



FHWA and AASHTO Announce Round 2 Recipients of SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Opportunities

The Federal Highway Administration and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials are pleased to announce that 18 States will be provided with implementation and technical assistance as part of Round 2 of the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2). As a result of today's announcement, work on three new SHRP2 Solutions will begin in earnest, joining the progress already being made on the six products previously offered.

The SHRP2 products are designed to provide you with innovative technologies and processes that will help you meet your most pressing challenges. The positive response by States to Round 2, and the enthusiastic work that has already started on more than 108 projects from Round 1, illustrate to us that State, Federal, and local transportation agencies understand the real benefits that the SHRP2 products can bring to their programs.

Three-quarters of the States are now actively engaged in the SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Program as a result of these latest Round 2 selections. The assistance opportunities to implement the Round 2 products were made available at two participation levels: lead adopter incentive and user incentive. Selections for Round 2 represent varied geographic locations throughout the Nation:

- Expediting Project Delivery (C19): 12 projects
- Performance Specifications for Rapid Renewal (R07): 4 projects
- Managing Risk in Rapid Renewal Projects (R09): 4 projects
- Railroad-DOT Mitigation Strategies (R16): 7 projects

Announcing Round 3 and Round 4

We also heard your call for timely information and the need for advance notice as we continue to roll out SHRP2 Solutions. Today, we are announcing the products available in 2014 for Round 3 of the Implementation Assistance Program, and the anticipated products projected for Round 4. We congratulate the recipients of Round 2, and encourage transportation agencies across the country to take advantage of the opportunities offered in future rounds.

The official application process for Round 3 will begin January 17, 2014, and will close February 14, 2014. We expect to announce Round 3 recipients in mid-to-late March. Product-specific Webinars are expected to be scheduled in December. To assist with your planning in the next year, we also are introducing the anticipated Round 4 products. The application process for Round 4 is scheduled for June 2014. 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.

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.