Letters of invitation to join the BC/RS RITA team Technical Advisory Council have been sent to the transportation field members previously identified during our bi-weekly team meetings. A request for an answer by April 9, 2010 was noted as seen in the attached sample letter.

In addition to the letter of invitation, each potential TAC member received a copy of the project abstract to provide them additional information about the project as well as a list of duties and purpose of membership in the TAC. These documents are also attached.

Letters of invite were sent to the following:

Steve Cook, Michigan DOT (accepted)
Roger Surdahl and Krishna Verma, FHWA
Amy Trahey, Great Lakes Engineering Group (accepted)
Carin Roberts-Wollman, Virginia Tech (accepted)
Kelley Rehm, AASHTO (declined due to conflict of interest with UNC project)*
Duane Otter, Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (accepted)
Doug Couto, Transportation Research Board
David Hohmann, Texas DOT (declined and recommended a better qualified candidate)**
Peter Sweatman, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (accepted)
Brent Bair, Road Commission for Oakland County***
Dan Johnston, South Dakota DOT (accepted)
Charles Ishee, Florida DOT

*Kelly Rehm recommended Michael Johnson, CALTRANS
**David Hohmann recommended Keith Ramsey, Texas DOT (accepted)
***Brent Bair will be replaced with Dennis Kolar per Brent’s suggestion (accepted)

The first TAC meeting is scheduled to be held in Ann Arbor, MI in May 2010.