



NJ Build a Better Mousetrap Entry Form

People involved in the transportation industry often find better ways to do their jobs. Whether it's a new gadget that improves the quality and safety of a project, or an innovative process that reduces costs and improves efficiency, it is typically the people on the front lines who discover the latest and best practices. We are looking for submissions from employees of local or state public agencies that have created unique solutions to problems or found better ways of doing things. Submissions must reflect implemented products, procedures, or processes (we are not looking for conceptual ideas).

Think you've built a better mousetrap? Fill out the entry form below to submit your innovation!

Select Only One:

This nomination is an Operations Entry _____ or an Organizational Improvement Entry _____

Organization: _____ Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Entry Title: _____

Please check the category or categories that this entry should be considered for:

1. **___ Innovative Project**– Any solution that addresses any or all phase(s) of the 'project' life cycle – Planning, Design/Engineering, Construction, Operations and Maintenance. This project shall introduce new ideas, is locally relevant, original, and creative in thinking.
2. **___ Bold Steps**– Any locally relevant high-risk project or process showing a break-through solution with demonstrated high-reward.
3. **___ Smart Transformation**– A locally relevant significant change in a transportation activity or process that is SMART "Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound" in nature and results in improved efficiencies.
4. **___ Pioneer**– A locally relevant product/tool that is among the first to solve a maintenance problem with a home-grown solution.

Problem Statement:

Discussion of Solution:

Labor, Equipment, Materials used:

Savings/Benefits to the Community:

Cost:

Please include a photo of your project with submission. Please add additional pages if needed.

Entries will be accepted on a continual basis, but each cycle will have a deadline of May 1 of each calendar year to be considered for that year's awards. Please submit all entries by email to:

New Jersey Local Technical Assistance Program: jleli@soe.rutgers.edu

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