



The Center for Local Aid Support (CLAS) provides national leadership in the advancement of training, technical assistance, and innovation within Local, Tribal, and Federal Land Management Agency transportation networks. The Center collaborates with a diverse mix of partners in the delivery of those services.



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## Programs

### Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

There are 51 LTAP centers – one in each State and one serving Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The centers provide surface transportation technical assistance and training to local public agencies (LPAs).

The training and partnership provided by LTAP allow local and rural communities to maximize the performance of their transportation workforce, manage a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation infrastructure, and integrate the deployment of innovations into how they operate.

To broaden training opportunities for local agencies, CLAS works with partner organizations that offer services to LPAs, like the National Association of County Engineers (NACE), the Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the American Public Works Association (APWA). These partnerships leverage the resources and networks of all entities to create a broad portfolio of training and technical assistance to LPAs.

### Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)

The tribal road inventory includes approximately 58,500 miles of Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribally-owned public roads, 102,500 miles of State, County, and local government public roads, and 12,500 miles of proposed roads.

TTAP delivers highway curriculum and technical assistance to the 567 federally-recognized tribes. These activities provide them with tools to build their workforce capacity and a means to innovatively address their roadway network challenges.



TTAP is piloting a new structure over the next two years to provide more consistent training to the tribes. The new structure is one TTAP Center underpinned by five virtual Centers of Excellence (CoEs), each with a special focus:

- Asset & Data Management
- Planning & Program Management
- Project Delivery
- Safety
- Operations & Maintenance

The TTAP Center will provide better communication and collaboration with the tribes, a responsive organization through the CoEs, and increased training opportunities. The CoEs will offer a minimum of 4,500 hours of yearly training to all 12 Bureau of Indian Affairs regions.

### Coordinated Technology Implementation Program (CTIP)

CTIP is a joint technology development and sharing effort between CLAS, the Office of Federal Lands Highway, and the agencies participating in the Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP).

The goal is to provide a forum for vetting and deploying new or under-utilized innovations on Federal land transportation projects. The results of CTIP projects are also usable in the planning, design, or construction of other Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) projects.

## Resources

- CLAS: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local\\_aid](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local_aid)
- TTAP restructuring: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local\\_aid/ttap](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local_aid/ttap)
- “Innovations that Impact” case studies: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local\\_aid/innovations.aspx](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local_aid/innovations.aspx)
- Publications: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local\\_aid/publications.aspx](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local_aid/publications.aspx)
- Partner resources: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local\\_aid/resources.aspx](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local_aid/resources.aspx)
- Events: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local\\_aid/events.aspx](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/centers/local_aid/events.aspx)



The **TTAP**  
Center will offer  
a minimum of  
**4,500 hrs.**  
of *training*  
per year through  
**5** Centers of  
**Excellence.**

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