

Press release

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CTC, Inc., selected by Minnesota DOT (MnDOT) to review grade-crossing signal plans

Fort Worth, Texas (Oct. 29, 2012) – CTC, Inc., will continue to review Minnesota's signal circuitry plans at highway-rail grade crossings to ensure compliance with state statutes and rules. CTC was awarded the annual contract for 2013 by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and will also provide technical expertise and design for new railroad and traffic system preemption across the state and for upgrades at existing crossings.



CTC will review signal circuitry plans at highway-rail grade crossings in Minnesota to ensure signal design meets appropriate safety standards.

"The state of Minnesota is proactively mitigating risk at highway-rail grade crossings by ensuring that signals at these locations are in compliance with state statutes and rules," said Kurt Anderson, vice president and general manager for CTC. "That's a safety win for the state and the traveling public."

Under terms of the contract, CTC will also ensure that the state's highway-railroad grade crossing signals and equipment comply with American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association (AREMA) standards.

During the past five years, CTC has reviewed the state's highway-grade crossing plans to ensure the state's signal designs and preemption are fully compliant and follow industry best practices.

Preemption interconnections between the railroad and highway-traffic signal system are intended to prevent highway vehicles from being trapped on a crossing when a train is approaching. CTC has inspected more than 1,100 interconnected highway-rail grade crossings in North America and has identified enhancements that can increase safety at nearly 85 percent of these crossings.

Railroad preemption has increasingly become a focus of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). In 2010, the FRA issued Safety Advisory 2010-02, urging highway/public agencies and railroads to install, maintain and upgrade highway-signal recording devices at crossings equipped with active warning systems that are interconnected with highway-traffic signal systems. In July 2012, the FRA issued Technical Bulletin S-12-01, providing specific guidance regarding joint comprehensive inspections of the highway-rail grade crossing warning system at preempted crossings.

About CTC

CTC, Inc., provides communication and signaling systems, products and services for some of North America's most complex highway-rail grade crossing intersections. Delivering vital safety projects, CTC offers a full array of highway-rail signal solutions, including signal design, engineering and review services, project management, patented products, and turnkey signal construction. www.campbelltech.net.

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