations generated in a recent FHWA Process Review Audit.

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