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**Subject:** Jack Faucett Associated and Oman Systems Awarded Another Research Project

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Jack Faucett Associates (Bethesda, MD) and Oman Systems, Inc. (Nashville, TN) have been awarded a contract from the Transportation Research Board (TRB) to develop and update fuel use factors for use in highway construction contracts.

The objectives of this research are to (1) identify present highway construction contract activities that are major consumers of fuel; (2) prepare fuel usage factors for these activities, including those items of work presented in Attachment 1 of FHWA Technical Advisory T5080.3, for base year 2012; and (3) develop a recommended practice for state DOTs to implement use of fuel adjustment factors and adjust them for both state-specific conditions and changes in construction costs, methods, and equipment

Oman Systems will be utilizing their own industry leading estimating and bid tabulation databases (BidTabs Professional) to: (1) study the effect of fuel cost changes on pricing of specific pay items; (2) assist in the identification of major fuel consumption items, and (3) develop fuel use factors using industry standard estimating methods.

In addition, Oman Systems will be conducting a DOT and industry survey of contractors to provide industry input into existing estimating methods in the development of the new fuel use factors and recommended implementation of these factors.

The results of this study will be presented to a review panel consisting of state department of transportation officials. Once completed, the study will be available to all DOTs as a resource for implementing and improving policies regarding fuel usage factors.

This project is a continuation of other projects that Oman Systems has teamed up with Jack Faucett Associates including a study of Price Escalation Clauses in construction contracts as well as the development of a new Construction Cost Index system for the Federal Highway Administration.

If you would like more information about this study, please feel free to contact Oman Systems ([www.OmanCo.com](http://www.OmanCo.com)).