NAPA Announces Winner, Finalists for Top National Award for Quality in Asphalt Paving

Lindy Paving Inc., Pennsylvania DOT Earn 2020 Sheldon G. Hayes Award

Greenbelt, Md. — The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced today the winner and finalists of the 2020 Sheldon G. Hayes Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement. The award, bestowed annually since 1971, recognizes the country’s highest quality highway pavements.

Lindy Paving Inc. and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – District 11 were named the winner of the 2020 Sheldon G. Hayes Award. Lindy Paving Inc. won for its work on SR 279 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Finalists for the award were Pittman Construction Co. and the Georgia Department of Transportation for work on SR 15 in Jackson County; and The Shelly Co., A CRH Co., and The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission for Ohio Turnpike in Portage and Trumbull Counties.

The Sheldon G. Hayes Award winner and finalists are determined through a two-year evaluation process. All highway pavement projects using more than 50,000 tons of asphalt are eligible for consideration. Initially, the project must win a Quality in Construction (QIC) Award, which is determined by numerical scores given by an independent pavement engineer based on how well the contractor met specifications and achieved density on the finished pavement. All the pavements that meet a benchmark figure earn the QIC Award.

The year after a project wins a QIC Award, it is eligible for consideration for the Sheldon G. Hayes Award. The top-ranked projects from each year are tested for smoothness, and then visually inspected by an independent pavement consultant with many years of experience in the industry. This year, the evaluator praised all the candidates for their high-quality construction practices, which resulted in smooth, safe, and durable pavements.

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At NAPA’s 66th virtual Annual Meeting, the winner and each finalist were presented with an award for their achievement. “The asphalt pavement industry is committed to building quality pavements that deliver high performance and drivability to the public,” said James Winford, NAPA 2020-21 Chairman.

The award is named for Sheldon G. Hayes, a founder of NAPA and the association’s first chairman. Hayes spent his entire career striving for better construction techniques and improvements in the quality of asphalt pavements.

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About The National Asphalt Pavement Association
The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) is the only trade association that exclusively represents the interests of the asphalt producer/contractor on the national level with Congress, government agencies, and other national trade and business organizations. NAPA supports an active research program designed to improve the quality of asphalt pavements and paving techniques used in the construction of roads, streets, highways, parking lots, airports, and environmental and recreational facilities. The association provides technical, educational, and marketing materials and information to its members; supplies product information to users and specifiers of paving materials; and conducts training courses. The association, which counts more than 1,100 companies as members, was founded in 1955.