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A message from the Acting Administrator Therese W. McMillan

Working side by side with such a dedicated and talented group of individuals here at the Federal Transit Administration is an honor and a privilege. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to recognize all of my colleagues who undertake their duties with pride and professionalism. If there is one thing I hear from my colleagues



throughout the Department about the FTA, it's that, as a team, we consistently deliver exceptional service and products.

In the past year, and in no particular order, you have worked diligently to:

- Upgrade our financial systems in preparation for TrAMS.
- Extend support to the authorization effort leading up to the "FAST" Act—in addition to implementing crucial MAP-21 requirements.
- Usher a record number of projects into our CIG pipeline, and the remarkable speed and dedication required to get the final interim policy out last summer.
- Effectively manage so many major capital projects at the headquarters and regional level.
- Stand up our new safety initiatives —exemplifying our continued commitment to all transit riders and workers.
- Perform exemplary work associated with "Ladders of Opportunity," the ADA circular, the Rides to Wellness initiative and our DBE assistance programs.

What you do every day contributes to the creation of thousands of good-paying jobs, improving people's way of life, transforming communities and spurring economic growth and development nationwide. At FTA, we deliver on the promise of investing in safe, reliable public transportation to relieve congestion, revitalize neighborhoods and help people enjoy the benefits and convenience of good transit.

Today, I take great pride in this opportunity to recognize the contributions of all FTA employees, as well as the individuals who have gone above and beyond 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.

Thank you and congratulations on a job well done!

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Federal Transit Administration

The 2016 Awards Ceremony

Order of Ceremony

Presentation of the Flags

Military District of Washington Armed Forces Color Guard

The National Anthem

Frederick Douglass Senior High School Maxie Anastasia Wilson

Welcome & Introduction

Matthew J. Welbes Executive Director

Remarks

Carolyn A. Flowers Senior Advisor to the Acting Administrator

General Address

Therese W. McMillan Acting Administrator

Master of Ceremony

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

Presentation of Awards

Administrator's Award for Superior Achievement
Administrator's Merit Award
Excellence in Mission Results
Ann Linnertz Award for Mission Support
Business Process Improvement (Teams/Individual)
Humanitarian Award
Excellence in Management
Excellence in Leadership
Team Awards (Distinguished/Meritorious)
Associate Administrator/Regional Administrator
Honor Awards
Career Service Awards

(A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the back end of the West Building Atrium.)

Administrator's Award for Superior Achievement

Marci G. Malaster

Office of Program Management

For outstanding achievement in delivering TrAMS training across the United States.

Cindy E. Terwilliger

Kansas City Regional Office

For outstanding performance while acting as the Deputy Associate Administrator for the Transit Safety and Oversight office.

Administrator's Award of Merit

Wei-Shun (Roy) Chen

Office of Research, Demonstration, and Innovation

In appreciation for years of dedicated service and meritorious accomplishments in FTA's Research Programs.

Megan W. Blum

Office of Planning and Environment

For taking a lead role in implementing the Environmental Provisions of MAP-21.

Excellence in Mission Results

Christopher K. Der

Office of Transit Safety and Oversight

For excellence in data management and analysis, providing FTA with new insight into oversight performance and grantee compliance.

Charles Goodman

Office of Planning and Environment

For exemplary actions supporting FTA and OST in the review of TIGER VII Applications.

Anthony (Tony) W. Greep

Chicago Regional Office

In recognition of crucial support to the U.S. DOT's National Ladder STEP initiative in Indianapolis, IN.

Melody L. Hopson

Chicago Regional Office

For a unique ability to provide comprehensive support to Detroit DOT and achieving incredible results.

Wendy A. Lee

Cambridge Regional Office

In recognition of outstanding efforts to consistently go above and beyond expectations in achieving mission goals.

Charlene Lee Lorenzo

San Francisco Regional Office

For being a consummate professional and successfully managing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) grant program.

Cathy L. Monroe

Kansas City Regional Office

In recognition of exceptional outreach to stakeholders and customers resulting in significant, improved quality, efficiency, and positive results.

Ann Linnertz Award for Mission Support

Gale Y. Brown

Office of Research, Demonstration, and Innovation

For excellent customer service and support to FTA's Research Program.

