In 2010, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) introduced the State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) concept to state transportation departments and industry partners across the country to foster ownership and pride in establishing a process in which ideas, innovative techniques and processes can be evaluated and implemented quickly and proficiently.

The State of Colorado has established a STIC. Colorado’s STIC is a cross-section of various stakeholders, state and federal agencies, local governments, research organizations and industry partners that work together to forge an environment of innovation, imagination and ingenuity to pursue creative initiatives and their rapid implementation for a modern, high-quality transportation system. The STIC has representatives from the transportation industry including FHWA, CDOT, APWA, LTAP, ACEC and CCA.

Our mission is to foster a collaborative culture, an advocacy for innovation and explore ways to deploy technology and innovation. We are striving to be a catalyst in rapidly implementing innovative tools and techniques to transportation stakeholders. Since the STIC is made up of key Stakeholders, we are seeking to leverage our resources, knowledge and expertise to expedite delivery of innovation throughout Colorado.

The STIC is soliciting innovative proposal applications that are ready to implement. The funding request would be to offset some of the costs. The total amount available for innovations in this Federal Fiscal year is $100,000. There is a quick turnaround for proposals with the due date of July 25, 2014. Proposals could include a wide range of activities pertaining to innovation including: providing training and other deployment efforts; conducting internal assessments; developing guidance, standards and specifications; implementing system process changes; organizing peer exchanges; offsetting implementation costs; and promoting/sharing innovation technologies.

The next page includes an Innovation Proposal Application Form and submission details. Please make sure to submit your form before COB on July 25, 2014. It is anticipated that similar funding will be available in 2015.

Members of the Colorado STIC Executive Steering Committee

Co-chair Alicia Nolan, FHWA – Alicia.nolan@dot.gov (720-963-3030)
Interim Co-Chair Scott McDaniel, CDOT – scott.mcdaniel@state.co.us (303-757-9204)
John Eddy, CDOT – john.eddy@state.co.us (303-757-9592)
Amanullah Mommandi, CDOT – amanullah.mommandi@state.co.us (303-757-9044)
Renée Railsback, CO LTAP – cltap@colorado.edu (303-735-3530)
Gary Vansuch, CDOT – gary.vansuch@state.co.us (303-757-9017)
Richard Zamora, CDOT – richard.zamora@state.co.us (303-757-9040)
Dave Zelenok, APWA/City of Centennial – dzelenok@centennialcolorado.com (303-754-3375)
Accelerated Innovation Deployment Project Incentive Fund
Technical assistance and limited funds are available to support or offset the costs of standardizing innovative practices. The STIC incentive funds may be used for a wide variety of activities pertaining to innovation including: providing training and other deployment efforts; conducting internal assessments; developing guidance, standards and specifications; implementing system process changes; organizing peer exchanges; offsetting implementation costs; and promoting/sharing innovation technologies.

In order to have comparable information for each proposal, please fill out the following information. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Agency: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________
Proposal Champion: ________________ Phone: _____________________________

Proposal Summary (max 250 words):

Proposal Outcome (max 250 words):

Benefit from this Innovation, either qualitative or quantitative (max 250 words):

Readiness of Implementation of your proposal:

Costs that you are seeking to offset:
(Total costs AND amount you’re seeking)

Please comment how your proposal addresses one or more of these innovation categories (attach additional sheets):
• Mobility
• Longer Lasting Materials
• Safety
• Process Efficiencies (Saving time, Resources, etc.)
• Ease of Implementation and Usefulness to Others
• Operational Efficiencies
• Workforce Development

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please send it to Gary Vansuch, gary.vansuch@state.co.us by COB July 25, 2014