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A STATEMENT OF THE AASHTO Trns•port[®] CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES

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INTRODUCTION

Since the 2004 Trns•port Users Group (TUG) Conference, significant developmental and implementation milestones have been achieved with the Trns•port System Product. The key milestones include the following:

- Next Generation Trns•port (NGT) Mobilization Project deliverables and initiation of NGT Phase 1
- Delivery of Trns•port SiteManager[®] Materials Sample Information (Big 15) enhancements
- Trns•port Test Suite 1.0a delivered to licensees and used by Info Tech for release testing
- Several enhancements in estimation functionality including Trns•port CES[®] Scatter Plot and BAMS/DSS HREG
- Delivered FieldNet 2.0a rewrite
- Increased implementation activities (5.6% increase in Service Unit usage)

This report summarizes Info Tech's activities associated with the AASHTO Trns•port[®] software from the time of the last Trns•port Users Group Conference in Burlington, Vermont to the present. These activities fall into two major categories:

- AASHTO Trns•port Maintenance, Support, and Enhancement (MSE) Contract activities
- Other Trns•port-related activities

Major activities performed in each of these areas are discussed below.

AASHTO Trns•port MSE CONTRACT ACTIVITIES

◆ GENERIC AASHTO-OWNED Trns•port

Start of Work on 2004-2005 Maintenance, Support and Enhancement Activities

In July 2004, we began a new fiscal year of maintenance and support activities addressing user needs and resolutions to Trns•port Modification Requests (TMRs). Functional enhancements are also a key focus for the current fiscal year. We recently completed several enhancements including SiteManager Materials Sample Information (Big 15) and the BAMS/DSS HREG enhancement bundle and continue to work on a few agency funded enhancements in SiteManager and FieldManager. The following table provides a summary listing of MSE enhancements delivered since the 2004 TUG meeting:

TMR	Enhancement Description
	<u>Decision Support System</u>
7897	BAMS/DSS Bundle: 8 Functional HREG Enhancements
	<u>Proposal and Estimates System</u>
4660	Projects Should be Locked in PES When Proposal Checked Out
	<u>Letting and Awards System</u>
3517	New Data Validations Requested for LASINIT
6578	Attach Proposals to a Letting in LAS
8510	LAS Pass to SiteManager
	<u>Construction Administration System</u>
4256	Sitetime Record will not Accept Negative Value
	<u>Cost Estimation System</u>
7894	CES Bundle: Bridge Info, Copy Task and Scatter Plot Enhancements
	<u>General System Enhancements</u>
7898	Rewrite RTF Users Guide
7895	Add RTF to PDF Output Format in CES, PES/LAS, CAS, SiteManager
7896	PES/LAS Add Tabbed Folder Functionality Bundle
5118	Reference File Sharing Phase I Requirements
7899	Add Generic Fields in Trns•port
	Next Generation Trns•port Mobilization

◆ PRODUCT RELEASES AND UPDATES

Since the last Trns•port Users Group Conference, Info Tech has delivered releases and product updates on the AASHTO-owned products listed below. Details on the TMRs delivered can be found on the Product Releases Schedule archive on Cloverleaf™ at <https://www.cloverleaf.net/cgi-bin/UpcomingRelease/UpcomingRelease.cgi>.

Trns•port BAMS/DSS®

1. ***Delivery of Trns•port Client/Server BAMS/DSS Release 6.5a and Trns•port Client/Server BAMS/DSS Standard Analysis Version Release 6.5a.*** In December 2004, we shipped the Client/Server BAMS/DSS 6.5a production release. This release delivered enhancement items 6594 (BAMS/DSS Edit Database), 8087 (Object Store Integration), 8004 (Create an interface to pass awarded contract and vendor data from LAS to SiteXchange in BAMS/DSS, LAS, SiteXchange), resolution for warranty issues 7807 and 8528, and several maintenance error corrections.
2. ***Delivery of Trns•port Client/Server BAMS/DSS Release 6.6a and Trns•port Client/Server BAMS/DSS Standard Analysis Version Release 6.6a.*** In June 2005, we shipped the Client/Server BAMS/DSS 6.6a production release. This release contained enhancement item 7897 (9 BAMS/DSS HREG TMRs) and 7899 (Add Generic Fields), resolution of all warranty issues and several maintenance error corrections.
3. ***Delivery of Trns•port Client/Server BAMS/DSS Release 6.6a-1 and Trns•port Client/Server BAMS/DSS Standard Analysis Version Release 6.6a-1.*** In August 2005, we posted to Cloverleaf the Client/Server BAMS/DSS 6.6a-1 product update. This release contained maintenance and warranty TMR resolutions.

