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Transportation Vanguard Award Nomination Form

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Using a maximum of 2 additional single-sided pages, please provide reasoning as to why this individual should be selected as the Transportation Vanguard Award recipient. Please include as much specific information about the candidate as possible, including special projects, personal attributes, dedication, etc.

Send nominations by **Monday, July 25, 2016**, via e-mail to mvitale@aaashto.org. Nominations must be submitted as a single file in MS Word format using **TVA2016_Nomination_Nominee_Name.doc** as the file name.

**Lynsee Gibson, Director of Programs Controls
South Carolina Department of Transportation**

Nomination for AASHTO's Transportation Vanguard Award

Mrs. Lynsee Gibson is an essential asset to the Project Delivery Division as well as to the South Carolina Department of Transportation. Mrs. Gibson manages the office of Program Controls which is made up of three important areas: Letting Coordination, Obligations Management and Project Fund Management. The Program Controls Office is responsible for managing policies and procedures to advance the Project Development Process used to deliver and monitor engineering projects. This is done by evaluating critical path activities and the financial health of projects and programs through its various offices.

Over the past several years, Mrs. Gibson has performed her duties in this role exceptionally well and deserves a lot of credit for bringing to light the effects that project development and program management have on SCDOT's financial dexterity and cash flow. Mrs. Gibson oversees the monthly Obligations meetings where she and her staff evaluate projects' health (preparedness for letting) and coordinates with Project Managers in positioning projects and their obligations for execution. Mrs. Gibson has coordinated the proper placement of projects that helped to achieve desired goals and conform to federal guidelines. Also, just in this past year, she and her staff have overseen the close out of 247 federal projects in FHWA's Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS). These projects have released over \$43 million in federal funds and provided the State the ability to utilize \$38 million towards the advancement of active projects.

Mrs. Gibson is responsible for development, integration and maintenance of SCDOT's Project Programming System (P2S). The Project Programming System (P2S) is designed to provide all agency users with a quick and reliable source for gathering, maintaining, and reporting all pertinent project information from beginning to end. To do this, P2S utilizes the current capabilities of SCDOT's Roadway Inventory Management System (RIMS) to provide route validation so that project managers can be automatically notified when routes overlap with projects. P2S also integrates with other agency applications such as ITMS, Primavera, CBES,

Webtransport, and Sitemanager to make finding project and contract data more organized. The application is designed to be user-friendly and web-based to allow users to spend less time inputting and researching project information and more time focused on the advancement of transportation projects. This new system has allowed SCDOT to better plan, track and coordinate projects from beginning to end and has saved countless man-hours of SCDOT staff.

In addition to her normal duties, this year Mrs. Gibson was called upon to help SCDOT during one of the most extraordinary occurrences in the State's history. Right after the historic flooding in October, Mrs. Gibson helped to coordinate the receiving, processing and filing of damage infrastructure to FEMA representatives. Her organizational skills and commitment to providing excellent customer service led to successful submission of necessary documents to FHWA and to FEMA in order to maximize reimbursement of federal funds.

Also, Mrs. Gibson supports the Program & Resource Analysis Meeting (PRAM) in preparing valuable information for Senior Staff to review and evaluate; which ultimately helps SCDOT make valued business decisions. As an example of her dedication to her work and willingness to go above and beyond, Mrs. Gibson helped to decipher FHWA's recent ruling on earmark funding and recommended actions that would help SCDOT maximize federal funding but minimize risk of default or payback of federal funding.

SCDOT would not be as successful as it is in providing visibility and clarity to the federal funding picture as well as meeting expectations of managing federal and state projects without Mrs. Gibson's commitment and hard work. She has demonstrated sustained performance well beyond normal expectations given the enormous task of managing federal obligations for the whole state as well as managing funding budgets the multiple projects all while perform other duties as assigned. Mrs. Gibson dedication to her work and SCDOT is exemplified by your willingness to stay late and even take work home in order to complete a task. Based on all Mrs. Gibson provides to SCDOT, she is highly recommended for AASHTO's Transportation Vanguard Award.