

## ITE Signs the Lease for its New Headquarters Office

It seems like only a few years ago that the Institute celebrated its move to the current office location...but that was in November 2000. As our lease expires on August 31, 2010, ITE Executive Director Thomas W. Brahms and Deputy Executive Director Peter W. Frenz have been hard at work for more than a year to find the right location to house the ITE Headquarters Office going forward. These efforts included seeking to extend the lease at our current location, and there were several considerations that helped to temper the selection: accessibility, being in the vicinity of the current office space, affordability, and being for as long a term as practical. Their efforts have produced an ideal location: 1627 I (Eye) Street, NW, Washington, DC, USA, in the Army and Navy Club Building, only four blocks from our current location. The new office location is just two blocks from the White House and within a block of both the Farragut North and Farragut West Metro Stations (on the Red, Orange and Blue Lines). We have negotiated a lease that has a base period of 15 years and 8 months and two 5-year lease extension options.

Tom Brahms is currently working with the architectural firm of Kling Stubbins on the design of the space. It is anticipated that the Institute will move to this location in August 2010. The new space will include a reception area that will feature a dynamic depiction of the past, present and future of both the Institute and the profession. The space will provide for the many collaborative efforts undertaken annually at ITE Headquarters to define, develop and disseminate timely, quality products and services for our members. We will be enhancing our Web broadcasting capabilities to include live video and audio. We will be better able to link members and involve them in participating in these activities.

In 2000 when the Institute was preparing to build out and move to its current location, we reached out to you the members and employers to seek contributions to add amenities to the conference room and reception area. For those who contributed, we are most appreciative. Your contributions have been recognized most visibly over the past 10 years. We will continue our recognition of major donors in our new offices.

Since our move 10 years ago, technology enhancements have made it possible to host seminars with instructors conducting courses remotely for students scattered throughout the world. Collaborative efforts have benefited from linking participants from remote sites. We have hosted many thousands of visiting members, world leaders in our profession, representatives of governments, allied associations and policy makers. We plan to use our space to continue to further the mission of the Institute, and the design will help us to do so. For our new office, we are working to incorporate state-of-the-art science technologies to continue and expand these efforts.

The leadership of the Institute asks that you to help us to recognize the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute and its move to a new office by contributing to the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Headquarters Office Fund. We are seeking your contributions toward the reception area, conference room and seminar and briefing broadcast room to make this space most functional—a space that reflects favorably on the Institute and its past, present and future. We are seeking to raise \$200,000. The Executive Committee of the Institute has begun this effort by contributing more than \$10,000. Contributions will be

recognized and opportunities for specific sponsorship are available. I look forward to you joining with Tom and me to help us to reach this goal.

Additional information concerning specific opportunities to endow conference room furnishings, reception area furnishings and the seminar and briefing broadcast room will be available on the ITE Web site. Contributions can be made by checks payable to the Institute of Transportation Engineers. ITE is a recognized nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. As such, contributions to ITE, including the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Headquarters Office Fund, are generally deductible for U.S. income tax purposes. Thank you for your generosity and support of ITE.

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