

# Overcoming Challenges to Using 3D Models for Construction

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# Welcome and Introductions

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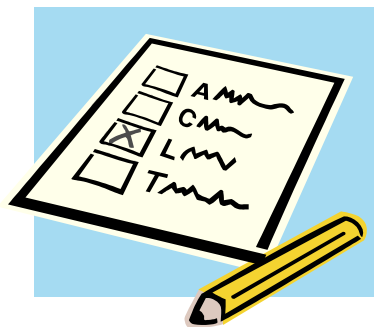


# Today's Speakers

Speaker	Topic
Douglas Townes <i>FHWA-Resource Center</i>	Welcome, Introductions & Previous Webinar Information
Alexa Mitchell <i>Missouri DOT Design</i>	Challenges Delivering 3D Data to Construction at a DOT
Mike Momrow <i>Rifenburg Companies</i>	Implementing 3D Modeling as a Contractor
Brett Dean <i>New York State DOT Construction</i>	Implementing 3D Modeling in a State Construction Office
Douglas Townes <i>FHWA-Resource Center</i>	FHWA Resources to Support Implementation
Francesca Maier <i>Parsons Brinckerhoff</i>	Moderated Question & Answer Session
Douglas Townes <i>FHWA-Resource Center</i>	Information on Next Webinar and Close



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# Recordings of Previous Webinars

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/3d/webinars.cfm>

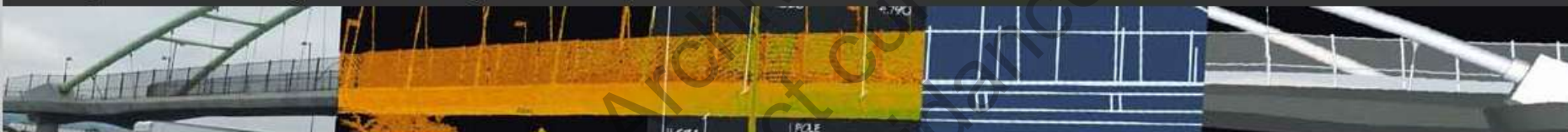
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## 3D Engineered Models

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**3D Engineered Models**

Accelerated Construction

Intelligent Compaction

Slide-in Bridge Construction

SHRP2

Surveying

3D Design

Construction

Post-Construction

Training

Resources

## 3D Engineered Models Webinar Series

One of the technologies for the FHWA's Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative is 3D Engineered Models for Construction. A series of eight webinars have been developed to assist the FHWA's transportation partners in adopting this proven technology. The webinars are given in a "cradle to grave" sequence. Participants will hear how contractors incorporate 3D engineered models in their workflow of bidding and preparing to execute construction. Topics and guest speakers include:

### Recorded Webinars

- [Overview of 3D Engineered Models for Construction](#)  
November 20, 2013 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern
- [Creating 3D Engineered Models](#)  
January 8, 2014 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern

### Need more help?

Contact the [Technical Support Services Center \(TSSC\)](#) for a fast, personal response to your specific questions from a national technical expert in 3D engineered models.



