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Schuster Presents Toll Awards

Last year, nine Active Members were chosen as winners of IBTTA Toll Innovation Awards. The awards honored Active Members instituting creative and innovative programs which had a positive affect on customer service, traffic flow, environmental conditions, safety, toll collection, maintenance, or administration within their facilities.

Recently, at their request, three of the award-winning Authorities were personally presented with their certificates by IBTTA Executive Director Neil Schuster.

On December 15, Schuster traveled to Houston, Tex., to attend a Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) press conference during which he presented an award certificate to HCTRA's Executive Director Wesley E. Freise, P.E. HCTRA won the award for its Rate Equalization Program.

"Our agency is proud to have been chosen as a winner of this award," said Freise. "We feel our Rate Equalization Program has been extremely successful in helping us achieve the goals of this agency...."

Previously, on November 16, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority received its award certificate from Schuster; he presented the New Jersey Highway Authority with its certificate on October 28.

A publication listing all Toll Innovation Award winners and detailing their winning projects is available from IBTTA, (202) 659-4620. ▼



HCTRA Executive Director Wesley E. Freise, P.E. (r) receives the Authority's 1993 Toll Innovation Award from IBTTA Executive Director Neil Schuster.

FHWA Seminar Focuses on Public/Private Partnerships

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently held a one-day seminar, "Overcoming Barriers to Public-Private Partnerships," at its headquarters in Washington, D.C. IBTTA was an invited attendee.

Prior to the meeting, participants received a briefing book which served as a primer for the discussions. The workbook

identified the obstacles to public/private ventures which seminar attendees were to evaluate.

In welcoming the group, FHWA Administrator Rodney Slater emphasized the importance of public-private partnerships and FHWA's commitment to these ventures. The morning session featured a

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