PARTNERING AGREEMENT
between
THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
and
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) agree to a partnership to foster interest in engineering careers and improve the skills of transportation professionals. This shared vision is in harmony with the FHWA's Strategic Goals for Mobility, Safety, Productivity, the Human and Natural Environment, and National Security, and the NSPE's mission to promote the ethical, competent, and licensed practice of engineering.

We will focus on educating current and future transportation professionals, building the range of professional abilities that will be needed to address 21st century challenges, and reaching out to the public and our partners in the transportation community. We will provide tools to help students who may be interested in a transportation or engineering career, as well as transportation professionals involved in creating our 21st century transportation system. We agree to accomplish the goals of this partnership through cooperative efforts such as:

- Coordinate efforts with young people to stimulate their interest in math and science skills and their application to transportation issues and careers. Our joint efforts will be designed to increase participation in the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Program, Universities and Grants Programs, MATHCOUNTS, and other student-centered programs;

- Develop and implement a coordinated strategy for participation in and joint sponsorship of National Transportation Week and National Engineers Week;

- Develop and implement a coordinated strategy for joint training activities through the FHWA's National Highway Institute to improve the skills of transportation professionals and our partners throughout the transportation community;

- Participate as exhibitors, cosponsors, and presenters at local and national conferences sponsored by the FHWA and the NSPE to promote a greater understanding of transportation and engineering needs as we move into the 21st century.

We will work together to accomplish the goals of this partnership and seek opportunities to cooperate in areas of mutual interest that will benefit our customers and partners.

Executed this day
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