
ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION AR-5-01

TITLE: SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL POOL FUND PROJECT TO SUPPORT THE TRANSPORTATION CURRICULUM COORDINATION COUNCIL AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CORE TRAINING

WHEREAS, It is becoming apparent to the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council that additional assistance is needed in the coordination and development of core technician training materials; and

WHEREAS, The five regional technician training and qualification groups established throughout the United States find that keeping their core training and qualification materials current and developing new materials is a major task; and

WHEREAS, There is potential for a major duplication of effort in the technical program areas unless these core materials are centrally coordinated and developed; and

WHEREAS, The efficiency of working together and the consistency of using core materials throughout the United States will also be enhanced; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That it is in the best interest of each member department to consider pooled funding for the production and development of the core training and qualification materials as identified by the National Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the AASHTO Board of Directors supports the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council proposed pool funded project for the production and development of the core training and qualification materials.

(APPROVED BY THE AASHTO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON
DECEMBER 2, 2001)

Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council Formed
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An organization, known as the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council, has been formed to prioritize and coordinate training development initiatives for the transportation industry in order to better focus efforts and resources nationally. The Federal Highway Administration's Office of Asset Management provided the impetus. The WAQTC along with other regional groups, AASHTO, industry partners, NHI, and FHWA contributors comprise membership.

In recent years five regional organizations were formed in various parts of the country to concentrate on training and qualifying personnel involved in highway construction activities. Hurdles and common goals included: addressing the requirements of Federal Regulation CFR 637 – Quality Assurance Procedures for Construction, technician reciprocity, uniformity in procedures, qualifying personnel, resource sharing, and information sharing. Industry, which held many of the same interests, became partners in these efforts. While these achievements were both admirable and effective they also resulted in duplication of training development and inefficiencies in the usage of scarce resources. In order to better concentrate resources and efforts on the future training needs of personnel in this industry a national focus was needed. Each regional group, industry, and other key participants were asked to meet to discuss goals and challenges and how they could best be addressed together.

In September 2000 these representatives met in St. Louis, MO and again in June 2001 in Williamsburg, VA. The attendees embraced the value of working together in the development and prioritization of future training in the transportation field. Needs were identified and prioritized and the group committed to a continued effort. Some of the top priorities, either under development or forthcoming, included a QA Technologist course, Geotechnical Inspection, HMA Inspection as well as other construction inspection courses, Project Administration/Resident Engineer training, and profiler training. In addition, a national training web site, to list courses and share information, was a high priority. It was agreed that the courses or other materials developed or adopted by this organization are intended as core instructional materials of a quality that may be utilized nationally as qualification or certification tools; however, organizations may use these materials in the manner that best addresses their specific needs.

The commitment of this council to the betterment of our industry is demonstrated in its mission statement:

**MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION CURRICULUM COORDINATION COUNCIL**

We, the members of the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council, commit to national leadership, coordination, and cooperation in the development of a curriculum, in construction, materials, maintenance, project management, and associated transportation disciplines, that is designed to improve the skills and abilities of the participants.

To accomplish this we embrace the following objectives:

- Maximize resources through concerted efforts in the development of training and qualification mediums
- Increase the skills and abilities of personnel in our fields of interest
- Promote uniformity in training content and qualification requirements to facilitate reciprocity between States and regions
- Share training and qualification materials and techniques with our partners
- Maximize usage of AASHTO standards in training development
- Encourage development of and improvement to AASHTO standards through our regional groups
- Remain open, sensitive, and responsive to the expressed needs and voice of our partners
- Contribute equitably to assure success

It is important to note that this effort will reach its potential only if it has the full backing and involvement of not only the membership of this council but also of those they represent. Calls for assistance with future initiatives will be extended. An equitable distribution of effort in answer to these calls will maximize resources and outcomes.

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