



Federal Transit Administration

A Message from the Administrator

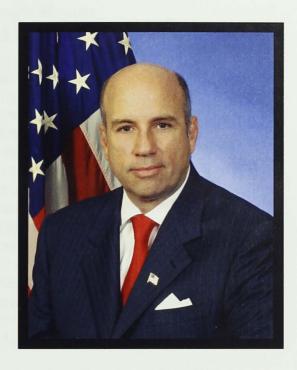
I am happy for the opportunity to recognize Federal Transit Administration colleagues who have performed their individual duties in an outstanding manner. Please join me in applauding their efforts in achieving excellence in countless areas of our daily business. All of you continue to make FTA an agency for others to imitate and use as a role model.

I truly appreciate your diligence—the endless hours you put in each and every day, and the creativity and expertise you bring to your jobs—to ensure that the FTA remains on the cutting edge of public transportation. Millions of Americans have you to thank for the transit they depend on for their livelihood, and whose lives are enriched by the transit systems you help to sustain.

We also honor your devotion to developing common-sense transit solutions that reduce congestion, energize the economy and increase mobility. Your accomplishments have enabled us to meet the complex transit needs of the diverse communities that make up our great nation.

As we continue in our work to build and improve the nation's public transportation system, we take a moment to praise you for a job well done.

Congratulations and many thanks!



James S. Simpson
Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

Sherry E. Little

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to join the Administrator in recognizing the individual accomplishments and the outstanding performance of duties of the 2007 Federal Transit Administration award winners. In an age where people are quick to take credit, seek the spotlight and exude a me-first mentality in trivial matters, these folks stand out as fine examples for the rest of us, as they serve the American public in truly important matters.

I commend the award recipients for their selfless dedication and persistence in consistently doing what is needed to fulfill the mission, vision and goals of our agency and the Department.

Your everyday efforts help make it possible for people from all walks of life to get where they need to go – to work, medical appointments, school or shopping. I am proud of the opportunity to work beside you as we strive together to improve public transit in our great Nation.

Thank you and congratulations!



Sherry E. Little
Deputy Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

FTA 2007 Awards Ceremony Oklahoma City Conference Room

Order of Ceremony

Presentation of Awards

Honorary Awards
Award for Superior Achievement
Award of Merit

Monetary Awards

Outstanding Achievement
Making a Difference
Award for Excellence in Administrative Support
Award for Supervisory Excellence
Award for Equal Employment Opportunity and Workforce Diversity
Team Awards
Excellence in Customer Service
Teams/Individual

Recognition of Employees involved in the FTA Move to the new building

Recognition of Employees involved in the Baldrige effort

Career Service Awards

Honorary Awards

Award for Superior Achievement

Jeanette Askew

Office of Program Management

Special Recognition for outstanding contributions in the development of the Federal Transit Administration's Records Retirement Repository System, organization of records and files, and the retirement of archival Federal documents.

Godwin N. Nwosu

Office of Budget & Policy

Special Recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the agency's financial management system.

Henry T. Carter, Jr.

Office of Administration

Special Recognition for outstanding contributions and oversight of the Federal Transit Administration's relocation to the new DOT Headquarters Building.

Donald L. Clarke, Jr.

Office of Administration

Special Recognition for outstanding contributions and oversight of the Federal Transit Administration's relocation to the new DOT Headquarters Building.

David L. Hostetter

Office of Administration

Special Recognition for outstanding leadership and support in ensuring that the Federal Transit Administration met every information technology requirement set by the Office of the Secretary in support of the Department of Transportation's relocation to the new headquarters building.

Shawn T. Sewell

Office of Administration

Special Recognition for outstanding leadership and support in ensuring that the Federal Transit Administration met every information technology requirement set by the Office of the Secretary in support of the Department of Transportation's relocation to the new headquarters building.

Brenda T. Wilson

Office of Administration

Special Recognition for consistent visionary, resourceful, and creative leadership that encourages risk-taking, new ideas, and innovative human capital solutions for the Federal Transit Administration and the Department.