Trns•port CAS®

1. ***Delivery of Trns•port Client/Server CAS Release 5.4a.*** In December 2004, we delivered the Client/Server CAS 5.4a production release along with PES®/LAS® 5.8a. This release contained enhancement items 7895 (Add RTF to PDF output in CES, P/L/C, SM), 7898 (Rewrite RTF User Guide), 4256 (Sitetime Record Will not Accept Negative Value), 8087 (Object Store Integration), and several maintenance error corrections.
2. ***Delivery of Trns•port Client/Server CAS Release 5.5a.*** In June 2005, we delivered the Client/Server CAS 5.5a production release along with PES®/LAS® 5.9a. This release contained enhancement item 7899 (Add Generic Fields) and several maintenance error corrections.

Trns•port CES®

1. ***Delivery of Trns•port Client/Server CES 5.5a.*** In December 2004, we delivered Client/Server CES 5.5a. This release contained enhancement items 7895 (Add RTF to PDF Output in CES, P/L/C, SM), 7898 (Rewrite RTF User Guide), 8087 (Object Store Integration), resolution for warranty issues 8109 and 8528, and several maintenance error resolutions.

2. ***Delivery of Trns•port Client/Server CES 5.6a.*** In June 2005, we delivered Client/Server CES 5.6a. This release contained enhancement items 7894 (CES Enhancement Bundle 4835, 4625, 4611), 7899 (Add Generic Fields), 8694 (Enhance the PES and CES aecXML Import/Export Functionality), resolution of warranty issues for CES 5.5a, and several maintenance error resolutions.

Trns•port Expedite®

1. ***Delivery of Trns•port Expedite Release 5.5a.*** In March 2005, we delivered the Expedite 5.5a release. This release contained enhancement items 8134 (x.509 Certificate), 7791 (PGP Enhancement), several maintenance error corrections and warranty resolutions.
2. ***Delivery of Trns•port Expedite Release 5.6a.*** In September 2005, we delivered the Expedite 5.6a release. This release contained enhancement items 8659 (Add Generics to Print Sequences), 8810 (Expedite Sub Folders), 8811 (Expedite Conditional Bid Withdrawal), 8813 (Add Support for Radio Buttons), several maintenance error corrections and warranty resolutions.

Trns•port Intranet

1. ***Delivery of Trns•port Intranet 1.2b.*** In December 2004, we delivered Trns•port Intranet 1.2b. This release contained maintenance TMR resolutions.
2. ***Delivery of Trns•port Intranet 1.2c.*** In August 2005, we delivered Trns•port Intranet 1.2c. This release contained maintenance TMR resolutions.

Trns•port PES®/LAS®

1. ***Delivery of Trns•port Client/Server PES/LAS Release 5.8a and Standalone Version of the Trns•port PES Worksheet™ Release 5.8a.*** In December 2004, we delivered the Client/Server PES/LAS 5.8a release. This release contained enhancement items 7895 (Add RTF to PDF output in CES, P/L/C, SM), 7898 (Rewrite RTF User Guide), 3517 (New Data Validations Requested for LASINIT), 6579 (Attach Proposals to a Letting), 8087 (Object Store Integration), 8004 (Create an interface to pass awarded contract and vendor data from LAS to SiteXchange in BAMS/DSS, LAS, SiteXchange), resolution for warranty issues 8022 and 8528, and several maintenance error corrections.

2. ***Delivery of Trns•port Client/Server PES/LAS Release 5.9a and Standalone Version of the Trns•port PES Worksheet Release 5.9a.*** In June 2005, we delivered the Client/Server PES/LAS 5.9a release. This release contained enhancement items 4660 (Projects Should Be Locked in PES When Proposal Checked Out), 7896 (PES/LAS Add Tabbed Folder Functionality Bundle), 7899 (Add Generic Fields), 8510 (LAS Pass to SiteManager), 8694 (Enhance the PES and CES aecXML Import/Export Functionality), resolution of warranty issues and several maintenance error corrections.

