

REMARKS FOR INTRODUCING THE IBTTA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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Five years ago the Board of the IBTTA took a bold step and established the IBTTA Leadership Academy Executive Development Program. The expectation of the Boards over the years was to prepare future leaders for industry. We have had students from many countries, disciplines and organizations attend the week long program in Washington. A great deal of credit for the success of the Program goes to the first Chancellor Kary Witt, Program Director Barbara Gannon and Pat Jones. So far, we have graduated over 120 students with their names and photos on the “big screen.”

Many have gone on to assume higher positions of leadership and some now serve on the IBTTA Board. This year’s class was given a special challenge by Pat Jones. They were asked to assume they were receiving the Nobel Prize in 2022 related to tolling. Our students came up with several bold and thought provoking ideas intended to improve mobility and the quality of life. We have invited one of the Teams to present their prize winning concept this morning. Our students are encouraged to think outside the box, work as a Team and express themselves clearly, concisely and convincingly as they would to a Board.

The Presentation Team Members are: Jessica Carson; Cyndi Ward; Sam Johnson; and Bill Burger. Thank you.