

## **Leadership Award**

The Leadership Award is presented to a city, county, organization, business or individual that provides strong leadership in solid waste management in North Dakota. Past recipients have included Refuse Disposal Services, the cities of Grand Forks, Enderlin, Dickinson, Langdon, Rolla, Casselton, Fargo, Bismarck, and Fort Totten Indian Reservation and Kevin Solie.

This year's Leadership Award will be presented to an individual in North Dakota who has in the past decade worked toward integrated solid waste management, improving operations and recycling, and with regional solid waste issues in Northeast North Dakota with humble leadership and unfailing dedication.

This individual grew up in Mandan, ND, where his father worked for the USDA's research center, and his mother for the State Health Department in vital records. In 1994, he had a five-month internship in the Washington, D.C. office of Senator Byron Dorgan of North Dakota.

In pursuit of a Master's degree in Public Administration, he held an internship with the Legislative Council's fiscal staff in Bismarck, working with the Appropriations Committees in 1997. He was then hired by the City of Grand Forks Engineering Department to work on the flood control project. In 2001, he was named Public Works Director.

This individual has worked tirelessly toward the goal of a new Northeast North Dakota regional landfill that will help to ensure the regions economic stability and ability to attract more industry in cities throughout the region. This long-contested landfill site search has been a personal and professional challenge, and a credit to his profession, this Leadership Award winner has been described by his colleagues and regional customers as fair, decent, and open.

Please help me congratulate this year's Leadership Award winner, Todd Feland, Public Works Director for the City of Grand Forks.