

## Innovative Transportation Solutions

### Recognition Award

**2025**

### AWARD SUMMARY

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The WTS Northeast Ohio Chapter is requesting nominations for a local Innovative Transportation Solutions Award.

The award was established by WTS International (WTSI) to salute an innovative transportation project led by a woman and is given annually. Project team members do not need to be members of WTS however membership of at least one team member is encouraged.

The 2025 awards will be presented at the Corporate Sponsor/Public Partner Appreciation Breakfast, tentatively scheduled for fall 2025. A maximum of three (3) project team members are eligible to accept the award as noted in the Project/Nominee Information section of this form.

The winner of the chapter award will be nominated for the WTS International Award of the same name. Presentation of the International Award will be at the WTS Annual Conference, in 2026.

### AWARD CRITERIA AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

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Nominations shall be made on the attached form. The transportation solution or project construction shall have been substantially complete, or the transportation initiative, policy or planning study shall have been submitted, on or after January 1, 2024. The project or the project team must be located in Northeast Ohio. The qualifications for selection shall include:

- » Summary of why the nominee deserves to win
- » Description of the purpose of the transportation initiative, solution, project or policy and the number of women involved from initiation to completion
- » Identification of the key elements of the project and how the female project manager successfully implemented those elements
- » Illustration of how the female project manager successfully met and overcame challenges
- » Explanation of how the project achieved its purpose
- » Submission of 1-3 photos highlighting the project or study

Additional information that may be provided for bonus points includes:

- » While a WTS Membership is not required to submit a nomination, if someone listed as a key member of the project team is a WTS Northeast Ohio Chapter member, the team will receive a bonus point.

**Nominations are due to [jchio@structurepoint.com](mailto:jchio@structurepoint.com) no later than Monday, June 30, 2025.**

## **THE MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION**

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WTS attracts, sustains, connects and advances women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry. To fulfill this mission, WTS operates under a specific vision with core values, goals, and guiding principles behind all of its activities and programs.

**Vision:** Equity and access for women in transportation.

### **Core Leadership Values:**

- » **LOYALTY:** Leadership and staff exhibit trust, honesty, and loyalty as they work toward fulfilling the WTS mission.
- » **COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT:** Communication, engagement, diversity, and creativity create the optimal collaborative environment in which to successfully complete organization initiatives.
- » **EXCELLENCE:** On the path to mission fulfillment, WTS leaders and staff operate as member- and mission-centric professionals with integrity and accountability.
- » **RESPECT:** WTS leaders and staff hold respect in the highest regard for members, volunteers, partners, the Board, and members of their work teams.
- » **PASSION:** It is the passion of WTS leaders and staff for the WTS vision, mission, women's issues, and the roles WTS International's leaders and staff fill that serves to unify our teams and move us forward.

### **Goals:**

- » Achieve organizational excellence and capacity to execute mission.
- » Create exceptional experience for members through strong involved chapters as part of a global WTS.
- » Expand opportunities for women in the transportation industry through professional development, mentoring, and strategic positioning of women.
- » Provide leadership in the global transportation community.

### **Guiding Principles:**

- » WTS is an international organization dedicated to building the future of transportation through the global advancement of women.
- » Advancing women in transportation is key to building the transportation industry.
- » A strong international organization enables members, chapters and communities within WTS to achieve our shared vision.
- » WTS can shape future generations of transportation leaders.
- » WTS is committed to ethical leadership, integrity and respect for all.
- » The WTS spirit of community, inclusiveness, and mutual support is one of our greatest assets.

### Project/Nominee Information:

Project Name	
Project Owner	
Project Manager (Owner) *	
WTS NE Ohio Member?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Design Project Manager (Consultant) *	
WTS NE Ohio Member?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Construction Project Manager (if applicable) * †	
WTS NE Ohio Member?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

\*Project must have been led by a woman in at least one of these categories.

† If the project does not have a construction component this role is not required

### Contact Information:

Name	
Title	
Company/Agency Name	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	

1. **Summarize why the nominee deserves to win.** (max 300 words)

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2. **Describe the purpose of the transportation initiative, solution, project or policy and the number of women involved from initiation to completion.** (max 250 words)

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3. **Identify the key elements of the project and how the female project manager successfully implemented those elements.** (max 250 words)

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4. **Illustrate how the female project manager successfully met and overcame challenges.** (max 250 words)

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5. **Explain how the project achieved its purpose.** (max 250 words)

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