



# 2007 AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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## BUSINESS

Name of Award	Presenting Organization	Project/Employee	Summary	VDOT Awardee
Digital Government Achievement Award	Center for Digital Government	Integrated Project Manager (iPM)	The Web-based software system enables users to better manage transportation projects and better address needs to efficiently manage limited resources, the need for accountability and government transparency.	John Nahm Steve Kelliher Teresa Everington Angel Deem Sidonia Detmer, PMP John Simmers Lawrence Easter Richard Worrssam, P.E. Emilie Simpson Dane Lewis Ray Gilday David Bailey Peter Shue Nithya Prabha Rajani Edupalli Raj Sambangi Alan Hood Annu Batra

<p>Commissioner’s Award for Excellence - Innovation and Quality Improvement</p>	<p>Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)</p>	<p>Integrated Project Manager (iPM)</p>	<p>The Web-based software system enables users to better manage transportation projects and better address needs to efficiently manage limited resources, the need for accountability and government transparency</p>	<p>John Nahm Steve Kelliher Teresa Everington Angel Deem Sidonia Detmer, PMP John Simmers Lawrence Easter Richard Worrssam, P.E. Emilie Simpson Dane Lewis Ray Gilday David Bailey Peter Shue Nithya Prabha Rajani Edupalli Raj Sambangi Alan Hood Annu Batra</p>
<p>Excellence in Virginia Government Public Private Partnership Award</p>	<p>Virginia Commonwealth University’s L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs</p>	<p>Virginia Department of Transportation and Transurban LLC, in recognition of the successful Pocahontas Parkway (I-895) Project</p>	<p>The 8.8-mile, toll highway is the first construction project implemented under Virginia's Public Private Transportation Act of 1995 and provides a much-needed alternate crossing of the James River and improved access to the Richmond International Airport.</p>	<p>Deborah Brown Pierce Homer David Ekern Tom Pelnik</p>
<p>U.S. Department of Transportation - Inspector General Team Award</p>	<p>U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) – Office of the Inspector General (OIG)</p>	<p>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Fraud Investigation - The team included the U.S. DOT OIG, the U.S. Attorney’s Office and VDOT’s Investigation Division (John Reus).</p>	<p>The team investigated a fraud by a construction company that misrepresented DBE compliance.</p>	<p>Investigation Division John Reus</p>

Special Merit Award – Best Mobile Oil Analysis/Lubrication Program Award	Uptime Magazine and Reliabilityweb.com	Lynchburg District Equipment Technicians	This program is based on excellence and there are many indications that they are in the top quartile for maintenance and reliability programs. The maintenance team has obviously put a great deal of time, money and effort into the lubrication and oil analysis programs and that is benefiting the entire maintenance and repair program.	Lynchburg District Wendell Ponton, CSM/E Randy Davis, CSM/E Michael Cobb Carl Stevens, CEM Todd Thompson, CSM/E Robert Walker, CSM/E Keith Reynolds, CSM/E Don Wright, CEM
Commissioner’s Award for Excellence - Innovation and Quality Improvement	VDOT	Project Records Keeping System Team	Developed Project Records Keeping System (PRKS)	Alan Saunders, P.E., Billy Wright, Jason Archer, Don Farrow, Kumar Barakam, Carl Peet, Phoebe Casasanta, Chip Frazer, Katherine Clark, Cheryl Gomilla-Kennedy
Accreditation in Concrete Lab Testing	AASHTO and Concrete and Cement Reference Laboratory	Hampton Roads Materials Lab	Accreditation in Concrete Lab Testing	Hampton Roads District
Practice-Ready Paper Award	Transportation Research Board	Virginia Transportation Research Council (VTRC) Research Project	Recognizing the VTRC’s paper called “Performance evaluation of bonded concrete pavement overlays after 11 years”	VTRC - David Mokarem and Michael Sprinkle
Public Affairs Skills Competition First Place Award - Publication	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	A History of Roads in Virginia: The Most Convenient Ways		Public Affairs Division
The American Library Association/Godort Notable Document Recognition	Library Journal	A History of Roads in Virginia: The Most Convenient Ways		Public Affairs Division
Public Affairs Skills Competition First Place Award - Photograph	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	Photo of nighttime demolition of the old Woodrow Wilson Bridge		Public Affairs Division - Trevor Wrayton

