

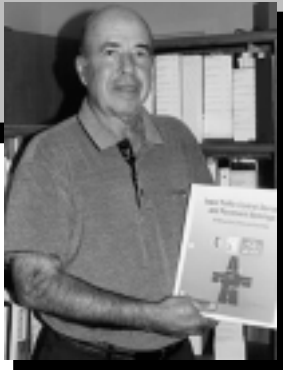
LTAP: Year in review

BECAUSE OF federal support channeled through FHWA, Iowa LTAP provides free or low-cost training and technical support to transportation agencies and workers.

Still, LTAP serves fewer than a third of its potential "customers." Increased funding would help LTAP extend services to more people across Iowa.

The proposed SAFETEA fails to increase LTAP funding to the \$20 million/year needed to meet training needs of local transportation workers across the country; however, FHWA anticipates a modest increase beyond the current level of support (\$10 million/year). Because LTAP centers match every federal dollar they receive with local funds, any increase in federal funding would bring a doublefold benefit.

LTAP funding will be an important item to track as the proposed SAFETEA is debated. •



During the last year, Iowa LTAP provided

- ***6 issues of Technology News, each distributed to nearly 3,000 people***
- ***61 workshops and other training events, serving 3,200 participants (some attendees participated in more than one event)***
- ***nearly 1,000 library loans, including publications and videotapes***
- ***more than 300 instances of technical assistance to workers in the field or office***



Here's what people say about Iowa LTAP

"Technology News is a good information source. It brings in second opinions and alternatives to various problems."

Robert D. Fangmann, Cedar County

"LTAP has been an excellent resource for our county and many others."

Jamie Johill, Webster County

"LTAP has easy to find information on many subjects. *Technology News* lets us know what is happening in other areas."

Karla Schoenfield, Bremer County

"We feel that help and information from the LTAP program is very worthwhile."

Les Knowles, Franklin County

"The LTAP library has the latest information available. It is a good source for safety videos and other films."

Don Torney, Cedar County

We appreciate these and other generous comments about Iowa LTAP services written by people who attended various conferences in 2002.

"Technology News has included many topics relevant to county engineering, from management to maintenance."

Ron Haden, Calhoun/Sac County

"Technology News has relevant articles pertaining to the operational issues that we deal with."

Lance Letellier, Linn County

"Thanks to LTAP's training program, we have better informed employees on signing and road closure flagging."

Don Bohling, Adair County

"LTAP has good training for new, inexperienced help. It is also a good source for ideas for safety and training meetings and for maintenance crew training."

Steve Thomassen, Marshall County

"The library's research documents and reports are useful and otherwise unavailable."

Steven J. Camp, Pocahontas County

"We have used the LTAP library for the last six years. We have used publications about gravel road maintenance, hot mix studies, and full depth asphalt reclamation."

Ben Kusler, Woodbury County

"LTAP provides critical training on traffic issues such as the MUTCD and provides informative ideas from other counties."

Brian Keierleber, Buchanan County

"We have found research for traffic accidents as they apply to roadway conditions, construction, and operation. We have also used your video tapes on snow removal in accident cases."

Charles L. Baule, Baule Engineering

"The motor grader classes have been really valuable to my staff. Excavator safety classes are also well done and valued by my staff."

Mark Nahra, Delaware County

"We have received technical information that has been used by our design area. We have also received ideas for improvements in our operations from Technology News, and our employees receive continuing education at LTAP workshops."

Steve Gannon, Linn County
