

AASHTO Transportation Vanguard Award 2014



van-guard 'van,gärd/ noun

... leading the way in new developments or ideas.

... a position at the forefront of new developments or ideas.

Background

The definition of a vanguard is someone who is at the forefront of new developments and technologies. In this spirit, the *Transportation Vanguard Award* is established to honor a deserving individual doing extraordinary things in the field of transportation. AASHTO wishes to bestow this award in honor of James C. McMinimee, P.E., formerly of the Utah Department of Transportation, who during his lifetime of public service was very committed as a leader of innovation among his peers and the State DOTs.

James C. McMinimee, P.E.: Jim worked for the Utah Department of Transportation for 25 years, serving in *progressive leadership roles* in maintenance, operations, and project development. He *led successful implementation efforts* of many *initiatives* for UDOT in diverse areas like performance management, innovative contracting, partnering, maintenance management, traffic operations, design, software development, Olympic operations, and project management. Under Jim's *leadership*, the UDOT *successfully pioneered* the use of self-propelled modular transporters to move completed bridge sections into place in a matter of hours.

Jim also served as AASHTO's Implementation Manager for the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2), working to apply *innovative* research to critical work done in the field of transportation across the nation.

Who is eligible?

Any individual, age 40 or younger, working for a State Department of Transportation who exemplifies this type of *commitment to excellence and implementation of innovative technologies and processes* is welcome to be nominated using the attached application. This person should be nominated by a supervisor and endorsed by the DOT's Secretary/Director. AASHTO will convene a special panel whose purpose will be to select an individual deserving of the award. The winner of this award will be invited to present his/her *innovative technology or process* at the AASHTO Annual Meeting 2014 and 100th Year Celebration in Charlotte, North Carolina, for which travel expenses will be paid by AASHTO.

Where does the nominator send the nomination form?

Nominations should be completed using the format on the following page. **Send nominations via e-mail to mvitale@ashto.org.** Nominations must be submitted as a single file in MS Word format using **TVA Nomination_Nominee_Name** as the file name. If you are unable to e-mail the nomination, please call Marty Vitale at (202) 624-5862. **All applications are due by Friday, September 26, 2014.**

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