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Nice touch on the mentioning that you were asked "what's that"?

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**From:** Soura, Christian  
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**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 1<sup>st</sup> in SC and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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