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Federal Award

* Bergmann Associates of Rochester, with an office in Elmira, won the Federal Highway Administration's top award for highway design for the conversion of state Route 17 in Horseheads to Interstate 86.

Bergmann's design received the Award of Excellence in the Urban Highways: Freeway or Expressway category.

Recipients of the biannual award must have designed highway facilities that enhance safety and mobility while being sensitive to the environment and ensuring pleasing travel.

The work eliminated five at-grade intersections and turned a four-lane arterial into the interstate expressway. The elevated expressway instead of a bypass resulted in less environmental impacts and was more cost-effective, according to a Bergmann news release.