

NOTICE OF INTENT to award funds to the Massachusetts Executive Office of the Trial Court (MTC) for the “Judicial Education Relating to Highway Safety Strategies” program.

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) intends to award up to \$10,000 in federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to the MTC. Funds will be used to support a program that will seek to design, organize and promote specific traffic safety judicial education programs in-state, region-wide, or both, that include judge moderators on defense-prosecution panel presentations addressing best-practices, and evidentiary, procedural and constitutional issues arising from traffic safety enforcement prosecutions. The New England Association of drug Court Professionals (NEADP) and the MA Judicial Institute have offered Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) sessions at the annual conference at Marlborough, MA in November 2017.

Additionally, dedicated funding will be provided to the Court Administrator’s Office to pay for travel expenses for such presenters and, when public salaries do not pay for their time, to compensate them. Lastly, the program will provide dedicated funding to the Court Administrator’s Office to fund travel expenses for six or more judges to attend out-of-state programs in New England on the topics relevant to highway safety enforcement, particularly in connection with the NHTSA publication “Countermeasures that Work,” Eighth Edition, 2015.

Based on the availability of federal funds, the contract period to which these funds will be applied is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

The MTC is the only entity that can reasonably provide these services and therefore represents the best value for the Commonwealth.

Please submit any comments by October 13, 2017 to the Highway Safety Division of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security at jeffrey.brownell@state.ma.us .