Innovation starts with you. You might have a low-cost, quick fix or homemade gadget — the bottom line is that it makes your job safer and more efficient. Why not share it and help make the job safer and more efficient for someone else, too? Or maybe it’s a more complicated solution that would make a big difference — if only you had the budget to get it done.

**Minnesota LTAP has two ways to share your useful gadget or innovative solution.**

- Enter your idea in the **Minnesota Build a Better Mousetrap Competition** to win fantastic prizes and help other local agencies solve problems. All entries also are entered in the Build a Better Mousetrap National Recognition Program for Transportation Innovation.
- Apply for funding up to $20,000 per project to develop and share your idea through the **Local Operational Research Assistance (OPERA) Program**.
- More Information Katherine Stanley, sell0146@umn.edu, 612-626-1023.

**YOUR GREAT IDEA JUST MIGHT...**

- Build an innovative gadget
- Solve a common problem
- Show a better way to do a job
- Increase safety and improve efficiency
- Enhance maintenance operations
- Improve every road in Minnesota
- Benefit agencies around the country

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[buildabettousetrap.umn.edu](http://buildabettousetrap.umn.edu/research/mousetrap)

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