

From: Sheppard, Tony S <SheppardTS@scdot.org>
To: Nicholas, WendyNicholasWB@scdot.org
CC: Soura, ChristianChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov
St. Onge, Robert J.StOngeRJ@scdot.org
Pitts, TedTedPitts@gov.sc.gov
Date: 8/23/2013 9:23:25 AM
Subject: RE: MUTCD Compliance Question for Certified Work Ready Communities

Wendy

I have spoken with Christian. I asked that he forward me the logo information noted in the bottom of the email string and we will work up some sign layouts as a starting point for discussions.

Thanks
Tony

From: Nicholas, Wendy
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 8:10 AM
To: Sheppard, Tony S
Cc: Soura, Christian; St. Onge, Robert J.; Pitts, Ted
Subject: RE: MUTCD Compliance Question for Certified Work Ready Communities

Tony –

Please see the email trail below. Do you mind reaching out to Christian to set up a meeting? He can be reached by email or the phone number at the bottom.

Thanks,
WBN

From: Pitts, Ted [<mailto:TedPitts@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 12:57 PM
To: Nicholas, Wendy
Cc: Soura, Christian; St. Onge, Robert J.
Subject: FW: MUTCD Compliance Question for Certified Work Ready Communities

Wendy,

We would like signs made and posted in the Counties that are determined “Work Ready” under the Governor’s new initiative. Example attached.

Can you set a meeting for Christian and the appropriate person at SCDOT to discuss how we make this happen.

See below.

Thanks,

Ted

From: Soura, Christian
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 2:21 PM
To: Pitts, Ted
Subject: MUTCD Compliance Question for Certified Work Ready Communities

Ted,

For about two years, I've been working on the Certified Work Ready Communities initiative. There are a number of state agencies involved, along with the technical colleges, adult education programs, K-12, the business community, local officials, etc. It's part of our ongoing partnership with ACT (the testing folks).

Long story short, as part of this effort, counties may be designated as a "Certified Work Ready Community" for the 2013-15 period, if they meet certain goals. The Governor will announce on Friday that Clarendon County is the 1st in SC and the 2nd in the US to achieve this certification.

Some other states have posted signs at county lines for comparable achievements and designations. Georgia and Kentucky did something similar for their ACT projects, Virginia has signs on I-81 for "enterprise counties" or whatever they call theirs, etc.

I've attached the project logo we've been using here in SC. There's an interest in giving counties a few signs to post if/when they achieve the designation. I pointed out to folks on the work team that there are likely MUTCD compliance issues with that (at which point everyone said, "What's that?")...so I volunteered to follow-up (and I understand this will likely take some time to work through).

I don't know the players inside SCDOT, but would you mind working with Sec'y St. Onge to see that the question is posed to the right person/people at SCDOT? What I'm hoping is that someone can help us take that logo and get it massaged into a format that would be compliant. I think they've asked for the sign to be roughly 3' by 5', for what that's worth.

Whenever SCDOT is ready to discuss (and assuming the next step is a meeting), I'd probably sit-in along with Elisabeth Kovacs, who is the overall project manager at DEW. Thanks.

CLS

Christian L. Soura
Deputy Chief of Staff

(803) 543-0792
ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov