



Advancing Women in Transportation
Greater Chicago Chapter

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WTS Greater Chicago Chapter announces the Illinois Department of Transportation as Employer of the Year

WTS is an international organization dedicated to excellence in transportation through the achievement of professionals in technical, policy, financial, and political sectors.

The Greater Chicago Chapter provides access to top industry leaders, as well as a variety of engaging programs, professional development and networking opportunities designed to encourage and support professionals in transportation. Each year, the WTS Greater Chicago Chapter recognizes outstanding individuals, firms and agencies in the field of transportation at our annual awards dinner.

The theme for this year's Award Dinner is *Taking the Lead* which focuses on Leadership, Strength and Perseverance. The 2007 Taking the Lead Awards Dinner will honor the Illinois Department of Transportation as Employer of the Year. IDOT has responsibility for planning, development and maintenance of the extensive Illinois Transportation network. This network includes a multi-modal system of highways and bridges, airports, public transit services, rail services, inland waterways and pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Please join us on:

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

*Reception 4:30 p.m. • Program 6:00 p.m.**

Chicago Athletic Club

(2nd Floor)

12 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Featuring Keynote Speaker

Tyler D. Duvall

Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy
Office of the Secretary at the USDOT

Other award recipients to be recognized:

Diversity Leadership Award

Sandi Llano, METRA

Member of the Year

Melissa Thomson, Knight E/A, Inc.

Woman of the Year

Rosemarie Andolino, O'Hare Modernization Program

*For information on purchasing tickets or a table for the 2007 *Taking the Lead* Awards Dinner contact Michelle Link by May 4th at (773) 380-7994 or e-mail michelle.link@hdrinc.com