

Posted Invitation to 2003 Track Pre-Bid Meeting
NCAT Pavement Test Track
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All interested parties are invited to arrive early for the annual conference and participate in the pre-bid meeting for the 2003 NCAT Pavement Test Track. The project is currently scheduled for ALDOT's February 28th letting, and this meeting is mandatory for anyone who plans to submit a bid. Contract provisions allow the contractor to bring in a small portable plant and run mix onsite, so the bidding is not limited to contractors who currently operate a plant within hauling distance of the Track. The presentation will begin at 10:00 AM, and will include an open discussion of the following items:

- Construction Sequence
- Hauling Aggregates
- Asphalt Supply
- Plant Requirements
- Trial Mix
- Test Strips
- Rutting Sections
- Structural Sections
- Quality Control
- Quality Acceptance
- Research Inconveniences
- Equipment Donations

Numerous suppliers have expressed an interest in donating equipment and materials for this special project, and contact information will be provided for suppliers who are not in attendance. Even if you do not plan to bid on the 2003 project, the meeting should be informative and interesting. Also, the small structural experiment included in this project will likely serve as a steppingstone to a comprehensive, AASHTO-like structural experiment in 2006. Visit the project website (www.pavetrack.com) for more information, and we look forward to seeing you in Birmingham.