

## Start Planning Your Trip to North Carolina to Demonstrate the Capabilities of Your Data Collection Equipment

As you may have heard, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, North Carolina State University, Transportation Research Board, United States Department of Transportation and American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials are sponsoring the 2008 National Workshop on Highway Asset Management and Data Collection on September 24-26, 2008. The Workshop will include national speakers, work sessions, discussions, and lots of time for you to meet potential customers and display your data collection and analyzation products.

As part of the Workshop a data collection exercise is being organized. NCDOT has identified a challenging 90-mile course in central North Carolina on which sponsors would like you to collect various roadway data elements. Your data will be compared to ground truth data. A report to Workshop attendees will include what you collected compared to the ground truth data. The report will not make comparisons between vendors, and no "winners" will be identified. The report should be a valuable resource for many potential customers.

We will be sending you a package with specific data collection and Workshop details very soon. If you have questions please email Terry Canales ([tcanales@dot.state.nc.us](mailto:tcanales@dot.state.nc.us)) or Scott Capps ([scapps@dot.state.nc.us](mailto:scapps@dot.state.nc.us)) at NCDOT. We hope that you will attend the Workshop and participate in the data collection exercise. We look forward to moving the state of the practice in asset management data collection forward as a result.