



# Dollars & Sense

A helpful bulletin for employees about financial matters

## Financial Management Division's mission:

To support the financial health of NCDOT by ensuring integrity, compliance and customer service for all stakeholders.

## SERVICE AREAS

- Accounts Receivable
- Accounts Payable
- Budget
- Compliance Reporting
- Contract Management
- DMV Revenue
- Federal Funds Management
- Funds Management & Administration
- General Ledger
- P Card
- Payroll
- State Funds Management
- Toll Revenue
- Travel Management Card

## CFO

Stephanie J. King

## Feds Change Numbering System for Government Contracts & Federal Grants

The federal government recently streamlined the process that grant recipients use to identify and validate their organizations or entities. Effective April 4, anyone who receives a federal grant, including from the Federal Highway Administration, will no longer use the Dun & Bradstreet's Data Universal Numbering System, or DUNS Number. Instead, agencies receiving the federal grants must now use their Unique Entity ID as their authoritative identifier. This will include any sub-recipients that received federal grants through NCDOT.



Agencies may go to the [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) to register and generate this ID. For more information, visit [www.fsd.gov](https://www.fsd.gov) and click on the green box labeled "Help on UEI Transition."

## Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Update



The department anticipates receiving \$410 million in new funding each year over the next five years as part of the passage of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021. This welcomed infusion of federal money has helped us close a projected programming gap in the Statewide

Transportation Improvement Program to \$8 billion over 10 years.

The N.C. Board of Transportation will receive a preliminary draft of the [STIP \(2024-2033\)](#) this spring..

## 2022 Brent Hamilton Excellence Recipient Recognized

Congratulations to Van Argabright, who is this year's winner of the department's prestigious Brent Hamilton Excellence in Financial Management and Integrity Award. Argabright has worked hard to ensure NCDOT is maximizing the federal funds the agency is eligible to receive. He was instrumental in establishing the Build NC program, and he continues to find solutions for the financial challenges the department is facing.



Secretary Eric Boyette and Chairman Fox recognized Argabright during the March Board of Transportation meeting.

## Coming & Going

The Budget Unit would like to introduce **Kelly Blackwood** as our newest member. Kelly has over 18 years of experience in the Federal Aid unit of the Financial Management Division. She has a great deal of knowledge, too, about NCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

Kelly is taking over for **Sonya Lawrence**, who will retire at the end of April. Lawrence has worked with many employees across all units at NCDOT, helping them with their administrative budget requests. Lawrence has been a great asset to the unit and NCDOT, and she will be sorely missed.

## Employee Information at Your Fingertips

Employees can find the most accurate and up-to-date information in BEACON, the Employee Self Service (ESS) portal. The information includes pay stubs, banking and leave balances.

Using this portal may be the fastest way to answer your inquiry. Be sure to use this portal to update any changes to your withholdings, banking information or other benefits.

## Got a Question or Suggestion?

Contact **Carla Williamson** with the Financial Management Division – see below.



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