

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 08/01/13. The following individuals participated.

Allison Hardt (Chair)	Maryland DOT
Mike Bonini (Vice Chair)	Penn DOT
Ann Scholz	New Hampshire DOT
Glenn Roberts	New Hampshire DOT
Gary Frederick	New York DOT
Steve Pepin	Mass. DOT
Soumya Dey	District of Columbia
Camille Crichton-Sumners	New Jersey DOT
Chris Jolly	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 07/17/13 call were approved.

### **Old Business:**

No leadership call since the annual meeting at Baton Rouge. Excellent Regional meeting in Baton Rouge and will begin planning for next year in Madison. Had a discussion regarding the minutes of the Leadership calls. Typically RAC 1 leadership reports out on Leadership call during our RAC 1 calls. Consensus was to send out minutes of Leadership calls prior to the RAC 1 calls so questions could be addressed during RAC 1 calls. RAC meeting survey was sent out recently regarding "Hot Topics" for the annual TRB meeting. Send Allison any topics you may have.

### **New Business:**

SHRP II solicitation/ application will be out on 8/2. General discussion on SHRP II followed. Not sure at this time who in RAC 1 will be applying. Expect around 26 projects to be awarded funding this round. Although the application process is fairly easy there was some concern expressed if the small amount of funding was worth the effort.

TRB publications: Electronic copies are sent out and hard copies are sent upon request. This seems to be working with no major concerns expressed.

Regional issues: Invoices for AASHTO tech. services. Apparently invoices are being sent to multiple locations within DOT's which causes some confusion. Would like invoices to be sent to I point of contact in the DORT. Allison to bring to Leadership. Hopefully something can be worked out with AASHTO. The issue of fair share contributions for the tech services was also discussed. Should VT. be paying the same as CA? Decided before bringing to Leadership the Administration Task force would consider.

General concern that Research programs are getting more and more responsibility with no additional personnel. SHRP program, EDC initiatives, LTAP, Tech. training and tech. transfer outreach have all contributed to an additional work load.

Brief discussion of Title 6 reporting requirements. Level of detail and information being requested is large. Appears that FHWA has increased oversight.

Discussion on who gets selected for NCHRP panels. Would like feedback on who gets selected and who does not get selected. Apparently only those that are selected get notified.

Possible ideas for future agenda items- contracting with Universities and training on SPR funding/management. Send any ideas to Allison.

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