

## 2024 INNOVATIONS

### Fifth-Wheel Quick Attach Sander

McKenzie County Highway Dept.

### Innovators:

Rob McIntyre  
Brandon Kummer  
(not pictured)



### Asphalt Crevice Blaster

Walsh County Highway Dept.

### Innovators:

Jerry Hodny  
Chad Arendt



## WHAT SUCCESSFUL INNOVATION OR IDEA HAS YOUR AGENCY IMPLEMENTED?

We want to hear from you. Your innovation may be a solution for one or more of your counterparts across the state or the country.

### Walsh County Highway Department

Recognized at the Regional Conference for the Sliding/Swiveling Hose Holder



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# 2025 INNOVATION CHAMPIONS



2024 • 1st Place  
Sliding/Swiveling Hose Holder  
Walsh County Highway Department

*Innovation is Local*

# INNOVATION CHAMPIONS

**SHARE YOUR  
CREATIVE IDEAS**

## To All ND Road Departments

It is with great pleasure that NDLTAP announces the Innovation Champions contest. We are in the 28th year of recognizing and celebrating innovations through this contest. The contest is a great opportunity to share successful solutions that increase:

- **Safety for:**
  - road crew personnel and motoring public
- **Efficiency for:**
  - personnel
  - working smarter
- **Savings for:**
  - road department and taxpayers

Innovations range from developing and fabricating new tools and equipment, making modifications to tools or equipment, or developing e-tools that improve efficiencies and the quality of transportation.

The contest is an opportunity to give road department personnel well deserved recognition for looking at ways to make the work place better, for putting forth extra efforts for the greater good of the entire team.

The contest is open to North Dakota road departments:

- City
- Township
- County
- Tribal
- State

## Award

The winner of North Dakota will compete with the winning entries from the states in the LTAP North Central Region.

The 1st place winner will receive one paid trip to the Local Road Conference in Sioux Falls, SD, Oct 20-22, 2025.

The award includes conference registration, hotel, and bus travel. (NDLTAP will reimburse costs to the winner.) State and regional awards are presented at the conference.



**2024 STATE WINNER**  
**Walsh County Highway Department**  
Jerry Hodney, designer & Chad Arendt

**★YOUR INNOVATIONS ARE VALUABLE★**

All submissions will receive a poster showcasing the innovation and innovators.

## Project Submittals

Entries should be no longer than two pages. Include the following:

1. Agency name, contact person, address, e-mail, phone number
2. Problem statement
3. Discussion of solution
4. Labor, equipment and materials used
5. Project drawing with details
6. Photos
7. A video showing how it works — full operation from start to finish
8. Cost summary
9. Savings and benefits to agency (monetary- and/or safety-related)
10. Operating costs: before and after innovation

All entries must be received by July 31, 2025.

Contact Matt to schedule an interview and hand off information to put together your project submittal package.

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