



**3RD Annual County Engineers' Research Focus Group
Gateway Hotel and Conference Center - Ames, IA
February 28, 2013**

8:00 Registration

8:20 Welcome and Introductions – Keith Knapp, Iowa LTAP

8:30 ICEA's Perspective - Paul Assman, Crawford County

9:00 Research Update - Vanessa Goetz, Iowa DOT

9:30 Low Cost Solutions and Ideas: Vanessa Goetz, Iowa DOT
National LTAP Better Mouse Trap Winners
Missouri Innovations Challenge Winners

10:00 Break

10:15 Iowa DOT Library Services – Leighton Christiansen, DOT Librarian

10:35 Safety Research Topics - Jeremy Vortherms & Terry Ostendorf, Iowa DOT

11:05 Round Table Discussions – Nicole Fox, Iowa DOT (Lunch provided)

Topics:

1. Do Counties have policies that work well?
2. New County Engineer training
3. Are counties using full depth reclamation?
4. Performance Quality measures for performance based incentives to employees
5. Using Apps: Inventory control, timesheets, fuel, Purchase orders, service requests, equipment records, etc, etc.
6. Add Automatic Response Email feature in Engineering field manager
7. More uses for mowing tractors. Front mount 3pt mowers, snow blowers, chippers, shredders, reclaimers?
8. Pooling resources to ship by rail/barge good quality aggregate?

12:30 County Research Topics Focus Group – Mark Dunn, Iowa DOT

2:00 Low Cost Strategies to Address Speed and Crashes on Rural Curves - Shauna Hallmark, InTrans

2:30 Research Implementation Discussion – Keith Knapp, Iowa LTAP

3:00 Otta Seals - Alternative to Traditional Bituminous Surface Treatments (BST) for Gravel Road
- Halil Ceylan, InTrans

4:00 Adjourn