



# National Local & Tribal Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA) & American Public Works Association (APWA) National Partnership Agreement

### The Partners

#### The American Public Works Association

The American Public Works Association (APWA) serves professionals in all aspects of public works—a fact that sets it apart from other organizations and makes it an effective voice of public works throughout North America. With a worldwide membership more than 30,000 strong, APWA includes not only personnel from local, county, state/province, and federal agencies, but also private sector personnel who supply products and services to those professionals. Membership in APWA is open to any individual, agency, or corporation with an interest in public works and infrastructure issues.

As a comprehensive public works resource, APWA continues in its rich tradition of making a difference both on an individual and professional level. APWA is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that prides itself on its ability to provide varied educational and networking opportunities that help public works personnel grow in their professionalism and improve the quality of life in the communities they serve.

#### The National Local Technical Assistance Program Association

The National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA) is a not-for-profit organization representing and serving 51 LTAP and TTAP (tribal) Centers in the United States and Puerto Rico. The LTAP/TTAP Center comprise an established network of transportation centers throughout the country with a mission of identifying and disseminating the latest in technology and training to local transportation policy makers or transportation professionals in the field. Primary areas of LTAP/TTAP service delivery are roadway safety, infrastructure management and maintenance, worker safety and organizational excellence. The main objectives of NLTAPA are to build awareness about LTAP/TTAP in the transportation community, assist FHWA with developing priorities for LTAP/TTAP, and build the capacity of each Center to best meet the needs of its customers.

#### The Purpose of the Document

The partnership agreement seeks to strengthen the partnership between our organizations. Our common purposes are to foster a safe, efficient, environmentally sound transportation system. Our common methods are to improve the skills and knowledge of local transportation providers through training, technical assistance, and technology transfer. We intend to do so by:

- Working to identify ways to better serve local and tribal governments with street and highway responsibilities through collaborative education efforts.
- Working together at both the national level and at the level of individual APWA chapters and Local/Tribal Technical Assistance Program (LTAP/TTAP) Centers to improve the identification of common interests and issues relating to our collective involvement in transportation systems.

### Review and Renewal of this Partnership Agreement

It is understood that this partnering agreement is conceived as a living document, meant to change as circumstances and priorities warrant, that it is a beginning point and not a destination, and that the Scope of Work, is intended as an integral part of this understanding. Further still, it is agreed that each signatory will identify a liaison(s) who will monitor and review the implementation of the agreement from time-to-time and recommend amendments to the governing bodies of the respective associations as necessary and desirable.

- APWA will identify a representative to serve as a liaison to the NLTAPA organization.
- NLTAPA will identify a representative to serve as a liaison to APWA.

The Liaisons will work together to identify opportunities for engagement between Associations. This partner agreement will be instituted for a period of four years, and it will be reviewed by both associations on the fourth anniversary of its signing. The Scope of Work will be for a period of two years.

#### **General Partnership Goals**

NLTAPA, President

- 1) Maintain regular and productive communications between APWA and NLTAPA at the national level.
- 2) Implement national-level partnership activities that engage APWA Chapters and LTAP/TTAP Centers to benefit local governments.
- 3) Support the continuation and growth of APWA and NLTAPA.
- 4) Promote and encourage engagement between APWA Chapters and individual LTAP/TTAP Centers for the purpose of increasing the quality and quantity of training, technical assistance, and technology transfer to local governments.





## NLTAPA and APWA 2022-2023 Scope of Work

The following are a series of activities that will be the focus of our partnership efforts during 2022 and 2023.

### APWA and NLTAPA agree to:

- Work collaboratively to develop survey instruments and/or share survey results related to emerging education needs in public works and engagement levels of APWA Chapters and LTAP/TTAP Centers.
- Work together to develop an awareness campaign about the positive opportunities that exist with APWA Chapters and LTAP/TTAP Centers working collaboratively.
- Provide subject matter experts for education programs and resources.
- NLTAPA will promote APWA's NASC and PWX Call for Presentations especially in the state the conference is held.
- Provide access to mutually agreed upon resources.
- Create a strategic plan for sharing communications, resources, and updates.
- Expand shared social media presence.
- Commit to sending representatives to each other's national conference each year.
- Commit to providing liaisons/representatives to participate in committees, subcommittees, or work groups.