# GAO: Performance-Based Contracts Are the Way to Go

Performance-based contracting received a boost this month when the Government Accountability Office found that the U.S. Department of Transportation is making progress in moving toward a national performance-based approach, reports *Forbes*.

In Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), the DOT recognized the importance of a more progressive approach in the way federal agencies and states do business with each other, with planning organizations and with private vendors.

Accordinng to the *Forbes* report, in the fiscal year 2013, DOT provided about $50 billion to states and other "grantees" – such as metropolitan planning organizations and transit agencies – to support highway and transit infrastructure and safety.

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