# AASHTOWare Project Status

FieldManager & Contract Management Conference

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# **Background**

- AASHTOWare Project (AP) is an enterprise-wide software solution developed by AASHTO for managing an agency's construction program
  - Capabilities encompass the full functionality of a construction contract management system
  - Includes cost estimation, proposal preparation, bid-letting, construction and material management, and historical data collection & analysis
- MDOT uses AP to manage and process virtually all aspects of Michigan's road, bridge, airport, and railroad construction project life cycles
- The software is critical to MDOT carrying out its mission
- Current legacy AP systems utilize client/server based technology which is becoming obsolete
- Major endeavor underway to replace existing client/server based systems with a web based system

# **Legacy Systems / Replacement Modules**

Legacy System	AP Replacement Module	
<ul><li>Proposal and Estimates System (PES)</li><li>Letting and Awards System (LAS)</li></ul>	Preconstruction	
<ul> <li>FieldManager Software Suite</li> <li>FieldNet System</li> <li>Construction Administration System (CAS)</li> <li>Materials Testing System (MTS)</li> </ul>	Construction/Materials	
• Expedite	• Bids	
• N/A	Civil Rights & Labor	

# **Projects Needed To Move Forward With Web System**

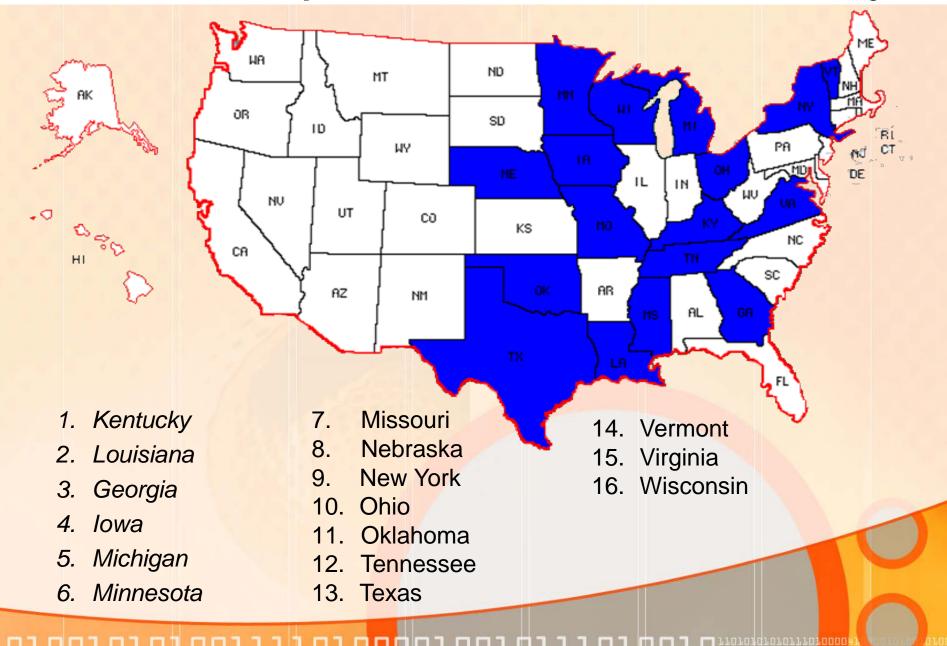
Project	Actual/Est. Begin Year	Actual/Est. End Year
Preconstruction Analysis/Preparation	2011	2014
Construction/Materials Development	2011	2014
Preconstruction Implementation	2013	2014
AASHTOWare Project 3.01 Development	2014	2016
Construction/Materials Analysis/Preparation	2015	2016
Construction/Materials Implementation	2016	2018
Construction/Materials Analysis/Preparation – Phase II	2018	2019
Construction/Materials Implementation – Phase II	2019	2020
Civil Rights & Labor / LCPTracker Gap Analysis	TBD	TBD
Civil Rights & Labor Analysis/Preparation	TBD	TBD
Civil Rights & Labor Implementation	TBD	TBD



# **Construction/Materials Development Project**

- Software design and engineering required to develop the Construction/Materials module of AP
- Michigan partnered with AASHTO on the project:
  - Served as champion state with nationwide leadership role
  - MDOT's system requirements were included in project
  - Provided project management and oversight assistance
  - Provided staff for comprehensive hands-on participation
  - Provided funding contribution
- Partnership benefits included:
  - AASHTO and other states provided majority of funding
  - Utilized expertise of AASHTO committee members for "best business practices" (16 states participated)
- Project completed and software has been delivered

#### States That Participated In Construction/Materials Project



#### **Construction/Materials Software**

- Construction/Materials contains all applicable functionality in FieldManager and CAS
- Also includes significant amount of new functionality:
  - Electronic approvals for:
    - Contract Modifications
    - o IDRs
    - Pay Estimates
    - Contractor Performance Evaluations
  - Historical reports
  - Ability to go paperless in many areas including:
    - Contract Modifications
    - o IDRs
    - Pay Estimates
    - Contractor Performance Evaluations
  - Event notifications
  - Materials source & facility oversight

