

Idris update



American Transportation Awards for ORT Technology

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Idris® Technology continues to go from strength to strength. Open Road Tolling (ORT) projects for Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) and Washington DOT were both winners at the recent American Transportation Awards (ATA's).

The two projects included Idris ORT technology supplied by Idris Technology Partner (ITP) Peek Traffic Corporation (Peek Traffic). The awards were chosen through regional competitions between June and September 2008 and the presentation ceremony will take place on the 19th October 2008 at the AASHTO Annual Meeting in Hartford, Connecticut.

America is a nation in constant motion – from truckers on the Interstate to commuters on the subway. They expect transportation services to keep pace with their busy lives, save time and money, and apply innovative solutions to today's and tomorrow's challenges. The ATA's are designed to recognise achievement in the development and construction of transportation projects,

and to instil an appreciation of transportation as a key element to the quality of life. The transportation projects are judged according to their size in three categories; "Innovative Management," "On Time" and "On Budget".

FTE won the South Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) best on-time small project for the improvements made to the Bird Road and Homestead Toll plaza's. From concept to concrete in a record seven months with the overall goal of improving traffic flow and safety.

Peek Traffic provided Automatic Vehicle Classification (AVC) by way of stand-alone SmartToll units utilising Idris AT600 software. These are self-contained systems, and communications with the lane controller are handled via an IP socket. Bird Road plaza had two directions of ORT, each of which had three travel lanes and no shoulder lanes. Homestead Plaza had two directions of ORT, both of which had two travel lanes and no shoulder lanes.



