

# Creative Solutions Award Program

## Connecticut's Build a Better Mousetrap Competition

### What is the Connecticut Creative Solutions Award Program?

An Award Program that will:

**Recognize** the initiative and innovative thinking of public agency transportation staff in the development of tools, equipment modifications, and processes that increase safety, reduce cost, improve efficiency, and improve the quality of transportation.

**Identify** and help distribute ideas created in the field so that others can duplicate them and implement them.

**Promote** innovation and continued improvement.

This is what we call technology transfer: taking good ideas and documenting them so that they can be shared among the communities they impact.

Innovations, complex or simple, will compete for the Connecticut Creative Solutions Awards. Up to three awards will be given each year. The creative solutions will be showcased and integrated into our training programs and winning agencies will be presented with their awards during our annual Training & Technical Assistance (T2) Center's graduation and award ceremony. Winners will also have their creative solutions published in our monthly e-newsletter, Crossroads.



### What are the criteria that will be used by the judges?

- ◆ **Safety:** Did the creative solution improve transportation or operational safety?
- ◆ **Cost Savings:** Did it save money and/or time?
- ◆ **Inventiveness:** How creative was it?
- ◆ **Transportability:** How broadly can the solution be used?
- ◆ **Effectiveness:** Did it solve the problem?

### What should you include in your submission?

- ◆ The completed submission form (below).
- ◆ A description of the solution and how it meets the award program criteria.
- ◆ A photo or sketch of the creative solution or a brief video highlighting the solution in practice.

View our online guide of winning solutions: [s.uconn.edu/csa.guide](https://s.uconn.edu/csa.guide)

# Deadline Extended - May 30, 2024

# Connecticut Creative Solutions

*Submission Form - Deadline: April 30, 2024*

Name of the Creative Solution: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitter(s) Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



## Description of the Creative Solution:

Why was it necessary?

How does it work?

How does it perform?

Cost Estimate (a rough guess will do):

Benefit to your operation:

Was your solution inspired by another source or is it an original?

**Please include a brief video, photos or sketches of your creative solution.**

### Award winners will receive:

- ♦ Winners will be honored at the T2 Center's annual graduation and award ceremony, where they will be presented with the "Connecticut Creative Solutions" award and receive a prize.
- ♦ An article about the Creative Solution will be highlighted in the Crossroads e-newsletter.

**Please send completed submission forms to:**



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