

If you work for a local agency and you've implemented a tool, equipment or any type of solution that is cost-saving, effective and easily transferable, please submit it as an official entry into the **Build a Better Mousetrap (BABM): Louisiana Local Innovations Program**

Deadline is on *April 24, 2023.*

Winners will receive a free LTAP training and a “Innovator of the Year” certificate during the LPESA Spring 2023 Conference. Winners will automatically be entered into the national BABM Recognition Program.

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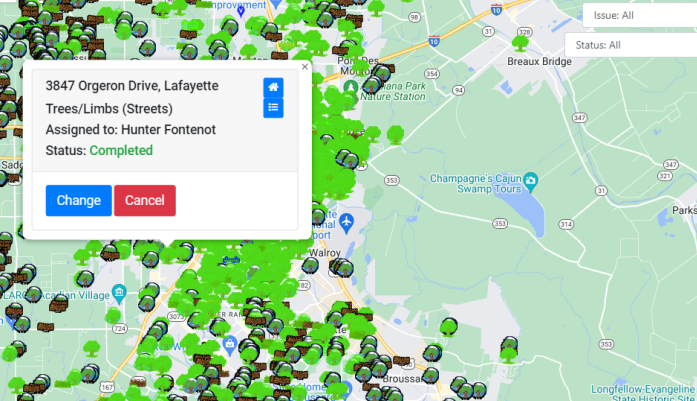
JOIN THE NATIONAL BUILD
A BETTER MOUSETRAP
(BABM)- LOUISIANA LEVEL!

LOUISIANA LOCAL INNOVATIONS PROGRAM



Have you got a project or program that's cost-saving, effective and innovative?

SHARE YOUR STORY.



LA 2022 Entry: Lafayette's **Storm Mode** web-based tool for storm recovery and response efforts

We encourage all parishes, cities and municipalities to share your local innovations that fall under any of these categories below:

- **Innovative Project** - A new idea addressing a project's life cycle: planning, design or engineering, construction, operations and maintenance.
- **Bold Steps**— A locally relevant, high-risk project or process that shows a break-through solution with demonstrated high reward.
- **Smart Transformation**—A project with local relevance and significant change in any activity that is SMART (Smart, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timebound) in nature.
- **Pioneer**—A locally relevant product or tool that is among the first to solve a maintenance problem with a homegrown solution.

SCAN THE CODE TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY!



Or visit
bit.ly/LAInnovations

CATCH BASIN LID ASSIST TOOL (OUACHITA PARISH)

Ouachita Parish Public Works Department was selected as the **2019 Winner in Louisiana BABM** for its catch basin lid assist tool.

The tool only cost the agency less than \$100, including labor and materials. Crew members can use it to lift and lower catch basin lids for inspection. They no longer need to use brute force to lift and lower catch basin lids, thereby increasing overall worker safety and decreasing the incidences of finger- and toe-pinch injuries.



LA 2019 Winner: Ouachita's Catch Basin Lid Assist Tool

CRITERIA & PRIZES

All innovations submitted will be scored based on these **CRITERIA**:

Cost Savings	30%
Effectiveness	30%
Ease of Transfer	20%
Ingenuity	20%

If selected as the **GRAND WINNER**, you will receive the following **PRIZES**:

- Free LTAP training inclusive of lunch
- Innovator of the Year Certificate
- Recognition in National BABM Booklet

We will also award the **People's Choice Award** based on the number of "Likes" on Facebook.

Ouachita's innovation and Terrebonne's were featured on **BABM 2019 Booklet**.

See pages 19-20 of the 2019 BABM Booklet:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/pdfs/2019_mousetrap_entries_booklet.pdf



LA 2019 People's Choice: Terrebonne's In-a-Pinch Salt Spreader