

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION**: TCCC Program Participation

Date:

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To: Resource Center Managers
Division Administrators
Federal Highway Lands Division Managers

Maintaining the Nation's highway construction workforce is a national priority. Agencies and contractors face a serious shortage of trained and experienced personnel due to attrition and an aging workforce. Efforts to train and certify construction personnel have intensified in recent years with the objective to improve the construction quality of highways and bridges, and to meet the requirements 23 CFR, Part 637, Quality Assurance (QA). As a result of the early regional conferences and the recognition of duplication of training efforts, the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TCCC) was formed in September of 2000 in order to streamline the process and minimize inefficiencies.

The TCCC is a proactive partnership among the FHWA, State DOTs, and the highway transportation industry to support the training and certification of the highway construction personnel. The TCCC's mission is to provide leadership at the national level, develop and maintain a national curriculum for various transportation disciplines, coordinate/facilitate training efforts, and provide guidance on training needs. A current fact sheet detailing the origination of the TCCC is attached.

A major focus of the TCCC is the development of a curriculum in the areas of Construction, Materials, Maintenance, Safety, and Human Development. This core is comprised of existing State, FHWA, and industry training materials. The TCCC supplements these materials by identifying where dated material needs revision or new materials must be developed.

Assuring a qualified workforce is not only paramount to providing a quality, long lasting construction product, it is also central to the mission of the TCCC. To accomplish this mission we need support and assistance from all stakeholders. The Division offices hold a pivotal role in advancing this mission and assisting their States in achieving and maintaining a qualified workforce.

We request that each Division name a TCCC champion to work closely with managers and training directors within their local DOT to further our common goal of providing a well-trained team. To capitalize on technical expertise within the Division and the National Resource Center, we ask each office to identify one or more persons, and their area of expertise, who may be interested in serving on technical panels that guide the development or updating of core course materials. A panel member generally requires 20-25 hours of review and a single panel meeting. Please provide this information, to Mr. Dan Sanayi of the Office of Asset Management at Dan.Sanayi@fhwa.dot.gov.

We also ask that the Division continue to provide support for the TCCC 5-year pooled fund project, which provides the resources to continue ongoing development of the core curriculum materials. For your information a summary of commitments to date is attached. You will note that commitments have been made but the obligating documents have not been processed. We would appreciate any follow-up you can provide. Your support is essential to the success of the TCCC.

The role and success of the TCCC is one vital element in addressing the transportation needs of the future. Our goal is to institutionalize this approach. If you have additional questions concerning the pooled fund or other issues concerning the TCCC, please contact Mr. Jim Sorenson at 202-366-1333 or Mr. Howe Crockett at 360-619-7750.

Attachments

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