

**National Association of County Engineers (NACE)
and
National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA)**

2017-2020 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Partners:

The National Association of County Engineers (NACE) was founded in July 1956. Membership is open to county engineers and county road professionals in engineering or management capacities serving in counties of the United States and Canada. NACE has four prime objectives: to advance county engineering and management by providing a forum for exchange of ideas and information aimed at improving service to the public; to foster and stimulate the growth of individual state organizations of county engineers and county road officials; to improve relations and the spirit of cooperation among county engineers and other agencies; and to monitor national legislation affecting county transportation & public works departments and through NACO, provide NACE's legislative opinions.

The National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA) is a not-for-profit organization representing and serving 58 LTAP and TTAP (tribal) Centers in the United States and Puerto Rico. The LTAP/TTAP Centers comprise an established network of transportation centers throughout the country with a mission of identifying and disseminating the latest in technology and training to local transportation policy makers or transportation professionals in the field. Primary areas of LTAP/TTAP service delivery are roadway safety, infrastructure management and maintenance, worker safety, and organizational excellence. The main objectives of NLTAPA, in representing the LTAP/TTAP Centers, are to build awareness about LTAP/TTAP in the transportation community, assist FHWA with developing priorities for the LTAP/TTAP Program, and build the capacity of each Center to best meet the needs of its customers.

Purpose of this Document:

The initial partnership agreement between NACE and NLTAPA was signed in 1998 and was last updated in 2013, expiring July 2017. This agreement replaces the previous version.

NLTAPA and NACE agree to continue to work together to foster a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation system. Our common areas of interest are expanding and strengthening the skills and knowledge of county engineers and professional road managers and their staffs through training, technical assistance and technology transfer.

General Partnership Goals:

- 1) Maintain regular and productive communications between NLTAPA and NACE at the national level.
- 2) Implement national-level partnership activities that engage LTAP/TTAP Centers and NACE to benefit counties.
- 3) Support the continuation and growth of NACE, and the LTAP/TTAP Program, and NLTAPA.
- 4) Promote and encourage engagement between NACE affiliates and individual LTAP/TTAP Centers for the purpose of increasing the quality and quantity of training, technical assistance and technology transfer to counties.

Review and Renewal of this Partnership Agreement:

- 1) This agreement will be renewed and signed every 4 years. (The next renewal will be July 2021.)
- 2) The annual action steps of this agreement will be reviewed and revised by the liaisons and leadership both organizations, with new action steps prepared for approval by the board of each association by January 1 of each year.

Attached:

NACE-NLTAPA Partnership Action Steps 2017
Partnership Calendar 2017

Adopted by _____, NACE President, on _____

Adopted by _____, NLTAPA President, on _____