Trns•port SiteManager[®], Trns•port SitePad[®], Trns•port SiteXchange[®]

1. ***Delivery of Trns•port SiteManager 3.5a.*** In December 2004, we posted the SiteManager 3.5a product update to Cloverleaf addressing enhancement TMRs 7895 (Add RTF to PDF output in CES, P/L/C, SM), 7898 (Rewrite RTF User Guide) and several maintenance and warranty TMR resolutions.
2. ***Delivery of Trns•port SiteManager 3.6a.*** In August 2005, we delivered the SiteManager 3.6a release. This release contained TMRs 8575 (SiteManager Sample Information), 7899 (Add Generic Fields), 8666 (SiteManager Access Window Lock), 8733 (SiteManager SuperPave Mix Design), 3860 (Search Window - Item code to display with line item number), 8608 (Integrate new GetTemplate), 8704 (SMSI Lock Sample, Generic Field Func., & Attachments), corrections to a number of maintenance errors and all warranty error resolutions.
3. ***Delivery of Trns•port SitePad Release 1.0b-3.*** In December 2004, we posted the SitePad 1.0b-3 release on Cloverleaf addressing maintenance and warranty TMR resolutions.
4. ***Delivery of Trns•port SitePad Release 1.1e.*** In August 2005, we posted the SitePad 1.1e release on Cloverleaf addressing maintenance and warranty TMR resolutions.
5. ***Delivery of Trns•port SiteXchange Release 1.0b.*** In August 2005, we posted the SiteXchange 1.0b product update on Cloverleaf addressing maintenance and warranty TMR resolutions.

Trns•port Test Suite

1. ***Delivery of Trns•port Test Suite 1.0a.*** In December 2004, we delivered Trns•port Test Suite 1.0a. This release contained enhancement item 6777 (Trns•port Test Suite Phase II).
2. ***Delivery of Trns•port Test Suite 1.0a August 2005 Update.*** In August 2005, we delivered Trns•port Test Suite 1.0a August 2005 Update. This release contained maintenance and warranty TMR resolutions.

◆ Trns•port SHARED PRODUCTS

Start of Work on 2004-2005 Maintenance, Support and Enhancement Activities

In July 2004, we began a new fiscal year of maintenance, support and enhancement services for shared products. Several functional enhancements are underway including the following AASHTO-funded enhancements:

TMR	Enhancement Description
	<u>Estimator</u>
6836	Support for Standard Undo/Redo Phase 1 Requirements
6962	Build Project in Item Number Order
7199	Bid History Catalog Filter
	<u>FieldManager</u>
5926	Contract ID and Type During Import
5994	Assign Items to Subcontractor

◆ PRODUCT RELEASES AND UPDATES

Since the last Trns•port Users Group Conference, Info Tech has delivered releases and product updates on the shared products listed below. Details on the TMRs delivered can be found on the Product Releases Schedule archive on Cloverleaf at <https://www.cloverleaf.net/cgi-bin/UpcomingRelease/UpcomingRelease.cgi>.

Trns•port Estimator[®]

1. ***Delivery of Estimator 2.3a.*** In June 2005, we delivered the Estimator 2.3a production release. This release contained enhancement items 6962 (Add ability to build projects in Item Number order) and 7199 (Add a filter to the bid history catalog) as well as several maintenance and warranty TMR resolutions.

Trns•port FieldManager[®]

1. ***Delivery of FieldManager 3.4a-2.*** In November 2004, we posted the FieldManager 3.4a-2 product update to Cloverleaf. This product update delivered several maintenance TMR resolutions.
2. ***Delivery of FieldManager 3.4a-3.*** In March 2005, we posted the FieldManager 3.4a-2 product update to Cloverleaf. This product update delivered several maintenance TMR resolutions.
3. ***Delivery of FieldManager 4.1a.*** In June 2005, we delivered the FieldManager 4.1a release. This release delivered a number of enhancements as well as warranty and maintenance TMR resolutions.

