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SSE & America Walks win ITE award

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Sam Schwartz Engineering (SSE) has received the ITE Pedestrian and Bicycle Council Best Project Award with America Walks for the joint publication *Steps to a Walkable Community: A Guide for Citizens, Planners, and Engineers*.

On August 7th, Sam Schwartz, president and CEO of SSE, accepted the award at the ITE Annual Meeting with Wendy Landman, a member of the board of directors of America Walks. The award is granted annually to the project that best implements innovative design solutions or study techniques relevant to the field of non-motorized transportation.

"The oldest form of transportation is getting new life - *Steps to A Walkable Community* will help engineers, planners, and citizens support this grand movement," Schwartz said.

Steps to a Walkable Community was developed throughout 2012, when SSE partnered with America Walks to create the guide and strengthen the growing pedestrian movement. SSE Urban Planner Laura MacNeil principally authored the guide based on joint research, which is currently available online with free downloads at walksteps.org.

"America Walks is proud to receive the ITE Pedestrian and Bicycle Council Project of the Year Award for our collaborative work on the *Steps to A Walkable Community* guide," said Scott Bricker, Executive Director of America Walks. "The partnership between Sam Schwartz Engineering and America Walks created a strong mix of skills necessary to distribute this effective tool, including technical innovation and grassroots partnerships.

SSE is also pleased to report that the ITE Transportation Consultants Council awarded a Young Professional Grant to Grace Van Kirk, a Senior Traffic Engineer in SSE's Newark office.

About Sam Schwartz Engineering, DPC

Sam Schwartz Engineering specializes in developing context-sensitive transportation solutions for government, private-sector, not-for-profit, and community clients regionally, nationally, and abroad. Through our technical expertise, creative visioning, and consensus-building, SSE strives to balance the needs and improve the quality of life of all users, including drivers, pedestrians, transit riders, and cyclists.