# Social Media

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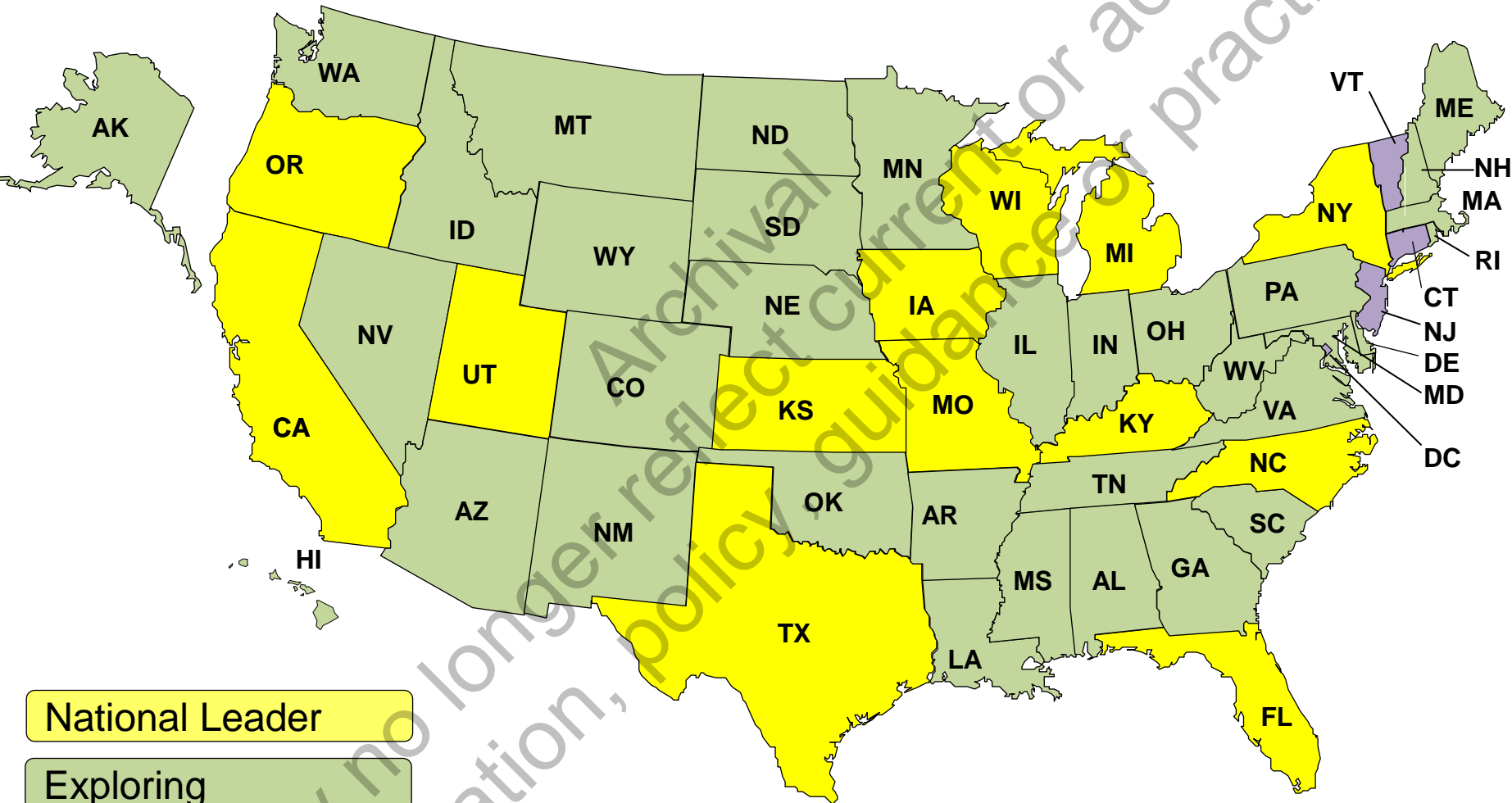
## Learning Objectives

- Discuss the national state of the practice for 3D Engineered Models for Construction
- Discuss common challenges to implementation
- Discuss lessons learned during the implementation process
- Identify resources to assist organizations to implement 3D Models for Construction