Amy S. Jernigan

Office of Program Management

For outstanding efforts, communication, and commitment in support of FTA's mission in implementing the TIGER program.

Phyllis A. Soldo

Office of Administration

For consistently successful management of FTA's two main award ceremonies; the Secretary's Awards Ceremony and FTA's Annual Awards Ceremony while managing on-going critical human resources initiatives.

Natalie M. Wowk

Office of Budget and Policy

For creative and exemplary organization and management of FTA's Audit Liaison responsibilities, through application of Share Point tools.

Business Process Improvement Award TEAMS

ONE FTA Program Managers

For successful design, development and implementation of a comprehensive and inclusive ONE FTA onboarding program.

- Ketrina M. Nelson (TAD)
- Velvet S. Snow (TAD)
- Doretha M. Foster (TRO4)

Major Capital Project Oversight Top-to-Bottom Review Team

For outstanding efforts leading to substantial improvements in the Project Management Oversight Program.

- Sepooh D. Asatoorian (TPM)
- David T. Moroney (TPM)
- Christopher K. Nutakor (TPM)
- Bruce A. Robinson (TPM)
- Richard P. Steinmann (TOA)
- Elizabeth A. Day (TPE)
- Daniel E. Creighton (TRO2)
- Melody L. Hopson (TRO5)
- Raymond S. Tellis (TRO9)
- Susan K. Fletcher (TRO10)

Executive members participating in this team

- Scott A. Biehl (TCC)
- Lucy Garliauskas (TPE)
- Henrika Buchanan-Smith (TPM)
- Marilyn G. Shazor (TRO2)
- Leslie T. Rogers (TRO9)

Business Process Improvement Award INDIVIDUAL

Kathleen E. Zubrzycki

Philadelphia Regional Office

In recognition of your exemplary leadership skills and abilities to lead the multi-agency effort to implement an improved collaboration and coordination between FTA Region III and the Federal Highway Administration Division offices.

Excellence in Management Award

David N. Longo

Office of Communications and Congressional Affairs

In special recognition of significant supervisory contributions in achieving FTA's mission and goals and management of human resources.

Monica J. McCallum

Office of Civil Rights

For the ability to bring about changes in the Regional Operations Division that have been significant and resulted in improvements in the program administration function of the division.

Excellence in Leadership Award

Faith G. C. Hall

Office of Research, Demonstration, and Innovation

For demonstrated leadership skills in advancing the role and importance of public transit.

Lauren S. Pessoa

Atlanta Regional Office

For successfully leading the Atlanta Region in heading and coordinating the Triennial Review Program.

Mshadoni K. Smith

Office of Budget and Policy

For outstanding leadership in developing FTA's Transit Asset Management (TAM) Rule.

Humanitarian Award

Margaret (Peggy) A. Griffin

Office of Civil Rights

For dedication in serving surviving military spouses and their children.

Clifton L. Gardner

Office of Administration

For superior service in volunteering time and effort to the students of William A. Diggs Elementary School as the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Vice President (VP) and SeaPerch Team Captain.

Team Awards · Distinguished

ADA Circular Team

For exemplifying excellence in teamwork, problem solving, customer service, creativity, and results in working with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- Susan A. Clark (TCR)
- John R. Day (TCR)
- Alana B. Kuhn (TCR)
- Bryan Lee (TCR)
- Richie Khanh P. Nguyen (TCR)
- Dawn Sweet (TCR)
- Bonnie L. Graves (TCC)

Safety Rulemaking Team

For hard work and dedication towards MAP-21-required safety rulemakings and guidance teamwork amongst TSO, TCC and TBP staff meeting the U.S. Department of Transportation & FTA goal of a safe transportation industry.

- Rabinder Kaur Bains (TBP)
- Micheal L. Culotta (TCC)
- Bonnie L. Graves (TCC)
- Candace I. Key (TCC)
- Bruce K. Walker (TCC)
- Richard L. Wong (TCC)
- Brian T. Alberts (TSO)
- Ruth O. Lyons (TSO)
- Kathleen M. Meilahn (TSO)
- Lynn L. Spencer (TSO)

Executive member participating in this team - Scott A. Biehl (TCC)

Team Awards · Distinguished

FTA Bike-Ped Safety Assessment Team

In recognition of the FTA Bike-Ped Safety Assessment Team for successfully convening seven transit-focused, multiagency events and effectively supporting 45 assessments led by other DOT modes.