4. **Delivery of FieldNet 2.0a.** In June 2005, we delivered the FieldNet 2.0a release. This release delivered a rewrite of FieldNet and a number of enhancements and maintenance TMR resolutions.

◆ **MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

Throughout the year we continued to focus our maintenance activities toward addressing customer needs while improving product quality and reducing the maintenance backlog. Continued progress was made toward streamlining product installation and configuration procedures and increasing automated batch testing. Significant improvements were made to installation documentation and packaging.

We maintained focus on high-quality reporting and validation processes in both technology upgrades and product deliverables with alpha, beta, and final test result reports and acceptance. Additional reduction in TMR backlog was accomplished through grouping related TMRs, a process that has become standard with each fiscal year. The following table provides a TMR summary by module on which the maintenance issue was reported.

Module	Begin	New	Delivered	Removed	End
BAMS/DSS	217	55	76	16	180
CES	63	57	40	3	77
PES/LAS, SAPW	148	66	64	23	127
CAS	70	11	1	14	66
SiteManager, SitePad, SiteXchange	303	134	116	28	293
FieldManager Suite	98	35	62	6	65
Estimator	18	10	19	1	8
Expedite	9	18	12	0	15
Intranet	3	5	2	0	6
Test Suite	0	6	6	0	0
Multiple Modules	22	50	37	5	30
Total	951	447	435	96	867

Additionally, search functions have been added to the TMR browse functionality that allow easier access to information. For example, information on TMRs reported on a specific release can be found on Cloverleaf at <http://www.cloverleaf.net/cgi-bin/support/SearchByRelease>. These improvements continue to make Cloverleaf a more user-friendly information source.

◆ **CUSTOMER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES**

Throughout Info Tech, we continue our strong focus on customer support. From resolving incoming incidents efficiently to coordinating complex implementation activities, we never lose sight of our customers' needs and objectives. We recently realigned our support staff to provide more cross training, knowledge sharing, and quicker resolution to issues. We continue to offer and enhance the electronic reporting and communication facilities available on Cloverleaf: TMR and Call Ticket

Search, Electronic Request Form for Submitting Incident Reports, Product Update Postings, Agency web surveys and Upcoming Releases. We continue our role in maintaining and supporting the Automated Ballot System that allows Trns•port Users Group members to electronically cast their ballots for proposed enhancements that are most important to them. As we continue to grow and enhance our communication with the customers, we welcome new ideas and feedback.

◆ ON-SITE SERVICES

Continuation of Activities Under the On-Site Services Offering. In the year following the last Trns•port Users Group Conference, Info Tech made more than 300 trips to 27 agencies and completed approximately 636 Service Units to facilitate the implementation of the Trns•port modules. This represents an increase in Service Unit activity of more than 5.6% compared to last year as measured by the number of completed units per 12-month period. Info Tech also now has full-time on-site support personnel at seven sites: Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, and the Philippines. .

◆ CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND MEETINGS

Info Tech attended or participated in several conferences, seminars, and meetings to promote and contribute to development of AASHTO products:

1. Trns•port Users Group Conference held October 2004 in Mobile, Alabama.
2. HEEP Areas III and IV, April 2005 in San Antonio, Texas.
3. HEEP Area V, April 2005 in Vilnius, Lithuania.
4. AASHTO IS Conference, May 2005 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
5. HEEP Area II, June 2005 in Biloxi, Mississippi.
6. HEEP Area I, June 2005 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
7. Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Conference, July 2005 in Dubuque, Iowa.
8. Western Area State Highway and Transportation Officials (WASHTO) Conference, July 2005 in Omaha, Nebraska.
9. AASHTO Subcommittee on Construction, August 2005 in Louisville, Kentucky.
10. AASHTO Civil Rights Conference, August 2005 in Orlando Florida.

11. AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials Conference, August 2005 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
12. Southern Area State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) Conference, August 2005 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
13. International HEEP Conference, September 2005 in Bismarck, North Dakota.
14. American Public Works Association (APWA) National Congress, September 2005 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
15. National AASHTO Conference, September 2005 in Nashville, Tennessee.