# Status as of July 2014

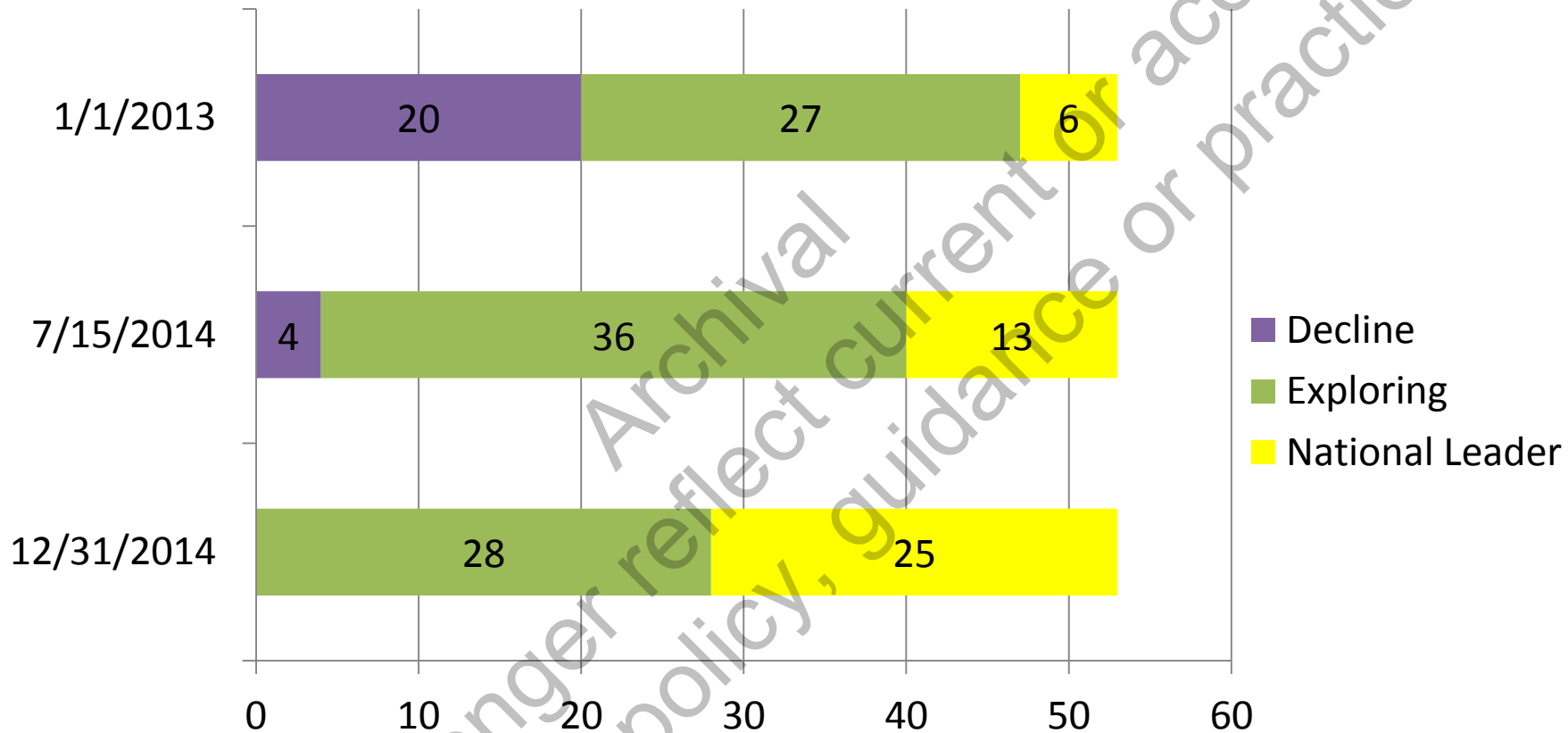


- National Leader
- Exploring
- Declined

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# Deployment Status and Goal



## Definitions:

National Leader Has constructed 2 or more projects using 3D technology

Exploring Investigating and/or piloting 3D technology

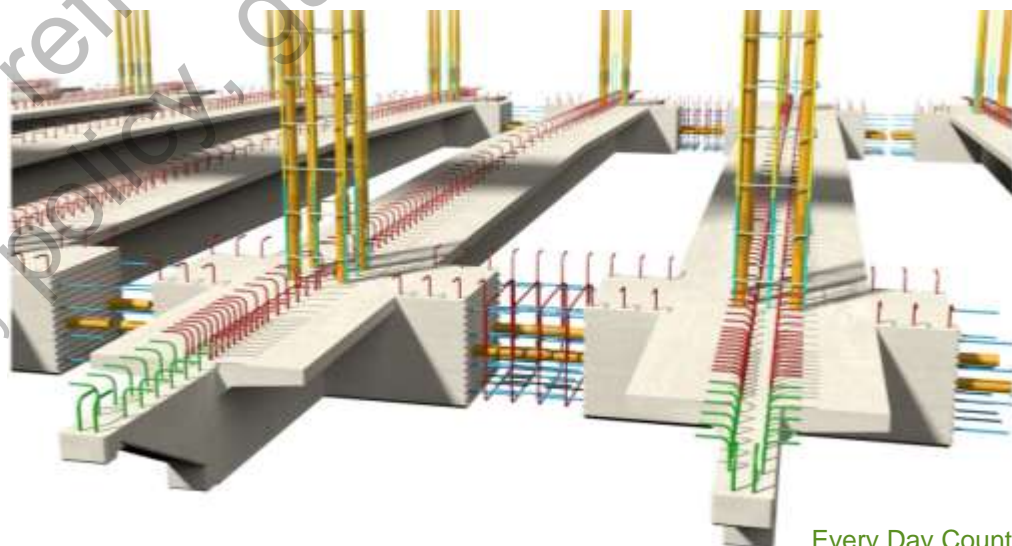
Decline Not taking part in national EDC technology initiative



