

FY 2011 International Scanning Program

Proposals are currently being accepted for the (FY) 2011 cycle of the International Technology Scanning Program (ITSP) which is carried out by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP).

To learn about the Information on the International Technology Scanning Program, please visit: <http://international.fhwa.dot.gov/scan/>

Deadline for Scan Proposals:

Scan proposals are due by **September 30, 2009**.

Scan Proposal Submissions:

Scans may be proposed by FHWA, AASHTO and indirectly by NCHRP Project Panel 20-36 "Highway Research and Technology – International Information Sharing," as detailed below:

FHWA - Scan proposals may be submitted by FHWA Program Offices and through the Resource Center. Proposals originating from other offices (i.e. Division Offices) must be channeled through a Program Office or the Office of Technical Services. Each proposal must be endorsed by the Associate Administrator of the corresponding Program Office or the Director of Technical Services. Endorsement includes a commitment to fund 25% of the total scan cost, if the scan is selected (see "Scan Financing" below). Proposals may be submitted for co-sponsorship by two or more Program Offices or by the Office of Technical Services and a Program Office(s). In such case, the proposal must have endorsement from the Associate Administrator of each of the corresponding Program Offices and/or the Director of Technical Services.

AASHTO - Scan proposals may be submitted by any AASHTO committee or subcommittee dealing with road transportation. Each proposal must be endorsed by the relevant committee or subcommittee chairman. Proposals may be submitted for co-sponsorship by two or more AASHTO committees or subcommittees (i.e., cross-cutting scans). In such case, the proposal must have endorsement from each of the corresponding committee chairmen.

NCHRP Project Panel 20-36 – Other non-AASHTO or FHWA scan proposals (such as transportation industry associations or academia) may be submitted to NCHRP Project Panel 20-36. Project Panel 20-36 will evaluate such proposals and forward promising ones to the relevant AASHTO Committee(s) for consideration in preparing scan proposals. Please contact Nanda Srinivasan at: nsrinivasan@nas.edu for additional information.

Scan Proposal Form:

- [Review Blank Scan Proposal Form](#)
- [Begin Completing Scan Proposal Form](#)

Please be thorough when completing the proposal form. Proposals may be returned with a request for further information or development.

Please feel free to contact the FHWA Office of International Programs if you would like to discuss potential scan ideas and/or if you would like to receive guidance on completing the scan proposal form. Please contact Hana Maier at Tel: 202-366-6003 or E-mail: Hana.Maier@dot.gov.

Scan Selection Criteria:

Scan proposals will be reviewed, evaluated and selected by a joint panel of FHWA, AASHTO and NCHRP representatives. The following criteria will guide the selection process:

- Whether the proposed topic represents a current issue that needs exploring.
- Whether the topic is of nationwide interest.
- Whether the topic addresses FHWA and AASHTO strategic goals ([view FHWA strategic goals and AASHTO strategic goals](#))
- Whether the topic has already been sufficiently covered on previous scans ([view list of all previous and planned scans](#))
- Whether similar or potentially duplicative efforts are already underway.
- Whether the proposed topic has the potential to produce technologies and/or practices that the U.S. highway community could adopt/adapt.
- Whether there is sufficient information and experience abroad to warrant a scan.
- The probability of this scan being successful.
- The anticipated return of the scan with respect to its cost.
- Whether an FHWA Program Office is willing to fund and sponsor the scan.