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**Broad Highway Project Team Cited as Model of Excellence**  
*Interchange Project Honored by National Partnership for Highway Quality*

*San Antonio, TX/November 6, 2008* - The National Partnership for Highway Quality (NPHQ) announced today that the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT); design consultant Parsons-Brinckerhoff; Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA)/SunCal; ITS designer Telvent Farradyne; City of Albuquerque; project contractor Salls Brothers Construction Inc. and designers Bohannon Huston and Gannett Fleming West have been named a 2008 "Making A Difference" award winner in recognition of the **I-40/98th Street to West Central Interchange Project** partnership.

The announcement was made in San Antonio, Texas, by NPHQ, a partnership of federal, state and roadway industry leaders and officials that promotes highway quality, safety and service to the highway user.

NPHQ Executive Director Bob Templeton noted that partnering and innovation were integral to the I-40/98th Street Interchange Project, where more than 2.292 miles of I-40 will be reconstructed, a truck climbing lane added and construction drainage improvements made adjacent to I-40.

"The NMDOT team recognized early on the value of partnering," Templeton said. "Multiple projects equal many disruptions, work and rework. Partnering eliminates or reduces the amount of work required, reduces project costs and, most important, minimizes the impact on the traveling public to a single construction project rather than multiple projects over several years."

"Making A Difference" awards recognize overall project quality, partnerships between state departments of transportation and private contractors, technical and materials innovations, effectiveness and creativity of public involvement, team effectiveness in meeting or exceeding expected deadlines, costs and deliverables, responsiveness to environmental needs and opportunities as well as adherence to other principles of quality management.

NPHQ is a national coalition of public highway agencies, industry organizations and private firms founded in 1992 as the National Quality Initiative. For more than 15 years, NPHQ continues to be the only National program that brings public highway agencies and private industry together to combine their expertise and to cooperatively lead the advancement in highway quality, safety and service to the highway users. For more information on the NPHQ and its awards: [www.nphq.org](http://www.nphq.org). To learn more about the I-40/98th Street Interchange Project: <http://nmgrip.com/projects.asp?project=15051>.