

Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.

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Call for TPCB Director Position

A Transportation Professional Certification Board (TPCB) Director position is open for election in November 2014 for a three-year term of office that will begin January 1, 2015. Send an email to TPCB Executive Director Thomas W. Brahms at tbrahms@ite.org expressing your interest in being considered, along with a resume and one to three paragraphs indicating why you are interested and how you believe your service can benefit the TPCB. A brief description of the responsibilities and duties of the TPCB Board Directors can be found through this [link](#). The deadline to apply is Thursday, October 23, 2014.

ITE Webinar Archive Available for Professional Development Hours

Every 3 years, PTOE and PTP certificants must apply for renewal, showing they have met their Continuing Professional Development requirements by completing the required Professional Development Hours (PDH) of activities. The ITE Webinar archive, which is eligible for PTOE and PTP certification renewals, is now available for purchase via [ITE's Bookstore](#).

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 ITE. If you have any questions about PDH credits or the renewal process, send them to certification@tpcb.org.

Share your Agency and Firm Announcements about Certification

Do you have an example of how having PTOE and PTP-certified staff has helped your firm or agency? Below is a recent press release from Neel-Schaffer, Inc. announcing their PTOE and PTP certificants. We want to share your certification news! Send press releases to certification@tpcb.org.

Two More Louisiana-based Neel-Schaffer Engineers Pass PTOE Exam

JACKSON, Miss. (Sept. 8, 2014) - Neel-Schaffer, Inc. is pleased to announce that two more of the firm's engineers in Louisiana have been certified as Professional Traffic Operations Engineers, bringing to eight the number of PTOEs employed in Louisiana by the engineering and planning firm.

"With the largest contingent of PTOEs of any firm in Louisiana, Neel-Schaffer strengthens its position as a consultant of choice with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development," said Jerry Trumps, the Southwest Area Manager for Neel-Schaffer who oversees the firm's operations in Louisiana and Houston, Texas. "That position is evidenced by the award of several traffic-related retainer contracts to Neel-Schaffer over the past few months."

Neel-Schaffer's newest PTOEs are Santosh Andem, P.E., PTOE, in the Lafayette office, and Ellen Burke, P.E., PTOE, in the Baton Rouge office. Neel-Schaffer now has 16 certified PTOEs in the firm, which employs about 400 and has offices in nine states. The other Louisiana-based PTOEs are David Othling, Prasanth Malisetty, Nick Ferlito and Brin Ferlito in Baton Rouge, Vijay Kunada in Lafayette, and Charles Adams in Shreveport.

According to the firm, PTOE certification helps set traffic engineers apart from their peers, indicating a higher level of skill, training, specialization and competency. And while Neel-Schaffer continues to expand its disciplines in Louisiana to include areas such as environmental, coastal and water/wastewater, Transportation continues to be the firm's strength in the state. Said Trumps: "With a 'deep bench' of PTOEs, this will allow us to continue to pursue other projects, many of which require the use of PTOE qualifications and expertise."

Upgraded PTOE Exam Practice Test Now Available

The new PTOE exam practice test now provides 10 more practice questions for a total of 25 questions. For the same cost, applicants now have more question choices to prepare for the exam. The practice text can be found through the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) [Bookstore](#) by searching ITE Education & Training/Certification Practice Exams. Additional self-study materials such as certification refresher course books and PowerPoint slides are also available through the ITE Bookstore.

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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