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**Lindy Paving, PennDOT Take National Award for Quality Asphalt Pavement Construction**

*2024 Sheldon G. Hayes Award Marks Lindy’s 6th Win*

GREENBELT, MD—Lindy Paving, Inc., of New Galilee, Pa., scored top honors in asphalt paving by nabbing the Sheldon G. Hayes Award for the sixth time at the National Asphalt Pavement Association’s (NAPA) Annual Meeting in Wailea, Maui, Hawaii.

The Sheldon G. Hayes Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement has been bestowed annually since 1971 upon the nation’s highest quality highway pavement. In the last 20 years, Lindy Paving has earned that accolade six times – in 2005, 2008, 2009, 2018, 2020, and now 2024.

“The asphalt pavement industry is committed to building quality pavements that deliver high performance and drivability to the public,” said 2024 NAPA Chairman Brady Meldrem of Norris Asphalt Paving Co. “All contractors’ projects earning a Sheldon G. Hayes Award are measured against industry best practices, rated for smoothness a year after construction, and visually inspected to ensure the project lives up to our promise.”

Lindy Paving and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 1, were honored with the 2024 Sheldon G. Hayes Award for their work on SR 90 Section A30 in Erie County, Pa.

Three finalists for the award were also recognized.

* APAC-Kansas Inc., Shears Div., A CRH Co., of Hutchinson, Kan., and the Kansas Department of Transportation for their work on US 400 in Greenwood County, Kan.
* Northeast Asphalt Inc., A Walbec Group Co., of Greenville, Wis., and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for their work on State Highway 60 in Dodge County, Wis.
* Pike Industries Inc., A CRH Co., of Belmont, N.H., and the Vermont Agency of Transportation for their work on SR 9 in Windham County, Vt.

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 pavement mixture are eligible for consideration. Initially, the project must win a Quality in Construction (QIC) Award, which is scored by independent pavement engineers based on how well the contractor met specifications and achieved density on the finished pavement. All pavements that meet a benchmark 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 are tested for smoothness, then visually inspected by an experienced independent pavement consultant. For 2024, the evaluator praised all candidates for high-quality construction practices that resulted in smooth, safe, durable pavements.

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.

**About NAPA**

Founded in 1955, the National Asphalt Pavement Association (AsphaltPavement.org) is the only trade association that exclusively represents the interests of the asphalt pavement material 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 roadways, parking lots, airports, and environmental and recreational facilities. NAPA provides technical, educational, and marketing materials and information to its members and supplies product information to users and specifiers of paving materials.