How Much?

Assess One Supplier

Full Project Assessment

- Single project readiness
  - Time the evaluation before materials are ordered, or
  - Visit as material arrives, or
  - Visit as shop drawings are finalized, or at any strategic point in the project.
  - Consider for design/build or CM/GC teams during planning and formation

All Suppliers to a Single Project

- Visit major bridge fabricator throughout project at strategic points
- Visit the fabricator’s suppliers less, but visit at strategic points in their supply to the major bridge fabricator or the project.

Ongoing Assessments

- DOTs can share with another State

Full Supplier Base

Selected Group of Suppliers

Choose Critical Suppliers Only

- Major bridge suppliers, or
- strategic suppliers, or
- new suppliers without history or experience, or
- ancillary suppliers.

Assure a qualified base, assure they continue to improve

- Assessments done regularly over time provide a continually improving selection of supplier.
- Secondary benefit: observe how the suppliers interact with each other; strengthens your supplier list as a group.