CTRE-Iowa DOT library partnership expands knowledge base

A new partnership makes it easier for Iowa’s busy transportation professionals to

• stay abreast of new technology,
• track new developments in any specialty area, and
• access a worldwide network of transportation resources.

CTRE’s LTAP library (the Stan Ring Memorial Library) is teaming up with Iowa DOT’s library to provide transportation agencies and other organizations with the information they need.

Hank Zaletel and Jim Hogan from the Iowa DOT and LTAP, respectively, collaborate closely to find the resources you need. They can also refer you to experts in specialty areas.

Plugging in to these resources
For assistance, contact either Hank or Jim: Hank Zaletel, 515-239-1200, hank.zaletel@dot.state.ia.us. Jim Hogan, 515-294-8103, hoganj@iastate.edu.

The LTAP library catalog is online, www.ctre.iastate.edu/library/search.cfm. Use it to search, sort, and order materials electronically. Jim can send you a printed catalog on request.

Two complementary services

Iowa DOT’s library’s extensive body of transportation research, data and graphics, and history includes books, technical reports, videotapes, maps, aerial photographs, and historic documents.

The library is connected to a network of state DOT resources across the country, has access to the comprehensive Transportation Research Information Service (TRIS) and, through membership in the Online Computer Library Center, can borrow materials from thousands of libraries worldwide. Hank Zaletel and his staff regularly provide comprehensive reference and database services to transportation agencies and research entities, like CTRE.

The LTAP library emphasizes training materials, with 640 videotapes, 24 training packages, 49 compact disks, 6 interactive compact disks, and 17 slide presentations. The library also has 1,370 research and technical publications. Librarian Jim Hogan regularly helps Iowa’s transportation agencies access materials on a variety of specific topics.

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V690 Smoothing and Reshaping the Traveled Way. This video covers detailed step-by-step processes used for both smoothing and reshaping a road. It includes crowned, insloped, and outsloped roads and transition sections.

V691 Maintaining the Ditch and Surface Cross Drains. This video provides comprehensive instructions for correctly constructing and maintaining ditches, culverts, and various surface cross drains.

V692 Pennsylvania Bridges: Maintaining the Past, Preserving the Future. This video highlights the Pennsylvania DOT’s maintenance practices and provides an overview of the importance of bridge preservation.

V693 Cultural Resource Protection. This video briefly discusses archeological surveys done during the Iowa DOT’s project development process. It also provides instruction on what should be done if a burial or potential burial site is disturbed during construction, maintenance, or other activities involving soil excavation.