FHWA’s 2012 Excellence in Right-of-Way Awards

Presented at:

AASHTO Subcommittee on Right-of-Way and Utilities Conference

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Portland, OR
Peer of the Year Award:
Mr. Edward Rush

“Mr. Rush has facilitated the improvement and growth of Florida’s statewide appraisal program to the level of excellence it experiences today.”
Innovation Award: Minnesota DOT

Kevin Leonard and Roy Blanke, Office of Land Management

“...brings intelligent mapping to the fingertips of our ROW practitioners.”
Leadership Award: Virginia DOT

Mr. Richard Bennett and VDOT Right of Way and Utilities

“...enabled the Division to continue to meet project schedules with a substantially reduced work force.”
Stewardship Award: Utah DOT

“...the right-of-way team has resolved all but six of the acquisitions to date, resulting in less than a two percent condemnation ratio.”

The Mountain View Corridor team includes members from UDOT, HDR and Parsons Brinckerhoff.
Streamlining and Integration Award: Mississippi DOT

“...savings in software maintenance fees by developing in-house software and from the reduction of permit officer workload is estimated to save the state $89,000 annually.”

Celina Sumrall, David Brown, Doug Hornback, Donald Campbell, and Kaamilya Young
Technical Specialty Award: Massachusetts DOT

Susan Welliver & Edward Farley

“Truly innovative, allowing an integrated system of information for the staff that is transparent to the public.”
Judges Award: Georgia DOT

Cost Estimation resources: Google

“...highly interactive, prompting the user to consider many market factors.”

Wesley Brock and Barry Baynes
"The development of this present relationship has provided each group with valuable insights into each other’s departmental and governmental structures."

**WisDOT**
Kathy Curren, Curt Van Erem, Alice Meurer, Norman Pawelczyk, Dan Segerstrom, and Derek Weyer

**Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin**
Mary Jo Nash, Diane Wilson, Sheila Huff, Carla Clark, and Sandra Wondra
**Current Initiative Award: Arizona DOT**

“Excellent demonstration of developing and implementing an innovative idea in an easy-to-use format for both public and private benefit.”

Existing Plans Index Team

Paula Gibson, Jessie Zavalza, Henri Verdugo, John Eckhardt, Carwin Gardner, and Ben Black
Stewardship Honorable Mention Award: California DOT

Sample PTE Map sent with letter to owner

Status of permits in Google Earth

“This project integrated software technologies with established processes to gain efficiency in communicating the details of a project.”
Technical Specialty Honorable Mention: Arizona DOT

“An excellent tool for the Property Management Section with containing a highly efficient management system with a multitude of information and functioning as a tracking mechanism.”

Paula Gibson, Raul Torres, Brian Rockwell, Ben Black, Greg Rodriguez, Harry DePrins
And a special thanks to our Judges!

Lisa Harrison  
R/W-URAC, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC, President of Pinnacle Consulting Management Group, Inc.

Ed Kosola  

Vanessa Ringgold  
SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Project Manager with Diversified Property Services, Inc., a full-service ROW consulting firm.
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Thank you and Congratulations!

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