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**Participants' Biographies**

**Yuriy Agalakov**  
**Road Department of Khanty Mansiysk AO**  
**Main Technologist**  
**Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia**  
**English: None**

Mr. Agalakov has been the Main Technologist of the Road Department since 1999, introducing new technologies and equipment, in addition to organizing the quality control systems for the road construction and maintenance in his region. He is most interested in materials and quality control, specifically in ISO-9000-2000 standards, and would like to learn more about U.S. road construction equipment.

**Bakhtiyor Avzalshoyev**  
**Tajikgyprotransstroy**  
**Senior Engineer**  
**Dushanbe, Tajikistan**  
**English: Fair/Good**

Tajikgyprotransstroy is the present version of the Ministry of Transportation, which went through reorganization after the fall of the Soviet Union. Mr. Avzalshoev supervises a division of eight employees, and is most interested in learning about AASHTO standards for road construction. He has also worked as a consultant on several projects with Louis Berger, including the Dushanbe – Kulyab highway.

**Rustam Askarov**  
**Uzbektransstroy**  
**Head, Road Construction Department**  
**Tashkent, Uzbekistan**  
**English: Good**

As Head of the Road Construction Department, Mr. Askarov is subordinate to only the Chairman of “Uzbektransstroy”, the umbrella organization responsible for infrastructure development in Uzbekistan. Since much of Uzbekistan is desert, he would like to examine the experience of U.S. experts that have constructed roads in dry-heat climates. Mr. Askarov also wants to make contacts with U.S. equipment manufacturers for potentially supplying his department with various pieces of construction equipment.

**Ildus Bashmakov**  
**Vareganeftepetsstroy**  
**Technical Director**  
**Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia**  
**English: None**

“Vareganeftepetsstroy” was reorganized in 1992 into a joint-stock company, owned by its employees. The company possesses a road construction and maintenance division, and also has asphalt and concrete producing plants. Mr. Bashmakov is also interested in the ISO-9001 quality system, in addition to making contacts with U.S. road construction equipment and machinery producers. He feels this is necessary to raise his company’s work to an internationally accepted standard.

**Georgiy Dushnik**  
**Ukragroshlyakhbud (Association)**  
**Chairman of the Board**  
**Kiev, Ukraine**  
**English: None**

Mr. Dushnik has been the Chairman of Ukragroshlyakhbud since its establishment in 1990. Its focus is the maintenance and construction of rural roads and airports, and the association's combined yearly output of asphalt is 1 million tons. The main problem that his association sees in Ukrainian road construction industry is increasing costs stemming from the use of out-of-date technologies and materials. The areas that he would like to focus on deal with his long-term goal of increasing the percentage of paved rural roads in Ukraine: equipment and materials, funding issues, and better maintenance procedures. Mr. Dushnik is responsible for negotiating and signing commercial agreements with foreign partners.

**Andrey Fillipov**  
**Highway Department of Sakhalin Region**  
**Deputy Head**  
**Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia**  
**English: None**

As Deputy Head of the Highway Department, Mr. Fillipov has wide-ranging responsibilities. These include the preparation of bidding and award procedures, oversight of quality issues, managing construction and repair programs, and the implementation of road infrastructure upgrades related to the Sakhalin-1 and Sakhalin-2 energy projects. He is interested in road construction planning and development, equipment to prepare reinforced asphalt/concrete mixtures, and equipment used to prepare bitumen treated with iodine additives.

**Igor Karamiliya**  
**Sperantsa**  
**Chief**  
**Vulkaneshli, Moldova**  
**English: None**

Sperantsa is a private construction firm, with Mr. Karamiliya being the majority owner. It produces asphalt and concrete, transports its road construction materials, builds both urban and rural roads, and also has a laboratory to test its products. He is interested in management issues and U.S. equipment pertaining to asphalt production. His company is largest road construction company in the southern half of Moldova, and Mr. Karamiliya previously participated in a TACIS program on road building.

**Vladimir Karpov**  
**Dorremstroy**  
**General Director**  
**Tomsk, Russia**  
**English: None**

Dorremstroy is one of the leading Road Construction companies in Tomsk. Employees own 88% of the company, which provides a number of services relating to roads, including construction of roads, material and equipment transport, engineering, and design. He would like to investigate new technologies in materials and equipment, and would like to examine human resources in the U.S. road construction industry.

**Aleksandr Kirkov**  
**Remshlyakhbud LLC**  
**Director**  
**Zaporozhye, Ukraine**  
**English: None**

Mr. Kirkov owns 45% of Remshlyakhbud LLC, which builds and maintains roads, bridges, and viaducts in the Zaporozhye region, located in southeastern Ukraine. His goals are to explore asphalt and concrete production in the United States, to re-equip his company with the up-to-date technology and equipment, and examine recent advances in engineering. He feels this will be beneficial in a number of upcoming projects slated for his region.

