

**NCHRP Project 25-25:
Quick Response Studies for
AASHTO Standing Committee on
the Environment**

**AASHTO Standing
Committee on the Environment
June 9-11, 2004
Snowbird, Utah**

Objective:

To provide flexible, ongoing, quick-response research on environmental issues in transportation.

**Project 25-25 deals with issues
needing timely information related to:**

... environmental impact analysis, streamlining, mitigation, stewardship, regulation and permitting, planning methods and procedures to respond effectively to program-delivery and project-development.

Background:

- 1st funding request to SCOR: Mar. 2002
 - \$1,200,000 provided to date over two years
 - \$1,010,000 obligated to 15 tasks
 - Average task < \$70,000
 - \$190,000 held in reserve for quick response issues arising in FY '04
 - \$600,000 approved for FY '05
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Three Firms Under Task Order Contract:

- Cambridge Systematics, Inc.
- ICF Consulting, Inc.
- Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc.

Selection was based on an open competition in which 11 submissions were received and reviewed

2 Tasks completed:

Task 5 – Assessing the current state of the NEPA environmental review process

Task 6 - Preparing state DOTs for implementation of the 8 hour ozone and PM 2.5 standards

6 Tasks active (completion expected FY'04):

Task 1 – Synthesis of data needs for EA and EIS documentation

Task 2 – Transportation impacts and “Smart Growth”

Task 3 – Assessment and mitigation of land development impacts

Task 4 – Environmental stewardship best practices

Task 7 – Evaluation of Mobile 6 air quality models

Task 12 – Environmental compliance for design-build projects

6 Tasks at contract stage:

Task 8 – Performance data collection protocols
for stream restoration projects

Task 13 – Assuring acceptance of programmatic
agreements

Task 14 – Assessing effects of dam removal
projects

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Task 15 – Developing context for historic bridges

Task 10 – Alternative/early mitigation strategies

Task 11 – Secondary and cumulative impacts analysis

1 RFP pending:

Task 9 – Use of existing data in decision-making

Next steps:

- April 04 - Call for FY2005 problem statements
 - August 04 – Project statements due
 - October 04 – Panel meets to select new projects
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