I am both excited and saddened to report that the Colorado LTAP Training Coordinator, Lindsay Marshall, ended working for the Center on August 1st. For 10 years, she put her heart and soul into the program and was behind the development of many of our new programs and successes we enjoy today. Lindsay has accepted a position at Eastern Kentucky University to pursue a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. This new challenge will allow her greater opportunities for advancement – well deserved given her many skills and competencies. We will all miss her professional contributions to Colorado LTAP, her positive attitude, and pleasant personality.

Lindsay has enriched the program with her dedication and hard work. Since 2003, she has coordinated 736 workshops attended by more than 17,000 transportation personnel. In addition to planning and attending our many conferences and classes, some of Lindsay’s program achievements include making key relationships around the state, development and initiation of the Roads Scholar II Road Master program, administration of the Center’s equipment loan program,
COLORADO LTAP WELCOMES CASSANDRA GUILD TO THE LTAP FAMILY

Cassandra (Cassie) Guild is Colorado LTAP’s new Manager of Technical Assistance and Customized Training. Cassie has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Japanese from Middlebury College in Vermont. Her background is in adult and youth education; curriculum development; and training planning and implementation. She recently returned from three years teaching youth and adult classes in Tokushima, Japan; where she was a language instructor leading English classes at the elementary, junior high school, and adult level. Cassie was a featured presenter for the Tokushima JET Programme Midyear Conference in 2010 and 2011. She enjoys practicing Japanese archery and sewing. Cassandra is excited to join the Colorado LTAP family.
The role of the new Local Agency Unit at CDOT HQ is:
- Act as the facilitator of the implementation of changes recommended during the LEAN events, working with staff from each CDOT Region to implement these changes;
- Serve as liaison with FHWA regarding consistency with their desired improvements; and
- Inform local agency groups such as LTAP of CDOT’s efforts.

A key action focus area for CDOT is to build an interactive, web-based guidance and project tracking tool that will allow CDOT staff in the engineering regions AND local agency staff to “track along” with the status of key milestones on specific projects. This virtual tool will also integrate “learning” and informational tools, data exchange media, and other features. CDOT will be internally beta-testing this system in the fall, and will be seeking local agency partners to help “test-drive” the software as it is developed. The intent of the tool is to assist both CDOT and local agency staff in delivering projects collaboratively and efficiently.

If you have questions about CDOT’s efforts in this area, feel free to contact the local agency coordinators in the Regions with whom you have standing relationships.

You may also contact:

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- **Richard Zamora**, 303-757-9040, richard.zamora@state.co.us
UPCOMING LTAP TRAINING Fall 2013

Roads Scholar I

CORE: Safety on the Job
  October 8 – Durango
  October 10 – Rifle
  November 6 – La Junta
  November 7 – Brighton

CORE: Drainage
  October 24 – Brighton
  October 28 – Grand Junction
  October 31 – Durango

ELECTIVES:

CDOT’s Winter Maintenance
  September 18 – Durango
  October 3 – Grand Junction
  October 7 – Northglenn

Surveying, Grade Checking, Staking
  October 7 – Loveland
  October 8 – Colorado Springs
  October 17 – Montrose

Basic Math
  November 13 – Grand Junction
  November 18 – Aurora

Math Applications for Roadway Workers
  November 14 – Grand Junction
  November 19 – Aurora

Supervisory Skills

So You’re A Supervisor Now: Transitionaing Into A Supervisor Role
  September 16 – Westminster

Successful Employees Make Successful Supervisors
  September 17 – Westminster

The Do’s & Don’ts: Legal and Liability Issues
  October 21 – Glenwood Springs

A Whole New World: Nuts & Bolts of How Government Works
  November 5 – Grand Junction

Roads Scholar II*

SAFETY FOCUS AREA

Local Road Safety Plans
  November 4 – Silverthorne
  December 3 – Colorado Spgs
  December 17 – Grand Junction

ENVIRONMENT FOCUS AREA

Navigating the Environmental Maze: Practical Strategies for Success
  October 16 – Lakewood
  October 22 – Pueblo
  October 24 – Montrose

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

Preparing for Winter By Planning for Winter
  October 1 – Silverthorne
  October 3 – Fort Morgan
  October 15 – Montrose

TECHNICAL SKILLS FOCUS AREA

Advanced Equipment Maintenance and Inspection
  December 9, 2013 - Grand Junction
  December 11, 2013 - Denver
management of part-time student workers, and organization of APWA’s Spring Street Conference. Lindsay also provided support to Professor Yunping Xi with the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Colorado Boulder. Although recently crowned the shortest serving regional representative of the National LTAP Executive Committee (she got accepted to Eastern Kentucky’s program ONE day after being voted in as rep) - Lindsay is the longest serving training coordinator that Colorado LTAP has had.

The Occupational Therapy program will consist of three years of study. Lindsay hopes to return to friends and loved ones in Colorado; but will have the support of her family while in school, as she is originally from Frankfort, Kentucky.

All of us associated with the National Local Technical Assistance Program owe a major debt of gratitude to Lindsay for her outstanding service to the local transportation agencies throughout the state. Across Colorado, Lindsay is the “face” of Colorado LTAP; and though we could never replace her smile, we were fortunate to quickly hire another fabulous staff person to continue her success.