**Aleksandr Nechayev**  
**Sevzapdorstroy**  
**General Director**  
**Arkhangelsk, Russia**  
**English: None**

Sevzapdorstroy is a private company working in the northwestern part of Russia, an area with arctic climatic conditions. Mr. Nechayev wants to observe and analyze construction organization in the U.S., road repair equipment, and bitumen emulsions production. He would like to make contacts with U.S. equipment manufacturers and material producers, so that he may close what he sees as a gap between the development of new technologies and equipment, and their practical application in his region.

**Said Safarov**  
**“Khujand Roh” Road Department**  
**Head Engineer**  
**Buston District, Tajikistan**  
**English: None**

Mr. Safarov’s department is a sub-division within Tajikistan’s Ministry of Transport. The primary project that his department (located in northwest Tajikistan) works on is the Dushanbe-Tashkent international highway, and is also considering projects that would establish road links to China, India, and Pakistan. He would like to acquaint himself with modern equipment and developments in engineering, and hopes that his experience in the United States will further the development of a quality road infrastructure in Tajikistan.

**Aleksandr Salnikov**  
**Mariskavtodor**  
**Director**  
**Yoshkar-Ola, Russia**  
**English: None**

Mr. Salnikov has been with Mariskavtodor for more than a decade, and has been Director for almost three years. There are a number of areas that he would like to investigate in the United States, including governmental funding of road construction, road certification, different types of asphalt mixes and materials, and business aspects of attracting foreign investment. Mr. Salnikov is also a Deputy of the Republic of Mari El’s State Assembly, and is looking to promote legislative regulation based on previous U.S. experience in the road construction industry.

**Grigoriy Stepanskiy**  
**Ukrainian Transport Corridors**  
**President**  
**Kiev, Ukraine**  
**English: None**

Ukrainian Transport Corridors is a 100% privately owned company commissioned by the government of Ukraine to construct and operate a new system of transport highways valued at roughly \$20 billion. These include routes from Kiev to Kosiny, and a section of the Baltic to Black Sea highways. Mr. Stepanskiy is the author of numerous laws and draft laws. His primary interests in visiting the United States are examining road construction equipment, road coverings, and learning about toll highways.

**Eric Sultanov**  
**Committee for Roads and Infrastructure**  
**Chairman**  
**Astana, Kazakhstan**  
**English: None**

The Committee for Roads and Infrastructure is a sub-division of the Kazakh Ministry of Transport and Communications. It has representation in each oblast of Kazakhstan. As Chairman, Mr. Sultanov reports directly to the Vice Minister of Transportation and Communication and the Cabinet of Ministers. His areas of interest include financial and legal issues pertaining to tenders, design and feasibility studies, institutional review of proposals, and quality control and standards.

**Vyacheslav Suyazov**  
**Road Directorate of Tver Region**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Director, Chief Engineer**  
**Tver, Russia**  
**English: None**

Mr. Suyazov has worked at the Road Directorate for over a decade. He would like to examine the federal-state relationship pertaining to funding and regulatory issues. The main problem he sees on a regional level in Russia is the disparity between federal and regional road initiatives, and constant changes in policies and regulations. In his view, this leads to difficulties in attracting foreign partners and investment. As a member of the regional Legislative Assembly, he hopes his internship will enable him to write clearer road construction legislation for the Tver region.

**Fuad Talibov**  
**Azerbaijan Ministry of Transport**  
**Chief Specialist, Investment and International Relations**  
**Baku, Azerbaijan**  
**English: Good**

Mr. Talibov's department is responsible for the implementation of a uniform technical policy and for attracting foreign investment into Azerbaijan's road construction sector. He notes that U.S. companies are practically absent in Azerbaijan, and wants to establish contacts with companies in a variety of areas, including road construction, equipment (asphalt mixing plants, road rollers, asphalt spreaders, bitumen transport tankers, bulldozers), design, and materials.

**Vigen Ter-Simonyan**  
**Armenian Roads State Company**  
**Chief Specialist**  
**Yerevan, Armenia**  
**English: Fair**

Armenian Roads is a state company that serves as the primary contractor for the Armenian Ministry of Transport and Communication. Mr. Ter-Simonyan reports directly to the Director, and is primarily concerned with the quality of his asphalt production, both the raw inputs and the finished product. Within the realm of asphalt production, his interests are quality control mechanisms, and equipment, specifically portable batch and drum mixing facilities, storage facilities, master cold feed control, asphalt distributors, slurry seal machines, and power sweepers.

**Adilkazhi Zhumayev**  
**Kokzhal Limited Liability Partnership**  
**Director**  
**Astana, Kazakhstan**  
**English: None**

Kokzhal is a privately owned company specializing in road maintenance, surfacing, road sign installation, and road marking. Mr. Zhumayev is interested in exploring new areas of the road construction sector; to this end, he feels a foreign partner might bring skills and experience that would facilitate the expansion of his company and any established joint venture in the Kazakh and Central Asian markets.