- Joanne P. Waszczak (TBP)
- Kevin S. Osborn (TCR)
- Edwin Rodriguez (TRI)
- Noah S. Berger (TRO1)
- Eric D. Papetti (TRO1)
- Nancy J. Danzig (TRO2)
- Timothy A. Lidiak (TRO3)
- Robert F. Buckley (TRO4)
- Jennifer K. Hibbert (TRO4)
- Holly A.Peterson (TRO4)
- Duana A. Love (TRO5)
- David J. Werner (TRO5)
- Lynn Hayes (TRO6)
- Donald R. Koski (TRO6)
- Mark K. Bechtel (TRO7)
- Kristin Kenyon (TRO8)
- Ranae C. Tunison (TRO8)
- Eric B. Eidlin (TRO9)
- Dominique M. Paukowits (TRO9)
- Jeremy R. Borrego (TRO10)

FTA Reauthorization Communication Team

In recognition for outstanding achievement in providing FTA with coordination of transit-related program and funding information during the reauthorization of surface transportation legislation following MAP-21 at the highest levels of competency and professionalism.

- Jennifer A. Bryant (TCA)
- Katherine D. Webb (TCA)
- Bonnie L. Graves (TCC)
- Richard P. Steinmann (TOA)
- Shapell D. Randolph (TPM)
- David S. Schneider (TPM)

Executive member participating in this team - Dana C. Nifosi (TCC)

Team Awards · Distinguished

TrAMS - FMS- ECHO Team

In recognition of outstanding teamwork in completing the development of the TrAMS, FMS and ECHO systems which will be vital for FTA's mission for years to come.

- Pamela A. Brown (TPM)
- Marci G. Malaster (TPM)
- Valencia M. McFerrin (TPM)
- Wolodymyr J. Mokey (TPM)
- · Bruce A. Robinson (TPM)
- David S. Schneider (TPM)
- Kimberly M. Sledge (TPM)
- Rahman K. Williams (TPM)
- Brian R. Downey (TAD)
- David L. Hostetter (TAD)
- Matthew A. Long (TAD)
- Aarum D. Lindo (TAD)
- Timothy Pemberton (TAD)
- Cynthia A. Cox-Grollman (TBP)
- JoeElla Day (TBP)
- Julee T. Hamel (TBP)
- Kiana N. Spain (TBP)
- Danielle L. Henderson (TBP)
- Eugene K. Kinard (TBP)
- Katherine Lambert (TBP)
- Peter A. Noyes (TBP)
- Trenda L. Parker (TBP)
- Sharon C. Peele (TBP)
- Tameka H. President (TBP)
- Debora F. Silva-Smith (TBP)
- Carrie L. Smith (TBP)
- Thipakorn (Ann) Souvandara (TBP)
- Joanne P. Waszczak (TBP)
- Iman J. Watson (TBP)
- Joy K. Whren (TBP)
- Kevin R. Williams (TBP)
- Elizabeth Z. Patel (TPE)
- Christopher S. Van Wyk (TPE)
- Marcel Belanger (TRI)
- Wendy A. Lee (TCC)
- Stephen F. Pereira (TCC)
- Linda W. Sorkin (TCC)
- Cecelia M. Comito (TCC)
- Britney D. Berry (TCR)
- Antoinette R. Davis (TCR)
- Marjorie Anne O. Espina (TCR)Margaret (Peggy) A. Griffin (TCR)

