Scott Wroten, Section Head of Acquisitions in the Right of Way Division, has been selected as the recipient of the nationally-recognized George C. Askew Award for 2012.

The award brings recognition, on a national level, to Certified Public Manager program participants and graduates for the use of premier management practices exemplifying the philosophy of the Consortium in the completion of an exceptional curriculum project.

Titled “Incentive Payment Plan”, Wroten’s project goal was to streamline and expedite the right of way acquisition portion of project delivery. His plan identifies negotiating tools that can be used in acquisitions that must be handled through eminent domain action, with the ultimate goal being time-savings to the Department and the property owner. Recent pilot projects in other state Departments of Transportation using similar tools have shown a significant decrease in the number of condemnations and pronounced time savings.

Wroten’s project plan was chosen through a competitive selection process by the Master in Public Administration coordinators at the University of Arkansas, UALR and Arkansas State University. It was recognized as the “outstanding project” of the year at the Consortium graduation ceremonies this past May. It was then forwarded as the Arkansas nomination for national consideration for the Askew Award.

Wroten was nominated for the award by the Arkansas Public Administration Consortium and the state and national level Certified Public Manager Programs. The programs provide leading-edge curriculum for public managers and help them reach their highest potential. ✪
If you have been to the Central Office in Little Rock recently, you may have noticed some construction activity on the east side of the building. That is where work is now underway on the AHTD’s new Public Transportation Administration Facility. The new 4,600 square foot building will house the Department’s Public Transportation administration staff and provide receiving and training spaces for the Department’s external customers across the state. The training room will be capable of accommodating approximately 30 people and feature state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment.

“The gears of the progress machine are spinning,” says Ray Gruver, Section Head of Facilities Management. “Before a building project can get started, all the materials the contractor plans on using must be checked and approved for compliance with the specifications … from the foundation to the roof. That is what is taking place now.”

“The approval process should be completed shortly, so sit back and watch, this thing will take off like a rocket. Be sure not to blink or you’ll miss it,” Gruver added.

The new facility is expected to be completed in August of this year,” Gruver adds.

The building is being constructed utilizing a Federal Transit Administration grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. No funding match was required from the AHTD. The contract to build the new offices was awarded to CWR Construction, Inc. of North Little Rock for approximately $1.27 million and their Notice to Proceed was issued February 1st of this year. Design work on the building was done by Cromwell Architects Engineers, Inc. of Little Rock.

The interior design features an open floor plan designed to promote collaboration. The exterior design fits into the existing campus using simple forms and similar materials but does not mimic the other buildings. “The new facility is expected to be completed in August of this year,” Gruver adds.

The Public Transportation Division provides vans and buses for approximately 200 private nonprofit organizations. Those organizations provide transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities. The Section also provides vehicles and operating assistance to nine rural public transportation providers.
The 19th Annual Arkansas Highway Police Bass Classic will be held the weekend of April 27th & 28th at DeGray Lake near Arkadelphia.

This is an opportunity for AHTD employees, including family members and retirees, to get on the water and enjoy some inviting spring weather. Plus, it’s all for a good cause. The tournament benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting work.

For those interested in lodging during the tournament, there are numerous motels in Caddo Valley. In addition, the DeGray Lake State Park is on site for those who want to camp out, and the DeGray Lake Lodge is also nearby.

There will be festivities on Saturday afternoon and a meal will be provided. Some great door prizes will also be awarded. All tournament winners will be announced on Sunday afternoon.

The early entry fee is $100. Entry fees accepted after April 15th will be $110 and will be cash only. Make checks payable to “Arkansas Highway Police Charity Fund” and mail to: Chrissy Williams, Attn: Bass Classic, P.O. Box 2779, Little Rock, AR, 72203.

For more information on the tournament, contact Ned Ward at 870-703-6328 or Chrissy Williams at 501-569-2424.

The 2013 AHTD Equipment Operators Roadeo Finals will be held at the Central Office on June 12, 2013. The remaining semi-final competitions are scheduled as follows:

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**AHTD EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ROADEO**
**Semi-Final Results**

**DISTRICT 2 • MARCH 7, 2012**

**TRACTOR/LOWBOY**
1st Place John Harvey
2nd Place Dennis Qualls
3rd Place Kay Rapier

**TRACTOR/MOWER**
1st Place Perry Bledsoe
2nd Place Wayne Givens
3rd Place Joshua Smith

**TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK**
1st Place Melissa Starnes
2nd Place Jon Paul Anderton
3rd Place Carl Lamb

**BACKHOE**
1st Place Derrick Dutton
2nd Place Justin Witcher
3rd Place John Harvey

**SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK**
1st Place Calvin Ashcraft
2nd Place William Sanders
3rd Place Kenneth Vestal

**MOTOR PATROL**
1st Place Wallace Simmons
2nd Place Ira Tillman
3rd Place Donnie Burns

**DISTRICT 3 • MARCH 14, 2012**

**TRACTOR/LOWBOY**
1st Place Francisco Rodriguez
2nd Place Charles Branham
3rd Place Chris Clayton

**TRACTOR/MOWER**
1st Place James Faulkner
2nd Place Adrianne Alvarez
3rd Place Garland Baker

**TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK**
1st Place Bobby Sharp
2nd Place Tracy Ford
3rd Place Glen Semmler

**BACKHOE**
1st Place Larry Otwell
2nd Place Brad McJunkins
3rd Place Rodney Shelton

**SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK**
1st Place Shane Buck
2nd Place Connie Pate
3rd Place Kriste Jameson

**MOTOR PATROL**
1st Place Todd Rucker
2nd Place Neal Price
3rd Place Ryan Lovell
Let everyone know how proud you are of your favorite graduate! Submit your photos to the Public Information Office no later than 5:00 p.m., April 30 in order to have yours included in our special section to be published in the June issue of Arkansas Highways Newsletter. Photos and information must be submitted according to the following guidelines so that the photos will print clearly and with the proper identification.

Photos should be submitted as color, high-resolution, digital images saved as JPEG or TIFF format. Low-resolution images, or ones taken with a mobile phone, are strongly discouraged as they will not print clearly. Hard copies of photos may also be submitted. Hard copies will be returned after the graduation section has been printed.

With your photo, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Student Name  
- School Name  
- Employee Name  
- Employee District/Division  
- Student’s Relationship to AHTD Employee

EMAIL DIGITAL SUBMISSIONS to:
Paula.Cigainero@ArkansasHighways.com

MAIL HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS to:
AHTD Public Information, Attn: Paula Cigainero
P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203.

**Upcoming Dates to REMEMBER**

**APRIL 4 // THURSDAY**
- Public Involvement Meeting – Highway 112 Fayetteville, 4:00 p.m.

**APRIL 15 // MONDAY**
- Tax Day
  Remember to file your tax returns.

**APRIL 17 // WEDNESDAY**
- AHTD Commission Meeting
  Central Office, Little Rock, 9:00 a.m.
- AHTD Bid Letting
  Central Office, Little Rock, 10:30 a.m.

**APRIL 27-28 // SAT.-SUN.**
- Arkansas Highway Police Bass Classic Charity Tournament

**APRIL 30 // TUESDAY**
- Graduation Photo Submissions due to Public Information Office by 5:00 p.m.

**MAY 2 // THURSDAY**
- Arkansas Historic Preservation Conference
  Historic Bridge Symposium
  For more info call: 501-324-9880
  or visit www.PreserveArkansas.org

**MAY 12 // SUNDAY**
- Mother’s Day

**MAY 27 // MONDAY**
- Memorial Day Observed
- AHTD Offices Closed for Holiday
1. **DIRECTOR’S OFFICE:**
(L. to R.) Scott E. Bennett, Director, presents Linda Price, Administrative Assistant I, with her 35-Year Service Pin.

2. **AR HIGHWAY POLICE:**
(L. to R.) Donald Hastings, Captain, presents John Lamb, Patrol Officer First Class, with his 5-Year Service Award.

3. **MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Neil Austin, Pavement Profiler Operator, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Tommy Kirkpatrick, Pavement Profiler Job Superintendent.

4. **MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Sam Barnwell, Bridge Repairer II, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Glenn Cheatham, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer.

5. **DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Joe Bumpass, Bridge Repairer II, receives his 10-Year Service Award from David Hutchins, Bridge Job Superintendent.

6. **DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) William Cheatham, Resident Engineer #34, receives his 15-Year Service Award from Greg Harding, District Construction Engineer.
7. **DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents W. R. “Ray” Mays, Area Headquarters Attendant – Little River County, with his 10-Year Service Award.

8. **DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Glen Semmler, Multi-Axle Truck Driver – Pike County, with his 10-Year Service Award.

9. **DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Tony Teague, Crew Leader – Miller County, with his 10-Year Service Award.

10. **DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Garland Baker, Maintenance Aide II – Little River County, with his 5-Year Service Award.

11. **DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Roberto Escobedo, Multi-Axle Truck Driver – Sevier County, with his 5-Year Service Award.

12. **DISTRICT 3:** (L. to R.) Stanley Katzer, Maintenance Aide I – Howard County, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.

13. **DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) Stanley Rogers, District Sealing Job Superintendent, presents Joseph Jones, Roller Operator, with his 5-Year Service Award.

14. **DISTRICT 7:** (L. to R.) Rhonia Krisell, District Office Manager, presents Ann Bryant, Storeroom Supervisor, with her 25-Year Service Award.
15. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.)
Jeff Venable, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Randy Stinnett, Sealing Job Superintendent, with his 25-Year Service Award.

16. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.)
Jimmy Ryan, District Headquarters Guard, receives his 15-Year Service Award from Glen Howell, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.

17. DISTRICT 7: (L. to R.)
Jesse Martin Jr., Single Axle Truck Driver, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Johnnie Risher, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

18. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.)
Dean Holmes, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, receives his 15-Year Service Award from Glen Chavers, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

19. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.)
Ron Sligar, Crew Leader, receives his 30-Year Service Award from Ron Stanfill, Area Maintenance Supervisor.

20. DISTRICT 9: (L. to R.)
Scott Willis, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 10-Year Service Award from Everett Burr, Sign Crew Supervisor.

21. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.)
Joe Davidson, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents Stephen Pointer, Guard, with his 5-Year Service Award.

22. DISTRICT 8: (L. to R.)
Justin Sams, Field Clerk I, receives his 5-Year Service Award from Stacy Burge, Resident Engineer.
1. **ENVIRONMENTAL**: Environmental Division celebrated Fat Tuesday with colorfully decorated Mardi Gras King Cake, Mardi Gras beads and a New Orleans-themed food buffet! Standing left to right: Ruby Jordan, Lynn Malbrough, LynAnne Ivy, Yulissa Mendoza, Gary Williamson. Kneeling left to right: Gail Kendrick and Brenda Price.

2. **DISTRICT 9**: Darvin Barrett, Maintenance Aide II, was honored at a reception held by the Marion County crew. Darvin recently retired from the Department with 26+ years.

3. **DISTRICT 9**: Ronnie Pierson, Area Headquarters Attendant, was also honored at a reception held by the Marion County crew. Ronnie recently retired from the Department with 34+ years.

4. **HUMAN RESOURCES**: Alicia Garrett, Personnel Officer (third from left), was recently surprised by coworkers with a lunchtime wedding shower held at the Central Office.

5. **AR HIGHWAY POLICE**: Whitney Blankenship (left) is congratulated by her father, Ronnie Burks, Highway Police Chief (right), after her completion of the 26.2 mile Little Rock Marathon held on March 3, 2013.

