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Ryan McCourt of McCourt Construction Company, Inc. , South Boston, Mass., was one of more than two dozen "rising stars" in the U.S. transportation construction industry who participated in the American Road & Transportation Builders Association Transportation Development Foundation's (ARTBA-TDF) 10th annual Young Executive Development Program.

Held April 26–28 in Washington, D.C., the intensive, three-day program focused on the impact the federal government has on the industry and the role that ARTBA plays in shaping national transportation investment policy. The YEDP program included sessions on the federal legislative and regulatory processes and financing of the federal highway program. Officials from the U.S. Federal Highway Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency made presentations on environmental and other regulatory issues. ARTBA staff also briefed participants on the association's legal advocacy program, which is aimed at thwarting efforts by anti-growth groups to shut down or delay transportation improvement projects. In addition, YEDP fellows visited Capitol Hill and met with their members of Congress to urge them to support increased federal highway and mass transit investment.