

Innovation Idea Award

2018 Innovation Idea Award Winners Announced!

LHTAC is in the fourth year of Innovation Awards, and continues to be impressed with the ability of Idaho's Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs) to pioneer solutions to problems and inefficiencies, faced within their everyday operations.

Adams County Road and Bridge Dept. Cattle Guard By-Pass Gates

Farmers driving large agricultural equipment and Road and Bridge employees plowing snow both struggled to stay within the confines of popular cattle guards within the County. The 12 foot width of the guards and surrounding fencing made it difficult for anything larger than a passenger vehicle to pass through without damaging the gate posts. 4x4 posts at the edge of the existing fence line were sleeved at the location of the cattle guard. These posts are easily removed and relocated, and then replaced for passage of large equipment.



Camas County Grader Blade Mobile

Removing and replacing heavy grader blades was a 3-4 person job, as well as a lifting hazard. A cart was fabricated that not only transports the grader blade, but also lifts it into place for bolting.



Power County Highway District Bridge Marker Sign Brackets

Large equipment consistently damaged and destroyed the Highway Districts Bridge markers. The HD fabricated brackets equipped with a spring that flex when hit while being stout enough to hold position in the wind.

Clearwater County is recognized amongst peers.

Clearwater County Wins at National Competition and Recognized at the 2018 Idaho Association of Counties Annual Conference

Clearwater County's - Recycle Building was submitted to LHTAC for our 2017 Innovation Idea Award competition. The idea was then submitted by the LHTAC T2 Center to the FHWA Center for Local Aid Support for the Build a Better Mousetrap National Competition where it took **FIRST PLACE** for the Facilities Improvement Category.



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