



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 had a construction contract awarded within the last three calendar years inclusive of the current year.

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.

Small/Large Design Criteria

- 1.) **Narrative:** Please provide a brief narrative explaining why this project is a candidate for the *Excellence in Transportation Award, Small/Large Design*.
- 2.) **Challenges, Innovation, and Flexibility:** Describe any innovative engineering solutions used to overcome specific design challenges. For example, unique design alternatives, practical design tactics, usage of incentive payments for right-of-way acquisition, etc. If applicable, describe the project's inclusion of any innovative products and/or materials. Describe how design flexibility was utilized to save time and budget without significantly compromising the scope of the project.
- 3.) **Public Involvement/Outreach:** Describe efforts used to insure appropriate and timely responsiveness to public inquiries. If the project faced challenges/controversy from the public, describe how these were handled. How has this project successfully engaged the community? Include any public outreach efforts such as innovative communications using visual displays, electronic technology or the media. .
- 4.) **Partnerships, Collaboration:** Describe any partnerships that were formed (including resource agency support) to facilitate the project's development and how those partnerships made a difference. Are there any mechanisms in place to foster the continuation of these partnerships? Were non-traditional groups represented as well, such as those outside the transportation arena?

- 5.) **Quality of User Experience:** What is the overall improvement to the transportation experience? Is the connectivity of the transportation system improved and/or does it address multimodal transportation options including bicycle, pedestrian, transit, etc? Discuss how the project resulted in improved transportation system performance such as riding smoothness, travel time, scenic enhancements as well as how the project may have resulted in the reduction of accidents/injuries to all users.
- 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 an environmental 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 an Design award will not be presented if they believe all entries are sub-standard.