

Management Innovation Award

The Management Innovation Award recognizes an individual, team or organization for the development and implementation of a creative idea, device, process or system that enhances the goals of public works in serving the public and protecting the environment.



Oregon Department of Transportation



OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program

In 2003, with the passage of the third Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA), the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was tasked with delivering a 10-year, \$1.3 billion program to repair or replace hundreds of highway bridges statewide. As one of the first DOTs in the country to undertake a major infrastructure program by outsourcing program management, ODOT prepared to deliver the OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program using innovative methods and processes.

ODOT collaborated with eleven state and federal regulatory agencies to combine more than fourteen separate environmental statutes and permits into a single set of standards that met all of the contributing agencies' goals. The resulting programmatic permitting process made it easier for contractors to comply with permitting standards and increased their ability to create the most sustainable result, all while saving money. It also allowed ODOT to follow through on their commitment to make the best use of their regulatory partners' time.