

Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS) 2007 Annual Stakeholder Meeting Announcement

When: Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18-19, 2007

Where: National Weather Service Training Center, Kansas City, MO

Reimbursement for travel expenses for one State DOT representative per state is authorized and will be handled by Noblis, Inc. (formerly Mitretek Systems)

We have two full day's worth of presentations, information exchange and networking scheduled. And, for the first time we will be combining winter maintenance stakeholders with new Maintenance and Operations Decision Support System (MODSS) stakeholders. MODSS is focused on maintenance activities beyond snow and ice control, and we've been expanding the functionality of MDSS to address these weather-related needs as well. Highlights from the draft agenda include:

- An update on Federal and non-Federal MDSS activities
- Results from two independent MDSS Cost/Benefit Analyses
- Briefings on MDSS outreach and technology transfer
- Roundtable discussions by State DOT personnel speaking about their MDSS experiences and their upcoming plans
- Private sector forum to highlight updates and innovations in MDSS services and capabilities
- Highlights from the MODSS Concept of Operations document
- Road Weather Management Updates on *Clarus* and VII

Registration is now open for the 2007 MDSS/MODSS Stakeholder Meeting. Please email Andy Stern at astern@noblis.org to register for the meeting. Please indicate your eligibility for reimbursement and your citizenship (required since we will be meeting in a Federal facility). Your response will include logistics instructions for the meeting. Andy can be reached at 703-610-1754 if you have questions that cannot be addressed via email.

For your planning purposes, immediately following the MDSS/MODSS Meeting, the *Clarus* Initiative Coordinating Committee (ICC) will meet at the same facility all day on Thursday, September 20th and until mid-afternoon on Friday September 21st. The *Clarus* Initiative website (www.clarusinitiative.org) will contain additional details about this meeting. As with MDSS, travel reimbursement for one State DOT representative per state is also authorized to attend this meeting.

Please direct any questions about the MDSS Stakeholder meeting to Andy Stern (astern@noblis.org, 703-610-1754) or Paul Pisano (paul.pisano@dot.gov, 202-366-1301).

I hope to see you in Kansas City in September.

Logistics for Road Weather Meeting Week 2007

Monday, 9/17: Arrive for MDSS Meeting

Tuesday, 9/18: MDSS Meeting all day

Wednesday, 9/19: MDSS/MODSS Meeting all day (Arrive for *Clarus* meeting)

Thursday, 9/20: *Clarus* ICC Meeting all day

Friday, 9/21: *Clarus* ICC Meeting until mid afternoon. Return home late Friday afternoon or Saturday morning