

I'm Oak Metcalfe, I'm the Testing Operations Engineer for the Montana Department of Transportation, Materials Bureau and I've worked for MDT for 9 years.

Working for MDT offered me good job security here, good benefits. I knew lots of people who worked with the state before that always talked about what kind of a good atmosphere it was here and it was an opportunity for me to put my education to use. Working in the Materials Bureau I get to work with all kinds of cool equipment and really get in to the nuts and bolts of how we put the highway together. It's really interesting to see the individual pieces of the puzzle, if you will, come together. I always like to say that the first thing that happens before a highway or bridge is built is the material aspect. One of the other benefits of working at MDT is, especially if you're from the state of Montana, is this allows you to stay here in your home state and enjoy all the extra-curricular activities that the state of Montana offers for folks that are interested in outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, camping, skiing). For me, as a guy that grew up out of state, it was a chance for me to stay here. I moved from Oklahoma to come to college in Butte and I got my job with the state and it allowed me to stay here and live and work in the state that I've adopted as my own. The people that grew up here or are interested in staying here, this is a perfect opportunity and a great reason to come to work for the State of Montana.

I'm Oak Metcalfe and I'm MDT.