An Overview and Update on Transportation Engineering and Road Research Alliance (TERRA)

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ABSTRACT

The Transportation Engineering and Road Research Alliance (TERRA) is a research governance structure formed in 2004 to foster a comprehensive road research program. TERRA brings together government, industry, and academia in a dynamic partnership to advance innovations in road engineering and construction. TERRA’s partnering efforts reach beyond Minnesota to include transportation organizations in other states and in Europe.

TERRA was conceived as a new road research governance structure that would facilitate a comprehensive research program, with a strategic focus to take advantage of the MnROAD test facility and associated resources. TERRA was created after a task force of government, industry, and academic representatives investigated road research governing structures and evaluated ways to broaden the use of the unique capabilities of MnROAD.

TERRA’s mission is to develop, sustain, and communicate a comprehensive program of research on pavement, materials, and related transportation engineering challenges, including issues related to cold climates.

For more information on the TERRA organization, visit www.TerraRoadAlliance.org or contact Laurie McGinnis, 612-625-3019, mcgin001@cts.umn.edu or Maureen Jensen, 651-366-5507, maureen.jensen@dot.state.mn.us. An article on the TERRA organization was also published in a recent issue of TR News. To read the article, visit http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/trnews/trnews249.pdf.

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