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Department of Transport's 'DARB' portal wins Savvy Mapping Application Award

Highlighting its endeavour to advocate the state-of-the-art Geographic Information Systems (GIS), the Department of Transport (DoT) in Abu Dhabi announced that its public DARB portal has won the Savvy Mapping Application Award at the 26th American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) GIS for Transportation Symposium, held recently in Boise, Idaho, the United States of America.



Moreover, the DoT has won the Honourable Mention- Best Public Presentation Award- at the symposium for its Abu Dhabi Surface Transport Master Plan (STMP) map.

Darb has outperformed other applications by the American transport departments to win this award for its outstanding benefits, providing needed information for the itinerary DoT main sectors (Aviation, Maritime, and Land Transport) and their Divisions, throughout the Emirate of Abu Dhabi such as driving directions, car travel maps, bus travel maps, bus terminals, as well as the nearest point of interest (ATM or hospital etc.) besides, it offers users a geographic feedback facility as such feedbacks will be received by the DoT's customer care department and action will be taken accordingly where needed.

The Surface Transport Master Plan (STMP) map, on the other hand, was awarded the Honourable Mention-Best Public Transportation Award- as it visualises Abu Dhabi STMP for 2030, allowing people to easily locate metro, light train, main roads and transport infrastructure being developed by the DoT.

Eng. Khalid Mohamed Hashim, Executive Director of Land Transport Sector at the Department of Transport in Abu Dhabi, said: "The winning of these two coveted awards bears witness to the DoT's endeavour to advocate state of the art GIS and spatial technologies and applications to provide integrated and innovative solutions and benefits to all stakeholders including the public and entities as well as to projects being undertaken in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and require precise and actual data."

"Since its inception, the DoT has paid great attention to setting up an integrated GIS section armed with world-class facilities and expertise to fulfil the Department's needs of spatial and non-spatial applications whilst working with other entities such as Abu Dhabi Systems and Information Centre, Abu Dhabi Urban Planning Council and Abu Dhabi's Spatial Data Infrastructure Committee to ensure cutting-edge GIS technologies and applications are being utilised in all development projects Emirate-wide", he added.

The DoT's GIS Section is mandated with several responsibilities encompassing spatial data (Aerial Photography, Digital Maps, and Satellite Imagery), maintaining and updating the DoT Geo-database constantly, as well as providing, maintaining and updating the non-spatial data for the DoT sections as needed by their projects.

Besides, The GIS section is responsible for deploying a geospatial portal for providing online solutions incorporating all the spatial capabilities needed by the DoT divisions such as intelligent transportation network, road pavement management systems (RPMS), transportation planning and modelling, maritime and

aviation applications.

Notes and Media Contacts

Background and Media Notes:

The Department of Transport (DoT) was established pursuant to Law No. 4 of year 2006, amended by Law No. 5 of year 2008 to cover the entire value chain and ensure fully coordinated planning in all aspects of transport policy and development in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in cooperation with all relevant local, regional and international stakeholders and partners.

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