

Welcome Ashley Benson!

T² Project Assistant



Ashley Benson started working as a Project Assistant at the UNH Technology Transfer Center on September 9, 2009. She is a graduate student in the Education Department at UNH working toward her Masters Degree in Literature. Ashley has a B.A. in English Literature and a B.A. in French from Western Washington University in Bellingham WA.

Ashley is proficient in Microsoft Office Word, Excel, and Powerpoint. Some of her duties will be to answer customer inquiries via phone or email, assist in packing for workshops, perform website maintenance, and write articles for *Road Business*. Ashley will be working part-time for our center, about 10 hours per week, during the school semesters.

Outside of her graduate program, she enjoys reading, cooking, and watching movies.

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My Primary Responsibility Is...

By Gus Lerandau, Sales Rep. - All States Asphalt, NH House of Representative, & T² Center Instructor

When asking a public works director if he was going to an upcoming seminar his reply was, "My primary responsibility is to my town, after that I will see if time allows." What a response! His response was not about advancing his career, or about networking, or about visiting a new area. Instead, his first thought was to put the people in his town first!

Unconsciously, many times throughout the day, we do look out for the best interests of the town. This includes negotiating the best deal on products and services, ensuring the roads are safe for public travel, and ensuring the welfare of our employees. These are things we do daily that are taken for granted but they make up a Road Manager's job.

I know that many of our decisions are influenced by budgets, but we hope that we have the right tools to support our good intentions. We also look to our governing bodies for their support with our decisions.

Perhaps if we follow the principle of placing our town or employer first the rest will follow as we will get both Selectboards and taxpayers to support with what we want to accomplish.

Think about it. How would you answer "My primary responsibility is _____"?

Milestones

- **Bob Varnum**, prior Road Agent in Antrim, has retired.
- **Craig Clark III** is the new Road Agent in Antrim.
- **Greg Placy** is no longer the NHDOT District 1 Engineer.
- **Dave Rodrigue** is the NHDOT Interim Dist. 1 Engineer.
- **Mike Sousa** is the new Road Agent in Enfield.

Dates

- **October 30, 2009**: Road Managers Mtg, Moultonborough
- **November 18-20**: LGC Conference, Manchester