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Training Directors Focus on the Future

The National Transportation Training Directors (NTTD) conference was hosted in Boston by Michael Lee and the team at the Massachusetts Highway Department. Guest presenter Luisa Paiewonsky, Massachusetts Highway Department Commissioner, views training as essential to the organization's core mission. "We can't meet the challenges of today or tomorrow unless we have a highly trained workforce."

The NTTD helps membership extend training resources by sharing good practices and training materials amongst the State Departments of Transportation. Through State sharing at the annual event, members learn about cutting edge programs and new training. The network supports each others efforts - and collaborates across State lines to aid workforce development in the transportation industry.

Presentations about the new National Transportation Training Resource (NTTR) database, Construction Career Days, and updates from the National Highway Institute were also shared. For more information about NTTD and the conference, contact Ray Belk, NTTD President for more information rbelk@dot.state.tx.us. Also, watch for the launch of the new NTTD Web site.

NHI Launches 29 New and Updated Courses in FY 2008

Based on feedback from our customers, NHI has launched 9 new Web-based training courses that will save participants both time and money. Here is a list of all new courses for 2008.

New Courses	
FHWA-NHI-131109	Analysis of New and Rehabilitated Pavement with M-E Design Guide Software
FHWA-NHI-131115	Pavement Preservation: Preventive Maintenance Treatment, Timing, and Selection

FHWA-NHI-131116	Pavement Management Systems: Characteristics of an Effective Program
FHWA-NHI-134056A	Pontis Bridge Management InfoMaker Module
FHWA-NHI-134056B	Pontis Bridge Management InfoMaker Module
FHWA-NHI-134060	Partnering: A Key Tool for Improving Project Delivery in the Field
FHWA-NHI-134062	Bridge Rehabilitation Evaluation and Design
FHWA-NHI-134064	Transportation Construction Quality Assurance (1.5-Day)
FHWA-NHI-134064A	Transportation Construction Quality Assurance (3-Day)
FHWA-NHI-134068	Addressing Uncertainty in Cost Estimating
FHWA-NHI-134077	Contract Administration Core Curriculum (Resource Center Workshop)
FHWA-NHI-135082	Highways in the Coastal Environment
FHWA-NHI-139003	Advanced Freight Planning
FHWA-NHI-380069	Road Safety Audits/Assessments
FHWA-NHI-380070	Safety and Operational Effects of Geometric Design Features
FHWA-NHI-380070A	Safety Effects of Geometric Design Features for Two-Lane Rural Highways
FHWA-NHI-380070B	Safety Effects of Geometric Design Features for Multilane Highways
Web-based Training	
FHWA-NHI-131117	TCCC Basic Materials for Highway and Structure Construction
FHWA-NHI-134069	TCCC Ethics Awareness for the Transportation Industry
FHWA-NHI-134071	TCCC Basic Construction and Maintenance Documentation - Improving the Daily Diary
FHWA-NHI-134072	TCCC Math Module
FHWA-NHI-134075	TCCC Hardened Concrete Properties - Durability
FHWA-NHI-134078	TCCC GPS Technology
FHWA-NHI-139006	Integrating Freight in the Transportation Planning Process
FHWA-NHI-310115	Introducing Highway Federal-Aid (FHWA Employee Session)
New Seminars	
FHWA-NHI-131114	Pavement Preservation: Optimal Timing of Pavement Preservation Treatments
Updated Courses	
FHWA-NHI-131026	Pavement Subsurface Drainage Design
FHWA-NHI-134056	Pontis Bridge Management
FHWA-NHI-380073	Fundamentals of Planning, Design, and Approval of Interchange Improvements to the Interstate System

Summary of PCB Presentation

NHI recently gave a presentation to the Professional Capacity Building (PCB) Council. Some of the highlights included the following:

- *Participants like NHI Courses!* In FY 2008, NHI experience 12% growth, adding to a 61% increase since 2004. On a 5-point scale, NHI rated a 4.39 for customer satisfaction, a 4.51 for Host satisfaction, and received a 4.52 rating for Instructor satisfaction.
- *NHI Materials are available for purchase and download at the NHI Store.* Customers can use the new My Downloads feature to purchase electronic copies of popular course materials at the NHI Store. In FY 2008, 24% of the materials purchased from the NHI Store were electronic downloads.
- *NHI and TCCC Partnership yields results.* In FY 08, this partnership led to 6 Web-based training offerings being launched. So far over 1,300 participants have enrolled in these training courses through the NHI Web site as well as through individual State Learning Management Systems. (States include Texas, Minnesota,

South Caroline and Iowa).

FY 2008 NHI Report Card

To keep our customers informed on the improvements we're made in the past year, NHI has put together our 2008 Report Card. See what we have accomplished in 2008, read our year-end highlights, statistics, and more.

Courses of Excellence

Courses of Excellence October 1, 2008 - December 9, 2008				
Course	# Trainees	Course Title	Training Type	Average
420018	177	Instructor Development Course (3.5-Day)	Instructor Led	4.83
130091	349	Underwater Bridge Inspection	Instructor Led	4.8
134029	332	Bridge Maintenance Training	Instructor Led	4.77
135067	520	Practical Highway Hydrology	Instructor Led	4.74
142047	230	Water Quality Management of Highway Runoff	Instructor Led	4.73
380073	458	Fundamentals of Planning, Design and Approval of Interchange Improvements to the Interstate System	Instructor Led	4.68
131104	160	TCCC Pavement Preservation: Integrating Pavement Preservation Practices and Pavement Management	Instructor Led	4.66
135027	982	Urban Drainage Design (3-Day)	Instructor Led	4.6
133101	90	Using the Incident Command System at Highway Incidents	Instructor Led	4.55

Upcoming Web Conferences

Real Solutions Seminar Series:

- January 22, 2009 Pennsylvania I-70 Bridge Failure, presented by Raymond Hartle
- February 26, 2009, TBA
- March 26, 2009, TBA

NHI Innovations:

- January 29, 2009, Self-Consolidating Concrete, presented by Myint Lwin
- February 4, 2009, Roundabouts, presented by Mark Doctor
- March 11, 2009, Bridge Inspection, presented by Tom Everett

Quarterly Instructor Web Conference

- January 28, 2009
- February 4, 2009

To register for any of these Web conferences, visit the NHI Web conference calendar [here](#).

Instructors of Excellence

The NHI Instructor Liaison and Training Team are in the process of naming the 2008 NHI Instructors of Excellence Award recipients. Look for the announcement of the winners to come in January 2009!

Staffing Updates

Ann Gretter, NHI Training Program Manager and Marketing Manager will be leaving NHI. For any inquires about courses in the Construction and Maintenance or Pavement and materials categories please contact Rick Barnaby. For any inquiries concerning TCCC, please contact Kevin Monaghan.

Thank you for taking the time to review our NHI updates. We look forward to continuing to serve the transportation community.

Please contact NHIMarketing@dot.gov with questions and feedback. We welcome your comments and suggestions.



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