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Kevin Fox Town Administrator 55 Main Road Colrain, MA 01340

Via email: bos@colrain-ma.gov

Dear Kevin Fox:

Thank you for applying to the Municipal Small Bridge Program for the Fiscal Year 2023 funding round. We received many applications and had a very competitive application pool from which to select, I am pleased to inform you that Colrain's Phase 1 application for bridge number C-18-029-5DY-MUN-BRI on Adamsville Road over Sanders Brook has been approved.

New to the program for Fiscal Year 2023, MassDOT has onboarded seven small bridge designers to support awarded Phase 1 municipalities in developing a completed bridge design quickly and efficiently:

• Bayside Engineering

Pare

BSC Group

· Tighe & Bond

· Gill Engineering Associates

VHB

GM2

By hiring these firms to work on behalf of awarded municipalities, MassDOT seeks to simplify the design procurement process while also ensuring a quality final product. MassDOT is compensating these design firms directly. Therefore, no funds are provided to the municipality for Phase 1 grants. Learn more about this and other project implementation details on the program website.

A member of the program team will reach out to you shortly with a design firm assignment. In cases where communities are already working with a designer or noted a preferred designer in the application, MassDOT will accommodate these requests whenever possible. Please reach out to the program team at <a href="mailto:SmallBridgeProgram@dot.state.ma.us">SmallBridgeProgram@dot.state.ma.us</a> with any questions related to this award. MassDOT looks forward to working with you on this critical bridge project.

Sincerely,

Jonathan L. Gulliver Highway Administrator

cc: Francisca Heming, District Highway Director Mark T. Devylder, District Bridge Engineer Cassandra Gascon, Community Grants Program Administrator