



## **2017 National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

The National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange (NWMPE) is the premier forum for winter maintenance professionals to learn about the state of the practice and state of the art in winter maintenance. State best practice reports are an excellent opportunity to showcase your work in winter maintenance and share your success with your peers. Breakout sessions provide you with the opportunity to contribute to the national winter maintenance dialogue and research agenda. The next National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange will be held September 2017 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### **Moving Research 2 Operations**

Whether its formal research, field trials, or a maintenance garage sorting out a better way to do business, if you can't move those ideas into operations that intellect and energy is wasted. The theme for this event will be "Research 2 Operations". A panel discussion focusing on how to move research 2 operations will be a highlight at this peer exchange and we are asking all our presenters to include in the discussion how they have successfully moved research 2 operations.

### **State Best Practice Reports**

The most popular and probably one of the most valuable segments of the Peer Exchange is the State Best Practice Reports. These 30-minute presentations from your peers showcase state of the practice in winter maintenance.

### **We need your help**

The Peer Exchange is about you, the winter maintenance professionals insuring mobility throughout the winter. We need your input 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 2017 National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange.

### **Participate in the survey**

Please participate in the survey of interest by answering a few questions at the following survey monkey link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z72FXMT> or respond to the questions contained on the second page of the announcement. In either case your responses by November 24, 2016 will allow the planning of the 2017 NWMPE to move forward.

Planning is underway for the September 2017 National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange (NWMPE) in Pittsburgh, PA. Please take a few minutes to respond to these few questions to help us in the planning process.

**Please provide your input to these important questions by November 24, 2016 to ensure they are included in the planning for the 2017 NWMPE.**

Q1. Travel support has historically been available to support one individual involved in the winter maintenance program of their State to attend the Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange. Would your state consider sending someone to the 2017 NWMPE?

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

Q2. States can send additional individuals to the NWMPE at their expense for a nominal registration fee. How many additional individuals would you anticipate sending?

Number of additional registrants \_\_\_\_\_

*If possible, provide their names, title, and e-mail so we can include them in future communications and surveys regarding the 2017 NWMPE.*

Q3. Do you have best method practices, processes, and/or innovative features of your winter maintenance program you would like to share in a State Best Practice Report?

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

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please provide a contact person and email so we can follow up.)*

Q4. Would your State be willing to share published reports or papers of innovative or best practices 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.)*

Respondents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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