First Best Paper Award	Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Geology and Properties of Earth Materials Section	"Use of the Micro-deval Test for Assessing Fine Aggregate Durability" by Shabbir Hossain, Stephen Lane and Benjamin Schmidt	Because of the study findings, the researchers recommend that the Micro-Deval test be used as a quality control tool for aggregate assessment to supplement the current measures of aggregate quality.	VTRC
Best Paper Award	TRB's Transportation System Policy, Planning and Process Section	"Centralized and Decentralized Multimodal Statewide Transportation Planning: A Survey of States" by John Miller and Linda Evans		VTRC
1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Best Industrial Display	CulpeperFest	VDOT's display at the annual event that publicizes local businesses and services.		Culpeper District
Commissioner's Award for Excellence - Innovation and Quality Improvement	VDOT		Federal-Aid Paving Schedule Contracts Development	Jamie Surface, Andy Keeton, Jane Gunter, C.B. Hall, Joshua Gutshall, Deborah Mintiens, Kevin Chisnell, Steve Faidley
Commissioner's Award for Excellence - Innovation and Quality Improvement	VDOT		Creating a streamlined service delivery model	Monica Bhatia, Hari Sripathi, Amy Tang McElwain, Kamal Suliman, Katherine Jefferson, Bill Harrell, Mark Hagan, Ling Li, P.E., Dick Steeg, P.E.
Commissioner's Award for Excellence - Innovation and Quality Improvement	VDOT	Area Headquarters Consolidation Team	Developed business method to determine the optimum number of area headquarters and management teams to handle operations in Va.	Audrey Moruza, Michael Fitch, Daniel Roosevelt

# SYSTEM

<p>Governor's Award for Team Work</p>	<p>Governor Tim Kaine</p>	<p>Route 5 Chickahominy Bridge Project Team</p>	<p>Project involving replacing the Judith Stewart Dresser Memorial Bridge on Route 5 over the Chickahominy River.</p>	<p>Joel Denunzio, P.E., Steve Heflin, Rosalyn Richardson, Phyllis Lilly, Emily Peter, Steve Begg, Jameson Harwood, Brad Chapman, John Stogner, Ramesh Gupta, P.E., Ashton Lawler, P.E., Andy Keeton, Barry Pennington, Brian Boyle, Al Bryan, Charles Pettie, P.E., Steve Fritton, Bill Lee, Scott Lewis, Bob Blackman, Warren Bultje, Mark Klagues, John Wells, Meredith Yatsko Kamprath and Bruce Shepard, P.E.</p>
<p>Commissioner's Award for Excellence – Innovation and Quality Improvement</p>	<p>VDOT</p>	<p>Route 5 Chickahominy Bridge Project Team</p>		<p>Joel Denunzio, P.E., Steve Heflin, Rosalyn Richardson, Phyllis Lilly, Emily Peter, Steve Begg, Jameson Harwood, Brad Chapman, John Stogner, Ramesh Gupta, P.E., Ashton Lawler, P.E., Andy Keeton, Barry Pennington, Brian Boyle, Al Bryan, Charles Pettie, P.E., Steve Fritton, Bill Lee, Scott Lewis, Bob Blackman, Warren Bultje, Mark Klagues, John Wells, Meredith Yatsko Kamprath and Bruce Shepard, P.E.</p>

Making a Difference Achievement Award	National Partnership for Highway Quality	Route 33 West Point Bridge Replacement Project	Formal partnering commitments; a focus on context-sensitive solutions; frequent communication with community members; and the use of innovative designs such as the Bulb-T, a pre-stressed concrete girder that allows for longer bridge-span lengths and reduces the number of piers needed in deep water, enabled VDOT to complete the project on time, on budget, and without claims. The Research Council contributed the innovative designs such as the Bulb-T.	Scheduling and Contracting Division - Lloyd Arnold. George Romack and Gail Dickerson
2007 Construction Management Award	American Society of Civil Engineers	Jim Ruddell	Contributions to field	Jim Ruddell, Northern Virginia District
Scenic Viewshed Preservation Award	Scenic Virginia	Route 50 Traffic-Calming Project and the Scenic 340 Project	For efforts to institute Context-Sensitive Design in local road projects	Staunton District
2007 Outstanding Civil Engineering Project	American Society of Civil Engineers	Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project		Northern Virginia District - Nick Nicholson
2007 Bridge Award of Excellence	American Segmental Bridge Institute	Woodrow Wilson Bridge		Northern Virginia District
Exemplary Ecosystems Initiatives (EEL)	Federal Highway Administration	Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project		Northern Virginia District
Making a Difference Silver Award in Partnering	National Partnership for Highway Quality	Woodrow Wilson Bridge/Route 1 Interchange Project	Awarded for proactive and innovative methods used to improve performance.	Scheduling and Contracts Division

