ITS Florida
NEWSLETTER
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Welcome New Member!

ITS Florida is pleased to announce that Telegra, Inc. recently joined ITS Florida.

TELEGRA
Smart Traffic Management®

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Bruce Winner, Technical Sales—Southeast.

Special Recognition

A Certificate of Appreciation this year goes to Bernie Wagenblast – Publisher, Transportation Communication Newsletter.

Mr. Wagenblast began publishing the Transportation Communication Newsletter in 1998. Since that beginning, he has produced over 2700 (weekday) newsletters with the primary focus on ITS. Bernie has been particularly good to ITS Florida and ITS in Florida. Anita Vandervalk presented Bernie with this award at the ITS World Congress in New York City.

2009 Board of Directors Election

Please remember to submit your vote for the officers, and for the directors-at-large for the 2009 ITS Florida Board of Directors by **December 3, 2008.**

The ballot is available for your convenience. **Only one ballot is allowed from each member organization.**

ITS Florida Earns 2008 State Chapter Award

ITS America honored ITS Florida with a Certificate of Excellence for Organizational and Professional Development. The award was presented at the ITS America's Annual Meeting held in New York City November 17th.

Scholarship Sponsorship!

TRANSCORE

Thank You! *Transcore* and the *Becks Consulting Group* have generously contributed to the ITS Florida Scholarship program.

There is still time for your organization to contribute to the Anne Brewer Scholarship (ITSFL) fund.

The goals of ITSFL Scholarship program are to:

- Provide worthy people with financial need the opportunity to complete Academic requirements; and
- Encourage long-term membership development among college students.

The Anne Brewer Scholarship Program is a great way to assist a deserving student, and to support individuals pursuing careers in transportation. It is an excellent vehicle for agencies like yours to recruit bright and capable transportation professionals to our industry.

For more information and to become a sponsor, contact ITS Florida.

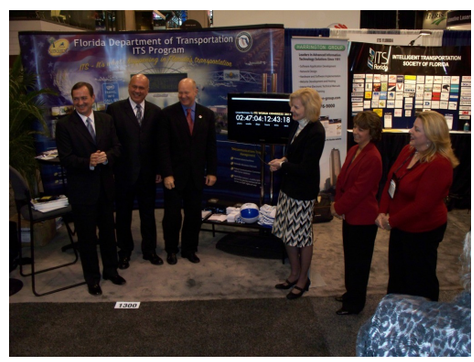
ITS Florida 2008 Annual Meeting

The ITS Florida Annual Meeting will be held at 11:30 AM on December 9th in Jacksonville. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the luncheon. The December Board Meeting will follow at 1:00.

ITS World Congress 2011

ITS Florida in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) started the digital countdown clock as

preparations get underway for the 18th Annual ITS World Congress to be held jointly with the ITS America Annual meeting, October 16-20, 2011 at the Orlando/Orange County Convention Center.



To officially start the World Congress 2011 countdown clock, delegates attending the 2008 ITS World Congress in New York City were invited to take part in a brief ceremony at the adjacent ITS Florida and FDOT displays in the Exhibit Hall, on Tuesday, Nov. 18. The ceremony featured (from left to right) Patrick McGowan, Chairman of the 18th World Congress organizing committee, Michael Noblett, Chairman of the 15th World Congress committee, ITS America President Scott Belcher, Anita Vandervalk, President ITS Florida, Elizabeth Birriel, Immediate Past President of ITS Florida and Rebecca McCollum, Orlando/Orange Convention Center.

ITS Florida 2009 Membership Dues

Look for ITS Florida 2009 membership invoices via email. Please contact ITS Florida if you have any questions.

Happy Holidays to all!