

Consultant Advisory

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Expiration of the Safe Harbor Test Period

In 2013, MDOT provided information on an FHWA test program which allowed consultants, who met [specific criteria](#), to utilize an overhead rate of 110%, effective through June 30, 2016.

This Advisory is to notify you that, at this time, FHWA has not extended this program, and the Safe Harbor overhead rate will not be approved beyond June 30, 2016. Those consultants currently approved to use the Safe Harbor rate, and who wish to remain prequalified with MDOT past June 30, 2016, must either submit an Overhead Rate Compilation or a CPA FAR Compliant Overhead Rate Audit. For a detailed explanation of the requirements, deadlines, and necessary documentation for both the Overhead Rate Compilation and the CPA FAR Compliant Overhead Rate see MDOT's [Consultant Prequalification Application Instructions](#).

All firms currently approved to use the Safe Harbor rate must be under contract by June 30, 2016 in order to use the Safe Harbor Rate, and the rate would apply until the contract is completed.

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