Award of Merit

Mary Martha Churchman

Office of Program Management

In recognition of outstanding efforts and contributions in achieving key Federal Transit Administration-wide programmatic efficiency enhancements during this past year.

Anthony B. Tisdale

Office of Program Management

In recognition of exemplary contributions towards serving the Federal Transit Administration, state and local transit agencies, other Federal agencies, and the nation in developing and overseeing the transit intelligence information collection and dissemination system.

Walter Kulyk

Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation

In recognition of continued support and leadership in guiding the Office of Mobility Innovation in a manner that demonstrated the ability to motivate employees to achieve meaningful Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration's goals.

Monetary Awards

Outstanding Achievement

John L. Bardwell

Office of Administration

In recognition of valuable quantitative and analytical skills and demonstrated business acumen that have been critical factors in the successful management and resolution of complex acquisition issues and improved contract administration in the Program Management Oversight arena.

John D. Giorgis

Office of Budget and Policy

In recognition of outstanding contributions to the National Transit Database Working Group, Quarterly Performance Reporting, Annual Performance Plan Development, Ridership Presentations, Fire Safety Presentation, and Performance Measurement Development projects that furthered the Federal Transit Administration's mission and strategic goals and for continued exemplary performance in all assigned duties.

Nancy J. Grubb

Office of Budget and Policy

In recognition of the continued support, knowledge, and expertise of the Federal Transit Administration's Transportation Electronic Award and Management System in trouble shooting problems and ensuring the financial integrity of the agency.

Victor M. Austin

Office of Planning & Environment

In recognition of dedication and commitment to the SAFETEA-LU implementation through outreach efforts in the rulemaking on Planning and the preparation of revised Federal Transit Administration Circulars for the Metropolitan and State Planning Programs.

Effie S. Stallsmith

Office of Planning & Environment

In recognition of dedication and commitment to highly complex work assignments, particularly initiating and managing two significant SAFETEA-LU research projects.

John A. Susino

New York Regional Office

In recognition of the outstanding efforts in managing and overseeing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority East Side Access project for the past several years during its development stage.

Making a Difference

Elan A. Flippin

Office of Administration

In recognition of outstanding contributions in clerical and administrative support functions in service to the Office of the Administrator and the Office of Administration.

Excellence in Administrative Support

Aarum D. Lindo

Office of Administration

In recognition of a high level of excellence in supporting the Office of Information Technology's activities and reducing a backlog of contract closeout actions.

Sonja L. Rousey

Office of Administration

In recognition of exemplary effort, professionalism, and initiative in carrying out the administrative support functions of the Procurement Office and for being the cornerstone of the Federal Transit Administration's success in contract closeouts for this fiscal year.

Lakiah N. Williams

Office of Communications and Congressional Affairs

In recognition of outstanding performance, positive attitude, and willingness to go the "extra mile" in support of the office and for developing and producing graphic designs for the Federal Transit Administration that were used in highly visible venues.

Cristye A. Parker

Office of Budget and Policy

In recognition of exemplary administrative and clerical support of the Office of Budget and Policy and a willingness to take on extra assignments to ensure the efficient running of the office.

Logan T. Daniels

Kansas City Regional Office

In recognition of the professional and diplomatic manner in carrying out the duties and functions in support of the Regional Office and a willingness to accept extra assignments and responsibilities to ensure the efficient running of the office.

Arlett E. Hudson

Denver Regional Office

In recognition of the exemplary manner in carrying out the duties in support of the Regional Office and for creating an office manual to organize the administrative procedures for the office.

Deborah A. Ensor

Seattle Regional Office

In recognition of the outstanding performance in organizing the Regional Office's administrative functions, reducing paperwork, improving the remote internet/the Federal Transit Administration Network accessibility, and establishing a regional control correspondence program.

Supervisory Excellence

Gwendolyn F. Daniel

Office of Budget and Policy

In recognition of exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management and direction of the Office of Financial Systems.

William B. Menczer

Office of Budget and Policy

In recognition of exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration while serving as the Acting Chief of the Performance Management Division, Office of Policy and Performance Management.

