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TRANSTECH WINS CONTRACT, OPENS QCQA LAB IN NEW YORK

The Texas Department of Transportation recently released an Open Market Purchase Order for a quantity of TransTech PQI301 Pavement Quality Indicators.

The award brings non-nuclear measurement of hot mix asphalt mat densities to Texas highways and opens the door for paving contractors, asphalt testing labs and other governmental agencies to follow suit with this state-of-the-art technique.

Unlike the nuclear gauge, which is driven by two radioactive isotopes, the PQI develops an electromagnetic field running at one megahertz, which falls between the AM and FM radio frequencies. Thus it is not only safe to use, but requires none of the licensing and regulatory fees of the nuclear gauge.

The TXDOT contract also allows for a nuclear gauge trade-in allowance on a new PQI. Proper disposal paperwork is also included in the award.

The PQI is covered by AASHTO Specification TP68 and ASTM-D-7113. Either with or without the nuclear gauge trade-in program, the PQI301 is now available to Texas contractors, testing organizations and other jurisdictions.

In other company news, TransTech recently opened the doors of QCQA Laboratories Inc., a full service civil engineering testing facility in Schenectady, NY.

QCQA Labs offers a wide range of construction material testing for projects from highways and air-

port runways through bridges and tunnels to dams, power plants and other public, commercial and private structures.

QCQA Labs offers numerous testing options for asphalt, concrete, soils and steel as well as various other technical services. According to David Apkarian, TransTech president, "We are looking forward to expanding on the vast knowledge we have gained from the development of testing equipment for these industries and to offering those services, at a very fair price, to state jurisdictions and private organizations in need of them."

A current listing of QCQA's asphalt design, production and asphalt laydown inspection services includes HMA density testing, core sample analysis, perpetual pavement design and mix verifications, segregation testing and a comprehensive NYSDOT quality assurance package plus NYSDOT plant quality control inspection.



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