◆ ADMINISTRATIVE

Completed several administrative items at the request of the Trns•port Task Force, including preparation and revision of the 2004-2009 Trns•port Long-Range Work Plan; the 2004-2005 Trns•port Maintenance, Support, and Enhancement Work Plan; and the Trns•port portion of the 2005 AASHTOWare[®] Catalog. Assisted the TUG Chair with preparation of ballot items, continued standardized reporting for Trns•port Task Force meetings, worked with the Trns•port Task Force and agencies on several proposals, prepared and maintained the Service Unit schedule, tracked Service Unit allocations and usage, reported to each affected agency its Service Units to be carried forward, prepared reports covering the status of Trns•port maintenance items and their planned release schedules.

◆ MARKETING

General Marketing

Info Tech attended and made presentations at 15 tradeshows and 5 conferences, ranging from New York to Puerto Rico on the eastern seaboard, and from North Dakota to Texas in the mid-west, and from Washington State to California and Hawaii on the western seaboard.

There were also a total of 27 agency visits, some focusing on specific areas of interest, while others involved full-scale presentations and demonstrations of the entire Trns•port product suite. Potential new licensees included Nova Scotia, Massachusetts, Illinois and California.

One agency expressed interest in a possible outsourcing arrangement with Info Tech, so a hosting environment, utilizing Terminal Server, was established at Info Tech's Gainesville location to verify system performance over the Internet. The test of all applications, including SiteManager, was deemed a success and the agency is now reviewing its options.

Activities also included webinars that we now provided to agencies on a routine basis, for example:

Utah – SiteManager; Texas - CES and Estimator; New Jersey - CES and Estimator; Indiana - Electronic Bidding; Idaho – SiteManager; Virginia – CES; Colorado - Electronic Bidding; Oregon - SiteManager and Bid Express; Nova Scotia - Entire Trns•port System Overview.

DBE Initiatives

MIDOT - Office of Equal Opportunity - Negotiated new contract and increased the number of DBE's covered using FieldManager and FieldManager Read-Only software. Also set up a similar contract for DBE's using Bid Express. Both programs are being funded through Support Services.

Our current efforts for Disadvantaged Businesses include Iowa, Wisconsin, Maine and Washington, D.C., all of which were sent estimates on implementing FieldManager programs for their DBE community.

We are currently working with the following on implementing an Electronic Bidding program for their DBE's: GADOT, FLDOT, MEDOT, INDOT, WISDOT, DCDPW, LADOT, NCDOT, SCDOT and MIDOT

Academic Alliance Program

Info Tech has established an Academic Alliance Program to introduce some of the Trns•port products to both teaching staff and students in civil engineering programs around the country. Estimator and FieldManager are the core products that are being included, but interest is also being shown in electronic bidding. The goals of the program are to increase student awareness of the transportation field as a career option and to expose them to some of the 'tools of the trade.'

Local Transportation Assistance Program (LTAP) Initiative

Info Tech has also made a concerted effort this year to reach out to the Locals Program Coordinator at each of the agencies to make him/her aware of the Trns•port products applicability to local agencies. Several have responded very favorably and have invited Info Tech to make presentation and software demonstrations at meetings of local government transportation officials. Applications like Estimator, FieldManager, and Expedite are ideal for cities and counties, and offer an opportunity for standardization throughout a state's transportation program. Each of the TUG representatives is encouraged to speak with his/her Info Tech Account Manager to arrange for assistance with local government programs.

Trns•port-RELATED ACTIVITIES

◆ Trns•port NEWS.

Preparation of *Trns•port NEWS* (the Trns•port newsletter) published in winter 2004 and spring 2005.

◆ CLOVERLEAF

Info Tech continues to provide Cloverleaf Network Management Support services to all Trns•port Task Force members and Trns•port licensees. Cloverleaf is fully accessible over the Internet; however, certain areas are restricted to “members only” and require a password for access. Info Tech provides passwords upon request to any Trns•port licensee. Content maintained on Cloverleaf includes information about AASHTO and AASHTOWare, Trns•port Modification Requests, Call Tickets, Agency Product and Platform Environment, Trns•port Task Force meetings, and Trns•port software release schedules and product updates. Info Tech is also hosting the TUG website and several Listservs on Cloverleaf for the Trns•port user community.

With the ongoing advancements in technology and the information needs of the Trns•port community, major improvements are needed to the navigation and content management for Cloverleaf. We are in the process of rewriting the site to allow easier access to and maintenance of Cloverleaf web page content.

