

2012 Women Leaders in Transportation Design & Construction Awards Program

DEADLINE: June 12

- “Ethel S. Birchland Lifetime Achievement Award”
- “Glass Hammer Award”
- “Future Industry Leader Spotlight Award”

Purpose

Established in 2010 by ARTBA Chairman Bill Cox, the Women Leaders in Transportation Design and Construction Council “promotes leadership and career advancement for women in the industry through mentoring, recognition, educational activities and networking.”

The Women Leaders in Transportation Design & Construction Awards Program was established to recognize and honor extraordinary efforts of individuals, companies and public agencies that have demonstrated leadership and dedication to innovation in the transportation design construction fields as well as the promotion of women leaders within the industry.

Background on ARTBA

Established in 1902, ARTBA is a federation whose primary goal is to aggressively grow and protect transportation infrastructure investment to meet the public and business demand for safe and efficient travel. The association represents more than 5,000 public and private sector leaders of the U.S. transportation design and construction industry before Congress, the White House, federal agencies, news media and general public.

Nominations & Criteria

Anyone can nominate a candidate. ARTBA membership is not required.

Nominations will be considered for the following **three** awards:

1. The “Ethel S. Birchland Lifetime Achievement Award”

Named after Ethel S. Birchland, who served as ARTBA’s executive director from 1924 to 1928, this award is given to at least two women who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and long-term service in the transportation design and construction industry’s public or private sectors. Particular focus is given to the individual’s dedication to the advancement of innovation and other women leaders.

Nominations should be written in a **500 words or less essay format (submit as a separate Word document)** and must address the following items in separate paragraphs:

- 1) Highlight the record of professional achievement over the length of a career.
- 2) Spell out significant contributions to industry associations and/or community organizations.
- 3) Detail activities aimed at advancing innovation and women leaders.

2. “The Glass Hammer Award”

This category includes a \$500 application fee. Checks are payable to ARTBA.

It is given annually to three companies in the transportation construction industry that have innovative programs and activities directed at successfully promoting women leaders within their organization. Extra credit is given to those firms that also promote women leadership within the associations and community organizations they financially support.

Nominations should be written in a **500 words or less essay format (submit as a separate Word document)** and must address the following items in separate paragraphs:

- 1) Describe specific corporate initiatives that have promoted women leaders within the firm and quantify how many have benefited.
- 2) Emphasize any company programs aimed at promoting women leaders in industry-related associations or local community groups.

3. “Future Industry Leader Spotlight Award”

Self-nominations are preferred for this category.

This award is given annually to bring national industry attention to **two women students** enrolled in undergraduate or graduate studies at a U.S. college or university who have thus far achieved an outstanding academic record and demonstrated extraordinary leadership skills within and outside the academic environment. Candidates may be pursuing a degree in **any** discipline germane to the business of transportation design and construction.

All students who are currently enrolled in a university are eligible, but must submit the following items:

- 1) A current resume
- 2) A complete college transcript demonstrating a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 3) An accompanying cover letter that explains:
 - a. the student's plans for an industry career
 - b. Highlight specific leadership roles and activities on campus
 - c. Highlight specific leadership roles as a student in construction industry-related associations or in the local community
- 4) Two letters of recommendation from university professors

If the student wishes, his/her resume will be placed in an online database that is available to HR professionals at industry firms.

The winners in this category will be given a stipend to cover their expenses to the awards dinner so they can accept in person.

When Are Nominations Due?

Nomination forms and supporting documents must be received at the ARTBA Headquarters Building by **close of business on June 12**. No exceptions after this date.

Selection Notification

Winners will be notified by July 2.

Award winners will be recognized, along with inductees to the ARTBA Foundation's Hall of Fame, during a special July 26 dinner at ARTBA's "TransOvation 2011," an event being held July 25-27 at the Landsdowne Conference Center near Dulles Airport in Virginia.

What to Submit

\$500 entry fee, applicable only for "The Glass Hammer Award" category.

Required Materials:

- Completed nomination form and summary statement (in a separate Word document). Nomination forms not properly completed will not be considered.
- All nomination materials must be submitted in electronic format as a PC-formatted CD-ROM. No ZIP files. No hard copy materials.
- High-quality photo or electronic image of 300dpi or higher. JPEG, TIFF, or high-quality PDF are acceptable.

Additional documentation that is recommended and to be used by the judges, may include, but is not limited to:

- Biographical sketch
- Resume
- News articles
- List of awards or citations
- Published works

Additional Information or Questions

Contact ARTBA's Awards & Scholarship Program Manager Holly Bolton at hbolton@artba.org or 202-289-4434.

Please send all entry materials to:

Women Leaders in Transportation Design & Construction Awards Competition
c/o Holly Bolton
The ARTBA Building
1219 28th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Nomination Form

Award nomination is for (please check one):

- “Ethel S. Birchland Lifetime Achievement Award”
- “Glass Hammer Award”
- “Future Industry Leader Spotlight Award”

Contact Information

Nomination Submitted By: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nominee Information

Person or Company: _____

Person’s Title (applicable only if nominee is not a company): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____