Greater Portland Council of Governments
Regional ReCOGnition Awards
May 2010

Presented to the **Town of Cape Elizabeth and the City of Portland for Best Practices in Regional Collaboration**

In recognition of the policy decisions of the Town of Cape Elizabeth to enter into a contractual agreement with the City of Portland for public safety dispatching services, the Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the municipal officers, managers and public safety departments of each community for their commitment to regional collaboration.

Presented to the **Town of Falmouth for Best Practices in the Application of Video Technology**

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Town of Falmouth for its use of video technology to strengthen citizen awareness and understanding of town government through the streaming and indexing of town meetings, the posting of regional informational videos on the town's YouTube channel, and the utilization of video technology for the training of staff and public safety departments.

Presented to the **Town of Freeport and the Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce for Best Practices in Regional Economic Development**

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Town of Freeport for the successful creation of the Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce and the commitment of the Chamber to work collaboratively in a manner that sustains the heritage of the communities it serves.

Presented to the **PACTS Transit Committee for Best Practices in Regional Collaboration**

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Transit Service Providers consisting of the Greater Portland Transit District (METRO), South Portland City Bus, ShuttleBus/ZOOM, Casco Bay Island Transit District and the Amtrak Downeaster, acting collectively through the PACTS Transit Committee, for the development of a Regional Transit Guide.

Presented to the **Southern Maine Regional Water Council for Best Practices in Regional Collaboration**

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Southern Maine Regional Water Council—consisting of the Portland Water District, Biddeford-Saco Water Company, Kennebunk-Kennebunkport-Wells Water District, Kittery Water District, Sanford Water District, South Berwick Water District, and York Water District—for best practices in regional collaboration through a formal governance structure that seeks to work collaboratively on a variety of issues of common interest.

Presented to the **Town of Standish for Best Practices in Sustainable and Innovative Community Planning**

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Town of Standish and its citizen-based planning committees working with the assistance of GrowSmart Maine for outstanding leadership in the development and implementation of a Village Master Plan through an innovative civic engagement and public participation process.

Presented to **PACTS for Best Practices in Public Information**

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS) for developing a public information video that illustrates the transportation needs and challenges facing the PACTS region through a cost-effective contract with the Town of Falmouth's public access television station.

President's Award

Presented to **Anthony T. Plante, Windham Town Manager, for Outstanding Regional Leadership**

Tony Plante has provided exceptional regional leadership to the Greater Portland Council of Governments through his years of service on the Executive and Steering Committees and as its President for two years. Tony's commitment to regional collaboration extends to his exemplary leadership as Chairman of ecomaine and as the first Chairman of the Cumberland County Community Development Block Grant Program's Municipal Oversight Committee, a position in which he was instrumental in skillfully facilitating its successful implementation.

Tony Plante's professionalism, integrity and sense of fair play represent the positive characteristics critical to effective regional leadership.