- Monica J. McCallum (TCR)
- Nicholas Sun (TCR)
- Valerie Berton (TCA)
- Jennifer A. Bryant (TCA)
- Sean T. Sullivan (TRO1)
- · Christopher R. Lamacchia (TRO1)
- · Peter S. Butler (TRO1)
- Joanne Weinstock (TRO1)
- Darreyl D. Davis (TRO2)
- Madeleine Duchatellier (TRO2)
- Faye I. Ellison (TRO2)
- Veronica D. Pelt-Hawkins (TRO2)
- Ann F. Dolecki (TRO3)
- Vida Morkunas (TRO3)
- Robert F. Buckley (TRO4)
- Jennifer K. Hibbert (TRO4)
- Guanying (George) Lei (TRO4)
- Marie A. Lopez (TRO4)
- Micah M. Miller (TRO4)
- Elizabeth P. Orr (TRO4)
- Dudley S. Whyte (TRO4)
- Alexandria M. Burns (TRO5)
- Sheila J. Clements (TRO5)
- Tarressa Carrell (TRO5)
- Derek D. Davis (TRO5)
- Anthony (Tony) W. Greep (TRO5)
- Cyrell R. McLemore (TRO5)
- Phyllis K. DeGarmo (TRO6)
- Luciana S. Nears (TRO6)
- Laura C. Wallace (TRO6)
- Shannon M. Graves (TRO7)
- Cathy L. Monroe (TRO7)
- David L. Beckhouse (TRO8)
- Larry Squires (TRO8)
- Audrey J. Bredehoft (TRO9)
- Amy M. Changchien (TRO10)
- Deborah A. Ensor (TRO10)
- Annette Lee (TRO10)Scot T. Rastelli (TRO10)

Executive members participating in this team – Henrika Buchanan-Smith (TPM), Matthew M. Crouch (TAD), Robert Tuccillo (TBP), and Marisol R. Simon (TRO5)

Team Awards · Distinguished

TOD (Transit Oriented Development) Pilot Program Team

For working collaboratively and creatively to implement the MAP-21 TOD Pilot Program to further the Department's goal of creating Ladders of Opportunity through transportation investments.

- Maurice K. Foushee (TPE)
- Charles Goodman (TPE)
- Tonya P. Holland (TPE)
- Anthony H. C. Loui (TPE)
- Benjamin E. Owen (TPE)

National Transit Asset Management System Implementation Team

For agency-wide collaboration in developing and successfully publishing the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the National Transit Asset Management System in the Federal Register.

- Rabinder K. Bains (TBP)
- John D. Giorgis (TBP)
- Crystal E. Frederick (TBP)
- Margaret E. Schilling (TBP)
- Mshadoni K. Smith (TBP)
- Candace I. Key (TCC)
- Christopher T. Hall (TCC)
- Yin (Eric) T. Hu (TPM)
- Rotimi W. Ogunsuyi (TPM)
- Brian Alberts (TSO)
- Elizabeth (Sherry) Riklin (TPE)
- Joel R. Washington (TPE)
- Rajendra (Raj) K. Wagley (TRI)
- Terrell A. Williams (TRI)
- Matthew P. Keamy (TRO1)
- Michael P. Kuchieski (TRO2)
- Sheldon D. Soleyn (TRO2)
- William (Bill) R. Kalt (TRO7)
- Susan L. Ko (TRO9)

Team Awards - Distinguished

FTA Rides to Wellness Team

In recognition of the FTA team's passionate and productive engagement to launch and implement Rides to Wellness – an initiative that will improve health of people through access to the rides they need and facilitate partnerships across the health and transportation industries.

- Mary A. Leary (TPM)
- Hendrik (Rik) N. Opstelten (TPM)
- Danielle W. Nelson (TPM)
- Kim M. Sledge (TPM)
- Faith G. C. Hall (TRI)
- · Jamie D. Pfister (TRI)
- Gwo-Wei Torng (TRI)
- Valerie Berton (TCA)
- David N. Longo (TCA)
- Jeremy L. Furrer (TOA)

Executive members participating in this team - Henrika Buchanan-Smith (TPM) and Vincent Valdes (TRI)

The Simplified Trips on Projects Software (STOPS) Team

For providing excellent customer service and applying creativity, problem solving, and innovative techniques to assist transit agencies to estimate trips on a wide variety of projects across the U.S. under very tight timeframes.

- Kenneth J. Cervenka (TPE)
- Jeffrey Roux (TPE)
- James M. Ryan (TPE)

Team Awards · Meritorious

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Team

For meritorious service in developing the DBE Academy Training for the Department of Transportation.

