A series of research development seminars will be held over the next few months to support TTI diversification efforts and to provide all staff with information on the various research programs. These seminars will be updated and offered on a regular basis. The first seminars offered are on the TxDOT Research Program and the National Cooperative Research Programs. All seminars will be given in Room 102 of the Gibb Gilchrist Research Building with Polycom links to all urban offices. The seminars are anticipated to be approximately 1 hour and will be offered twice initially.

**TxDOT RESEARCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (RMC) PROGRAM**

Come hear all about the TxDOT RMC Program! If you don’t know what RMC, TAP, ROC, RTI, PC, PD, and PAC are – this seminar is for you. Even if you do know, you can still attend and hear more on the RMC process and tips from TTI TAPers and researchers for developing good project statements, proposals, and reports.

- **Friday, May 11** – 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- **Monday, May 21** – 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

**NATIONAL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMS**

Come learn the ins, outs, ups, and downs of the National Cooperative Research Programs administered by the Transportation Research Board (TRB). The long standing National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) and the Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) have been joined by the new Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP), the National Cooperative Freight Research Program (NCFRP), the Hazardous Material Cooperative Research Program (HMCRP), the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHARP II), and the IDEA Programs. Information on the purpose, funding source, oversight group, project statement submission process, and schedule will be presented for each program. Other topics covered include project panels, teaming opportunities, proposal development, and typical project requirements. TTI researchers who have conducted projects in the various programs will provide tips on developing project statements, writing proposals, and completing projects.

- **Wednesday, May 30**th – 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, June 12**th – 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

For questions on the seminars please contact Katie Turnbull (979/845-6005) or Susan Adams (979/845-9862). If you cannot make these dates and times, please let Katie or Susan know and additional sessions will be set up. Future seminars will cover federal indefinite quantity (IDIQs) projects, pooled-fund studies, international opportunities, interagency agreements with state and local agencies, and research projects in other states.