



Maintenance Research Bulletin: March 2013

NTREC New Technology Research Equipment Committee
MOR Maintenance Operations Research

MOR/DI

Maintenance Operations Research (MOR) personnel and Destination Innovations (DI) personnel have been in recent discussions regarding the vetting of Fiscal Year (FY) 14 DI projects. It has been determined that beginning in FY 14, \$1,000,000 will be set aside from the overall DI program to be used directly towards Maintenance Operations Proposals. The same criteria applied to proposals for the DI Program will be applied to proposals for these funds, too. MOR staff will be managing these funds and this process. Tom Peters (651/366-3578) will serve as your point of contact. Submit all Maintenance Operations related DI proposals directly to Tom. Subsequent conversations with Mike Barnes and Steve Lund have resulted in the following guidelines that we will be following that pertain to any types of innovative proposals that you may want to submit:

- An innovative proposal that is less than \$1000 should be simply funded from your District's own funds.
- An innovative proposal that is between \$1000 and \$50,000 should be proposed for funding from the MOR/NTREC program funds.
- An innovative proposal that is between \$50,000 and \$100,000 should be proposed for funding for DI funds with the anticipation that (if approved) it will come from the \$1,000,000 DI set aside funds being managed within our office.
- An innovative proposal that is above \$100,000 will need to proceed through the normal DI process as identified above with the anticipation that (if approved) it will come from the DI Program. Note that these higher cost proposals may require some District matching funds.

In summary, it is imperative now that all DI proposals are simply sent to Tom so that they may be reviewed and either processed here in the Office of Maintenance or vetted here in the Office of Maintenance prior to being sent forward to Mike and Steve for their consideration to be placed before the DI Stewardship Committee.

For more information contact:
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Upcoming Events

Road Weather Technology
Group (formerly the
Winter Wrap Up Meeting)
St. Cloud Training Center
April 25, 2013

For more information contact
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Spring Roadway Maintenance
Demo Day Olmsted County
Fairgrounds Rochester, Mn
May 1, 2013

CTS Transportation Research
Conference
St. Paul River Centre
May 22-23, 2013

Save the Date!
Pavement Surface Treatment
Demo Day
Sandstone Truck Stop
June 6, 2013
For more information
Contact Greg Pierzina
218/742-1082

Research Website!
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/maintenance/research/research.html>

Comments? Questions?

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