

ROAD BUSINESS

On the Road in New Hampshire

Survey Says....



Last fall, the UNH T² Center surveyed municipalities. Approximately 320 surveys were sent, more went out electronically, and on the web site. There were 51 responses, or slightly more than a 10%, this is an excellent response. Generally, 4% is considered a good response.

The following people responded:

- Road Agents and Public Works Directors: 29,
- Other Highway: 6,
- Town administrators/managers: 1,
- City/Town Engineers: 7, and
- 6 who described themselves as other.

Responses came from all over the state. The average size town has a population of 1,200 with 396 road miles.

When asked if towns have implemented technologies, one person said that they implemented “too many to list” and another said that they “use most of the technologies introduced at the workshops.”

Geotextiles, drainage, general road maintenance, and cost estimating were most commonly mentioned.

Overall, people value the Center’s training. They would like to see courses and newsletter articles on the following topics:

- Finances: Writing Specs & Bids, and Municipal Budgeting
- Personnel Issues: Hiring and Interviewing practices, Public Relations, and Motivating People.
- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety: Traffic Calming, Intersection Safety, and Bicycle & Pedestrian Walkways,
- Public speaking, and
- Grader Training.

The center plans to offer grader training and public relations this spring and public speaking in the fall. The center is looking for instructors to teach: Guardrails, Intersection Safety, and other courses and has access to training materials for many courses.

Thanks to all who participated!

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