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# **Mission of the Clearinghouse**

**To provide  
the transportation construction industry  
and the general public  
with comprehensive information  
to improve  
motorist, worker, and pedestrian safety  
in roadway work zones**

# **History and Funding**

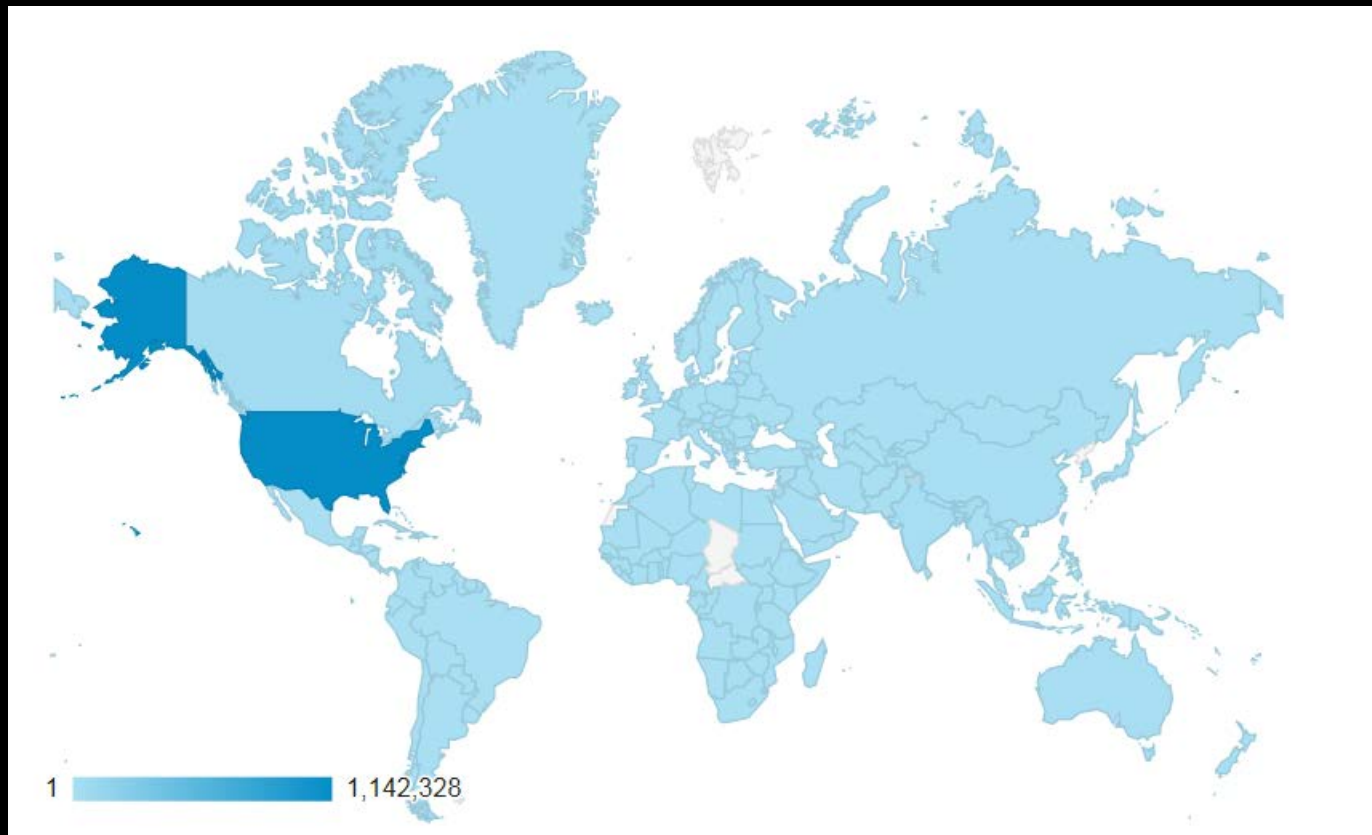
- **Idea discussed in 1994**
- **Operation started in Feb. 1998**
- **Funded by FHWA from 1998 to 2000**
- **Funded by ARTBA-TDF from 2001 to 2005**
- **Funded by FHWA from 2006 to present**

# How Clearinghouse Has Evolved



# Clearinghouse Usage

**Over 1 million visits from 224 countries and areas in the world since February 2005**



## **Clearinghouse Usage (Cont.)**

**Responded to about 5,800 customer requests from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 37 countries around the world since Feb. 1998**

# **Clearinghouse Users**

- **Federal, state, and local agencies**
- **Contractors/highway workers**
- **Consultants**
- **News media**
- **Law enforcement**
- **Academic institutions**
- **Law firms**
- **General public**



# **What Customers Say About Us**

**"I thank you for the information you provided to me. It was very helpful to my speech. I included in my speech ways to fix the situation of the work zone problems. I was very informative from the info you gave to me. I consider myself an advocate for this problem. I know what it is like to work in the construction field. I realize that I don't have all the experience in the world on the subject but I was able to help out. Students came up to me afterwards and had more questions and comments for me. It was good. Once again- I appreciate your help."**

**"Thank you for the quick turnaround on the information regarding Interstate closures or work zones. I now have to put together a recommendation for our Chief Engineer, and it was nice to talk to some of the contact people your information provided. You made my job much easier."**

**Thanks again and keep up the good work."**

# **What Customers Say About Us (Cont.)**

**"Thanks for responding so quickly to my request for information on utility work zone safety. The information that you provided was exactly what I was hoping for. Thanks!"**

**"Thank you very much for your response to my information request. I hope to do more on the subject of road safety, and won't hesitate to visit the web sites you referenced, or call again for further research. Your response was valuable, and I'm very appreciative. Thanks again."**

**"I appreciate your help and efforts in helping me get my safety program working."**

# **What Customers Say About Us (Cont.)**

**"Thank you very much for the information. In my two experiences with the Clearinghouse I have been very impressed with the timely responses and quality feedback. Thanks again."**

**"You are a model of efficiency. Thanks so much!"**

**"Each year in July or August I have requested and you have provided the number of national crashes and work zone crashes to be used in our Nebraska Performance Measures publication. We are changing our measures and I will no longer make this request."**

**"Thank you for all the years that you provided the data. You were always very pleasant to work with and I could always depend on you to come through."**

# **What Customers Say About Us (Cont.)**

**"Thank you for your thoroughness! I was thinking it started in the late 80's so I am surprised to hear 1977. Thank you for the history lesson, this is helpful!"**

**"I'm doing a research on the whether the chin strap is needed at construction site so the information really helps a lot. It helps me know that chin strap is required by regulations under certain conditions such as windy condition where there is an identifiable risk for the helmet to fall off.**

**Thanks for your quick and precise response!"**

# **Resources Available**

- **Crash data**
- **Laws and regulations**
- **Safety standards**
- **State/agency practices**
- **News articles**
- **Research publications**
- **Events and conferences**
- **Public awareness campaigns**
- **Training videos and programs**

## **Resources Available (Cont.)**

- **Latest technologies and equipment**
- **Resources developed under the FHWA Work Zone Safety Grants**

# Clearinghouse Services

- **Website**
- **Clearinghouse listserv**
- **Free and customized research services**
  - ✓ **Toll-free: (888) 447-5556**
  - ✓ **Submit a question at**  
**<https://www.workzonesafety.org/contact-us/>**

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