



1.0 General

The RWIS Program Manager in the Bureau of Highway Maintenance (BHM) performs overall program management of the Wisconsin Road Weather Information System (RWIS). But an effective RWIS requires the efforts of BHM, the regions, and the winter maintenance service provider.

2.0 Responsibilities

1. Bureau of Highway Maintenance

- Provide overall program management of the RWIS. This includes, but is not limited to, research of new products and services, management of RWIS-related contracts, and issuance of RWIS-related requests for proposals (RFP's).
- Fund through its allotted budget for any RWIS and weather services required statewide, except for weather data services. This includes, but is not limited to, maintenance decision support systems (MDSS), and RWIS maintenance.
- Provide or arrange for any weather-related training for the regions and winter maintenance service providers.
- Provide guidance on site selection for potential new RWIS sites.
- Assist the Department with all weather-related questions concerning surface transportation that are related to highway operations. This includes close coordination with the Bureau of Traffic Operations.
- Coordinate with organizations involved in surface transportation policy, research, and development.

2. Regions

- Provide feedback on the effectiveness of various RWIS technologies in use, as well as suggestions for system improvements.
- Assist in site selection for new RWIS locations within their regions.
- When requested, provide information related to weight restriction/premium programs.
- Provide assistance to winter maintenance service providers in the operation of MDSS.
- Provide logistical support for RWIS and MDSS training activities.

3. Winter Maintenance Service Providers

- Employ RWIS technologies provided by the department.
- Provide feedback on the effectiveness of various RWIS technologies in use, as well as suggestions for system improvements.
- Attend weather-related training sessions arranged by WisDOT.
- When requested, provide information related to weight restriction/premium programs.