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***Geosystems Research Institute***

April 7, 2009

Colleague:

The Mississippi State University's GeoSystems Research Institute (MSU-GRI) will be hosting a workshop on the use of advanced remote sensing technologies in the environmental impact statements (EIS) process in Memphis, from May 7-8, 2009. This two-day workshop is an opportunity for members of our FHWA led advisory team and selected delegates from the USDOT, national state and local agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, resources agencies, noted colleagues from the natural resource communities, and research team to convene and discuss this advanced approach. We encourage your participation.

The workshop is part of a project funded by the USDOT to conduct research on the use of new and innovative approaches versus traditional methods for completing planning task in the EIS process through the use of remote sensing technologies. The research is entitled "Streamlining Transportation Corridors Planning Processes and Validating the Application of CRS&SI Technologies for Environmental Impact Assessments". USDOT and FWHA are supportive of this effort to promote the use of remote sensing technologies.

I would appreciate your acceptance of our invitation to participate as a presenter or panelist at the workshop in order to share your knowledge with our team. Your expertise and participation are vital for advancing remote sensing and will enhance our research.

We are happy to cover all the incurred expenses for your travel and accommodations and wish to add you to the Workshop agenda. Please reply back with your plans to accept our invitation and plans.

**Location: The Marriott Memphis Downtown – 1.888.557.8740**

**Room Block Code: Mississippi State U block**

**Room Block Expiration: April 15, 2009**

**Negotiated Room Rate: \$119 plus tax**

**Workshop Details and Agenda: [http://www.ncrste.msstate.edu/sepp\\_workshops](http://www.ncrste.msstate.edu/sepp_workshops)**

Sincerely

Dr. Charles O'Hara

