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BRIDGE LOAD RATINGS – AASHTOWARE TRAINING

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The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform you of an upcoming training opportunity targeted to those personnel performing bridge load ratings. Circular Letter 2016-10 provided information to make bridge owners aware of changes to the procedures for assigning load ratings to structures in Illinois, and to facilitate processes for the adaptation of new load rating procedures. Circular Letter 2016-10 also indicated beginning July 1, 2017, we expect submittal of the structure plans and load rating results to the Department will be required for all new construction, rehabilitations, and other work affecting the load capacity of a structure. We expect load ratings will need to be performed with the AASHTOWare Bridge Rating (BrR) program, or compatible software, in order to be usable with the Illinois Transportation Automated Permit (ITAP) system and other software used by the Department.

To help facilitate these changes, please be aware the 2017 AASHTO Rating and Design Bridge User Group (RADBUG) meeting / training will be held this year on August 15-16, 2017 at the Great Wolf Lodge, 10401 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, Kansas. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about AASHTOWare and get some hands-on experience at a reasonable cost. We encourage participation. Please see the following link for more information:
<http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-radbug-meeting/agenda-1d498f18263a4b8297a1d97c8e34f2ae.aspx>

In addition, an email address has been set up for all technical support questions regarding the AASHTOWare Bridge Rating program. Those receiving a license from IDOT for AASHTOWare BrR may contact the Bureau of Bridges and Structures (BBS) at DOT.Bridge.Ratings@illinois.gov for technical support. These individuals should not contact the software vendor or BBS staff directly.

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Questions regarding this circular letter may be directed to the Local Policy and Technology Unit at (217) 785-5048 or DOT.LocalPolicy@illinois.gov.

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