FRA’s Office of Research, Development, and Technology is dedicated to conducting research that improves railroad safety, promotes innovation, and supports national rail transportation policy. These efforts further U.S. Department of Transportation strategic goals, FRA’s mission, and the rail industry as a whole.

The 2021 BAA provides opportunities to conduct applied technology research to support FRA’s strategic objectives. Topic areas include:

- Track
- Equipment
- Train Control
- Human Factors
- Workforce Development
- Infrastructure Resiliency

For more information about the BAA, including program guidelines, specific research topics under consideration, and submission deadlines, visit: https://railroads.dot.gov/program-areas/research-and-development-funding/broad-agency-announcement

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