Green Leadership Award	James River Green Building Council	Interstate 64 West Safety Rest Area in New Kent County	Design and construction, which resulted in the Commonwealth's first LEED-Gold Certified environmentally friendly state-government building and a facility 75 percent more efficient in energy consumption than its predecessor.	Asset Management Division - Jake Porter
National Excellence in Concrete Paving Award for Divided Highways Rural	American Concrete Pavement Association	Lynchburg District - U.S. Route 29 Madison Heights Bypass North Project		Lynchburg District
Exemplary Ecosystems Initiatives (EEL)	Federal Highway Administration	South Fork Rockfish Restoration Project in Nelson County		Lynchburg District
2007 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award	National Association of Development Organizations	Virginia Rural Transportation Planning Program		Transportation and Mobility Planning Division
VA Asphalt Association Pavement Award for Construction	Virginia Asphalt Association		In Recognition of Outstanding Design and Construction	Staunton District
Virginia Perpetual Pavement Award	Asphalt Pavement Alliance (National Asphalt Pavement Association, The Asphalt Institute, & State Asphalt Pavement Associations) in conjunction with FHWA	I-81, Frederick County	The Perpetual Pavement Award is given to asphalt pavements that are at least 35 years old, have never had a structural failure, and demonstrate excellence in design, quality in construction, and value to the traveling public	Staunton District
2007 Asphalt Pavement Award for Maintenance	Virginia Asphalt Association	Culpeper District		Culpeper District
2007-2008 Honor Award for Engineering Excellence for Design	American Council of Engineering Companies Metropolitan Washington	Springfield Interchange - Bechtel/Dewberry Joint Venture		Northern Virginia District

2007-2008 Engineering Excellence Award – Grand Award Winner	American Council of Engineering Companies of Metropolitan Washington	I-95/I-395/I-495 Springfield Interchange		Structure and Bridges Division
2007 Global Road Achievement Award for Program Management	International Road Federation	Northern Virginia District		Northern Virginia District

## WORKFORCE

Governor’s Award for Workplace Safety	Governor Tim Kaine	Langston T. Williams, assistant district equipment manager in VDOT’s Staunton District	Williams developed a national alert campaign to increase awareness about a fire-safety issue with a particular mode of tractor and worked with the manufacturer to get a replacement \$36,000 tractor free of charge after the first machine caught fire.	Langston T. Williams, assistant district equipment manager in VDOT’s Staunton District
Commissioner’s Award for Excellence - Workplace Safety	VDOT	Langston T. Williams, assistant district equipment manager in VDOT’s Staunton District	Williams developed a national alert campaign to increase awareness about a fire-safety issue with a particular mode of tractor and worked with the manufacturer to get a replacement \$36,000 tractor free of charge after the first machine caught fire.	Langston T. Williams, assistant district equipment manager in VDOT’s Staunton District

Strive For Excellence Team Award	Federal Highway Administration	Wounded Veteran Internship Program	The program is designed for veterans who find they are not suited physically or emotionally to a former job, or because the job is no longer available. The program is the only one of its kind among departments of transportation across the country.	Civil Rights Division - Levi Cary Joseph Shaw
Recognition	National Safety Council	VDOT's First Aid and CPR training program for 2007		Workforce Health and Safety Division
Recognition	Virginia Department of Military Affairs	VDOT's support of guards and reserves		Workforce Health and Safety Division
Commissioner's Award for Excellence – Innovation and Quality Improvement	VDOT	VDOT Materials Certification Online School Program Team	Creation of VDOT Materials Certification Online School Program	Rhonda Inge, Ginger Bogan, Debra Casper, Wade France, Tina Long-Gray, Duane Sayre
Commissioner's Award for Excellence - Customer Service	VDOT	Hampton Roads District Urban Section Team	Developed program to improve customer service to address new urbanization of Hampton Roads	Todd Halacy, Kristin Mazur, Roxanne Marr-Shears, Pat Byrum, Steve Rowan, Bryant Porter, Bruce Duvall, P.E.
Commissioner's Award for Excellence - Customer Service	VDOT	Bryan Lattimore	Serves as "official tour guide" at Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel	Bryan Lattimore, Hampton Roads District
Virginia Tech's Via Civil & Environmental Engineering Department	April 2007 Outstanding Young Alumnus	Dr. Michael C. Brown, VTRC research scientist	Recognized as one of three 2007 outstanding young alumni by the Via Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Virginia Tech, where he received three degrees.	Dr. Michael C. Brown, VTRC research scientist and Smart Road Program manager
Technician of the Year Award	Association of Equipment Management Professionals	Bruce Nelson from the Saluda Shop, Saluda Residency		Bruce Nelson from the Saluda Shop, Saluda Residency

ASTM International Award of Merit	ASTM International	Stephen Lane, VTRC associate principal research scientist	Leadership in and technical contributions to the committee, particularly related to concrete durability and alkali-aggregate reactivity. The award is the highest ASTM International honor for individual contributions to standards activities.	Stephen Lane, VTRC associate principal research scientist
Best of Braddock	Fairfax Board of Supervisors, Braddock District Rep.	Barry Harrison, lead technician for the South Fairfax County Region	Given for his “can do” attitude	Barry Harrison, Northern Virginia District
Outstanding Support	International Federation of Road Builders	Northern Virginia District	Support given to groups of foreign civil engineers visiting US	Northern Virginia District
2007 President’s Award	Old Dominion Section of the American Society for Non-Destructive Testing	Gary Schepker, Materials Division	The President’s Award is presented annually to one local section in the association that exhibits the greatest degree of proficiency in management and operations during the fiscal year.	Gary Schepker, Materials Division
Outstanding Community Service	Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce	Northern Virginia District		Northern Virginia District