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Message

from the

Administrator

I am pleased and privileged to work side by side with such a dedicated and talented group of individuals here at the Federal Transit Administration -- people who have chosen to use their talents to serve the public and to make a difference in the world we live in. What you do every day matters greatly. It matters to those who can now get better jobs because transit gives them access to their workplace. It matters to parents who want to get home in time to help their kids with homework. It matters to working students who can go to night classes even though they may not own a car. And it matters a great deal to the communities across this country that are now seeing job creation and economic growth as a result of the Recovery Act and formula funds we were able to put into their hands in record time.

I am also impressed by efforts I see many of you make to improve how we manage our programs and serve the riding public. Each one of you should recognize the important role you play in financing, designing, building and maintaining our Nation's transit systems, encouraging the principles of sustainability, and helping people enjoy the benefits and convenience of public transportation.

Today, I take great pride in this opportunity to recognize the contributions of all FTA employees as well as the individuals who have performed in truly extraordinary and inspiring ways. Because of your efforts, we continue to improve as an organization and are able to provide the quality of service the American people want and deserve. I thank and congratulate you for a job well done!



Peter Rogoff

Administrator

Federal Transit Administration



Therese W. McMillan
Deputy Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

Message

from the

Deputy Administrator

As we look forward to addressing the challenges that lay ahead for the transit industry, I am confident that we do so with the commitment, unlimited creativity, knowledge and expertise that you bring to your work every day. That is why I take great pleasure in joining the Administrator today in recognizing your individual accomplishments.

Together we are moving ahead to ensure that our Nation's bus and rail transit systems remain safe and are in a state of good repair. Also, there is much work to be done in streamlining the process for funding new capital projects, as well as that their rating and evaluation takes into account all the benefits they might bring to the communities where they are being built. We also will strive to provide the American public with a better quality of life by funding public transportation projects that encourage development of livable communities across the country.

To today's award recipients, I say thank you and congratulations. Your valuable contributions to FTA's success are appreciated.



FTA 2010 Awards Ceremony

Order of Ceremony

Presentation of the Flags

Military District of Washington
Armed Forces Color Guard

The National Anthem

Nicole Fils, Vocalist
Office of Procurement

Presiding

David N. Longo,
Deputy Associate Administrator
for Communications
& Congressional Affairs

Welcoming Remarks

Therese W. McMillan,
Deputy Administrator

General Address

Peter Rogoff,
Administrator



FTA 2010 Awards Ceremony

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in the Oklahoma Conference Room in the West Building)

Honorary Awards

Award for Superior Achievement

JOHN R. DAY, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

In special recognition of substantial contributions towards the accomplishment of FTA's mission by providing superior expertise and leadership in the area of Civil Rights.

AMBER R. ONTIVEROS, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

In special recognition of extensive knowledge and background in civil rights and environmental justice which have transformed FTA's ability to ensure federally-funded transit projects are implemented in a manner that is compliant with regulatory requirements.

CARL P. BAUSCH, OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

In special recognition of numerous contributions in support of the Department's and FTA's strategic goal of Environmental Sustainability.

TIMOTHY (TIM) P. STEINITZ, OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

In special recognition of innovation and dedication in managing FTA's OIG and GAO liaison responsibilities.

PATRICIA C. HENDRIX, SEATTLE REGIONAL OFFICE

In special recognition of superior performance in grants administration, oversight, and customer service.

Award of Merit

KHUONG T. LUU, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In special recognition of outstanding contributions in managing FTA's single audit program and for consistently delivering exceptional audit results for FTA.

TAWANNA M. GLOVER, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In special recognition of outstanding contributions in managing FTA's single audit program and for consistently delivering exceptional audit results for FTA.

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DAVID S. SCHNEIDER, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In special recognition of leadership in the development and implementation of the 1512 Reporting Procedures and Customer Support Systems.

MARY MARTHA CHURCHMAN, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In special recognition of leadership in the development and implementation of the 1512 Reporting Procedures and Customer Support Systems.

EDITH P. McLAMORE-SHELTON, OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

In special recognition of dedicated service and contributions in the implementation, reengineering, and training of employees in the application of federal travel regulations and the establishment of internal controls in the issuance, usage, and monitoring of activity within the Department's Travel Charge Card Program.

