

RD&T Leadership Council Action Item: G.1. Business Results

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- (1) TITLE: FHWA R&T Evaluation Framework
- (2) DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE: The development of a conceptual architecture that will link the evaluation of R&D and Technology Transfer efforts to the agency’s goals as defined in the Strategic Plan.
- (3) IMPORTANCE / SIGNIFICANCE OF INITIATIVE: This effort is important for two reasons: (1) the agency needs to make a good case to OMB and Congress that its R&T spending produces useful results, and (2) the agency needs to make good decisions about apportionment of R&D funds among competing uses.
- (4) PRODUCT / OUTPUT: A methodology and tools for use by the goal owners/CBUs to evaluate the effectiveness of their RD&T programs. (This methodology must be consistent with the agency’s overall approach to performance measurement.)
- (5) CUSTOMER: Primarily internal–CBU’s/goal owners; FHWA R&T program will benefit from more support for the R&T program and more effective allocation of resources. Outside customers include OST, OMB, Congress.
- (6) PARTNERS: CBUs, Policy SBU, FHWA Resource Centers, FHWA Division Offices, TRB, AASHTO, other stakeholders
- (7) COSTS: Professional and administrative support staff time; possible contract support TBD.
- (8) SCHEDULE:

Tasks	Month / Year:	9/99	10/99	11/99	12/99	1/00	2/00	3/00	4/00	5/00	6/00	7/00	8/00	9/00
1. Formulate concept and work plan		████████	████████	████████										
2. Discuss w/ CBUs, SBU’s & others (modify plan, as nec.)		██████	████████	████████	████████									
3. Solicit proposals and hire consultant to develop performance measures and indicators						████████	████████	████████	████████					
3. Report out new approach/obtain MC approval										████████				
4. Conduct workshop on implementation											████████			
5. Finalize procedures / initiate pilot(s)												████████	████████	
6. Implement new approach														████████

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