



# 2015 National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange Minneapolis, Minnesota Bulletin 1

## Invitation and Initial Survey for Information

The National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange has been held every other year and has proven to be the premier forum to help set the national winter maintenance research program. Planning for the 2015 National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange has begun.

Comments from the attendees of the 2013 National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange  
*"The most effective, well-organized Peer Exchange to date (I've attended all of them)...",*  
*"This was a fabulous meeting; very informative; the agenda/subject matter covered was very relevant to the WX Maintenance Community", and*  
*"...best practices discussions are always helpful in generating ideas for me to take back to my organization"*

The next National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange will be held September 2015 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In order to build on the successes of past Peer Exchanges considerable weight is placed on the evaluations of past Peer Exchanges.

Attendees of 2013 Peer Exchange overwhelmingly indicated that the most helpful and valuable aspect of the event revolved around sharing *"best practices and innovations."* These sessions and presentations proved to be invaluable for generating implementable ideas to take back to their organizations.

In response to these comments, we plan to expand the best practices and innovations session from the ½ day we had in 2013 to a full day in the 2015 Peer Exchange.

**We need your help** to identify and bring forward implementable innovations and best method practices that get results. Please take a few minutes to consider the four questions below and provide your input into the planning of the 2015 National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange.

Question 1. Travel support has historically been available for two individuals involved in the winter maintenance program of their State to attend the Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange. Would you consider sending a third representative from your transportation system management and operations group if travel support could be obtained?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_

(How many persons from your agency would you anticipate attending if travel support could be provided?)

Question 2. If possible, provide their names, title, and contact information (physical and e-mail addresses and phone numbers) so we can include them in future communications and surveys regarding the 2015 National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange.

Question 3. Do you have best method practices or processes and/or innovative features of your winter maintenance program you would like to share? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Not sure\_\_\_\_

(Please give a brief description and a contact person so we can follow up.)

Question 4. Does your state publish a report listing innovative or best practices and products that have been evaluated and have the potential to improve the efficiency, safety and effectiveness of winter maintenance activities? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Not sure\_\_\_

(Please give a brief description and a contact person so we can follow up. Also, provide a link for easy access if possible.)

**Please provide your input to these important questions by October 31, 2014 to ensure they are included in the planning for the 2015 National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange.**

Send your responses to:

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