Minutes of the M-TRAC Workshop Kansas City Double Tree Hotel, August 13 - 14, 2002

States Represented: Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, New Mexico, Arizona, Wisconsin, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, Florida and Kansas

Organizations Represented: CRSI, ACI, FHWA, NAPA, and Industry representatives

Morning Session, August 13

Chris Anderson from Iowa DOT and Catherine Betts, Minnesota DOT presented information regarding the history of M-TRAC and Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TCCC). The question that most concerned the states regarding the TCCC was the distribution of material developed by TCCC through the National Highway Institute (NHI). Chris Anderson will request information from NHI regarding that issue.

Afternoon Session, August 13

Chris Drda explained the PennDOT Transportation University's organization of a training program. Following that presentation Woody Hood from Maryland DOT explained the use of NICET testing; Rick Kreider, Kansas DOT, explained the North Central Asphalt User-Producer group. Each state gave a short report on their training program.

Morning Session, August 14

Douglas Townes, Florida DOT explained Kirkpatrick's four methods of evaluating training programs and how to take information from that survey in order to do a cost/benefit analysis. Chris Anderson followed up with a discussion regarding the Train-The-Trainer program.

Afternoon Session, August 14

Rick Kreider, Kansas DOT presented information regarding Optimal Acceptance. John Prentice from the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Industry offered information regarding the training they have for steel inspection. A panel concerning the Reciprocity Effort between Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri presented information regarding the Memorandum of Agreement they use for reciprocity between those states.

Following that presentation there was a lengthy discussion regarding the M-TRAC group and where it would be going in the future. The consensus was to continue the annual workshop by forming an Advisory Group who would help with agenda, speakers, details, and etc. Names of those individuals will be forthcoming. Joe Kinnikin from the Associated Contractors of New Mexico volunteered to host the next annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

For questions regarding these minutes, please contact the Kansas Department of Transportation/Kansas State University at Lora@ksdot.org.