

**Notice to All Accredited Autobody Shops** 

## Call for Volunteers – Research Collaboration

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In consideration of feedback from the ATA and MMDA as well as the Technical & Parts Consultation Committee, we are rolling out a new partnership model for joint research in areas that are mutually beneficial for the repair trade and MPI. The first opportunity was identified when presenting the findings of our recent consumption study for refinish materials.

MPI would welcome an opportunity to work collaboratively with repair facilities to validate a possible discrepancy with Mitchell refinish times for bumpers to further validate the findings from the consumption study.

The objective would be for MPI research technicians to work together with repair technicians within a repair facility on specific studies to obtain both feedback and understand application in a production environment during the refinishing of the identified parts.

The collected data will provide the participating repair shops, the consultation committee and MPI an opportunity to confirm the applicability of Mitchell's data and help with identifying possible gaps in compensation.

If you are interested in collaborating with MPI on this initiative, please contact us at <u>partners@mpi.mb.ca</u> by December 24, 2021.