



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

In Reply Refer To: HCR-40
DOT #2011-0048

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Dear **(b) (6)**:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights is in receipt of your complaint, dated October 31, 2010, and subsequent documents to Mr. Allen Masuda, Associate Administrator for Civil Rights, alleging unethical practices. Your complaint was received in this office on November 8, 2010.

In the complaint, you allege that the Texas Transportation Institute and Texas A&M University, in partnership with the FHWA, Texas Department of Transportation, and **(b) (6)**, **(b) (6)**, unethically seized patents and stole your research. You also allege that the TTI and FHWA denied you funding for research work.

Our records show that you filed a complaint with the FHWA regarding the same allegations in July 1999. The complaint was investigated and a decision was issued in January 2004. Therefore, the FHWA will not accept your complaint for investigation.

This concludes processing of this matter by the FHWA Office of Civil Rights and no further action will be taken.

Sincerely yours,

Brenda F. Armstead
Director, Investigations and Adjudications

