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CERTIFICATIONS OFFERED

- Aggregate Testing
- Asphalt Mix Testing
- Asphalt Inspection
- Asphalt Mix Control/Design
- Soil Field Tester
- Concrete –by reciprocity, Field and Strength

TRENDS

- Registration numbers were similar
 - New
 - Renewal
 - Slightly lower.
 - Register early, classes fill
 - quit, placeholders, change minds, etc.

TRAINING VS INSTRUCTION

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

EDUCATION VS CERTIFICATION

- 2027 Classes will move to education only
 - Aggregate and Asphalt Testing
- Performance exams for testers will be offered as a separate 'class'

AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT TESTERS

- Performance Exam Fee
 - Aggregate
 - Asphalt
- Repeat exam - fee

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, returned for 2026
 - Paper exams replaced by online this winter

TRAINING PARTNERS

- Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI)
 - Branch of North Dakota State University
- Manage registration for 2027

SUCCESES FOR 2026

- No snowstorm cancellations or rescheduling needed
- Paper-free exams
- Piloted new format for Soil Field Testing to include inspection topics
- Aggregate Testing class at local college

CHALLENGES

- Staff turnover
- Student learning and interest
- Registration systems used
 - 4 different unrelated systems
 - Manual data entry

2027 GOALS

- Registration system unified for most classes
- Pilot for Soil Field Inspector
 - Future class for Engineers/Inspectors vs testers
- Potential pilot for Concrete Inspection
- Unify online exams to one system
 - Classmarker or other software

NEW IN NORTH DAKOTA

- Governor
 - Legislature in session January 2027
 - Budget cuts
 - Agencies asked to reduce by 10%
 - DOT is not funded by the general fund, but
 - We are also looking at reductions to prepare



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