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Resources

Unlock New Skills with UTA EEC PWI This Month

Level up your public works expertise this May with UTA EEC's Public Works Institute. Registration is now open for a slate of upcoming courses across Texas. From foundational skills to advanced leadership trainings, these open enrollment sessions offer a chance to sharpen your toolkit. Check out the upcoming opportunities coming this month.

Traffic Control Supervisor | Qualified Flagger Trainer | Qualified Flagger Training

Grant Opportunities:

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Safe Streets and Roads for All - Closing: May 26, 2026

FAA Aviation Research Grants Program - Closing: September 7, 2027

Find More Opportunities Here

Featured Articles

Got a Better Way? Submit Ideas to TxLTAP

The Build a Better Mousetrap competition is still open and TxLTAP is encouraging Texas city and county agencies to submit their innovative solutions by June 5th, 2026. This annual competition highlights practical ideas developed by local transportation professionals that improve safety, save time, or make every day work more efficient. Entries may include tools, processes, or program improvements that fall into categories such as Innovative Project, Bold Steps, Smart Transformation, Pioneer, or Putting Families First Innovation. Strong entries from Texas may also be submitted into the national competition for consideration and recognition.

Over the years, past submissions have shown how on-the-job improvements can make a real difference in the field and inspire similar ideas in other communities. We encourage our Texas agencies to take part and share your innovations before the **June 5thdeadline**.

Have you or one of your employees built an innovative gadget or developed an improved way to do a job? Consider submitting your innovations to TxLTAP. Let's work together to

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Check out the 2024 Winners & Entries

Learn more about BABM

Every Day Counts
Innovation for a Nation on the Move

UAS 2.0: Innovative Infrastructure Management

Drones are taking infrastructure management to new heights! As part of the Every Day Counts (EDC-8) 2026–2027 cycle, UAS 2.0 is introducing next-generation drone tools to help agencies inspect and maintain critical infrastructure more safely, efficiently, and consistently than traditional methods. Building on years of "nationwide success," this innovation helps transportation teams make better decisions and ensures stronger infrastructure management for the future.

Read more about UAS 2.0

TxLTAP Updates and More!

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Reginal LTAP Meeting Brings South Central Centers Together

This year's South Central Regional Meeting of the National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA) was recently held in Little Rock, Arkansas, hosted by Arkansas LTAP. Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) centers from Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma came together for the meeting, along with representatives from the NLTAPA Executive Committee (South Carolina) and the FHWA Center for Local Aid Support. The gathering provided an opportunity for centers to connect in person and strengthen regional collaboration.

This year's discussions included NLTAPA updates, updates from the Center for Local Aid Support, the Build a Better Mousetrap (BABM) program, and sharing highlights from each LTAP center. The meeting was a valuable chance to exchange ideas, learn from one another's programs, and discuss common challenges and successes. Overall, the event reinforced the importance of regional connection and collaboration in supporting local agencies across the South Central region.

This memorial honors the women and men of the Arkansas Department of Transportation and the Arkansas Highway Police who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the state.

N.A.C.E. Annual Conference - Arlington, TX

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The recent conference hosted by the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) in Arlington brought together county engineers, public works, and transportation professionals to share ideas and practical solutions for local roads and infrastructure. Sessions covered topics like pavement and bridge maintenance, work zone safety, flood mitigation, and the growing use of new technologies in infrastructure. The event also gave attendees a chance to connect with peers and learn what's working in other communities.

Representatives from the National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA), including TxLTAP, attended the conference and connected with professionals. The NLTAPA and TxLTAP participation highlighted the training, resources, and technical assistance available through the LTAP network.

Come Find TxLTAP at these Events -

If you're attending an event or conference, be sure to stop by the TxLTAP booth to meet our team, learn about our free training and resources, and see how we can support Texas cities and counties!

TxLTAP Will be at the following conferences:

West Texas County Judges & Commissioners Association

South Texas County Judges & Commissioners Association

Not Attending a conference? No worries be sure to reach out to us directly at TxLTAP@uta.edu. Be sure to spread the word about our grant-funded training program available for Texas City and County employees.

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