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On August 15, 2011, the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital and its traffic consultant TADI (Traffic Analysis & Design, Inc.) were awarded the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) 2011 Transportation Achievement Award for Operations. Founded in 1930, ITE is an international organization of transportation professionals with nearly 17,000 members in over 90 countries. This annual award is the highest honor ITE can give a project and is designed to recognize significant and outstanding transportation achievement. Past winners of this award include the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Committee, the \$1.67 billion T-REX project in Denver, Colorado, and the City of Los Angeles for their response following the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

Hines and TADI have been selected by ITE to receive this award based on their work on the Traffic and Parking Master Planning Study for the VA campus. Mr. Aaron Carlson, Hines Acting Chief of Project Planning, and Mr. Timothy Sjogren, TADI Illinois Office Manager, led a team of transportation professionals to evaluate and improve the deficient traffic and parking system at the facility. Utilizing a public involvement process that drew input from hundreds within the Hines VA family, the project team developed a plan to address short-term deficiencies while maintaining flexibility to accommodate future campus growth. Throughout the process, the safety, convenience, and wellbeing of the nearly 54,000 Veterans served by the Hines was the project's highest priority. As a result of the study, every visitor parking lot on campus is being redesigned to improve accessibility and provide a more welcoming and intuitive environment for patients and guests. Intersections, pedestrian facilities, staff parking, and guidance signs are all being upgraded in order to provide a high quality, user-friendly, secure, and sustainable traffic and parking system that can serve the Hines VA community now and well into the future.



*Mr. Carlson (middle) and Mr. Sjogren (right) are presented with the ITE Transportation Achievement Award by Mr. Robert Wunderlich, ITE International President.*

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“To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan...”

Abraham Lincoln