Construction Peer Network

with Regional Peer Exchanges

What is the CPN? Learning from peers in your region.

The Construction Peer Network (CPN) is a program designed to enhance the information exchange between construction professionals about high pay-off practices. Building upon the AASHTO Subcommittee on Construction's success, a steering team of State DOT staff, contractors (AGC and ARTBA), and the FHWA are implementing a series of Regional Peer Exchanges. FHWA is funding travel for selected participants as an investment to expedite construction innovation deployment.

Each Peer Exchange agenda is designed to cover topics of greatest interest for that region. Topics are selected from CPN focus areas, which include:

- Project Supervision and Staffing
- Construction Quality
- Construction Administration
- Construction Safety
- Innovation
- Communications/Data/Information Sharing

What are the Benefits of the CPN? Reduced learning curve.

Benefits from initial CPN exchanges have been immediate. For example, the Northeast States scoped an idea for risk-based materials testing that has become a funded NCHRP project. From the Midwest States, practitioners shared insights for implementing the digital jobsite, including using electronic signatures for change orders and contractor payment approvals, and an efficient tool for an electronic file cabinet to manage construction documentation. Many States have provided detailed implementation support, such as specifications and manuals on proven successful practices. Contractors have also provided materials that will support more collaborative and expedited construction.

Construction practitioners hear from each other on proven innovations and develop an enhanced regional network of peers as a "go-to" resource. The CPN's ultimate goal is faster, more cost-effective construction of transportation projects to benefit Americans and our economy.

Summary reports from each peer exchange are posted on the AASHTO Subcommittee on Construction's website (http://construction.transportation.org/Pages/default.aspx).



"The peer exchange was an excellent opportunity to bring people in the Northeast together to discuss what works well and also what doesn't work, so that we can share stories and learn from each other's experiences."

> Frank Corrao, PE Deputy Chief Engineer of RIDOT





How Do I Get Involved?

Dates and locations for upcoming peer exchanges (see map):

- November 14-15, 2012 in Salt Lake City, Utah for the Southwest states,
- March 2013 in Orlando, Florida for the Southeast states, and
- July 2013 in Boise, Idaho for the Northwest states.

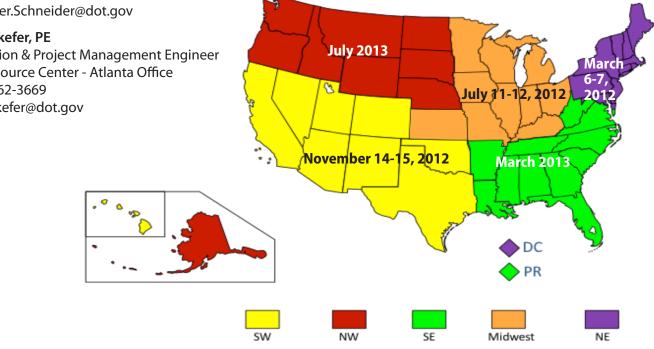
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