

Pooled Fund Project Status Report

October 1, 2003 through December 31 , 2003

<i>Project Title</i> PNS 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>
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<i>Funding Source</i> WA, MT, ID, OR		<i>Schedule Status</i> <input checked="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> 17%	<i>% Work Completed</i> 50%	
<i>Objective</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.				

Progress in the current Quarter:

WSDOT agreed to host the PNS conference in 2004 and have decided that Spokane would be the best location. After considerable discussion, input from PNS Membership suggested working with the Transportation Research Board (TRB) to have their Sixth International Symposium on Snow Removal and Ice Control Technology and the PNS Conference in the same location, perhaps back-to-back and with a joint vendor exhibition. People from the Rocky Mountain ITS Chapter have also expressed interest in participating. Began discussions with the Spokane Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Updated the PNS Website, hosted by WSDOT, with the latest PNS Qualified Products Listing with two new approved products and minutes from the semi-annual PNS meeting held last quarter; added links to MSDS sheets.

Worked with WSDOT Research Office and WSDOT Maintenance to sort out proper procedures for use of PNS pooled fund monies.

Summary of Activities Expected to be Performed Next Quarter:

Finalization of the PNS and TRB conference in Spokane, June 2004

Arrangements will be finalized for the next semi-annual PNS meeting in the Spring of 2004.

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.