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Preparations for 2015 Annual Meeting include a Call for Abstracts

The ITS Heartland Conference Planning Committee invites you to submit an abstract for presentation at our 2015 Annual Meeting in Omaha.

Previous topics include traffic management and operations, ATIS, multi-agency collaborations, work zone ITS, safety innovations, transit applications, incident management, new technologies and many others but all suggested topics will be considered by the committee.

Deadline for submission is in early January but start work on your proposal now! Questions should be directed to Meetings Northwest at 866-633-8110. Details are available at the [ITS Heartland website](#).

New Traffic Operations Laboratory at ISU Institute for Transportation

A ribbon cutting ceremony held on October 15 celebrated the opening of a new traffic operations laboratory at the Center for Transportation Research and Education. Attendees represented the three major support groups including Institute for Transportation at Iowa State University, the Iowa DOT, and the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at ISU.



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Sandra Larson, Mike Jackson, Neal Hawkins, Shauna Hallmark, Terry Wipf and John Corbin cut the ribbon to open the new lab.

“This offers a unique opportunity to explore and conduct interdisciplinary studies that extend beyond the boundaries of traditional research,” said CTRE director Neal Hawkin. “And as both a teaching and research laboratory, the lab functions will continually transform to meet the needs of the DOT as well as faculty, staff, and students. In addition, the laboratory provides faculty the opportunity to teach a graduate level classes in traffic operations while allowing students to be exposed to real-time operations data.”

IDOT systems operations bureau director Sandra Larson called this enterprise a great opportunity to address the needs of the public. “DOTs across the country are realizing that our customers, the public, care a lot about mobility, about reliability, and really about being able to get where they need to go,” she said. “They are going to be amazed at what the CTRE Traffic Operations Lab will give to Iowa, give to the region, give nationally, while delivering a transportation system that meets the needs of the people.”



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