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## **Deputy Federal Coordinator Tom Barrett Receives DOT High Honor**

Washington, D.C.--Deputy Federal Coordinator Tom Barrett this week received the Secretary of Transportation's Gold Medal for his exemplary contributions and leadership to the Department of Transportation (DOT) during his tenure as DOT Deputy Secretary.

"I'm pleased that Secretary Ray LaHood and DOT have bestowed this high honor on a very deserving public servant," said Federal Coordinator Drue Pearce. "Anyone who knows Tom knows that he is a very talented leader and dedicated public servant. He has served this country with distinction throughout his career and it is gratifying to see him recognized for his tireless devotion."

During the presentation at DOT's 42nd annual awards ceremony on Oct. 30 in Washington, DC, Secretary LaHood cited Barrett's contributions to the department during a year of political and economic transition.

"I don't want to miss this opportunity to thank, one more time, a man who has done so much for this Department and for me, Vice Admiral Tom Barrett," LaHood said. "His wisdom and guidance during the transition were a tremendous help to me personally, and to many of the new members of our team. No one who has worked at the Department over the last several years should be surprised that Admiral Barrett is the recipient of this year's Gold Medal for outstanding service to DOT and to the U.S. government."

As DOT Deputy Secretary, Barrett ensured that the United States and its citizens had a safe, efficient, and reliable transportation system that met vital national interests and enhanced the quality of life for Americans today and into the future. Deputy Secretary Barrett served as the Department's chief operating officer, responsible for the day-to-day management of DOT's \$61.1 billion budget, 10 modal administrations, and approximately 60,000 employees.

LaHood said he was enormously proud to count Barrett as a colleague, and added that without his expertise and work ethic, DOT could not have achieved so much for the American people in so short a time.

Federal Coordinator Pearce echoes that sentiment, "I continue to be delighted that Tom was willing to join the Office of the Federal Coordinator as my Deputy when he left DOT. His wisdom and guidance continue to be helpful to the country, for which we are grateful."

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