

RD&T Leadership Council Action Item: F.B.1 (Process Management)

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- (1) TITLE: Re-engineer Pooled Fund Program
- (2) DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE: This effort will convene appropriate FHWA and partner representatives to analyze issues and opportunities for improvement of the national and the regional pooled-fund processes. These processes allow States, MPOs, FHWA, and other to join together to conduct R&T projects of mutual interest. Funds from participants are consolidated, and the resultant project is managed such that the perspectives and desires of participating agencies are addressed.
- (3) IMPORTANCE / SIGNIFICANCE OF INITIATIVE: The restructuring of FHWA and the impacts of the TEA-21 legislation have created a new environment which requires to current processes to be updated. The updated process will enable the States and FHWA to better recognize opportunities and implement partnering in R&T projects.
- (4) PRODUCT / OUTPUT: An updated process available to all FHWA and its partners (primarily State; but also including MPOs and others) to conduct pooled fund studies.
- (5) CUSTOMER: Primarily State SHAs; FHWA R&T program will benefit from more strategic, effective, and efficient approach to pooled-fund program.
- (6) PARTNERS: CBUs, FHWA Resource Centers, FHWA Division Offices, TRB, AASHTO, other stakeholders
- (7) COSTS: Support for travel of State participants to workshop held at TFHRC has been offered; otherwise no direct expenses beyond professional and administrative support staff time are anticipated.
- (8) SCHEDULE:

Tasks	Month / Year:	8/99	9/99	10/99	11/99	12/99	1/00	2/00	3/00	4/00	5/00	6/00
1. Formulate concept and work plan		████████										
2. Discuss w/ States & others, advance plan			████████	████████								
3. Conduct workshop w/ partners					██							
4. Report out new concepts						████████	██					
4. Draft new procedures; w/ review process							████████	████████				
5. Finalize procedures / initiate pilot(s)									████████	████████	████████	
6. Implement new process (w/ present. at National RAC meeting)												████████