



# 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.

## Environmental Stewardship Criteria

- 1.) **Narrative:** Please provide a brief narrative explaining why this project is a candidate for the *Excellence in Transportation Award, Environmental Stewardship*.
- 2.) **Regulatory Context – Federal, State and/or Municipal Requirements:** Are there specific regulatory requirements that apply to the project as a whole or any of its significant components? Examples would include NPDES or state water permits, endangered species limitations, State designated water-quality stream segments, TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads), air pollution non attainment status, etc. Identify them and explain how they affect the project's strategic objectives.
- 3.) **Challenges and Innovation:** Describe the specific challenges and opportunities that the landscape poses for project construction. Examples might include ground water or surface water quality; erodible soils; riparian restoration; native plants, fish and wildlife; innovations created to protect or enhance natural resources; etc. How do these conditions affect project design and/or construction? Describe any innovative strategies used to overcome project challenges. Include any approaches that integrated and balanced community, aesthetic, historic, and environmental value with transportation safety, maintenance, and performance goals and how this benefited the public.

- 4.) **Outcomes & Accomplishments:** To the greatest extent possible, document the success the project has had in achieving its environmental stewardship goals. Are there any measurable results? For example, has water or air quality improved? Did the project successfully meet all NPDES regulations? Have endangered species populations rebounded? Does the completed project produce less storm water runoff? If appropriate and credible, include any monitoring data, research data, survey data or photographic evidence that clearly illustrates the project's progress towards achieving its environmental stewardship goals.
  - 5.) **Schedule/ Budget:** Describe how the project accomplished schedule, budget or other goals (such as fostering communications or partnerships that extend beyond the project life) that improved the delivery of the environmental process while balancing/protecting the needs of design, safety, and maintenance. For example, modifications made during planning/design or construction methods that saved project dollars and improved or protected the environment.
  - 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 perspective.
- 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 Environmental Stewardship award will not be presented if they believe all entries are sub-standard.*