To my “twin” and best friend, words cannot express how much you will be missed....

Coming together is an accomplishment, staying together is progress, working together is a success.”

Henry Ford

The last ten years have been an education for me, one that I have enjoyed and will treasure. I have been lucky enough to get to travel the state and meet many of you. I have been able to talk with you about the challenges you face at work, how LTAP can better serve you, what is the best BBQ in town, your last vacation, and your upcoming winter plow schedule. It has been my pleasure to meet a lot of you, talk with you, and share stories.

I am so glad that I have had the opportunity to work with such a great group of people. I now have a lifelong appreciation for properly placed signs, clearly marked work zones, and streets without potholes. I will never take a plowed street for granted, understanding that someone was out in the middle of the storm keeping it clear. I know that impressive things are happening with limited resources in agencies all across Colorado. I will carry with me the appreciation that I have for the work that you all do. It is admirable.
What is the best idea or invention implemented at your agency?

There are not enough transportation dollars to maintain our local government systems to the desired level of service. The costs for repairs and improvements are increasing while available finances are actually decreasing. Solving these problems requires efficient use of existing funds and materials, along with the application of cost reducing and innovative techniques.

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT CREATIVE THINGS YOU’RE DOING

This is your opportunity to showcase something that has worked and of which you are proud. In prior contests, entries have been related to cost saving, safety, and operational efficiency improvements. Share what you’ve learned with your counterparts across Colorado, the nation, and even the world!

contest requirements

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 31, 2013

Entries should be no longer than 2 pages and must address the following:

1. Project Title, Agency, Contact Person, Address, Phone, Email
2. Problem Statement
3. Discussion of Solution
4. Labor, Equipment, and Materials Used
5. Total Cost
6. Savings and Benefits to Agency (monetary and/or safety)

PHOTOS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

We encourage you to enter the “You Show Us” contest as a profitable way to share your innovative ideas with others that may benefit from your concept. It’s a good way for you and your crew to get some well earned recognition for your efforts! The contest is open to all government agencies in Colorado. The winner of the Colorado contest will compete with the winning entries from LTAP Region 7 states to determine a Regional winner. Entries may be submitted by mail or email. If emailing - please attach photos separate from your text file. All participating Colorado agencies will receive a certificate of participation and the winning entry will be highlighted in our Newsletter. Let us know if you need help putting your entry together!

win a travel stipend!

Colorado LTAP offers a travel stipend for two employees to represent their state winning project at the 2013 Local Road Advisors’ Conference. The state and regional awards are presented at this conference, to be held in Rapid City, South Dakota, October 23-24, 2013.
Renée Railsback, Director of Colorado LTAP, took over as President of the National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA) from Past President Jim Grothaus (MN LTAP) during an induction ceremony held during the final business meeting of the National LTAP/TTAP Conference in Boise, Idaho in July.

NLTAPA is a not-for-profit organization representing and serving the 58 Local and Tribal Technical Assistance member-centers in the United States and Puerto Rico. The Association’s main objectives are to build awareness nationally and internationally about LTAP in the transportation community, assist FHWA with developing strategies for the Program, and build the capacity of each Center to best meet the needs of its customers.

President Renée Railsback has been with the Colorado LTAP center since 2000. She has been an active member of the National Association as Region 7 representative on the Executive Committee; Safety Committee chairperson; Partnerships Committee chairperson and National Conference Planning Committee chairperson. She will lead the Association in its 2013/2014 year, focusing on Accountability - demonstrating the benefit of the Association to its members through tangible outcomes and external deliverables; Awareness - demonstrating LTAP as a national leader focused on local road needs leveraging beneficial state and national collaborative relationships; and Funding - preparing the program for another Federal Transportation Reauthorization while developing support programs for local agencies implementing data critical performance based requirements of MAP-21.

The National LTAP/TTAP Conference draws attendance from technology transfer (T²/LTAP) centers from around the world. Ms. Railsback is pictured above with David Saldaña Martínez, Administrative Coordinator of Cetratet in Nuevo León, México and Simon Oladele from Botswana, Africa were eager to discuss innovative approaches for building capacity of existing T²/LTAP Centers in their countries.

Additional information about the National LTAP Association is available at NLTAPA.org.
2013 Spring Training Graduates

**Roads Scholar I**
Johnny Medina - Otero County
Claude Warkins - El Paso County
Ben Fox - Town of Buena Vista
Jeff Nelson - City of Arvada
Roger Gares - El Paso County
Dave Pinela - Douglas County
Jared Frith - Town of Breckenridge
Joe Marintzer - City of Westminster
Steve Worrall - Town of Breckenridge
Allen Oshiro - Yuma County
Tim Vigil - Montrose County
Raul Griego - City of Aurora
Mike Piccola - City of Arvada
Sam Trujillo - City of Arvada
Daniel Waller - City of Lafayette

**Supervisory Skills**
Marc Storm - City of Thornton
Rick Manley - City of Longmont
Todd Anderson - City of Westminster
Kerry Sturm - City of Westminster
Kelly Leuthecher - S.E.M.S.W.A.
Jeremy Eckenroth - S.E.M.S.W.A.