

EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION AWARD

Application must be received by the ITD Awards Coordinator by **Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, at 4 p.m.**

Eligibility

Any firm or agency engaged in a planning project that supports transportation or the operations of the Idaho Transportation Department is eligible to enter. Submitted projects must be located in Idaho, and can highlight the planning element for projects across a broad spectrum (technology, modernization efforts, employee development, corridor studies, long-range transportation plans, etc.) as long as the project has ties to the transportation field.

The planning effort must have reached substantial completion within the last three calendar years inclusive of the current year. Entries submitted in previous years may be resubmitted if they still comply 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 entry which addresses its specified criteria. Please respond to each of the following criteria.

Planning Criteria

- 1.) **Narrative:** Please provide a brief narrative explaining why this project is a candidate for the Excellence in Transportation Award, Planning.
- 2.) **Contribution to the Transportation Industry:** Describe how this individual/team performed exemplary service during the year, which has furthered the transportation activities of the department/committee which has, or could have, a positive impact on transportation nationwide or on a regional basis.

3.) **Modeling and Technology Applications:** Describe how the program uses modeling or other technology applications to strengthen transportation planning. Such applications include travel demand forecasting, geographic information systems, global positioning systems, visualization tools, incident management systems, etc. Discuss how the program assesses current and potential problems, develops alternative solutions, and/or evaluates alternatives through scenario planning.

4.) **Land Use Integration:** Describe how the program promotes the coordination of transportation systems with land use and economic development. Discuss how the program ensures the protection and enhancement of the environment, improves quality of life, and promotes consistency between transportation improvements and State/Local planned growth and economic development patterns. Discuss how the program promotes sustainability through the provision of safe, effective, and efficient access and mobility into the future while considering economic, social, and environmental goals.

5.) **Partnerships and Collaboration:** Describe any partnerships that were formed to facilitate the coordinated planning efforts of this program and how these 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?

6.) **Contributions to the Planning Discipline:** Does the work invested in the project contribute to a greater understanding of planning? Were lessons learned that would be of benefit to others involved in planning efforts or projects?

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 planning prospective.

All nominations are required to be accompanied by a color photograph of the individual or team(s).

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 Transportation Planning award will not be presented if they believe the submitted entries do not meet the above criteria.