

Louisiana LTAP

The Louisiana Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Center serves training needs of local transportation agencies.

We are part of the Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC), which is a cooperative effort between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Louisiana State University (LSU).



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Enter the Build a Better
Mousetrap (BABM)
- 2026 Contest

Louisiana Local Innovations Program



Have you got a project or program that's cost-saving, effective and innovative?

Share your Story.

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ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 



*If you work for a local agency and you've implemented a tool, equipment or any type of solution that is cost-saving, effective and easily transferable, please submit it as an official entry into the **Build a Better Mousetrap (BAM): Louisiana Local Innovations Program***

Categories for Innovation Submission

We encourage all parishes, cities and municipalities to share your local innovations that fall under any of these categories below:

Innovative Project - A new idea addressing a project's life cycle: planning, design or engineering, construction, operations and maintenance.

Bold Steps - A locally relevant, high-risk project or process that shows a breakthrough solution with demonstrated high reward.

Smart Transformation - A project with local relevance and significant change in any activity that is SMART (Smart, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timebound) in nature.

Pioneer - A locally relevant product or tool that is among the first to solve a maintenance problem with a homegrown solution.

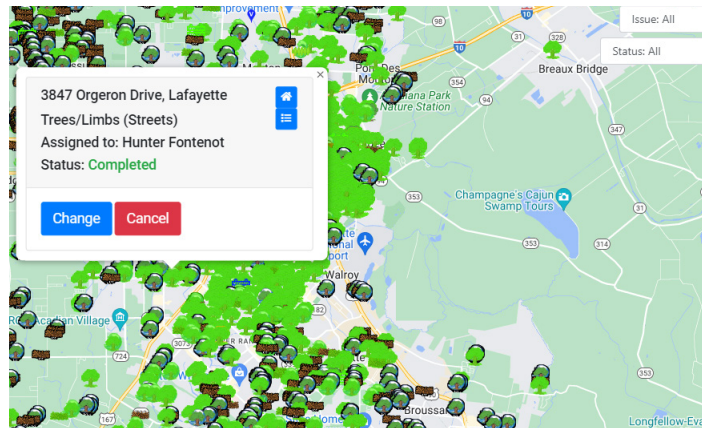


LA 2019 Winner: Ouachita's Catch Basin Lid Assist Tool

Catch Basin Lid Assist Tool

Ouachita Parish Public Works Department was selected as the 2019 Winner in Louisiana BAM for its catch basin lid assist tool.

The tool only cost the agency less than \$100, including labor and materials. Crew members can use it to lift and lower catch basin lids for inspection. They no longer need to use brute force to lift and lower catch basin lids, thereby increasing overall worker safety and decreasing the incidences of finger- and toe-pinch injuries.



LA 2022 Entry: Lafayette's Storm Mode web-based tool for storm recovery and response efforts

Criteria & Prizes

All innovations submitted will be scored based on these CRITERIA:

- Cost Savings 30%
- Effectiveness 30%
- Ease of Transfer 20%
- Ingenuity 20%

Deadline is on March 31, 2026

If selected as the GRAND WINNER, you will receive the following PRIZES:

- Free LTAP training inclusive of lunch
- Innovator of the Year Certificate
- Recognition in National BAM Booklet

We will also award the People's Choice Award based on the number of "Likes" on Facebook.

Visit our website to see more information, resources, past submissions, or make your own submission.

<https://www.ltrc.lsu.edu/ltap/build-a-better-mousetrap.html>

Scan the Code to Submit Your Entry