◆ INDIANA SCHEDULING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Info Tech continues to provide enhancement, maintenance, and support services for the Scheduling/Project Management System that was developed under a contract with the Indiana Department of Transportation.

◆ MINNESOTA PROJECT DATA TO PES and CES XML INTERFACE

Info Tech provided enhancement services under a contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

◆ NCHRP 20-64 TransXML

Info Tech is providing professional services under a subcontract with Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

◆ **NORTH DAKOTA EXPEDITE AND INTERNET BID SUBMISSION IMPLEMENTATION**

Info Tech provided implementation services under a contract with the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

◆ **MICHIGAN FIELDMANAGER ENHANCEMENTS**

Info Tech developed and delivered several enhancements to FieldManager and a rewrite of FieldNet supported by contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation. FieldManager CPE Enhancement is nearing completion.

◆ **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY XML GPS TO SITEMANAGER INTERFACE**

Info Tech is providing development services in support of Florida Department of Transportation and FSU XML GPS-to-SiteManager Interface.

◆ **FLORIDA SITEMANAGER CMS ON-SITE SUPPORT**

Info Tech is providing on-site support to Florida Department of Transportation for SiteManager CMS functionality.

◆ **Bid Express®**

In August 1997, Info Tech created the Bid Express service for on-line bidding exchange. The Bid Express service is offered by Info Tech's subsidiary, Bidx.com, Inc., to the state departments of transportation and their contracting community to facilitate nationwide bid management by providing secure bid submittals, electronic mail and other forms of communication with other vendors and state transportation agencies, and integration with Trns•port Expedite, AASHTO's Electronic Bid System. Bid Express currently is in production in Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Implementation activities are under way in Alabama (production Dec 2005), Louisiana, Kansas, and New York (begin Jan 2006). Proposals for implementation services have been requested by California, Colorado, Illinois, New Hampshire, Nova Scotia and Oregon. Indiana is planning to restart their Bid Express implementation in early 2006.

Bid Express supports on-line bid bond validation with Surety 2000 Corporation and InSure Vision Technologies for bid bonding validation services using Bid Express.

In November 2003, Digital Plan Room Service was added to Bid Express. Georgia, New Jersey and New Mexico are operating the Bid Express Plan Room, which provides the option to their contractors to receive on-line plan sheets for an additional monthly subscription fee. In July 2004, the Sub Quote creation function was included in the Bid Express basic service for no additional charge. In October 2004, a Bid Tab Analysis service was launched on Bid Express. Bid Express account holders from all Bid Express production states can subscribe to the Bid Tab service for an additional monthly fee.

In 2005 a feature was added to Trns•port Expedite to allow for the automatic withdrawal of bids during the letting cycle. Bid Express was modified to automatically withdraw one or more proposals if the bidder specifies and is the apparent low bidder on a previously opened bid.

BERC (the Bid Express Retrieval Console) was modified to refrain from delivering any bids that met the withdrawal conditions specified by the bidder when initially filling out the withdrawal criteria. Agencies can enable this feature via options in the Expedite Gen configuration file.

CONCLUSION

The past 12 months have seen significant growth in the technical and functional aspects of Trns•port, and a corresponding increase in Info Tech's responsibilities. Info Tech has accomplished a great deal in support of the AASHTO Trns•port software over the past year. In addition to the development and implementation of generic Client/Server Trns•port modules for AASHTO member agencies, we participated in a significant number of direct contracts with those agencies and expanded our service offerings.

Significant accomplishments since the last Trns•port Users Group Conference have been the initiation of the Next Generation Trns•port (NGT) initiative, deployment of SiteManager Materials Sample Information (Big 15), overall improvements in Trns•port, product installation and packaging; and continuation of services for the successful implementation, configuration, and training of AASHTO Trns•port software.

We are excited about the continuing evolution of Trns•port as we collaborate with Trns•port users and the Task Force to make development and implementation a complete success. We look forward to carrying on this work over the next year, and we are continually increasing our capacity to ensure we can meet anticipated needs and provide the Trns•port user community with products and services meeting the highest standards of quality. For more information on Trns•port products and services, refer to <http://www.cloverleaf.net/>.