



Transportation Vanguard Award Nomination Form

2014

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Using a maximum of 2 additional single-sided pages, please provide reasoning as to why this individual should be selected as the Transportation Vanguard Award recipient. Please include as much specific information about the candidate as possible, including special projects, personal attributes, dedication, etc.

Send nominations by **Friday, September 26, 2014**, via e-mail to mvitale@ashto.org. Nominations must be submitted as a single file in MS Word format using **TVA2014_Nomination_Nominee_Name.doc** as the file name.

Transportation Vanguard Award

Nomination – Michael Wawzkiewicz

Nominee Profile

Reason for nomination

Michael Wawzkiewicz, a licensed engineer and a Project Manager for the Ohio Department of Transportation, has worked endlessly to deliver ODOT's P3 Program. The State of Ohio established P3 legislation in 2011. The P3 legislation enabled ODOT to create the Division of Innovative Delivery that established new opportunities to deliver projects through leveraging existing assets and initiating procurements based on the P3 model. Mike has led the procurement on 3 of Ohio's P3 projects.

Cleveland Innerbelt Construction Contract Group 2 (CCG2) –

The replacement of this structurally deficient bridge in downtown Cleveland, Ohio, was initiated as a Design-Build-Finance structure to accelerate construction. However, just prior to procuring this project as a DBF, Ohio was able to leverage the Ohio Turnpike bonds and this procurement was modified to a more traditional Design-Build project. This project was successfully awarded in September 2013 at approximately \$270M which was \$50M below ODOT's estimated cost. Mike led this procurement.

Portsmouth Bypass -

The Portsmouth Bypass consists of the construction of 16 miles of limited access roadway on new alignment connecting US52 and US23. This project is being procured as a Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain facility with Availability Payments. Mike has worked diligently with TIFIA to secure a Rural Interest Rate for up to \$230M for this project. This could equate to \$5M savings per year for the State of Ohio. Due to Mike's hard work in procuring this project as a P3, this roadway will be constructed 8 years sooner than would have been otherwise possible. This will allow for potential economic development in a part of Appalachia Ohio that is in the bottom 10%-25% of the nation's most economically at-risk counties with an unemployment rate 50% higher than the rest of Ohio. This procurement has moved forward due to Mike's leadership. This project will be awarded in October 2014.

Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) – This is a reconstruction of the Brent Spence Bridge, an Ohio River crossing, and the reconstruction of eight miles of approaching interstate roadways connecting Cincinnati to Northern Kentucky. This project is estimated at \$3.5B and is being completed as a Bi-State project between Kentucky and Ohio.

Mike continues to work with our private partners to identify future P3 opportunities that allow ODOT to continue to overcome the funding challenges that currently exist. Mike is very dedicated to this program and the Department and has successfully addressed these much more complicated projects as compared to our traditional Design-Build process. He has been instrumental in driving the above projects forward.

Mike is diligent and a creative thinker. He has the ability to apply non-typical solutions to unusual problems which is a requirement in order to deliver a P3 project. He is a selfless worker. It is not

unusual to get e-mails from him in on the weekend or after hours which reflects the dedication he has for seeing his projects thru to fruition.