## National Goals

By December 31, 2014

- Construct 50 projects nationwide using 3D models; and,
- Construct two 3D projects by at least 25 distinct transportation facility owners.



# Challenges Delivering 3D Data to Construction at a DOT

Alexa Mitchell, PE

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## Identified Challenges from Webinar #1

1. Lack of guidelines or best practices
2. Lack of \$ to set up technical infrastructure (storage, bandwidth, accessibility, etc.)
3. Mismatched technological advances (software vs. hardware)
4. Lack of expertise
5. Lack of investment in training and technology
6. Accelerated deadlines = no time to learn
7. Lack of consistency from contractors
8. Legality of 3D data for bidding purposes





# Audience Poll



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# What have we overcome?



Challenge #1: Lack of guidelines or best practices...

- EDC Workshops
- Agency Collaboration
- Shared Best Practices

Still needs work...

...But better than where we started



## What have we overcome?



Challenge #2:

Lack of \$ to set up technical infrastructure

The lack of funding still exists...

...Transportation funding needs to be addressed

...Funding for IT resources  
to support transportation



## What have we overcome?



Challenge #3: Mismatched technological advances

Still a challenge...but we can get better if...

Replacement of aging infrastructure and IT resources needs to be a programmatic process

Be proactive not reactive...easier said than done...again FUNDING is the issue



## What have we overcome?



Challenge #4: Lack of expertise

Some agencies are farther ahead than they think...

Collaboration is the key to success...

- Agency-agency
- Industry partners





## What have we overcome?



### Challenge #5

Lack of investment in training and technology

Do the best you can with what you have

- Re-prioritize with end goal in mind
- Create an action plan
- Train-the-trainer program
- Using current resources differently
- Online resources
- Training options in software contracts as PS



## What have we overcome?



Challenge #6: Accelerated deadlines = no time to learn

So true and WILL NEVER change...

...It's the nature of our business, but...

- Get the support of your leadership – focus on value added
- Spend 90% of your implementation in development mode
- Put yourself in the shoes of the production user
- Provide plenty of guidance and technical support
- Continued education in an attempt to keep up with technology



# What have we overcome?



## Challenge #7:

Lack of consistency from contractors

- Have a better understanding of what is needed
- More is better, but anything is better than nothing

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# Electronic data in Missouri...



Electronic plans



Electronic engineering data



Using volumetric quantities vs. end-area-method calculation



## One last thought...

- Identify challenges under your control
- Create a plan that works for your agency
- Don't be afraid to ask for help
- Learn what others do to guide you in your decision making
- Keep it simple





# Thank You

## Contact Information

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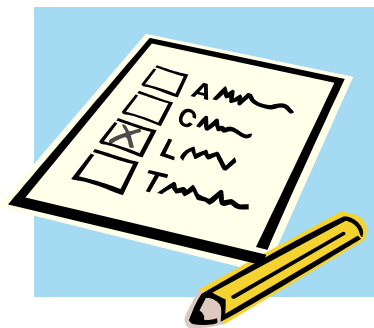
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# Implementing 3D Modeling as a Contractor

Mike Momrow

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# Getting Started







# Scaling Operations



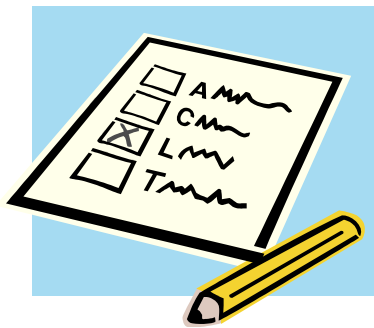


# Challenges Not Yet Overcome





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# Implementing 3D Modeling in a State Construction Office

