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Thank you very much for agreeing to serve on the expert panel for our MRUTC project: " Best practices for linking strategic planning to resource allocation and implementation decisions using elements of a transportation asset management program".

The study is being conducted by the Urban Transportation Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, in conjunction with Tioga Consulting and the University of Minnesota. The purpose of this study is to explore the links between Asset Management throughout the 50 states. Through our research we have contacted and identified the majority of the states' Strategic Plans.

Our next step is to convene the expert panel in order to assist us in creating an in-depth analysis of selected states' current practices in Asset Management. This panel will be held on October 21, 2002 and go from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Urban Transportation Center. Included in this packet is some information about the project, a list of expert panel members, an agenda for the meeting, a draft document discussing asset management and the state survey, and directions to the meeting. The goal of the meeting is to assist us in selecting a set of states for further analysis.

The meeting will be held at the Great Cities Conference Room, 4th floor, 412 S. Peoria St., Chicago. We are easily accessible by CTA train from O'Hare. Details are in the packet.

For any additional information please feel free to contact Alicia Morreale at [a\\_more@hotmail.com](mailto:a_more@hotmail.com) or (630) 452-2942 and/or Victor Mora at [vmoral@uic.edu](mailto:vmoral@uic.edu) or (312) 933-6725.

We would like to thank you for your assistance and acceptance of our invitation to be apart of our research process. We look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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