



The Voice of
County Road Officials

**National Association of County Engineers (NACE)
and
National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA)**

2022-2025 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Partners:

The National Association of County Engineers (NACE) was founded in July 1956. Membership is open to county engineers and county road professionals in engineering or management capacities serving in counties of the United States and Canada. NACE has four prime objectives: to advance county engineering and management by providing a forum for exchange of ideas and information aimed at improving service to the public; to foster and stimulate the growth of individual state organizations of county engineers and county road officials; to improve relations and the spirit of cooperation among county engineers and other agencies; and to monitor national legislation affecting county transportation & public works departments and through NACO, provide NACE's legislative opinions.

The National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA) is a not-for-profit organization representing and serving 56 LTAP and TTAP (tribal) Centers in the United States and Puerto Rico. The LTAP/TTAP Centers 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, in representing the LTAP/TTAP Centers, are to build awareness about LTAP/TTAP in the transportation community, assist FHWA with developing priorities for the LTAP/TTAP Program, and build the capacity of each Center to best meet the needs of its customers.

Purpose of this Document:

The initial partnership agreement between NACE and NLTAPA was signed in 1998 and was last updated in 2017, expiring July 2022. This agreement replaces the previous version.

NLTAPA and NACE agree to continue to work together to foster a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation system. Our common areas of interest are expanding and strengthening the skills and knowledge of county engineers and professional road managers and their staffs through training, technical assistance and technology transfer.

General Partnership Goals:

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

Review and Renewal of this Partnership Agreement:

- 1) This agreement will be renewed and signed every 4 years. (The next renewal will be July 2025)
- 2) The annual action steps of this agreement will be reviewed and revised by the liaisons and leadership of both organizations, with new action steps prepared for approval by the board of each association by July 1 of each year.

Attached:

NACE-NLTAPA Partnership Action Steps 2022
Partnership Calendar 2022

Adopted by , NACE President, on July 20, 2022

Adopted by , NLTAPA President, on July 20, 2022

Action Items for NACE-NLTAPA Partnership, July 2022 - June 2025

Goal 1. Maintain regular and productive communications between NLTAPA and NACE at the leadership level.

- Leadership and/or liaison to participate in least one national meeting of the partner during the year. Partners will agree on level and content of participation.
- Partnership liaisons to confer regularly (desirably quarterly or less) to develop and track partnership activities.

Goal 2. Implement national-level activities that engage LTAP/TTAP and NACE to benefit counties.

- Develop and implement joint activities to improve the county road system.
 - NACE to identify NACE Action Guides and technical area needs. NLTAPA will encourage technical assistance providing resources, updates, etc.
 - NACE and NLTAPA to seek a partnership with APWA to continue to promote EDC measures that may be relevant to local roads and streets and are of interest to NACE and APWA membership.
 - NACE and NLTAPA will continue to cooperate on the potential development of EDC showcase efforts at a one or more county(ies)
 - NACE, NLTAPA, and FHWA will continue to work together for advancing local road safety plans and other safety initiatives in counties
 - Jointly promote NACE Connect webinars and NLTAPA Online training opportunities
 - In cooperation with FHWA, jointly promote activities and outreach that provide training and technical assistance to counties for taking advantage of opportunities afforded by national legislation related to infrastructure.

Goal 3. Support the ongoing activities and growth of NACE and NLTAPA

- Consider holding NACE board meetings at NLTAPA or NACE regional meetings that also have an LTAP/TTAP presence. The NACE board decides the location at its April meeting.
- Encourage attendance by members of each organization to the other partner's annual meetings.
 - LTAP/TTAP liaison to send to Kevan Stone at NACE a few paragraphs for promoting the LTAP/TTAP conference to NACE members
 - NACE to send to LTAP/TTAP liaison a few paragraphs for promoting the NACE conference to share with LTAP/TTAP Centers at the NLTAPA Winter Board Meeting.
 - Share information on NLTAPA Region Meetings and NACE Region and / or State affiliate activities between the two organizations.
- NLTAPA members to serve on as many NACE committees as possible. NLTAPA to provide outreach to Centers discussing opportunities for participation.
- NACE members and/or staff to serve on the NLTAPA work groups as possible. Provide an annual Invitation from NLTAPA with descriptions of the work groups

Goal 4. Promote and encourage partnerships between NACE affiliates and individual LTAP/TTAP Centers -- for the purpose of increasing the quality and quantity of training, technical assistance and technology transfer to counties.

- Using the survey results of LTAP/TTAP directors with their NACE affiliate states, investigate and determine how the strength of that relationship could be strengthened.
- Consider supporting outreach by NLTAPA and NACE to States that do not have NACE affiliates and/or promote individual County affiliations with NACE.
- NACE affiliates and NLTAPA centers to cooperate with implementing various technical assistance and resource content initiatives at the state and local levels if available

Goal 5. Communicate partnership activities and successes to our members.

- NLTAPA to report on partnership activities to the NACE board and/or membership in April at the NACE annual conference and NACE to report similar information to the at the NTLAPA annual conference to the NLTAPA board and/or membership in July.
- Share relevant information in each organization's newsletters and other publications