Sean G. Libberton

Office of Planning and Environment

In recognition of exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management and direction of the Analysis Division of the Office of Project Planning.

Larry Penner

New York Regional Office

In recognition of exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management and direction of New York's Office of Operations and Program Management Division.

EEO and Workforce Diversity Accomplishments Award

Rita E. Daguillard

Office of Research, Demonstration & Innovation

In recognition of outstanding contributions and diligent work in ensuring that the Federal Transit Administration's diversity goals are met and for continued support in working with employees with disabilities.

Edwin Rodriguez

Office of Research, Demonstration & Innovation

In recognition of outstanding contributions in the equal employment and workforce diversity arena especially as it relates to mentoring young people, particularly those from minority communities, and inspiring many young people to seriously consider a transit career.

Dominick J. Gatto

Chicago Regional Office

In recognition of outstanding contributions in the equal employment and workforce diversity arena especially in the areas of recruitment, hiring, and employee development.

Team Awards

Robyn Sinquefield and Brian E. Jackson, Office of Planning and Environment;
Dale A. Wegner, John G. Bell, Michael O'Connor, and Ronald E. Fannin,
Office of Program Management; Nancy-Ellen Zusman, Office of Chief Counsel; and
Vanessa M. Adams, William A. Wheeler, Cyrell R. McLemore, and Melody L. Hopson
Chicago Regional Office

In recognition of outstanding support and contributions associated with the Northstar New Starts Team that demonstrated a coordinated effort to advance the project towards a Full Funding Grant Agreement.

Elizabeth A. Day, James P. Barr, and James M. Ryan,
Office of Planning and Environment; Carlos M. Garay, Susan M. Herre, and
John G. Bell, Office of Program Management; John Day, Office of Civil Rights; Bonnie L.
Graves, Office of Chief Counsel; and Elizabeth B. Martin and
Jamie Pfister, Atlanta Regional Office

In recognition of outstanding support and contributions associated with the Orlando Rail New Starts Team that demonstrated a coordinated effort to advance the project into Preliminary Engineering within two months, which is an unprecedented turnaround time frame.

Peter S. Butler, Donna J. Laidley, Noah S. Berger, William B. Gordon, Judith A. Molloy, Andrew E. Motter, and Laurie A. Ansaldi Cambridge Regional Office

In recognition of outstanding contributions in improving stewardship and delivery of grant funds and developing a comprehensive process for grant reviews which are re-engineered each year.

James J. Garland and Jamie Pfister Atlanta Regional Office

In recognition of outstanding contributions to program changes resulting from SAFETEA-LU and for being proactive and ahead of the curve by providing guidance on Human Service Coordinated Planning to regional employees and grantees.

Jessica L. Gladstone, Cathy L. Monroe, and Shannon M. Graves Kansas City Regional Office

In recognition of outstanding contributions in formulating a Grants Management team to utilize quality processing tools that address the process goals set forth by the Department and continued efforts in ensuring the grants closeout process deadlines are met.

Customer Service Team Award

Gwendolyn F. Daniel, Office of Budget and Policy; and Wanda T. Diggs, Aarum D. Lindo, Jacquelynn M. Lopez, and Troy E. Rogers, Office of Administration

In recognition of outstanding contributions in providing support to the Federal Transit Administration's mission critical Information System Application and excellent customer service to the FTA user community.

Arlene F. DiRienzo, Phyllis A. Soldo, and Catherine A. Stewart Office of Administration

In recognition of outstanding customer service provided to the Senior Executive Staff (SES) especially as it relates to the SES recruitment and approval process.

Jacqueline B. Bennett, Gloria J. Buster, Ketrina M. Nelson, Velvet S. Snow, and Reasa D. Haggard

Office of Communications and Congressional Affairs

In recognition of outstanding efforts to successfully identify and resolve highly visible, complex, and controversial transit related issues on a daily basis in preparation of briefing materials to be provided to senior departmental and agency officials, including the Secretary of Transportation.

