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The papers have been identified since 1998 by the standing committees in the areas of Design, Pavement Management, Structures, Construction, Asphalt Materials, Concrete Materials, Geology and Properties of Earth Materials, and Soil Mechanics. The standing committees in the Operations and Maintenance and Preservation areas joined the effort in 2009. Since 2010, all Groups in the Technical Activities Division identify practice-ready papers. This effort was designed, initiated, and expanded to help practitioners to more easily find those papers which may be of most immediate interest to them. From the beginning, designating papers as practice-ready has been very well received.

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