



NORTH DAKOTA TCP

July 2025



TRENDS

- Registration numbers are lower, again
 - New
 - Renewal
- Temporary
 - A reduced number of construction projects bid for the 2025 season
 - Large complex projects \$\$



CERTIFICATIONS OFFERED

- Aggregate Testing
- Asphalt Mix Testing
- Asphalt Inspection
- Asphalt Mix Control/Design
- Soil Field Tester



SOILS FIELD

- DOT
Examiners/instructors
- Still no cost



SOILS FIELD

- LWD Research
- E-Gauge tested and abandoned

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certification courses
 - Do not offer 'training'
 - A demonstration is offered for some courses.
 - Many students are not experienced or properly prepared.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Tester certification includes a performance exam
 - No cost
 - **Question**
 - Do any states charge for a performance exam?

DOT ONLY

- Concrete Field
- Concrete Strength
 - Accept ACI for non-DOT

TRAINING PARTNERS

- National Centers for Asphalt Technology (NCAT)
- Dakota Asphalt Pavement Association (DAPA)
- Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPT)



TRAINING PARTNERS

- National Centers for Asphalt Technology (NCAT)
- Inspection and Mix Design were online
- Exams
 - Classmarker software



TRAINING PARTNERS

- Dakota Asphalt Pavement Association (DAPA)
- Aggregate Testing
- Asphalt Mix Testing
 - Certification Renewal (5 years)
 - New instructor for 2025
 - Paper exams



TRAINING PARTNERS

- Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI)
 - Branch of North Dakota State University
 - Contract signed in May 2024 (5 years)



TRAINING PARTNERS

- UGPTI
- New hire as TCP Manager
- Jennifer Roller
 - Began November 2024
 - Transition to managing
 - 2026 Aggregate and Asphalt Testing courses



TRAINING PARTNERS

- UGPTI Project
 - Learning Management Software Search
 - Replace multiple inadequate software apps currently used
 - Information gathering phase



NEW IN NORTH DAKOTA

- Governor
 - Ideas
 - The legislative session ended in April
 - Remote work changes
 - Relocating some agencies



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