ELIZABETH (SHERRY) S. RIKLIN, OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

In special recognition of numerous contributions in support of DOT's TIGER Discretionary Program and FTA's Livability Initiative.

ARLENE F. DiRIENZO, OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In special recognition of outstanding leadership skills in counseling and guiding FTA's Executive Management Team in working with their Executive Performance Appraisals and Leadership Accountability Forms and for working with all other managers and supervisors in FTA to ensure their staff's performance appraisals are in compliance with the Department's and FTA's Strategic Goals.

SULEMAN M. SHOAIB, FORTH WORTH REGIONAL OFFICE

In special recognition of outstanding contributions in the development and implementation of the Project Management Oversight Operating Procedures.

Monetary Awards

Outstanding Achievement

GERALDINE (GIGI) L. POWELL, OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In recognition of personal commitment to excellence and outstanding performance in service to the Federal Transit Administration.

JACQUELINE B. BENNETT, OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS

In recognition of exemplary performance in grants management and briefing material development.

RITA M. MARISTCH, OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

In recognition of superior work in drafting the Administration's Public Transportation Safety Act of 2010.

PETER A. NOYES, OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

In recognition of superior achievement in direct support of FTA's strategic plan goals and mission objectives; meticulous and dedicated work ethic; and successful transformation of the Department's financial system accuracy and security.

SERGIO M. MAIA, OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

In recognition of outstanding contributions in ARRA reporting validation and in supporting the transition of the National Transit Database to a new contract.

ATHENE (TINA) M. HODGES, OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

In recognition of extraordinary contributions to improving the understanding of public transportation's role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

WOLODYMIR (WALT) J. MOKEY, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In recognition of superior data analysis and support which allowed FTA to achieve its grant obligation goals under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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SUSAN A. CLARK, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

In recognition of outstanding performance and achievement in representing FTA and the United States on an international level.

RONALD E. BOENAU, OFFICE OF RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION AND INNOVATION

In recognition of significant contributions to the signing and implementing of public transportation agreements between the U. S. and India and the U. S. and China in support of the President's National Export Initiative.

DWAYNE E. WEEKS, OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

In recognition of supporting multiple key policy initiatives of FTA and DOT, maintaining the highest level of performance on regular duties, and demonstrating an exceptional level of customer service.

BRIAN A. GLENN, WASHINGTON, DC METROPOLITAN OFFICE

In recognition of outstanding performance in contributing to the successful operation of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Office.

KAREN A. ROSCHER, PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICE

In recognition of outstanding performance and sincere dedication in contributing to the successful operation of the Philadelphia Regional Office and furthering FTA's mission.

HERIBERTO (EDDIE) CHAVARRIA, FORT WORTH REGIONAL OFFICE

In recognition of outstanding performance in improving the grant closeout procedures in the regions.

DAVID L. BECKHOUSE, DENVER REGIONAL OFFICE

In recognition of outstanding leadership contributions during the development of the Eagle Penta-P Project.

Monetary Awards

Making a Difference

RANDELLE RIPTON, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

In recognition of superior data tracking, analysis, and reporting skills in support of the mission of FTA and the success of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Excellence in Administrative Support

SHARON M. BUCKNER, OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

In recognition of outstanding administrative support for the Office of Planning and Environment.

DORIS A. LYONS, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In recognition of going the extra mile in the performance of critical administrative duties and assisting FTA's Office of Engineering in countless ways.

VANESSA L. WILLIAMS, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In recognition of exemplary administrative support for FTA that went above and beyond expectations.

PHYLLIS W. METTS, OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

In recognition of excellent administrative support which contributed to improved financial management within FTA and the Department.

MALIKA FERGUSON, OFFICE OF RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION AND INNOVATION

In recognition of continued excellence in providing administrative support to the Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation and contributing positively to the morale, efficiency, and productivity of the office.

BRENDA J. TAYLOR, OFFICE OF RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION AND INNOVATION

In recognition of excellence in administrative support that ensures the successful operation of the Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation.

Supervisory Excellence

KIMBERLY M. SLEDGE, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In recognition of exemplary leadership to the Transit Program Management Team.

