

Georgia DOT's International Collaborations

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Talking Points

- Progress of international collaboration at GDOT
- Formal training
- Lessons learned
- Technical exchange
- Challenge & where RTAG's can help

Progress of International Collaboration at GDOT

- Short-term training
- Expanded short-term training
- Long-term training
- Technical exchange

Formal training

- Mongolia & India: GDOT construction operations (short-term)
- Russia: Departmental survey (short-term)
- Barbados: materials testing certification (expanded short-term)
- China: Departmental survey (long-term)

Lessons Learned

- Secure strong executive support
- Encourage good English skills (or interpretation)
- Anticipate delays and schedule changes
- Understand and manage cultural differences
- Consider stateside liaison

Technical Exchange: Israel



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- Israel National Roads Company sought “twinning relationship” with states in U.S.
 - Technical exchange
 - Cooperative research
 - Facilitated by FHWA Office of International Programs

- Memorandum of Collaboration (MOC) executed in April 2009
 - 5-year duration
 - Broad provisions
 - Not contractual



- First INRC visit to GDOT: discussed topics of mutual interest
 - Recycling materials
 - ITS (e.g. environmental impacts)
- GDOT & Israel seeking “parallel track” research



- GDOT visit to Israel (Oct. 29-Nov. 7, 2010)
 - International transportation symposium
 - Discussion with INRC Research & Traffic Ops. staff
 - Identified additional topics of mutual interest
 - Asset management systems
 - Green asphalt (warm mix, ground tire rubber)
 - ITS maintenance contracts

Challenge & Where RTAG's Can Help

- Developing research of *mutual* benefit
 - Benefits thus far mostly to foreign partners
 - Some partners ahead of GDOT in certain areas
- OMR seeks RTAG input re: interest areas identified to-date with INRC
- Add tier to research avenues: international collaboration

Thank You!

