



## 2012 Civil Rights Conference Wrap-up

### 2012 AWARD WINNERS



**ROBERT L. BRADLEY**  
**Distinguished Service Award**  
 Darren Brown, Acting Director  
 FHWA - Investigations and  
 Adjudications



**SHARLENE NAIL**  
**Meritorious Award**  
 Melissa Boyles, Administrator  
 AZ DOT, Civil Rights Office



**CIVIL RIGHTS**  
**Leadership Award**  
 Tony Kratofil, Metro Region  
 MI DOT



**CIVIL RIGHTS**  
**Trailblazer Award**  
 Brenda R. Nnambi, Director  
 WA DOT, Equal Opportunity Office



**EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM**  
**Administration Award**  
 MN DOT DBE & Workforce Collaborative Team

**CONGRATULATIONS  
 TO ALL OF THIS YEAR'S WINNERS**

The 2012 AASHTO National Civil Rights Subcommittee Training Conference concluded on Aug. 9 honoring this year's top civil rights advocates. AASHTO Civil Rights Subcommittee Chairperson, Grindly Johnson; and FHWA Office of Civil Rights Associate Administrator, Warren Whitlock; presented five AASHTO awards. Here is more information on each of the awards presented.

**Robert L. Bradley Distinguished Service Award:** This award recognizes an individual who is an inspiration to others; has a strong dedication to community service; demonstrates exceptional dedication to civil rights programs; is the epitome of professionalism; has an exceptional character; and is a legendary champion of the profession.

**Sharlene Nail Meritorious Award:** This award honors an individual who demonstrated outstanding courage and sacrifice in the delivery of civil rights programs. The recipient is someone of exceptional character; a high degree of concern for others; courageous actions in spite of risk; a civil rights champion; and has made uncommon sacrifices toward program delivery.

**Civil Rights Leadership Award:** This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, including but not limited to employment equity, economic empowerment, environmental justice, citizen participation, and access for persons with disabilities.

**The Civil Rights Trailblazer Award:** In recognition of an individual who has a list of "first" accomplishments and has successfully tackled complex and uniquely challenging civil rights issues. The awardee consistently strives to advance diversity, opportunity, communication, and community service. This individual successfully leverages creativity, innovation, and perseverance.

**The Excellence in Program Administration Award:** In recognition of a team that has administered a state department of transportation civil rights program in an exemplary and creative manner. The awardees excel at responsibilities; demonstrates an exceptional ability to work with others to resolve problems; have an unwavering dedication to their field of expertise; consistently resolves challenging problems with success; are well respected by their peers; and continually strive for excellence. One host state special recognition award, rounded out the awards luncheon.

**As a final activity, please [click here](#) and take this short survey and let us know about your overall conference experience. This information is useful for both Michigan and future conference hosts.**

See you all in Arizona for the 2014 National Civil Rights Subcommittee Training Conference.