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I-15 NOW Proves Teams Win Championships

\$238 Million Design-Build Interstate Reconstruction Project Wins National Quality Achievement Award

Austin, TX/November 3, 2009 - The National Partnership for Highway Quality (NPHQ) announced today that the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) I-15 New Ogden Weber Expansion (NOW) project is the 2009 National Achievement Award winner.

The \$238 million design-build interstate reconstruction project is located in the greater Ogden, Utah area. Total project length is 9.5 miles and work included the addition of both travel and auxiliary lanes with new asphalt pavement, the replacement of twenty-four precast concrete and steel girder bridges, complete reconstruction of three traffic interchanges (TI) and associated cross streets, new traffic signals and lighting at the reconstructed TIs, precast noise walls, new roadway signing and the new Automated Traffic Management System (ATMS) with communication to the Salt Lake Traffic Operations Center.

Innovation played a key role in the design and construction process. Geotechnical issues required the use of stone columns due to soil liquefaction at bridge structures; settlement requirements mandated the use of lightweight aggregates; the location of a retired landfill at a major interchange required deep dynamic compaction for bridge foundations; and, large settlement issues in several areas required the use of two stage MSE walls.

"Our team built a better-quality project in a difficult environment, under heavy traffic conditions while maintaining excellent relations with the owner and ultimate user, the traveling public," said UDOT Project Director Brent De Young.

The New Ogden Weber Expansion project has increased capacity, improved safety, enhanced the efficiency and prolonged the life of the freeway for today's drivers and generations to come.

In presenting the award, NPHQ Executive Director Bob Templeton said, "I-15 NOW should be used as a model for future interstate rebuilds."

The NPHQ National Achievement Awards recognize overall project quality, the partnership between State departments of transportation and private contractors; technical and materials innovations; the effectiveness and creativity of public involvement; the teams' effectiveness in meeting or exceeding expected deadlines, costs and deliverables; responsiveness to environmental needs and opportunities; and adherence to other principles of quality management.

NPHQ is a national coalition of public highway agencies, industry organizations and private firms founded in 1992 as the National Quality Initiative. For more than 15 years, NPHQ continues to be the only National program that brings public Federal, State and Municipal highway agencies and private industry together to combine their expertise and to cooperatively lead the advancement in highway quality, safety

and service to the highway users. For more information on the NPHQ and its awards: www.nphq.org.
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