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## **Excellence in Right-of-Way Awards Nomination Process (email).**

The purpose of this message is to request nominations for the 2014 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Excellence in Right-of-Way Awards. This biennial awards program was developed by FHWA to honor those that excel in streamlining or improving the real property acquisition process while ensuring the rights of property owners and tenants are protected.

These awards recognize outstanding professionals who have enhanced the right-of-way professionals' ability to meet challenges associated with acquiring property on a federal-aid project. An award may be presented in each of the following nine categories:

- Innovation
- Leadership
- Stewardship
- Streamlining and Integration
- Technical Specialty
- Peer of the Year
- Judges Award Recognition for Special Achievement
- Current Initiative Award
- Right-of-Way Tribal Partnership Award

Attached is the Nomination Form for the awards. Nominators must submit this form, a Division Office written endorsement, and at least one high-quality color print to the HEPR Official Mail [FHWAHEPR@dot.gov](mailto:FHWAHEPR@dot.gov). Award winners will be recognized during the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Right-of-Way and Utilities Subcommittee annual meeting.

There are a number of State Departments of Transportation, local agencies, and private sector partners who produce excellent right-of-way work through innovation. By recognizing their achievements we can encourage others to foster and implement innovations in their organization.

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