

Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) Research Template Instructions

<u>Objective</u>: The purpose of this template is to keep accurate and real-time yearly data for each active research project approved by the ALDOT Research Advisory Committee. This template is included in the ALDOT's Work Program - End of Year Research Report that is required by the Federal Highway Administration.

<u>Instructions</u>: The template must be typed and submitted electronically to **Ms. Kidada Dixon, State**Research and Development Engineer (Bureau Chief) at <u>dixonk@dot.state.al.us</u>. (Copy: Mr. Calvin Smith at <u>smithcal@dot.state.al.us</u>). Submit in Microsoft Excel.

The template is a separated into 2 parts and must be completed at 2 different times during the year:

Part I (blue highlight section only) - summarizes the project objectives and expected deliverables. Tasks should come from the research proposal submitted to ALDOT for approval and funding consideration. This includes:

- Specified Period of Performance (i.e. start and end dates) and total months
- Total Proposed-Project Funding
- Assigned ALDOT Research Number AND Project Name [located on the issued Letter of Direction]
- Purpose and Scope for the *upcoming* fiscal Year (FY)
- Proposed Activities for upcoming fiscal year (FY)
- Financial Total: Projected Cost for the *upcoming* fiscal year (FY)
- Contact Information should contain the following:
 - Primary researcher's name, affiliated university, university's address, office telephone number and university email address

Part I is due upon receipt confirmation from ALDOT, Bureau of Research and Development that the proposal was received.

Part II (green highlight section) - summarizes the accomplished or achieved tasks identified in the ALDOT-approved research proposal during the *past* fiscal year. This section **must** be completed. If there were no accomplishments, then it should be clearly stated along with an explanation. This includes:

- Accomplishments During the *past* fiscal year see explanation above
- Performance Percentage of Budget Section: Accomplished Work in current fiscal year =

((Tasked completed in current fiscal year)/(Total number of tasks identified in the project)) * 100%

Note: Part II is a continuation of Part I, therefore all sections (blue highlight section) referenced in Part I should be completed and shown.

Part II is due no later than October 15th to ALDOT, Bureau of Research and Development.

Please contact the Bureau of Research and Development at (334) 353-6940 with any questions.