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EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS



Representing the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Oakland Touchdown Project team from MCM Construction and Caltrans are, from left, Brian Maroney, Jim Carter, presenter Will Kempton, Ed Puchi, Jim Coppini, Amer Bata, and Ben Ghafghazi.

San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Oakland Touchdown Project: MCM Construction and Caltrans

This project connects the side-by-side elevated ridges to the Oakland Shoreline and the toll plaza. The new bridge foundations are located in the bay mud under the waters of the San Francisco Bay. A partnership between MCM Construction, Inc., Caltrans, the Bay Area Toll Authority and the California Transportation Commission was established early on for this project.

A strong commitment to partnership and

teamwork was the driving reason for success on the Oakland Touchdown project. The size and magnitude of the job and collaboration of multiple agencies and stakeholders presented challenges from the onset. The project team members worked together to minimize complaints, keep the public and all

stakeholders well informed, proactively address environmental constraints, as well as maintain an aggressive schedule. The project was completed ahead of schedule and within contract budget.

Also selected as finalists in this category were the Fresno/Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facilities Organic Upgrade Project by J.R. Filanc Construction Company and the City of Fresno, and Upper Northwest Interceptor #9 by Steve P. Rados and Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District.

Judges for the 2011 Excellence in Partnering Awards included Jeff Freeman, Nevada DOT, Phil George, Stimpel-Wiebelhaus Associates, Inc., Chris Hickey, Swinerton Builders, and Ken Solak, Caltrans.