The Timothy M. Ahrens Partnering Award was established to recognize the ability it takes to make the complex both comprehensible and solvable through collaboration and a focus on common goals. The late Mr. Ahrens was the Regional Transportation Authority manager for Pima Association of Governments during development of the $2.1 billion, 20-year RTA plan. Besides having strong financial acumen, Mr. Ahrens understood how to reach a common goal and was admired by many for his cooperative spirit, engaging sense of humor and positive attitude.

The award will be presented annually in May, in conjunction with the anniversary of the approval of the RTA plan, to projects that exemplify the principles of partnering, embrace regional stakeholders and celebrate the success of collaboration.

**APPLICATION**

**PROJECT ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible projects are those funded through the Regional Transportation Authority plan or Pima Association of Governments’ transportation improvement program (TIP). Applications may be submitted by any of the PAG/RTA member jurisdictions on behalf of the project team.

**SUBMITTING JURISDICTION:**

Organization: ____________________________

Contact: ____________________________

**APPLICANT PARTNERS:**

Project team, including contractors, for projects significantly completed prior to the award presentation. Limit 5 total partners, including jurisdiction.

Partnering Organization: ____________________________

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**AWARD CRITERIA**

Please describe how the partnering applicants demonstrate success in each of the following areas:

- Achieving a common goal
- Embracing regional stakeholders
- Resolving conflict
- Improving communication on the project with all audiences
- Incorporating team-building activities
- Delivering a quality product
- Finding innovative funding solutions
- Perpetuating the spirit of cooperation

Please attach no more than 3 pages of descriptive information. Up to 3 endorsement letters may be submitted with the application.

Hard copy applications may be mailed or delivered to:

**ATTN: PARTNERING AWARD**

Pima Association of Governments
1 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 401
Tucson, AZ 85701

Electronic applications may be emailed to Sheila Storm at SStorm@PAGregion.com with Subject Line: PARTNERING AWARD.

Please submit applications by 5 p.m., April 25, 2019.