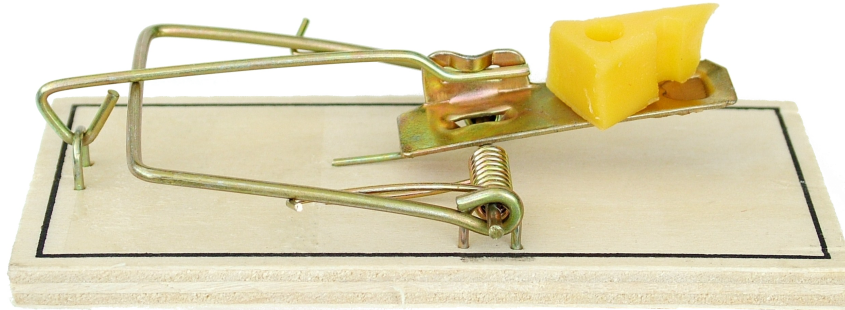


Build a Better Mousetrap



Cost Savings - Ingenuity - Transferrable - Effectiveness

State, Regional and National Competition



Entry Form

Have you or one of your co-workers recently built an innovative gadget or developed an improved way to do a job? If either of these apply, you've built a better mousetrap, and now is the time to show off your creativity and help other agencies solve problems. The NE LTAP is participating in the Build a Better Mousetrap Competition sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration's Local Technical Assistance Program and Tribal Technical Assistance Program.

Your entry can be anything from the development of tools or gadgets to equipment modifications to processes that increase safety, improve efficiency, reduce costs, or improve the quality of transportation. The purpose of this competition is to collect and disseminate real world examples of best practices, tips from the field, and assist in the transfer of technology.

Entries will be judged by NE LTAP Advisory Board members using the criteria of cost savings, benefits to the community and/or agency, ingenuity, transferability to others, and effectiveness. Winners will be recognized in this newsletter and receive a prize.

NE LTAP staff members are also available to help with your write-up or take photos. We know that you and your crews are doing phenomenal things, on limited budgets, but with unlimited imagination and foresight. Help us share your challenges and solutions with other agencies!

Entry Procedures:

You may enter the Build a Better Mousetrap competition by completing this form. The form and three to six photos of your entry should be mailed (4121 NW 37 St., Lincoln, NE 68524) or emailed to NE LTAP (Phyllis.Schwab@unl.edu).

Entries are accepted year-round. Entries received before the first Monday in May will be considered for that year's state, regional and national competitions. Entries received after that date will be held for consideration in next year's competition.

If you have questions, please call NE LTAP at 402.472.5748.

Please answer the following:

Note, judges will not have access to the contact name or agency information during the evaluation process. Don't forget to include three to six photographs of your entry.

Contact Name: _____

Agency: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Entry Title:

Problem Statement:

Describe your solution and the process you went through to get there.

Labor, Equipment & Materials:

Cost:

Cost Saving/Benefit to the Community: