

Dear State DOT's and Transportation Agencies:

It is the Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) pleasure to invite you and encourage you to support your staff in attending the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual International Highway Engineering Exchange Program (IHEEP) conference being held in Helena MT September 11 – 15, 2016. The conference is being hosted by MDT.

The Highway Engineering Exchange Program (HEEP) is an organization which promotes the sharing of best practices in engineering technology between international, state and local highway transportation organizations and agency partners. The primary goal of HEEP is to share and exchange information, ideas and experiences. A unique aspect of IHEEP conferences is the educational seminars are presented by subject matter experts who are practitioners in their field. IHEEP is all about sharing knowledge, experiences gained and lessons learned from real work situations.

Participation by state DOT's and transportation agencies is critical for a successful IHEEP conference. Furthermore, ongoing support by state DOT's and transportation agencies is critical for the ongoing success of the HEEP organization. MDT has historically supported HEEP and three years ago, MDT made the important commitment to host this upcoming IHEEP conference.

Consider these reasons to have staff attend the 2016 IHEEP conference in Helena.

1. IHEEP conferences provide an excellent opportunity for peer exchange among the attendees.
2. IHEEP conferences provide exposure to the latest technology advances and solutions from our vendor community in a non-sales environment.
3. IHEEP conferences provide educational seminars throughout the HEEP conference.
4. The MDT team will treat you to a great conference.

To meet the educational expectations, IHEEP 2016 is seeking volunteers from transportation agencies to present on topics of interest that showcase success within their respective agency. This year conference will focus on advances with 3D – 4D – 5D Highway Construction Modeling, E-Construction Practices, Highway Engineering Technology Improvements, Data/Document Management and Engineering Technology Success Stories. IHEEP 2016 is open to any topic that complements the focus areas and is relevant to highway engineering with an IT component.

Please visit the conference website at [www.iheep2016.com](http://www.iheep2016.com) or contact Michael Dyr Dahl, current HEEP President, at 406-444-6308 or [mdyr Dahl@mt.gov](mailto:mdyr Dahl@mt.gov) for more details.

Sincerely,



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