- Lynn A. Bailey (TCR)
- · Britney D. Berry (TCR)
- Antoinette R. Davis (TCR)
- Janelle Hinton (TCR)
- Jennifer S. Riess (TCR)

Operations and Program Management and Planning and Program Development Offices Team

For outstanding work in the delivery of grant process, environmental reviews and oversight, and for serving our customers with expert guidance and professionalism, leading to a positive impact on the success of FTA objectives.

- Donald C. Burns (TRO2)
- Nina H. Chung (TRO2)
- Nancy J. Danzig (TRO2)
- Darreyl D. Davis (TRO2)
- Madeleine Duchatellier (TRO2)
- Tyrhonda L. Edwards (TRO2)
- Faye I. Ellison (TRO2)
- James A. Goveia (TRO2)
- Michael P. Kuchieski (TRO2)
- Rosaria Luperena (TRO2)
- Daniel V. Moser (TRO2)
- John J. McKee (TRO2)
- Veronica D. Pelt-Hawkins (TRO2)
- Victor L. Waldron (TRO2)

Team Awards · Meritorious

Operations Support Procurement Team

For meritorious service in providing unparalleled Small Business Support.

- Clifton L. Gardner (TAD)
- Robyn E. Jones (TAD)
- Camille F. Manuel (TAD)

Core Capacity Team

For implementing an innovative, simple, and easy to understand reporting process that allows critical capacity improvement projects to advance through FTA's Core Capacity program.

- Kenneth J. Cervenka (TPE)
- Peter K. Mazurek (TPE)
- Jeffrey Roux (TPE)
- Matthew W. Nawn (TPM)
- Samuel A. Yimer (TPM)

Detroit Team

For exceptional teamwork, problem solving with creative and innovative approaches in working with the Detroit Recovery Project initiative.

- Cecelia M. Comito (TCC)
- Nancy-Ellen Zusman (TCC)
- Marjorie Anne O. Espina (TCR)
- Jonathan S. Ocana (TCR)
- Jason M. Ciavarella (TRO5)
- Melody L. Hopson (TRO5)
- Robert (Stewart) McKenzie (TRO5)

Office of Administration

Clifton L. Gardner

For distinguishing himself by professionally accepting and executing many new challenges in the procurement shop, and going out of his way to be helpful to colleagues and customers.

Office of Chief Counsel

For diligence in handling a high volume of Buy America requests for technical assistance and waiver requests, while also working with the Office of Program Management to revise the Buy America Handbook.

- · Cecelia M. Comito
- Richard L. Wong

- · John P. Lynch
- · Laura G. Ames

Office of Program Management

FTA Circular 5010 Revision - Award Management Requirements Working Group

For exemplary performance and contributions to the re-issuance and update of the FTA Circular 5010 - Award Management Requirements.

- · Pamela A. Brown
- Marci G. Malaster
- · Wolodymyr (Walt) J. Mokey
- Gail E. Taylor
- Latonya E. Peeples
- Markia Bryant
- Valencia M. McFerrin
- Alexis R. Fisher
- LaTrina V. Trotman
- Kimberly A. Gayle
- · Tracey D. Hopkins
- · Cecelia M. Comito
- · Linda W. Sorkin
- · Anita Heard
- Victor M. Austin
- Mamie Smith

- · Alison V. Pegram
- Angela M. Dluger
- · John A. Bodnar
- · Jamie D. Pfister
- · Christopher R. LaMacchia
- Rosaria (Rosie) Luperena
- · Ann F. Dolecki
- · Guanying (George) Lei
- Margarita M. Sandberg
- · Valencia D. Williams
- · Laura C. Wallace
- · William (Bill) R. Kalt
- · David L. Beckhouse
- · Jenny C. Barket
- Tiffany L. Gallegos
- · Susan K. Fletcher
- Thomas A. Radmilovich

Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation

For continued excellence in sustaining and expanding FTA's transit research program.

- · Michael R. Baltes
- Marcel Belanger
- Ronald E. Boenau
- Gale Y. Brown
- Lisa M. Caldwell
- Wei-Shun (Roy) Chen
- O'Leathia (Lisa) Colbert
- · Christina E. Gikakis
- Bertha M. Jackson
- Betty F. Jackson
- · Faith G. C. Hall
- Sean Ricketson

- Edwin Rodriguez
- · Gwo-Wei Torng
- · Jeffrey L. Spencer
- Gregory G. Rymarz
- Mackenzie P. Thiessen
- Annetta L. Townes
- William E. Wiggins
- Rajendra (Raj) K. Wagley
- Steven Mortensen
- · Charlene M. Wilder
- · Nazemeh (Nazy) Sobhi

Office of Budget and Policy

For excellent work and peserverance beyond expectations in preparing the 2017 President's Budget.

