

**2014  
Innovative Agency of the Year  
Nomination Form**

The Dakota Transit Association is pleased to announce the **Innovative Agency of the Year** award. We will be presenting two awards, one for North Dakota and one for South Dakota. The **Innovative Agency of the Year** award is an excellent means for your agency to promote its outstanding talents or skills. The Board of Directors will make the selection based on the nominations. You do not have to be the biggest and most aggressive agency to win this award, but you must be a DTA member.

Here are some example activities that could qualify your agency for this award:

- **Overcame a major obstacle, barrier, or stumbling block**
- **Initiated a new or improved service**
- **Innovated a coordination program**
- **Improved or expanded service and funding revenue or source**
- **Implemented a new technology or expansion**
- **Conducted an innovative training program or activity**
- **Display an above average degree of professionalism which is exemplified by excellent public relations, increased ridership and sets an example for others to follow**

In other words, any activity that goes above and beyond the normal workday requirements of a transit organization.

The **Innovative Agency of the Year** award will be given out at the **Morning Session, September 22, 2014.**

**Please use this form** and include a one-page description of the activity, and comments from two or three people involved. Please submit the application no later than **July 21, 2014** to Yankton Transit, Attention: Lynette Hansen, 901 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Yankton, SD 57078 or e-mail [yanktontransit@iw.net](mailto:yanktontransit@iw.net) **No late postmarked applications will be accepted.**

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Transit Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2014  
Driver of the Year  
Nomination Form**

The Dakota Transit Association is proud to sponsor its **Driver of the Year** award. The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding driver whose service has enhanced public transportation in his/her community.

The Drivers of the Year from North and South Dakota will be recognized at the **Awards Breakfast Sunday, September 21, 2014**. All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition from the Dakota Transit Association.

The DTA Board of Directors will choose the North and South Dakota **Driver of the Year** based on the following:

- 1) **Drivers that qualify for this award must display a positive image for public transit.**
- 2) **Drivers must have an excellent driving record.**
- 3) **The transit agency submitting the nomination must be a member of DTA.**
- 4) **A one page letter of recommendation written by the transit director must accompany this form. No other attachments will be considered.**

Your agency will be notified of the winner in advance. It will be the responsibility of the agency to arrange for the **Driver of the Year** to be present for the awards presentation.

Please use this application form with your letter of recommendation and mail to: Yankton Transit, Attention: Lynette Hansen, 901 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Yankton, SD 57078 or e-mail [yanktontransit@iw.net](mailto:yanktontransit@iw.net) by **July 21, 2014**. **No late postmarked applications will be accepted.**

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Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Transit Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2014  
Friend of Transit  
Nomination Form**

The Dakota Transit Association is pleased to announce the **Friend of Transit** award to an individual from both North and South Dakota. The **Friend of Transit** award is an excellent opportunity for your agency to promote an individual who has done an outstanding job supporting transit in your community or state. The Board of Directors will make the selection based on the nominations.

Here are some examples of the types of individuals, businesses or agencies as well as the activities that would qualify them for this award:

- **City mayors for their strong support (i.e. supported donating land for projects, increased services, increased local funding)**
- **County commissioners (same as above)**
- **State & federal legislators**
- **Retired state employees or public officials**
- **Any individual who is a strong supporter of your transit agency**
- **An unpaid volunteer**
- **An individual or other agency who has promoted coordination, cooperation, or assisted with raising local financial share or transit awareness**
- **Cannot be an individual who is employed or paid by a transit entity**

Your agency will be notified of the winner in advance. It will be the responsibility of your agency to arrange for the **Friend of Transit** to be present at the **Morning Session on September 22, 2014**.

Please use this application form with your letter of recommendation and mail to: Yankton Transit, Attention: Lynette Hansen, 901 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Yankton, SD 57078 or e-mail [yanktontransit@iw.net](mailto:yanktontransit@iw.net) by **July 21, 2014**. **No late postmarked applications will be accepted.**

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Transit Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Transit Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2014  
Above and Beyond Award  
Nomination Form**

Sure-Lok is the proud sponsor of the “**Above and Beyond**” award for North and South Dakota. This award was created to honor a staff person or system that has exhibited extraordinary dedication and devotion to transporting people with special needs. The purpose is to honor a driver who has performed in an outstanding manner (**ABOVE and BEYOND**) and has shown care and concern for passengers with special needs. This award will be presented Sunday morning at the **Awards Breakfast Sunday, September 21, 2014**. The Board of Directors will make the selection based on the nominations.

Criteria is: Demonstrates sensitivity toward individual with special needs

- ◆ **Takes time on a regular basis to create a safe & secure environment for special needs passengers**
- ◆ **Properly secures the mobility aid and occupant restraint**
- ◆ **Must not have had a chargeable accident within the last 36 months**

Nominations:

- ◆ Include years of service
- ◆ Can include compliments/commendations from riders

Please use this application form with suggested **one page** letter supporting the nomination and mail to: Yankton Transit, Attention: Lynnette Hansen at 901 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Yankton, SD 57078 or e-mail [yanktontransit@iw.net](mailto:yanktontransit@iw.net) @iw.net by **July 21, 2014**. **No late postmarked applications will be accepted.**

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Nomination's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Transit Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Transit Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2014  
Outstanding Support Staff  
Nomination Form**

The Dakota Transit Association is pleased to announce the **Outstanding Support Staff** award to an individual who exhibits exceptional leadership and provides input and direction for all agency staff. The **Outstanding Support Staff** award will be an excellent opportunity for your agency to promote an individual who has done an outstanding job representing your agency. One award for both North and South Dakota will be presented. This award is open to all support staff members except your drivers. The Board of Directors will make the selection based on the nominations.

Here are some criteria that would qualify the recipient for this award:

- **Customer service**
- **Problem solving creativity**
- **Verbal communication skills**
- **Professionalism**
- **Represents your agency and the transit mission in an exceptional manner**

Your agency will be notified of the winner in advance. It will be the responsibility of your agency to arrange for the **Outstanding Support Staff** award winner to be present at the **Awards Breakfast Sunday, September 21, 2014**.

Please use this application form with your letter of recommendation and mail to: Yankton Transit, Attention: Lynette Hansen, 901 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Yankton, SD 57078 or e-mail Lynette at [yanktontransit@iw.net](mailto:yanktontransit@iw.net) by **July 21, 2014**. **No late postmarked applications will be accepted.**

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Outstanding Support Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Transit Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Transit Director: \_\_\_\_\_

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Agency Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_