PURDUE UNIVERSITY | Local Technical Assistance Program

Indiana Local Innovation Masterminds Challenge Application

Every day, you find a better way to do your job as a local street or highway department. Whether it's a new gadget that improves the quality and safety of a project, or an innovative process that reduces costs and improves efficiency, it is typical that those on the front lines discover the latest and best practices.

We are looking for submissions from employees of local public agencies (cities, towns, and counties) that have created different solutions to problems or found better ways of doing things. Submissions must reflect implemented products, procedures, or processes. We will gather the best entries from around the state and judge them using a 5-point rating system (cost, benefits to the community, ingenuity, ease of transferability, and effectiveness.)

Are you an Innovation Mastermind? Fill out the entry form below to submit your innovation!

Organization: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Entry Title: _____

Please check the category that this entry is being nominated for (*if unsure, leave blank and LTAP Staff will assist*):

1. ☐ **Innovative Project**
   Any solution that addresses any or all phase(s) of the 'project' life cycle – Planning, Design/Engineering, Construction, Operations and Maintenance. This project shall introduce new ideas, is locally relevant, original, and creative in thinking.
2. ☐ **Bold Steps**
   Any locally relevant high-risk project or process showing a break-through solution with demonstrated high-reward.
3. ☐ **Smart Transformation**
   A locally relevant significant change in any transportation activity or process that is SMART "Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound" in nature that results in improved efficiencies.
4. ☐ **Pioneer**
   A locally relevant product/tool that is among the first to solve a maintenance problem with a home-grown solution.

Problem Statement	
Discussion of Solution	
Labor, Equipment, Materials Used	
Savings/Benefits to the Community	
Cost	

Please include a photo of your project with submission. Please add additional pages if needed.

Entries will be accepted on a continual basis, but each cycle will have a deadline of ***December 31*** *of each calendar year to be considered for the following year's awards. Please submit all entries by email to:*

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