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Pat,

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is collaborating closely with local, state and federal agencies to mitigate business impacts and take all necessary precautions against the spread of COVID-19.

The adjustments at WisDOT include activation of our Continuity of Operations Plan. That means some of our employees are temporarily working remotely, but we will continue to be responsive to all needs.

These adjustments are necessary and important for the department to remain focused on priority operations, including the improvement program. WisDOT is committed to delivering road and bridge projects with the help of our skilled contractors. We are focused on resourcing construction projects and working with contractors to ensure safe, productive environments.

Working with industry, the department has initiated outreach to assess issues associated with the evolving public health emergency. This outreach is in recognition that industry partners may be impacted by workforce and construction project supply line issues, and to jointly assess if those issues may impact awarded contract schedules and costs.

Personal health is a core focus in all conversations about staffing, supplies and scheduling for project work. That goes for contractors as well as WisDOT's employees. The department will continue to monitor and entertain discussion with contractors on the latest guidance, with a goal of remaining helpful and flexible to complete project objectives as effectively and safely as possible.

As businesses everywhere chart new territory to embrace unprecedented challenges, we value your continued partnership and we encourage communication throughout the process. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if you have questions. Be well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Burkel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Rebecca S. Burkel
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