

From January 5, 2017, FHWA National Inspection Program Update

The following message is being sent to all members of the NBIS subscription service on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration. The attached document is a brief summary of how well the State of Illinois did on the 2016 Metrics Assessments.

The Federal Highway Administration is required by the United States Congress to oversee the implementation of the National Bridge Inspection Program. Through negotiations with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO), an agreement was reached to perform risk-based, data-driven annual assessments of each state's NBIS program. These assessments are conducted in 23 different areas commonly known as the 23 NBIS Metrics. Upon completion of our annual review, a summary report is prepared by our office, which is extensive in content and not very user friendly to read. FHWA collects the annual reports from each state and provides a nationwide summary on the status of the program to Congress. In an effort to communicate the results of this year's Illinois-specific review, we have produced a briefing that covers the essentials of our findings. The briefing is included as an attachment to this subscription service announcement. Please take some time to read the briefing, as it summarizes our areas of needed emphasis. We know the NBIS program is continuing to improve in Illinois and we look forward to continue working with you as we strive for a top-notch bridge inspection program. Thank you for your continued work to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

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