



Help Your Paving Crews Shine

You know your team is good, but how does it compare nationally? The National Asphalt Pavement Association Diamond Paving Commendation program recognizes and encourages best practices for paving crews that result in excellent product quality and ensure safety. The commendation is earned through a self-assessment. Areas evaluated include training of supervisors and crew members, use of best practices in paving, and compliance.

Benefits of Earning a Diamond Paving Commendation:

- ▶ Increases competitive advantage
- ▶ Gives your customers added assurances that a high-quality workforce is providing a high-quality product
- ▶ Creates pride in your paving crew
- ▶ Provides a blueprint for excellence in paving practices by presenting measurable standards as guidance

It's such a great program, and it benefits the company. It reminds us to do the additional training for the crews... I believe we put out a better product because we have a better-trained crew and that helps us win bids.

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The Diamond Paving Commendation Assesses

- ▼ Training of Crews
- ▼ Paving Procedures
- ▼ Compliance

We know that worker safety and the quality of your product are core values for your company. You are already doing many of the things necessary to qualify for the Diamond Paving Commendation. Why not be recognized for it?

The Commendation Assesses Five Major Factors:

- ▶ Work-zone safety
- ▶ Site preparation and planning
- ▶ Paver operations
- ▶ Compaction process
- ▶ Quality control

Training of Crews — Do you help teach your workers how to maintain safe work zones and to produce quality products? Do you make sure your crews know how to best handle the five areas listed above?

Paving Procedures – Does your company adhere to best paving practices and quality control? Do your procedures address the five areas listed above?

If the answer to these questions is YES, then get your crews and company the national recognition they deserve. Apply for NAPA's Diamond Paving Commendation.

Documenting Your Training Is Easy

You can document training in one of two ways:

- ▶ Following the training, record the effectiveness by utilizing an assessment, such as a test or quiz, which requires a minimum score or a demonstration of skill by the crew member **OR**
- ▶ Utilize an attendance sheet that documents the participation of individuals

Examples of acceptable training include sessions at events like World of Asphalt; the online Pavia RoadReady Diamond Package; manufacturer training sessions; state conferences; toolbox talks; on-site training; and existing in-house training and education programs.

Eligibility and Application Information

All companies in the asphalt pavement industry in the United States and Canada are eligible to apply for NAPA's Diamond Paving Commendation. Applications can be conveniently completed online. To apply, visit:

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