LTRC Peer Exchange

Baton Rouge, LA

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LA Peer Exchange Team

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Team (cont.)

- Mark Morvant

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- Glynn Cavin

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Additional Attendees

- LTRC Policy Committee Members
- LADOTD Engineers/Administrators
- Teleconference Participants
- Invited Guests

23 CFR 420 Subpart B

- Review of R&D and Technology Transfer activities
- Interpreted as an exchange of information
- Intent to strengthen weaker programs and enhance strong programs
- Conduct every 3–5 years
- Required to manage State Planning & Research Funds

Methods

- State Practices

- Informal interviews

- Brainstorming sessions on focus areas

- Brief to Administrators

Peer Exchange Format

- **Peer Exchange Binder**

- **Six Focus Areas**
    - University relationships
    - Expansion of non-infrastructure research
    - Regional research cooperation
    - Performance measures
    - Value of research
    - LTRC transportation library

Peer Exchange Format

- Focus Sessions
    - Chair/facilitator
    - LTRC liaison & recorder
    - Invited participants
    - Objectives, topics and questions
    - Comment sheet
        - Best practices
        - Takeaways
        - LTRC opportunities

Peer Exchange Format

- Focus Area Reporting & Implementation
  - Breakout groups
    - Wed afternoon
    - Thurs morning
- Close-out Brief with Secretary/Chief Engineer
  - Session chairs brief sessions

Report

- Opportunities for LTRC
- Opportunities to take home
- Peer exchange format
- Video/web participants survey

Housekeeping

- Hotel reservations

- Meals

- Expense accounts

- Transportation

- Computer access

- Tours

1998 Peer Exchange

- Performance measures/benchmarking
- Outreach - Universities/Industry
- Information services
- Expand technical capabilities
- Implementation of research
- Timeliness of project close-out & Quality of reports
- Reduction/elimination of overhead costs

2003 Peer Exchange

- Self generated funding/research partnerships
  - No cost estimates on RFPs
  - Pay contracts by deliverables
  - Expansion director contract
  - Reduce overhead
- Performance measures/indicators
  - Customer surveys/customer satisfaction
  - After-action survey of PRC members

2003 Peer Exchange

- Research metrics page
- Training/education of graduate students

■ Research Implementation

- Involve operations personnel in projects
- Continue implementation report/include barriers
- Close-out implementation report
- Workshops or conferences to showcase
- Executive ppt with C/B, LCA, ROI
- Awards for successful implementation