STATE AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS ANNOUNCE TOP MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Projects Recognized During 20th Annual Maryland Quality Initiative Conference

(**February 14, 2013**) – The Maryland Quality Initiative recently announced 19 Maryland Quality Initiative (MdQI) *Awards of Excellence* winners for State transportation projects in 2012. MdQI, a consortium of local, state and federal transportation agencies and private industry associations, annually recognizes excellence in developing and constructing transportation projects for the State of Maryland and county governments. The MdQI consortium members have a shared vision to deliver cost-effective, environmentally sensitive projects to enhance safety and mobility for Marylanders. Design consultants and construction contractors participating in MdQI commit to exceed minimum performance standards and provide high-quality products and services.

The awards were presented at the culmination of a two-day training conference in late January at the Baltimore Convention Center. The seminar included a general session for all approximately 700 attendees on Maryland ethics laws presented by Ethics Commission Executive Director Michael Lord. Breakout sessions topics included technology, engineering advancements; new laws and regulations; environmental compliance; procurement laws and regulations; cleaner, greener, safer roadways; water quality regulations related to the Chesapeake Bay, strategies for optimal mobility; three-dimensional modeling, and utilities coordination. The theme of this year's conference, *Celebrating 20 Years of Quality Transportation*, emphasized safety, infrastructure preservation, and new technologies. Speakers at the conference included US Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary John D. Porcari and Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown.

To determine the top projects, a panel of experts representing both public and private sectors of the transportation industry evaluated the 2012 nominations. Of the hundreds of 2012 projects, only the best are nominated such as those that are on-time and within budget. Criteria includes: design, specification compliance, traffic maintenance, cooperation, contract administration, materials compliance, production equipment, erosion and sediment control, adherence to schedules, subcontracting and overall project quality. The list of categories and awards is attached.

MdQI affiliates include: American Concrete Paving Association-Northeast Chapter; County Engineers Association of Maryland; Federal Highway Administration – DelMar Division (Delaware-Maryland); Maryland Asphalt Association; Maryland Aviation Administration; Maryland Ready Mix Concrete Association; Maryland Transportation Authority; Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association; and State Highway Administration. Copies of the seminar presentations are available at www.mdqi.org.

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Editors Note: See attached list of award categories and winners

Maryland Quality Initiative – Awards of Excellence for 2012 Projects Presented January 31, 2013 in Baltimore, Maryland

Awards of Excellence:

1. Planning

Winner: Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning – MD 22 (Churchville

Road) Corridor Planning Study

Design Firm: Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, Inc. of Sparks

2. Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)/Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) - Engineering

Winner: State Highway Administration – MD 212 (Riggs Road) from Sargent Road to

MD 193 in Prince George's County

MBE Design Firm: A.B. Consultants of Halethorpe

3. Minority Business Enterprise(MBE)/Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) -Construction

Winner: Maryland Transportation Authority – I-95/I-895 interchange from Moravia Road

to south of Chesaco Avenue in Baltimore County.

Contractor: Genesis Steel Services, Inc. of Essex

4. <u>Green/Sustainability/Environmental Project</u>

Winner: State Highway Administration – Northwest Branch Stream Mitigation for

Intercounty Connector (ICC) in Prince George's County.

Design Firm: ICC General Engineering Consultants/McCormick Taylor, Inc. of Baltimore

Contractor: Environmental Quality Resources (EQR), Inc. of Halethorpe

5. Partnering – Gold

Winner: MDTA – I-95/I-895 interchange from Moravia Road to Chesaco Avenue in

Baltimore County

Contractor: Concrete General, Inc. of Gaithersburg

Design Firms: Greenhorne and O'Mara, Inc. of Laurel and Century Engineering, Inc. of Hunt

Valley

6. Partnering – Silver

Winner: State Highway Administration (SHA) – Intercounty Connector (ICC) Contract B

from east of MD 97 to west of US 29 in Montgomery County

Contractor: MD 200 Constructors (Joint venture of Kiewit Infrastructure South Co. of

Beltsville, Corman Construction, Inc. of Annapolis Junction and G.A. and F.C.

Wagman, Inc of York, PA.)

Design Firm: Parsons Transportation Group, Inc of Washington, DC

7. Partnering- Bronze

Winner: SHA – New MD 328 Bridge over Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County

Contractor: Joseph B. Fay Co. of Baltimore

Design Firm: SHA

8. County Engineers Association of Maryland (CEAM) Modal Award – Under \$5 Million

Winner: Prince George's County – Brooke Lane Offsite Woodland Conservation Bank Contractor: Kelly's Tree and Landscaping of Owings and Eco Goats of Davidsonville

Design Firm: Straughan Environmental of Columbia

9. Maryland Aviation Administration Modal Award – Under \$5 Million

Winner: BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport – Security Checkpoint Lower Level A

Contractor: Mid-Atlantic General Contractors, Inc. of Rockville

Design Firm: Michael Baker Jr. Inc. of Silver Spring

10. MDTA Modal Award – Under \$5 Million

Winner: I-895 Baltimore Harbor Tunnel – Drainage System Rehabilitation

Contractor: Advanced Fire Protection Systems, LLC of Glen Burnie Design Firm: Whitney, Bailey, Cox and Magnani, LLC of Baltimore

11. MTA Modal Award – Under \$5 Million

Winner: Baltimore Light Rail – Grade Crossing Replacements at McCormick Road,

Shilling Circle and Pepper Road in Baltimore County

Contractor: Atlas Railroad Construction, LLC of Bridgeville, PA

Design Firms: Parsons Brinkerhoff of Baltimore and AECOM of Baltimore

12. SHA Modal Award – Under \$5 Million

Winner: Replacement of Bridge on US 40 West to US 29 South in Howard County

Contractor: Kibler Construction Co. Inc. of Finksburg

Design Firm: SHA

13. CEAM Modal Award – Over \$5 Million

Winner: Baltimore County - Owings Mills Boulevard Extension – Phase I

Contractor: Kibler Construction Co. Inc. of Finksburg

Design Firm: JMT Engineering of Sparks

14. MAA Modal Award – Over \$5 Million

Winner: C-D Apron Pavement Reconstruction Between Concourses C and D

Contractor: P. Flanagan and Sons on Baltimore Design Firm: URS Corporation of Baltimore

15. MDTA Modal Award – Over \$5 Million

Winner: I-95/I-895 Interchange from Moravia Road to Chesaco Avenue

Contractor: Concrete General, Inc. of Gaithersburg

Design Firms: Greenhorne and O'Mara of Laurel and Century Engineering, Inc. of Hunt Valley

16. MTA Modal Award – Over \$5 Million

Winner: Baltimore Light Rail Line – Upgrade Public Address System and LED Displays

to Meet Americans with Disabilities Standard at 34 Light Rail Stations and

Three Control Centers in Baltimore County

Contractor: Gill-Simpson Inc. of Reisterstown

Design Firm: Integrated Strategic Resources of Baltimore

17. SHA Modal Award – Over \$5 Million

Winner: I-695/Charles Street Interchange Reconstruction in Baltimore County

Contractor: The Six-M Co. of Delta, PA

Design Firm: RK&K of Baltimore

18. MDQI Project of the Year – Under \$5 Million

Winner: MAA – BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Security Checkpoint Lower Level A

Contractor: Mid-Atlantic General Contractors, Inc. of Rockville

Design Firm: Michael Baker Jr. Inc. of Silver Spring

19. MDQI Project of the Year – Over \$5 Million

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Design Firm: RK&K of Baltimore