



YOU SHOW US INNOVATION CHAMPIONS



2026 Local Roads
Conference

Criteria

- Safety Improvement
- Operational Efficiency
- Innovation
- Cost Savings
- Ease of Implementation by Others

2026 Panel of Judges

- Tim Blow, Equipment Shop Foreman – SDDOT Pierre Region
- Gary Brennan, Managing Principal – Brosz Engineering
- Lance DeMers, Transportation Specialist – FHWA SD Division
- Jim Hyde, Operations Engineer – SDDOT Pierre Region
- Travis Sparks, Highway Maintenance Supervisor – SDDOT / Former County Highway Superintendent

ROADWAY SURVEY MOBILE RIG



CRACK WAGON DE-TACK SPRAYER



IMPROVED NO PARKING STAKE





**City of Waite Park
Minnesota**

CURB STOP WRENCH TRUCK STORAGE SOLUTION



FALL CLEANUP LEAF BALER



 **Stark County
North Dakota**

ROCK/DIRT SEPARATOR SCREEN



 **Brown County
South Dakota**

SHOULDERING MACHINE





2026 REGIONAL WINNER

BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA Shouldering Machine

"My first-choice selection for this year's contest came down to recognizing the ingenuity behind modifying a piece of equipment to improve its functionality through multiple iterations to improve the device."

"I was very astounded that the team kept going back to the drawing board when the machine didn't do what they were hoping for. Trial and error is what innovation is all about in my opinion, and their team showed the never give up attitude. Also, creating a safer roadway with this machine and preserving the pavement is a great benefit."

"Shoulder drop-offs are a big safety concern. This shoulder machine allows staff to efficiently eliminate the drop-off which is much safer for the traveling public."

Judges' Comments