

<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>Original Estimated Cost</i> \$80,000	<i>Revised Cost</i>	<i>% Funds Expended</i> 4%	<i>% Work Completed</i> 4%	
<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 has finalized the Pacific Northwest Snowfighters conference. We have partnered with the Transportation Research Board, and will do a combined conference. The dates will June 7th – 11th, 2004. It will be held at the Convention Center in Spokane.

Updated the PNS Website, hosted by WSDOT, with the latest PNS Qualified Products Listing with three 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.

PNS members have worked out a preliminary "Request for Proposal"(RFP) to put together a synthesis of information paper on things that we currently do for snow and ice control. This would include, corrosion, concrete issues, highway safety, environmental concerns, technology, toxicity, and risk management. The paper would be used to educate the public on snow and ice related issues

Summary of Activities Expected to be Performed Next Quarter:

Finalize content and planning of PNS conference

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

Planning for a scanning tour with Midwest states. Purpose would be to share technologies information ,maintenance methods and techniques on snow and ice removal using chemicals.

Go forward with the RFP proposal. Solicit bids and award a contract.