

<i>Project Title</i> Pacific Northwest Snowfighters, TPF-5(035)		<i>Agmt./Task No.</i> RE2950	<i>Item No.</i> 09-950	<i>Agency Bgt. No.</i>
<i>Research Agency</i> WSDOT		<i>Start Date</i> 11/30/01	<i>Estimated Completion</i> 11/30/03	<i>Revised Completion</i> 7-05
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<i>Funding Source</i> WA, ID, OR, MT		<i>Schedule Status</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Ahead of schedule <input type="checkbox"/> On revised schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Behind schedule		
<i>Original Estimated Cost</i> \$40,000	<i>Revised Cost</i>	<i>% Funds Expended</i> 62%	<i>% Work Completed</i> 75%	
<i>Objective</i> <i>Develop specifications for chemicals related to snow and ice control. Support winter maintenance professionals with information on current technologies, supplier contacts and networking opportunities.</i>				

Progress in the current Quarter:

In the spirit of good maintenance practices to ensure safe roadways, environmental protection and sound economics, the PNS Association proposes a project to prepare a synthesis of information on the advantages and disadvantages of the use of anti-icing and pre-wetting practices. The RFP for this proposal was awarded to Western Transportation Institute. The target date for completion is July 2005.

PNS and vendor chemists met in Montana in December 2004 with the task of developing new testing procedures to detect corrosion damage on aluminum. They also reviewed and updated current testing protocols for PNS product approval.

The minutes and other activities surrounding the June PNS conference and TRB conference have been summarized and posted on the PNS web site <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/pns/>.

Summary of Activities Expected to be Performed Next Quarter:

The snow and ice brochure will be finalized, printed, and distributed. There will be a semi-annual meeting of the PNS members in Idaho, with the minutes being posted on the website (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/pns/>).