

AASHTO and FHWA Announce Round 3 Recipients of SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Opportunities

We are pleased to announce that 31 States will be provided with implementation and technical assistance as part of Round 3 of the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2). As a result of today's announcement, work on five new SHRP2 Solutions will begin, joining the progress already being made on the nine products previously offered. Enclosed in this email is the full list of selections for Round 3, along with additional announcements of new products coming in 2014.

The SHRP2 products are designed to provide you with innovative technologies and processes that will help you meet your most challenging transportation needs. The positive response by States to Round 3, and the enthusiastic work that has already started on more than 135 projects from Round 1 and 2, illustrate to us that State, Federal, and local transportation agencies understand the real benefits that the SHRP2 products can bring to their programs.

Forty-seven States and the District of Columbia are now actively engaged in the SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Program as a result of these latest Round 3 selections. The assistance opportunities to implement the Round 3 products were made available at three participation levels: proof of concept pilot, lead adopter incentive, and user incentive. Selections for Round 3 represent varied geographic locations throughout the Nation:

- Freight Demand Modeling and Data Improvement (C20): 11 projects
- GeoTechTools (R02): 15 projects
- Precast Concrete Pavement (R05): 5 projects
- Identifying and Managing Utility Conflicts (R15B): 8 projects
- Pavement Renewal Solutions (R23): 9 projects

Announcing Round 4

Today, we also are announcing the products available in 2014 for Round 4 of the Implementation Assistance Program. We congratulate the recipients of Round 3, and encourage transportation agencies across the country to take advantage of the opportunities offered in future rounds.

The official application process for Round 4 will begin May 30, 2014, and will close June 27, 2014. We expect to announce Round 4 recipients in early August. Product-specific Webinars are expected to be scheduled in late April and early May. Together, we can deploy valuable products that will help the transportation community enhance the productivity, boost the efficiency, increase the safety, and improve the reliability of our Nation's highway system.

We continue to encourage agencies to consider innovation broadly and to take advantage of the available technical assistance and resources. SHRP2 products are part of a wide set of innovative solutions that include EDC2, TIG initiatives, and other programs, providing many opportunities to transportation agencies. Your State Transportation Innovation Councils (STIC) can help identify innovations and technologies that fit your State's specific needs.

More information about the FHWA/AASHTO Implementation Assistance Program, SHRP2, the individual products, upcoming Webinars, and other material is available at www.fhwa.dot.gov/GoSHRP2 or <http://SHRP2.transportation.org>. If you would like additional information or have questions about the program, please contact Carin Michel, FHWA SHRP2 Implementation Manager at GoSHRP2@dot.gov, 410-962-2530, or Pam Hutton, AASHTO SHRP2 Implementation Manager at phutton@aaashto.org, 303-263-1212.

We appreciate your support and encourage you to continue to participate in the SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Program.

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