

Building Bridges

Dear Readers:

As we go to press, election news is everywhere.

Looking forward to a new presidential administration and the innumerable local offices that will also change reminds us that we have an unusual opportunity to take a stand for a better country in each election.

More than ever before, our country's international competitiveness is at stake when we vote.

The quality of our country's workforce preparation, the quality of the goods we produce for global trade, and the transportation systems that we depend on for global trade are at stake now as never before.

At CITT, we are proud to educate that workforce and provide a neutral forum for discussion of transportation needs. We hope our new elected officials will learn how transportation, jobs, and quality of life can go hand-in-hand in making a better world for all.

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CITT Alum Finds Horizons Wide Open in Logistics

Tony Williamson feels his job horizons are completely open these days, thanks to completing two CITT programs, the Global Logistics Specialist® (GLS®) and later the Master of Arts in Global Logistics (MAGL).

Williamson started his career in the hazardous materials disposal field, but his eyes were opened when he enrolled in GLS®. "It put everything into perspective...not just dealing with trucking for HAZMAT, but it was dealing with railroads, air, etc., and how they connected with the ports—especially the drayage and how they connect with everyone, down to the consumer. That was very eye-opening to me."



Tony Williamson, GLS® and MAGL, at his desk at Total Transportation Services, Inc.

The son of an Army officer, Williamson had lived in Germany and he was eager to join the growing field of international trade. His HAZMAT work involved all aspects of shipping and also customer service. "I would see all the containers when I was going over the bridge in San Pedro, and I thought, 'Wow, they need my help,' and that's when I heard about GLS®, so I enrolled."

He was so happy with that program that he wanted to do more, so Williamson enrolled in the first MAGL class. He was on a roll, and his career had moved him into more general transportation.

A family man with three sports-minded children, Williamson

nevertheless completed the MAGL while working full-time. Today he oversees Business Development and Diversity Services for Total Transportation Services, Inc. "We provide logistics nationwide, from Atlanta; Norfolk, Virginia; Savannah, Georgia; and we're expanding into Seattle, Houston, and Elizabethtown, New Jersey," he said. He is particularly proud of the company's new green

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State Planning to Spend Prop 1B Billions

Thanks to the 2006 passage of Proposition 1B, California agencies are gearing up to spend billions of dollars on transportation infrastructure and improved air quality this year.

Transportation Infrastructure. Southern California is slated to receive the largest

portion of infrastructure funding by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

Over \$11 billion in total projects are proposed, according to Annette Gilbertson, CTC's Associate Deputy Director, although the state's Trade Corridor Improvement Fund

amounts to \$2 billion. The remainder is expected to come from matching funds. Local goods movement projects dominate the list.

Who Gets What. The most expensive project is replacement of the Gerald Desmond Bridge connecting downtown

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