City: Osceola

Title of Project: Historic Depot Restoration

City's Population: 4,929

In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed:
In 2007, in celebration of it's 100th birthday, the City took ownership of the historic passenger depot from BNSF. Once in city ownership, the late Mayor Fred Diehl led a campaign to see the depot historically restored. The first phase, completed in 2008, rehabbed the exterior of the building including tuck pointing, new windows and a new roof. In 2012, Mayor Diehl started the campaign to complete the restoration which would included a complete interior rehab, parking lot reconstruction and new utilities. Total project cost for phase II was nearly $1.4 million. It was completed in 2015. The Osceola depot continues to offer passenger service and is Amtrak's busiest stop in the State of Iowa.

Explain the specific role of your city in this project:
I assisted with managing the project, including grants, professional contracts and project inspection.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
The depot marks the entrance into the downtown business district (from the north) and welcomes thousands of people each year who use the train. The historic depot is a cornerstone of the main street district and plays an important role in maintaining the integrity of the business district.

Total cost of project: $1.4 Million

List where funding came from. (grants, donations, city funds, etc):
$911,000- DOT; $100,000 Development Corportion, $88,000 Vision Iowa, $20,000 Friends of the Depot, Balance from City

Total time project took/projected to take for completion. Please include start date and end date. (To qualify the project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016):
4-6-15 to 8-1-16 (day of ribbon cutting)
Resources. (Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information.):

http://www.greatamericanstations.com/ribbon-cutting-for-osceola-depot/