Brett Dean

New York State Department of Transportation

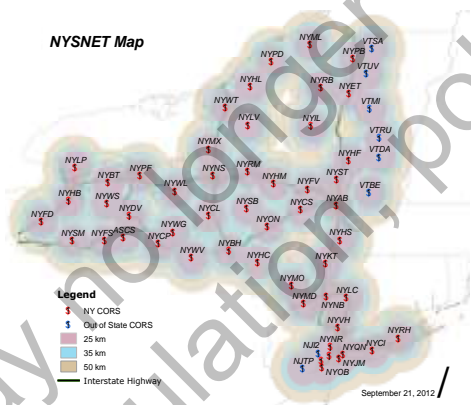


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# Challenges

- Administrative
- Infrastructure
- Resources
- Equipment
- Support





# Administrative

- **Need Management's Involvement**

- What it is
- How it will be used/beneficial to Department
- How much time/resources needed
- Expected outcome
- Costs
- Return on Investment



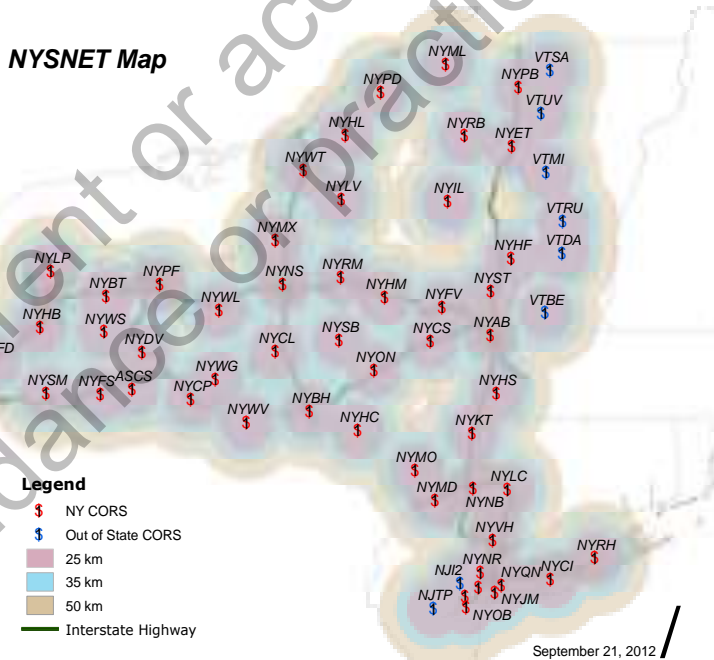




# Infrastructure

- CORS
- Electronic Data
  - Sharing Files
  - Work Flow
  - Post processing

NYSNET Map





## Resources

- Regional Construction Survey Coordinator
- Regional Construction CADD Coordinator
  - Regional Support for Field Staff
    - Responsible for equipment, questions from projects, data collection, post processing, quantity calculations for payment, etc.
    - Often the same person
  - Dedicated Staff from Main Office
    - Address administrative, programmatic, training
    - Overall picture and common issues
      - Raise questions/issues up to Management level





# Equipment

- GPS/Total Station/Digital Level/LiDAR Scanner
  - 2005 first GPS Equipment contract for Construction
    - Included in equipment contract for Design Survey
    - New Technology
    - Training





# Support

- RCSC/RCCC
- Training
  - Equipment
    - Manufacturer - Contractually obligated yearly
    - Vendor - Contractor supplied via 625 Specification
    - In-House – Regionally and Project specific
  - Software
    - Manufacturer/Vendor – specific/proprietary
    - State-Wide – Bentley sponsored
    - In-House – Regionally - offered during winter
      - Support projects, answer questions/processes, How-To Guides







# Contractor's Challenges

- Project Meetings
- Verifying technology to inspection staff
- Contract Control Plan
- Data Transfer





## Standards Needed

- Data Formats
- How it will be used
- How we will verify
- How it will be paid for





Thank You



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# FHWA Resources to Support Implementation

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# FHWA 3D Modeling Resources

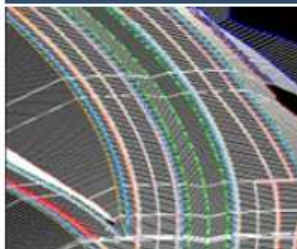
FHWA 3D Modeling Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/3d/>

Links to best practice documents and resources from external sources.

