Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.

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Spring Newsletter: May 15, 2014

TPCB Survey Winner Announced

Congratulations to Alexander J. Ariniello, P.E., public works director for the Town of Superior, CO, USA, who won an iPad Air 32 GB with wi-fi and cellular. Alex's name was chosen at random from those who responded to the Transportation Professional Certification Board (TPCB) survey conducted at the beginning of 2014. The Board thanks everyone who participated in the survey.

PTOE Certification Recognized in South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Transportation recently announced that employees who have added to their skills and knowledge by obtaining Professional Traffic Operations Engineer® (PTOE) certification are eligible for an additional $2,000 USD in salary. The PTOE is listed among several credentials that qualify for the increase, such as the AICP, CPA, EIT, and P.E. The board is pleased to announce this recognition of the PTOE! Has your State DOT started recognizing PTOE or Professional Transportation Planner® (PTP) certificants with a salary increase or bonus? Let us know at certification@tpcb.org.

Upcoming PTOE and PTP Refresher Courses

A Professional Traffic Operations Engineer® (PTOE) Refresher Course and a Professional Transportation Planner ® Refresher Course will be offered during the upcoming Joint Western/Midwestern District ITE Annual Meeting in Rapid City, SD, USA on June 29, 2014. Descriptions of the courses are below. **To register, visit:** www.2014ite.com/registration-form.html.

PTOE Refresher Course
This course provides an overview of topics, key references, and an independent study guide for those planning to take the PTOE certification examination, or who are just interested in expanding their knowledge of traffic operations. The course prepares participants for the examination, but is not keyed to specific examination questions. It is expected that participants will take the refresher course, use it as a self-study guide, and then take the certification exam at some future date. This course has been updated to remain consistent with current PTOE examination questions based on recent publications including the 2010 Highway Capacity Manual, 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, 2011 Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, and 2013 Traffic Control Devices Handbook.

Date: June 29, 2014
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Montana Room, Holiday Inn, Mt. Rushmore Plaza, Rapid City, SD, USA
Cost: $250 per Person (Lunch Included)
Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for this Refresher: 8

PTP Refresher Course

planning to take this exam, or who are just interested in expanding their knowledge of transportation planning. The course prepares participants for the examination, but is not keyed specifically to examination questions. It is expected that participants will take the refresher course, use it as a guide for self-study, and then take the certification exam at some future date. The PTP certificate is designed for candidates who have a wide-range of education and experience in transportation planning. Currently, no other certification program is offered that specifically addresses the work performed by transportation planners. With registration for this course, individuals will receive a copy of the Professional Transportation Planner Certification Program Refresher Course Handbook along with hard copies of the presentation slides.

Date: June 29, 2014
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Wyoming Room, Holiday Inn, Mt. Rushmore Plaza, Rapid City, SD, USA
Cost: $190 per Person (Lunch Included)
Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for this Refresher: 8

Keep Your Certification Current!

Opportunities to Earn PDH Credits
Is it time for you to renew your PTOE or PTP certification? Every 3 years, certificants must apply for renewal, showing they have met their Continuing Professional Development requirements by completing the required Professional Development Hours (PDH) of activities. There are a wide variety of webinars, seminars, conferences, and training courses that meet the requirements for qualified PDH credits, both including and beyond the opportunities offered by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). If you have any questions about PDH credits or the renewal process, send them to certification@tpcb.org.

Introducing ITE's Learning Hub

ITE's Professional Development Program has been re-branded as ITE's Learning Hub. The new name and logo reflect the content upgrades currently underway for the program. A team of ITE staff has been working on this effort to revamp the professional development program content and enhance use of technology in training delivery and customer support. The most visual kick-off of ITE's Learning Hub will be the launch of the new Learning Management System. The system will be the central point for ITE members and customers to access ITE's professional development offerings. ITE looks forward to providing more details on ITE's Learning Hub, Where Transportation and Education Meet. For a complete details and a list of all available training opportunities and web session recordings, visit www.ite.org/education.

What Does Certification Mean to You?

The TPCB wants to share your success stories and encourages PTOE and PTP certificants to spread the word on how certification has made a difference in their careers. Send your stories to certification@tpcb.org.

The Transportation Professional Certification Board Inc. (TPCB), an autonomous certification body affiliated with the Institute of Transportation Engineers, offers the following certification programs: Professional Traffic Operations Engineer® (PTOE) and Professional Transportation Planner® (PTP). For more information, visit www.tpcb.org.

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