



# EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION AWARD

Application must be received by the ITD Awards Coordinator by **March 24, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.**

## Eligibility

Any consulting/construction contracting firm or agency engaged in transportation related projects in Idaho is eligible to enter. Submitted projects must be located in Idaho.

The entry must be associated with a public transportation improvement, project or funded by transportation dollars. Projects must have been substantially completed within the last three calendar years inclusive of the current year and presently in use.

Entries submitted in previous years may be resubmitted if it still complies with the aforementioned time span. Winning entries from previous years are ineligible. A project may be entered in as many categories as desired; however, a separate application must be submitted for each category and address its specified criteria.

## Construction Criteria

- 1.) **Narrative:** Please provide a brief narrative describing the project's purpose, size and location. Explain why this project is a candidate for the *Excellence in Transportation Award, Construction*.
- 2.) **Challenges and Innovation:** Describe the specific construction challenges and opportunities the project presented. Describe any innovative strategies used to overcome construction challenges, what makes these efforts unique and resulting successes. Include any methods that protected or improved the environment, transportation safety and/or future maintenance.
- 3.) **User Impacts:** Describe how the project mitigated/minimized user impacts. Examples include travel delays, access restrictions, reduction of accidents/injuries, noise pollution, etc. Were any partnerships formed, public outreach executed or new technologies used to accomplish this? Discuss the success of the efforts and the efficiencies gained.
- 4.) **Schedule:** Did the project meet or exceeded the construction schedule? If so, were there other contributing factors besides construction method innovations? For example, coordination between sub-contractors that improved delivery, better site conditions than anticipated, extended work hours or double shifts, etc. If the construction schedule was not met, please explain circumstances as to why.
- 5.) **Budget:** Describe how the project met the construction budget. Were Change Orders kept to a minimum? Were there any Change Orders or construction methods that saved project dollars? If the construction budget was not met please explain circumstances as to why.

- 6.) **Additional Comments:** The project may have succeeded in some areas but struggled with other criteria. Please explain where issues existed or provide information that did not fit in the above criteria.
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Use a **maximum of five pages** to answer the above listed criteria.

- Do not assume the judges are already knowledgeable of your project or understand transportation projects from a construction prospective.
- The inclusion of photos to better illustrate your answers is highly recommended although not required.
- An appendix may be attached to the end of your application containing articles, awards, press releases that showcase why your project is exemplary. Judges may look over this material presented but the appendix itself is not a judged criterion for this award.

*Entries must be deemed "award-worthy." Judges do have the right to decide that a Construction award will not be presented if they believe all entries are sub-standard.*