2024 Transportation Pooled Fund Excellence Awards Program

Nomination Form

Overview and Instructions

The Transportation Pooled Fund (TPF) Excellence Awards Program highlights the importance of meaningful collaboration and partnership in transportation research by recognizing TPF studies that have significantly advanced national research efforts in the areas of safety, economic growth, equity, climate solutions, and/or transformation. Administered through a partnership between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Research Advisory Committee, the biennial TPF Excellence Award will recognize two TPF studies, with at least one led by a State department of transportation (DOT).

Any TPF Program participant can nominate a completed TPF study for which a final report/deliverable has posted by June 30 of the year submitted. The nominator is responsible for completing a nomination form that summarizes the outstanding accomplishments of the entry. FHWA will use the collected information to evaluate, showcase, and enhance the public's knowledge of research and innovation conducted through these TPF projects.

An independent panel of judges from various backgrounds will review the nominations. Judges will evaluate nominations based on how clearly the application demonstrates and describes how the TPF study research achieved the following:

- Collaboration between partners.
- Improvements to the transportation industry.
- Value added to and utilization and implementation by the transportation community.
- Promotion of research and/or innovation.
- Use of the project deliverables by multiple State partners.
- Advancement of U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) strategic goals: safety, economic strength, equity, climate and sustainability, transformation, and organizational excellence.

Questions with red asterisks are required for this nomination form. Only complete nomination forms will be considered.

Nominations for the 2024 TPF Excellence Awards cycle will open on September 11, 2023, and close on October 20, 2023.

Submit any questions, completed nomination forms, and materials to TPFExcellenceAwards@dot.gov.

Background Information

TPF Study Title:* _____   **TPF Study Number**:* _____

TPF Study Contract Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy):* _____   **End Date** (mm/dd/yyyy):* _____

Please provide a brief project description. *(Limit answer to 1,500 characters.)*

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Please summarize why you have selected this project for nomination for a TPF Program Excellence Award. What makes this project stand out above other potential nominations?
(Limit answer to 1,500 characters.)

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Images*

Include the file name, description, and attribution (e.g., © 2019 Florida Department of Transportation) for each image. Please submit image files along with this completed nomination form via email to TPFExcellenceAwards@dot.gov.

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Name and contact information of the person granting permission:*

First, Last Name:* _____   **Phone**:* _____   **Email**:* _____

Primary Applicant Point of Contact

Please list the person to receive all communications about the awards, including notification of selection. The primary applicant point of contact is responsible for notifying other team members about award selection.

Salutation (Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms.): ____ **First Name**:* _____ **Last Name**:* _____

Organization:* _____

Phone:* _____ **Fax**: _____ **Email**:* _____

Address Line 1:* _____ **Address Line 2**: _____

City:* _____ **State**:* _____ **Zip**:* _____

Comments:

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Nomination Questions

Please describe how the nominated TPF study demonstrates strong collaboration.
(Limit answer to 1,500 characters).*

Please describe how the nominated TPF study has improved the transportation industry. *(Limit answer to 1,500 characters).**

Please describe how the nominated TPF study research adds value to and is being utilized and implemented by the transportation community. *(Limit answer to 1,500 characters).**

Please describe how the nominated TPF study has promoted research and/or innovation.
(Limit answer to 1,500 characters).*

Please describe if and how the nominated TPF study deliverables are being used by multiple State partners.
(Limit answer to 1,500 characters).*

Please describe how the nominated TPF study advances one of the following USDOT strategic goals: safety, economic strength, equity, climate and sustainability, transformation, and/or organizational excellence.
(Limit answer to 1,500 characters).*

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