Mark K. Bechtel, Logan T. Daniels, Jessica L. Gladstone, Shannon M. Graves, William R. Kalt, Alfreda Lewis, Cathy L. Monroe, Daniel Q. Nguyen, Joan M. Roeseler, and Cindy E. Terwilliger, Kansas City Regional Office; Thomas C. Harris, Office of Civil Rights; and Paula L. Schwach, Office of Chief Counsel

In recognition of outstanding customer service ensuring that the Regional Office programs and processes are achieved in an efficient and effective manner and in streamlining the grants making and closeout processes.

Excellence In Customer Service (Individual)

Tito X. Wills

Office of Administration

In recognition of outstanding customer service and always going the "extra step" in providing professional responses and support to coworkers, supervisors, and the Federal Transit Administration customers.

Rhonda M. Lee

Office of Budget and Policy

In recognition of outstanding support while serving as the Project Manager for the accounting services transfer to the Enterprise Services Center in Oklahoma City, accomplishing Cost Center Manager activities, providing innovative and proactive ways to help management save time, and ensuring that administrative duties are expedited accurately and reliably.

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Office of Program Management

In recognition of outstanding support in the administration of the Project Management Oversight Program and for ensuring that eight out of ten regions were able to continue their task orders of major capital projects without any service interruption.

Michael A. Taborn

Office of Program Management

In recognition of outstanding leadership in strengthening the Federal Transit Administration's capabilities to partner with the public transportation industry to prevent fatalities, injuries, property damage, and system interruption and ensuring the capability to respond effectively to those accidents and incidents that do occur.

Darin F. Allan

Office of Planning and Environment

In recognition of outstanding support in assuming all internet content review and posting responsibilities for the Office of Planning and Environment on the internal and external websites of the Federal Transit Administration.

Rhonda King-Lakeman

Atlanta Regional Office

In recognition of outstanding customer service while administering systematic and efficient administrative, budget management, and control practices and working tirelessly as the primary staff member in planning and executing efforts in the Atlanta Regional Office relocation.

Sandra J. Nordick

Denver Regional Office

In recognition of outstanding customer service provided in dealing with the Region's grantees and carrying out the Regional Office's administrative and cost center duties.

Recognition of Employees Involved in the Headquarters Relocation

Office of the Administrator

Sonia D. Brown

Office of Administration

Melissa R. Angermeier

Habib Azarsina

Keith L. Brescia

Nancy J. Cefalo

Reginald N. Davis

Henry T. Carter, Jr.

Donald T. Clarke, Jr.

Jose A. Cordova

Geraldine L. Gladden

David L. Hostetter

Troy Rogers

Shawn T. Sewell

Darrel C. Stewart

Paul J. Veltri

Reginald S. Whitlock

Mary C. Williams

Tito X. Wills

Office of Chief Counsel

Patricia A. Cohen

Arthur L. Lopez

Holly J. Vandervort

Office of Communications &

Congressional Affairs

Alisha Neal

Office of Program Management

Jeanette Askew

Janeise M. Beckwith

Office of Budget and Policy

Rhonda M. Lee

Office of Research, Demonstration &

Innovation

Linda B. Wolfe

Office of Planning and Environment

Susan E. Rollman

Office of Civil Rights

Jonathan R. Klein

Cynthia J. Phifer

Recognition of Employees Involved in the Baldrige Effort (War Room, Committee, and Subcommittee Workgroups)

Baldrige Implementation Committee

Fred L. Williams (TBP)

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Margaret J. Crist (TRO-6)

Effie S. Stallsmith (TPE)

Matthew J. Welbes (TOA)

Recognition of Employees Involved in the Baldrige Effort

(War Room, Committee, and Subcommittee Workgroups) continued

Customer and Market Focus Subcommittee

David N. Longo (TCA)

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Lakiah N. Williams (TCA)

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Career Service Awards

01/01/07 Through 12/31/2007

Thirty Years

Thirty-Five Years

Geraldine L. Gladden

Office of Chief Counsel

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Forty Years of Service

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