NYDIA PICAYO, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In recognition of supervisory excellence and supporting and encouraging staff development.

CHRISTOPHER K. NUTAKOR, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In recognition of exemplary contributions toward achieving FTA's mission and the management of personnel and resources.

BRENDA T. WILSON, OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In recognition of outstanding leadership and focus provided for FTA's Human Capital Programs.

RAYMOND S. TELLIS, LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN OFFICE

In recognition of excellence displayed as the Los Angeles Metropolitan Office Team Leader and for leading exemplary efforts on the Department's initiatives.

STEPHEN C. GOODMAN, LOWER MANHATTAN RECOVERY OFFICE

In recognition of being an exemplary manager who fosters employees' growth and assures that they perform to the best of their ability.

EEO and Workforce Diversity Accomplishments Award

MOKHTEE AHMAD, KANSAS CITY REGIONAL OFFICE

In recognition of being a strong leader and advocate for EEO and Diversity.

Monetary Awards

Team Awards

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) TEAM

In recognition of dedication and hard work in the development of a strategy to collect and track DBE ARRA contract information and for providing necessary training to grantees.

Monica J. McCallum, Ryan S. Inman, Randelle Ripton, and Thomas C. Harris (TCR)

EVALUATION PROCEDURES-LIVABILITY TEAM

In recognition of successful development and implementation of evaluation procedures in support of the Department of Transportation's Livability Initiative.

Juan P. Morrison, Kimberly M. Sledge, Henrika Buchanan-Smith (TPM) and David F. Schilling (TRO-4)

HEADQUARTERS' LIVABILITY TEAM

In recognition of outstanding contributions in promoting livability principles and practices in the development, implementation, and coordination of Federal Transit policies and programs.

M. Douglas Birnie and Maryanne F. Polkiewicz (TPM); Jayme L. Blakesley (TCC); Keith R. Gates, Athene (Tina) M. Hodges, Katherine (Kate) A. Mattice, and Sharon E. Pugh (TBP); Charles (Charlie) Goodman, Jeffrey (Jeff) A. Price, Joanne P. Waszczak, Dwayne E. Weeks, and Elizabeth A. Zelasko (TPE); and Matthew C. Lesh and Henry A. Nejako (TRI)

The following junior employees, although not on board for a year, are being recognized because they played a significant role in this team's accomplishments: Antoinette Quagliata (TPE); Jeffrey M. Reczek (TBP); and Erik S. Weber (TPM).

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) TEAM

In recognition of exceptional performance in providing tools and training for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Robert F. Buckley, Elizabeth P. Orr, Andres Ramirez, and David F. Schilling (TRO-4)

The following junior employees, although not on board for a year, are being recognized because they played a significant role in this team's accomplishments: Antoinette Quagliata, Megan W. Blum, and Andrea E. Martin (TPE)

TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT TEAM

In recognition of exemplary dedication and teamwork in the evaluation of applications for the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program.

Elizabeth (Sherry) S. Riklin (TPE); Patrick M. Centolanzi (TRI); Richard P. Steinmann (TOA-1); Sergio M. Maia (TBP); Laurie M. Fucini-Joy (TRO-1); Jamie D. Pfister (TRO-4); Margaret (Peggy) J. Crist (TRO-6); Charlene Lee Lorenzo (TRO-9); and Amy M. Changchien (TRO-10)

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLAINT PROCESSING TEAM

In recognition of dedication and hard work in ensuring that complaints are evaluated and responses are received in a timely manner.

Dawn M. Sweet, Linda C. Craig, and Randelle Ripton (TCR)

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PARTICIPATION PILOT PROGRAM TEAM

In recognition of outstanding contributions to the implementation of the Public Transportation Participation Pilot Program to disseminate innovative methods for improving public participation in the planning of public transportation.