- Danielle D. Hockaday
- · Kiana N. Spain
- Phillip G. Armstrong

- Joy K. Whren
- Eugene K. Kinard
- · Jerry Reed

Office of Communications and Congressional Affairs

Valerie Berton

In recognition for outstanding achievement in proactively and independently contributing to improving internal and external FTA communications in substantive ways.

Office of Transit Safety and Oversight

Donna M. Aggazio

For doing a masterful job managing the intake of information requests, the coordination of responses, and providing information back to stakeholders as it relates to TSO's stakeholder engagement portfolio.

Office of Civil Rights

Brian J. Whitehead

For his exceptional work in advancing TCR's mission and being instrumental in redesigning TCR's webpages.

Office of Planning and Environment

Alexander (Alex) J. Eckmann

For excellence in leading the Maryland Purple Line CIG team during a particularly challenging year while also contributing to other TPE and FTA priorities.

Cambridge Regional Office

For providing critical staff support to leadership for the northeast regional Beyond Traffic forum.

- · Sean T. Sullivan
- · Nicolas O. Garcia.
- Kristin M. Wood
- Joanne Weinstock
- Christopher R. LaMacchia,
- Marilyn E. Scheffler
- Eric D. Papetti

New York Regional Office

John A. Susino

For steadfast dedication and commitment to FTA Emergency Relief and Core Program

Philadelphia Regional Office

For exceptional achievements and outstanding performance in providing support and coverage for Region 3 and FTA Headquarter Offices during an unusual period of transition.

- · Katherine (Katie) M. Berrillo
- Deborah A. Brown
- · Deborah M. Butler
- · Sheila A. Byrne
- Donghee (Tony) A. Cho
- Karen Y. Crippen
- · Michele C. DeAngelis
- Ann F. Dolecki
- Deborah C. Epps
- Catharine (Cathy) C. Githens
- Daniel J. Koenig
- Jay M. Fox
- Timothy A. Lidiak
- · Ryan A. Long
- · Melissa P. McGill
- Vida Morkunas
- · Karen A. Roscher
- Ron D. Shatz
- Anthony (Tony) T. Tarone
- Corey Walker
- Kathleen E. Zubrzycki

Atlanta Regional Office

Boyd (Keith) Melton

For being an exemplary employee in the Atlanta Regional office who exceeds his assigned work tasks and is a valuable asset to the entire FTA.

Chicago Regional Office

For demonstrating creative and innovative techniques while working on the Bike/Pedestrian Safety Assessment Team

- Duana A. Love
- · David J. Werner
- · Anthony (Tony) W. Greep
- Robert (Stewart) McKenzie
- Vanessa M. Adams

Fort Worth Regional Office

Luciana S. Nears

For her leadership in taking on the Team Lead role in Region 6's new Grants A to Z Team, for her exceptional customer service, and for consistently exceeding performance targets.

Kansas City Regional Office

For outstanding achievement in advancing the office's goals.

- · Cathy L. Monroe
- · Logan T. Daniels
- Shannon M. Graves
- · Jeremiah R. Shuler
- Austi C. Barnett

Denver Regional Office

Cheryl J. Schlis

For her exemplary work in keeping the Regional office running smoothly in a seamless manner and extending her ready assistance to both internal and external customers.

San Francisco Regional Office

Dominique M. Paukowits

For continued excellence in fulfillment of agency initiatives and customer service.

Seattle Regional Office

Deborah A. Ensor

For providing outstanding customer service to internal and external customers while taking on additional duties due to the retirement of Region 10's Administrative Officer and the region's heavy grant workload.

Service Year Recognition

40 Years

TBP

Katherine Lambert Debora F. Silva-Smith

TRI

Ronald E. Boenau Gale Y. Brown

TPE

Candace K. Noonan







