

WSDOT teams nab environmental awards

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Two project teams were awarded the 2012 [Partnership for Environmental Excellence in Construction Management award](#) during the annual joint meeting of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) and WSDOT.

The WSDOT award recognizes outstanding achievement in environmental protection during project construction by contractors and WSDOT staff.

- **Kevin Waligorski's project team in North Central Region** was recognized, for their work with R. M. Shearer, Inc. on the [US 97A wildlife fence stage 2 project](#). The contractor and Kevin's construction staff worked collaboratively to problem solve multiple project challenges. Construction challenges included drilling steel posts into bedrock and installing fence over gullies and ridges.
- **Lisa Hodgson's Northwest Region project team** received the award for their work with I-405 Corridor Design-Builders on the [I-405, I-5 to SR 169 stage 2 widening project](#). Lisa's office worked with the contractor to institute training on all environmental aspects of the project. They overcame multiple challenges such as finding elevated lead levels from an old dump and discovering a historic Renton coal mine chamber. The project team met their goal of no permit violations.

Each winner's projects were evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Preventative Measures
 - Identifying and protecting sensitive areas
 - Incorporating environmental commitments into contract documents
 - Working with the public, media, and regulatory agencies to avoid surprises
2. Responsiveness during Construction
 - Process for identifying/correcting deficiencies
 - Reporting non-compliance
 - Identifying and incorporating lessons learned
 - Efforts to prevent repetitive non-compliance events
3. Innovative Problem Solving
 - Partnership with the contractor
 - Address special or unique challenges
 - Adapting to unexpected conditions
 - Using methods beyond BMPs
 - Unique compliance methods

WSDOT is responsible for more than 20,000 lane-miles of roadway, nearly 3,000 vehicular bridges and 524 other structures. As part of that responsibility WSDOT protects air and water quality, communities and roadsides.

Congratulations to our award winners!



Assistant PE Mike Andreini accepts the Eastern Washington Award on behalf of Kevin Waligorski's project team for the wildlife fencing project.



Jay McRae (CH2M Hill, part of I-405 Design Builders) and Lisa Hodgson, PE accepts the Western Washington Award from Megan White, WSDOT's Director of Environmental Services.