6. **DISTRICT 6**: Hunter Bradley, 12, killed this 7-point buck in Dallas County during the opening weekend of modern gun season. Hunter is the son of Shelly Bradley, District Office Manager.
7. **MAINTENANCE:** Cole Joseph Allison, son of Bobby Allison, Communications Maintenance Specialist, was born December 9, 2012. Cole weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

8. **DISTRICT 6:** Kyle Austin Kumpe, son of Alan Kumpe, Single Axle Truck Driver, was born January 20, 2013, at 4:41 p.m. Kyle weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

9. **DISTRICT 10:** Khloe Schaechtel proudly holds her newborn baby brother, Elliott Schaechtel. Elliott was born February 8, 2013, and weighed 7 pounds, 4.5 ounces. Khloe and Elliott are the grandchildren of Paul Carr, District Permit Clerk.

10. **DISTRICT 8:** Abigail Kaylynn Rye, granddaughter of Jim Rye, Maintenance Job Superintendent, was born January 18, 2013, at 11:54 a.m. Abigail weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. She is the daughter of Greg and Tammy Rye.
NEW EMPLOYEES

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • David Coleman, Arkansas Highway Police Patrol Officer; Tyrone Dillard, Arkansas Highway Police Patrol Officer; Mark Jackson, Arkansas Highway Police Patrol Officer; Andrew James, Arkansas Highway Police Patrol Officer; James Huckabee, Maintenance Aide II; Douglass, Maintenance Aide I; Ruth Gonzalez, Single Axle Truck Driver; George Clay Jr., Distributor/Roller Operator; Maynard Douglass, Maintenance Aide I; Ruth Gonzalez, Single Axle Truck Driver; James Huckabee, Maintenance Aide II;

COMMUNICATIONS • Sherry McKinney, Telecommunications Operator; Joel Ruff, Telecommunications Operator; Glen Swindell, Telecommunications Operator

CONSTRUCTION • John Hartsell Jr., Assistant Resident Engineer; Simon Wiley, Construction Aide I; Jeremy Stokes, Construction Helper

REPROGRAPHICS • Sandra Brown, Administrative Aide I

RIGHT OF WAY • James Ward, Utility Coordinator I

SURVEYS • Derrick Reynolds, Surveys Aide II

DISTRICT ONE • Charlie Fryer, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT FOUR • John Canada, General Laborer;

Kenneth Lindsey, General Laborer

DISTRICT FIVE • Taggart Morgan, Single Axle Truck Driver;

Teddie Blevins, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT SIX • Donnie Johnson, Single Axle Truck Driver;

Steve Mullins Jr., General Laborer; Joseph Drennan, Single Axle Truck Driver; Brandon Stewart, Single Axle Truck Driver;

Tyrone Dirks, Single Axle Truck Driver; James Taylor, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT SEVEN • Stephen Henson, Single Axle Truck Driver;

Dwayne Johnson, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT EIGHT • Leslie Crawford, Single Axle Truck Driver;

Chad James, Single Axle Truck Driver; Justin Roy, General Laborer

DISTRICT NINE • Carl Bilderback III, General Laborer;

Clark Smith, General Laborer

DISTRICT TEN • Cotton Groves, General Laborer;

Carla Johnson, General Laborer


CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE • Beverly Moore, Office Administrative Assistant V; 20 yrs.

COMMUNICATIONS • Della Baker, Telecommunications Operator, 10 yrs.; Dimitris Hunt, Communication Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION • William Cheatham, Resident Engineer, 15 yrs.; Rosalind Highfill, Field Clerk II, 10 yrs.


FACILITIES MANAGEMENT • Rickey Rawls, Facility Management Project Coordinator, 20 yrs.

HEAVY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE • Samuel Barnwell, Bridge Repairer II, 5 yrs.

HUMAN RESOURCES • Larry Boyd Jr., Training Specialist, 5 yrs.

MAINTENANCE • Tommy Kirkpatrick, Pavement Profiler Job Superintendent, 30 yrs.