#### Construction/Materials Software (cont)

- New functionality (cont):
  - User roles
  - Enhanced security
- Interfaces with Mobile Inspector app which allows inspectors to create IDRs using a mobile device (tablets, smart phones)
- Improved/reengineered functionality in many areas including:
  - IDRs
  - Material approvals
  - Material usage
  - Stockpiles
- Web based system will streamline and eliminate:
  - FieldNet
  - Sending read-only copies of contracts to contractors
  - Client software installs and upgrades

#### Construction/Materials Software (cont)

- Many enterprise level agency customization options including ability to:
  - Customize field labels
  - Customize screens
  - Insert external links on screens
  - Customize reports
  - Develop and embed new reports
  - Locate user access to reports based on business task at hand
- Hundreds of enterprise level agency configuration options which will allow MDOT to configure software based on MDOT business rules
- New user interface:
  - Does not look like FieldManager
  - Looks like a web application

#### Construction/Materials Software (cont)

- Will use standardized AASHTO terminology as much as possible - changes include:
  - Inspector's Daily Report -> Daily Work Report
  - Contract Modification -> Change Order
  - Construction Pay Estimate Report -> Payment Estimate For Contractor
  - Contractor's Performance Evaluation -> Contractor Evaluation
  - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System -> Stormwater Environmental Compliance Inspection Report
  - Site Times > Contract Times
- Consultants will <u>not</u> have to pay Construction/Materials license fees

# Construction/Materials Analysis/Preparation Project

- Conducts the analysis work and tasks required to prepare the Construction/Materials software for implementation
- Project is currently underway
- Work includes:
  - Conduct gap analysis between Construction/Materials and predecessor systems
  - Breakdown study
  - Preparation work required to migrate FieldManager/CAS data, interfaces, reports, and business processes to Construction/Materials
  - Configure software for MDOT's business processes
  - Identify and apply customizations needed
  - Prepare software for external access
  - Develop and customize reports

# Construction/Materials Analysis/Prep. Project (cont)

- Work includes (cont):
  - Test software in SOM environment
  - Upgrade interface systems to interface with Construction/Materials instead of FieldManager/CAS
  - Develop business change management plan
    - Business process changes
    - Policy and procedure changes
    - Communication campaign
  - Develop training plan
    - o MDOT, local, consultant and contractor staff will require training
  - Develop implementation plan
- Currently in design/build phases
- Estimated completion is November, 2016

# Construction/Materials Implementation Approach

- Part of implementation plan
- Want to minimize risk and disruption to user community as much as possible
- Current plan is to implement in stages:
  - Stage 1: Limited Production
  - Stage 2: Transition To Full Production For All New Contracts
  - Stage 3: Migrate Remaining FieldManager/CAS Contracts to Construction/Materials
  - Stage 4: FieldManager Archived Contracts
  - Stage 5: Decommission FieldManager, FieldNet, CAS

# **Construction/Materials Impact To Contractors**

- Contractors will <u>not</u> have to pay C/M license fees
- Authorized contractor staff will receive Login ID for C/M
- Eliminates receiving read-only copies of contracts via FieldNet
- Contractors will have real time read-only access to reports
   & screens with information currently in FieldManager
- Change Order (Cont. Mod.) approvals will be done in C/M
  - Contractor firms will need to specify staff authorized to approve Change Orders
- Contractor Evaluation (CPE) notifications and reviews will be done in C/M
  - Contractor firms will need to specify staff authorized to review
     Contractor Evaluations
- Training is still TBD

#### Const/Materials Use For Non-MDOT Let Contracts

- State of Michigan will host Construction/Materials software for MDOT let contracts only
- FieldManager will continue to be available for non-MDOT let contracts for awhile after MDOT has implemented Construction/Materials
- Potential tools that could be used for non-MDOT let contracts after FieldManager is no longer available include:
  - Michigan Tech's Michigan Engineers' Resource Library (MERL) software
    - See <a href="http://merl.michiganltap.org/about">http://merl.michiganltap.org/about</a> for information
  - AASHTO contractor's (Info Tech) Appia software
    - See <a href="https://www.infotechfl.com/appia">https://www.infotechfl.com/appia</a> for information

# **AASHTOWare Project 3.01 Development Project**

- Software design and engineering required to develop AP release 3.01
- Project currently in alpha testing phase
- Provides major functionality improvements to all the web based AP modules including Construction/Materials
- Construction/Materials enhancements include:
  - Storm water environmental compliance inspection functionality
  - Force account functionality
  - Ability to create and maintain meeting records

### **AASHTOWare Project 3.01 Development Project (cont)**

- Construction/Materials enhancements (cont):
  - Materials management additions:
    - Material requirements
    - Laboratory information management
    - Material sampling and testing
  - Ability to go paperless in additional areas including:
    - Material Test Reports
    - Material Test Certifications
  - Various user interface improvements
- Currently scheduled for completion Sept, 2016
- Software will likely be implemented as part of Construction/Materials Implementation – Phase II project

# Questions?

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