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NHI Offers Certificates of Accomplishment By Alyssa Gold

Since 1970, the National Highway Institute (NHI) has offered an everexpanding variety of courses directly relevant to the training needs of the transportation industry. With courses ranging from beginner to advanced levels, providing both a breadth of topics and a depth of study have remained hallmarks of the NHI training mission. To recognize transportation professionals as they learn, build, and refine their skills in specific topic areas, NHI now offers Certificates of Accomplishment in selected disciplines.

Launched last fall, the Certificates of Accomplishment represent "suites" of complementary NHI courses—bundled together—that enable participants to enhance their depth and breadth of knowledge and expertise in specific disciplines. According to Rick Barnaby, Training Programs Manager at NHI, the certificate initiative was prompted by customer feedback and requests from partners in the transportation industry.

NHI's first Certificates of Accomplishment are available for work zone safety, incident management, and relocation under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

The Relocation Certificate encompasses three newly updated courses that address both residential and business relocation issues related to moves governed by the Uniform Act. The courses range from basic residential moves to advanced relocation topics and complex business relocations. The following courses comprise the certificate of accomplishment in Relocation under the Uniform Act:

- FHWA-NHI-141029—Basic Relocation under the Uniform Act.
- FHWA-NHI-141030—Advanced Relocation under the Uniform Act.
- FHWA-NHI-141031—Business Relocation under the Uniform Act.

The NHI certificate of accomplishment in work zone safety provides best practices to help practitioners design, operate, and maintain highway work zones that improve safety for workers and the driving public. The following courses make up the suite in work zone safety:

- FHWA-NHI-380003—Design and Operation of Work Zone Traffic Control.
- FHWA-NHI-380060—Work Zone Traffic Control for Maintenance Operations.
- FHWA-NHI-380063—Construction Zone Safety Inspection.
- FHWA-NHI-380072—Advanced Work Zone Management and Design.

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The certificate in incident management provides course attendees with a comprehensive capability in all aspects of planning, organizing, managing, and clearing planned events and unplanned traffic incidents. The following courses make up the suite in incident management:

- FHWA-NHI-133048A—Managing Traffic Incident and Roadway Emergencies.
- FHWA-NHI-133099—Managing Travel for Planned Special Events.
- FHWA-NHI-133101—Using the Incident Command System (ICS) at Highway Incidents (Available summer 2007).

To schedule a session or request a certificate of accomplishment, contact the NHI Training Coordinator at nhitraining@dot.gov. To learn more about NHI certificates of accomplishment and courses, visit www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov.

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