

Partnering Community of Practice

WASHTO Subcommittee Proposal

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The Partnering Community of Practice (PCoP) was formed in October 2019 and started with 5 states meeting quarterly.

It now comprises 11 states whose members are state level executive leaders or management and directly involved in their states partnering program or program development efforts.

The PCoP members include:

- Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
- Arizona Department of Transportation
- California Department of Transportation - CalTrans
- Idaho Transportation Department
- Montana Department of Transportation
- Nevada Department of Transportation
- New Mexico Department of Transportation
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Utah Department of Transportation
- Washington State Department of Transportation

We believe Partnering works and enhances WASHTO's value to its members

This sub-committee, if approved, would help advance WASHTO's purpose to serve its member departments by:

- **Promoting stronger relationships** between members and industry peers
- Provide a forum to **discuss ideas and innovation** using partnering principles
- **Advocate best practices** as discovered through partnered meetings
- **Build working relationships** with other governmental agencies

As a partnering sub-committee, our objectives would be to:

- Build stronger, more trusting and transparent relationships between peers
- Exchange partnering knowledge from experienced members
- Disseminate data to support the positive outcomes and cost savings of projects that utilize partnering
- Create a repository of lessons learned, best practices and partnering standards

**As a partnering
sub-committee, we bring
value to the Construction
and Materials Committee
and industry partners by:**

- **Bridging communication** between DOT's and contractors who work across multiple states and participate in partnerships
- **Share partnering resources** (standards, new partnering programs, delivery methods and training curriculum)
- **Promote collaborative opportunities** to develop measurement tools for improved outcomes

Why is partnering important to state agencies and highway construction projects:

- An [International Partnering Institute \(IPI\)](#) study determined that for every \$1 spent on partnering, there is approximately \$114 in project cost savings. *
- Dramatic reduction in claims and litigation
- Partnered projects often finish on or ahead of schedule and within budget
- Improved issue resolution through stronger, more trusting relationships

*See the IPI webpage

On behalf of all the
Partnering Community of
Practice members, we would
like to thank you for your
time and consideration of our
proposal.

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