

## AASHTO honors ODOT with 2006 Legacy Award

Each year, the AASHTO presents its Legacy Award to recognize a state agency undertaking work that is destined to change the way future transportation projects are delivered.

The 2006 award acknowledges the Oregon Department of Transportation OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program, a \$1.3 billion program to repair or replace nearly 300 highway bridges throughout Oregon. This innovative highway infrastructure rebuilding program ushers in a new way of doing business for ODOT.

The agency is moving from the role of self-delivering projects to one of managing transportation programs through increased outsourcing and partnering with the private sector.

AASHTO President Harold Linnenkohl presented the award to ODOT Director Matt Garrett on Friday evening in the trade fair.

Linnenkohl lauded ODOT's undertaking of the state's biggest public works project in a half-century, specifically highlighting bridge program initiatives designed to stimulate the economy, promote community involvement and ensure appropriate environmental stewardship.

"Before any dirt was turned, ODOT decided to rebuild its highway bridges in a way that fostered Oregon's long-term economic prosperity while building a strong, diverse workforce and maintaining mobility and safety—not just for the life of the program, but for generations to come," Linnenkohl said.



*ODOT Director Matt Garrett (left) receives the Legacy Award from AASHTO Executive Director John Horsley and AASHTO President Harold Linnenkohl. AASHTO honored Oregon's OTIA program.*