Surveying  
& Scanning



3D Data  
& Design



Construction  
& Automation



Post-Construction  
& Mapping



Education  
& Training



Technical Reports  
& Resources



Web Based  
Training **NEW!**

Workshops

Webinar Series

Field Demonstrations

Technical Services  
Support Center (TSSC)

Links to FHWA authored resources for training and implementation support.



# EDC3 – 3D Modeling continues

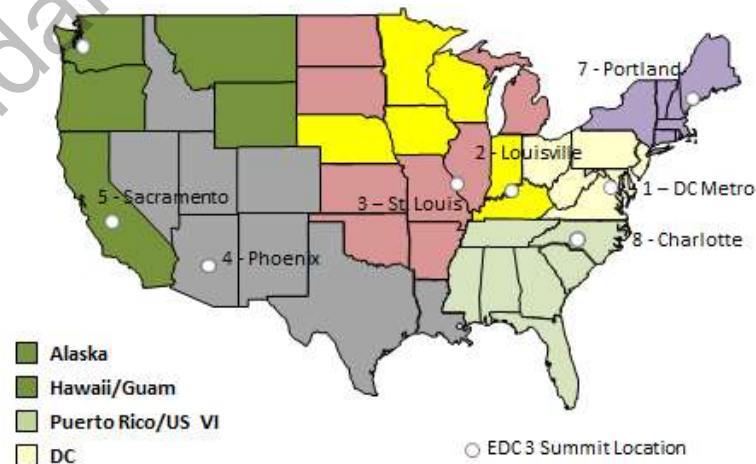
**Emphasis will be on Cost, Schedule,  
and Post-Construction**

**Raw Data Capture, 4D/5D Modeling  
and Asset Management**

**Summits begin October 7 – 8**

**More information:**

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/accelerating/edc3.cfm>





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# Moderated Question & Answer

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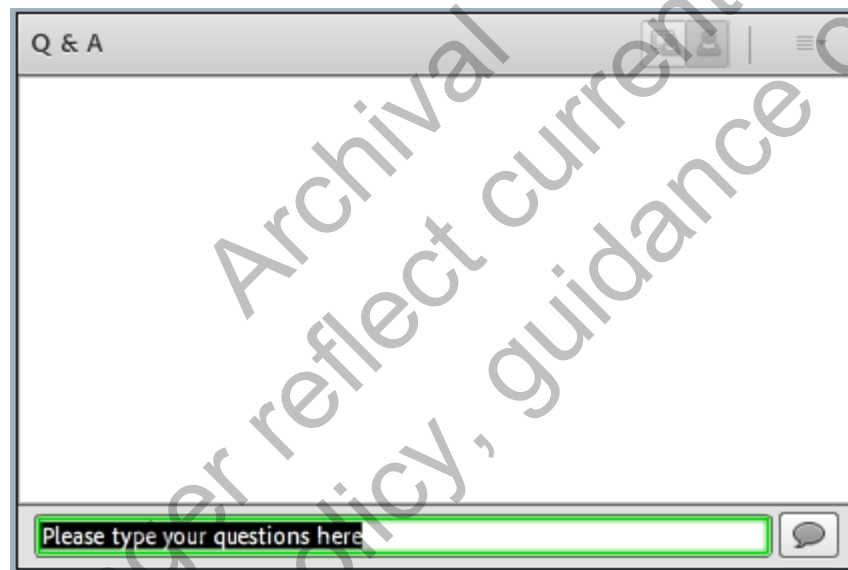


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## Question & Answer

Please add your questions to the Q&A Pod



You may add suggestions for polls!

# Upcoming Webinars and Close

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## Up Next: Webinar 7

# Implementing 3D Models for Construction

October 15, 2014

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

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