James J. Garland and Joanne P. Waszczak (TPE)

Monetary Awards

Customer Service Team Award

1512 REPORTING WORKGROUP

In recognition of providing outstanding customer service to ensure that FTA recipients meet the reporting objectives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Mary Martha Churchman and David S. Schneider (TPM); Michelle R. Hershman (TCA); Linda C. Ford (TCC); John P. Giorgis and Sergio M. Maia (TBP); Carlene R. Jackson (TAD); Matthew P. Keamy and Omayra Torres (TRO-1); Anthony G. Carr and Veronica D. Pelt-Hawkins (TRO-2); Marci G. Malaster (LMRO); Elaine R. Burick and Devendra M. Soni (TRO-3); Andres Ramirez, Margarita M. Sandberg, and Dudley S. Whyte (TRO-4); Mary J. Campbell (TRO-5); Phyllis K. DeGarmo and Gail C. Lyssy (TRO-6); William (Bill) R. Kalt and Daniel Q. Nguyen (TRO-7); and Kenneth A. Feldman (TRO-10)

The following junior employees, although not on board a year, are being recognized because they played a significant role in this team's accomplishments: Aaron H. Meyers (TCC); Rosaria Luperena (TRO-2); Francis N. Alomia, Charles (Chip) M. Butts, and John T. Schmidt (TRO-4), Rotimi W. Ogunsuyi (TRO-5), Ryan D. Hammon (TRO-8), Karineh Gregorian and Pak C. Chu (TRO-9); and Carrie J. Deichl (TRO-10). Honorable mention is also given to the following employees who recently joined FTA and provided valuable input to the team: Rose M. Weber (TCC); Ronald O. Smith (TRO-3); and Elaine A. Wine (TRO-10).

LOWER MANHATTAN RECOVERY TEAM

In recognition of successfully developing genuine cross boundary partnerships with various grantees and interest groups to make timely organizational decisions acceptable to multiple stakeholders.

Daniel E. Creighton, Stephen C. Goodman, Paul R. LeBrun, Marci G. Malaster, Yvonne E. Spraggins, and Therese Y. Trapp (LMRO)

Excellence In Customer Service (Individual)

MICHAEL L. CULOTTA, OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

In recognition of excellent customer service in the area of attracting, hiring, and managing law school interns and externs for the Office of Chief Counsel and the Office of Civil Rights.

GARY P. DELORME, OFFICE OF BUDGET & POLICY

In recognition of outstanding customer service to agencies and tribes that report to the National Transit Database.

REBECCA U. TANRATH, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

In recognition of excellent customer service, teamwork, and problem-solving within the Office of Civil Rights and throughout FTA.

JOANNE P. WASZCZAK, OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

In recognition of contributions to the FTA-FHWA 2010 Transportation Planning Excellence Awards Program to promote effective and innovative transportation planning practices.

LINDA V. THOMAS, OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In recognition of the excellent customer service provided to employees and contractors for FTA.

TAISHA A. LASHORE, ATLANTA REGIONAL OFFICE

In recognition of the exceptional customer service provided to both internal and external customers.

Career Service Awards

Thirty Years

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Reginald (Reggie) S. Whitlock

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Scott A. Biehl

Kerry L. Miller

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

John H. Prince (New York Regional Office)

OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Janeise M. Beckwith

Nydia Picayo

Gail Elizabeth Taylor

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

Gary P. Delorme

Sheila F. Glass

Thirty Years - continued

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION AND INNOVATION

Brenda J. Taylor

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICE

Robert T. Kanzler

Reginald B. Lovelace

Letitia Thompson

CHICAGO REGIONAL OFFICE

Derek D. Davis

FORT WORTH REGIONAL OFFICE

Margaret (Peggy) J. Crist

SEATTLE REGIONAL OFFICE

Patricia C. Hendrix

Career Service Awards

Thirty-Five Years

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Henry T. Carter, Jr.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

Katherine A. Lambert

Darwina E. Page

Debora F. Silva-Smith

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION & INNOVATION

Ronald E. Boenau

Gale Y. Brown

Office of Planning and Environment

Candace K. Noonan

Forty Years

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Brenda T. Wilson

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Cynthia J. Phifer (Headquarters)

William C. Jones (Fort Worth Regional Office)

Rebecca U. Tanrath (Denver Regional Office)

OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

M. Douglas (Doug) Birnie

Kenneth (Ken) C. Mackel

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION AND INNOVATION

Willie Mae Crawley

CHICAGO REGIONAL OFFICE

Dominick J. Gatto

Andrew P. Minyo

Bill Jones - TCR

Rebecca Tanrath -