MATERIALS • Dana Smith, Office Administrative Assistant V, 20 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH • Karen McDaniel, Administrative Assistant II, 30 yrs.; Timothy Mahan, Cartographer I, 25 yrs.; Kimberly Romano, Senior Planning & Research Engineer, 10 yrs.; Tiffany Burke, Data Collection Technician, 5 yrs.; William Hale, Data Collection Technician, 5 yrs.

ROADWAY DESIGN • Sharon Bowden, Administrative Officer II, 30 yrs.

SURVEYS • Matthew Rowland, Surveys Aide II, 15 yrs.

DISTRICT ONE • Harold Mullins Jr., Sealing Job Superintendent, 25 yrs.; Carl Knuckles, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT TWO • John Breitenstein, Sign Erector, 15 yrs.;

Dexter Houston, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 yrs.; Eugene Bryant, Backhoe/End Loader Operator, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT THREE • Timothy Owens, Dozer Operator, 5 yrs.;

Bryan Bass, Sign Erector, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT FOUR • Joann McNeil, Rest Area Attendant, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT FIVE • Hoyt Taylor, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 35 yrs.; Joshua Smith, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT SIX • William White, Shop Supervisor, 25 yrs.;

Orland Andrews, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.; Chris Doggett, Assistant Bridge Inspector, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT SEVEN • Carrol Bryant, Storeroom Supervisor, 25 yrs.;

Randy Sinnett, Sealing Job Superintendent, 25 yrs.; Catherine Wilson, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.; Jesse Martin Jr., Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT EIGHT • Cleo Scott, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, 25 yrs.;

Johnny Rice, Maintenance Aide II, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT NINE • Ronald Sligar, Crew Leader, 30 yrs.;

Justin Sams, Storeroom Assistant I, 5 yrs.; Stephen Pointer, Guard, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT TEN • Michael Sneed, Backhoe/End Loader Operator, 10 yrs.

RETIREE

DISTRICT ONE • Eddie Bryant, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30 yrs.

DISTRICT TWO • Ricke Wilson, District Bridge Inspector, 30 yrs.

DISTRICT FOUR • Wayne Grist, Crew Leader, 27 yrs.

DISTRICT SIX • Charles Nutt, Crew Leader, 38 yrs.;

James Smith, Inspector, 26 yrs.

DISTRICT SEVEN • William Pokorny, Assistant Resident Engineer, 12 yrs.

DISTRICT TEN • Donnie McKinney, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 30 yrs.

MEMORIALS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Robert Dale Bonds, 2/14/2013, retired

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT • Frank A. Pitts, 2/15/2013, retired

PLANNING & RESEARCH • Walter E. White, 3/5/2013, retired

DISTRICT ONE • Billy Gene Cowan, 2/20/2013, retired

DISTRICT TWO • Dwayne A. Miles, 2/15/2013, retired

DISTRICT FOUR • Henry A. Blair, 2/25/2013, retired

DISTRICT FIVE • Glenn D. Milligan, 2/20/2013, retired

DISTRICT SIX • William F. Parker, 2/14/2013, retired; John O. Wehunt, 2/27/2013, active

DISTRICT NINE • Owen E. Taylor, 3/6/2013, retired

DISTRICT TEN • James L. Pounder, 2/25/2013, retired

ACTIVE DUTY

As of 3/29/13, the AHTD has two employees serving active duty in the United States military. Deployment date is noted.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE • Ruddy Gene Short, Arkansas Highway Police Patrol Officer, 3/22/13

DISTRICT SEVEN • Abel Ayala, Maintenance Aide I, 3/13/12
The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (Department) complies with all civil rights provisions of federal statutes and related authorities that prohibited discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Therefore, the Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion or disability, in the admission, access to and treatment in Department’s programs and activities, as well as the Department’s hiring or employment practices. Complaints of alleged discrimination and inquiries regarding the Department’s nondiscrimination policies may be directed to EEO/DBE Section Head (ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator), P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203, (501) 569-2298, (Voice/TTY 711), or the following email address: EEO/DBE_Section_Head@ahtd.ar.gov. This notice is available from the ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator in large print, on audiotape and in Braille.