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**Asphalt Contractors Win Recognition for Top-Quality Pavements**

*Larry H. Lemon Awards Honor 10 Highest-Rated Asphalt Paving Projects Under 50,000 Tons*

GREENBELT, MD—During its Annual Meeting in Wailea, Maui, Hawaii, the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) lauded the winners of the 2024 Larry H. Lemon Awards for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement using less than 50,000 tons of asphalt.

This award recognizes the 10 highest-scoring projects submitted for a Quality in Construction Award in the General Paving (less than 50,000 tons) category. “The asphalt pavement industry is committed to building high-quality projects that deliver superior performance to the traveling public. All contractors’ projects earning a Quality in Construction award are measured against best practices designed to live up to that commitment,” said 2024 NAPA Chairman Brady Meldrem of Norris Asphalt Paving Co.

The 2024 winners and their projects, arranged alphabetically, are:

* Delta Companies Inc., A Colas Co., of Cape Girardeau, Mo., for Route UU in Mississippi County
* Earle Asphalt Company, of Wall Township, N.J., for two separate projects: Sycamore Avenue (County Route 13A) in Shrewsbury, N.J., and County Road 537 (Monmouth Road) in Millstone, N.J.
* E & B Paving, of Fort Wayne, Ind., for SR 327 in Dekalb County and SR 4 in Steuben County, Ind.
* Gerken Paving, Inc., of Napoleon, Ohio, for M-34 and Industrial Highway in Lenawee County, Mich.
* Northeast Asphalt Inc., A Walbec Group Co., of Greenville, Wis., for STH 73 between Columbus and Princeton, Wis.
* Shelly & Sands Inc., of Zanesville, Ohio, for two separate projects: SR 46 and SR 5, both in Trumbull County, Ohio
* Summers-Taylor, Inc., of Johnson City, Tenn., for SR91 in Carter County and SR93 in Sullivan and Washington Counties, Tenn.
* Volunteer Paving, LLC, of Franklin, Tenn., for Route 6 (Franklin Pike) in Davidson County, Tenn.

Projects submitted for a Quality in Construction (QIC) Award are evaluated by an independent pavement engineer who assigns each project a numerical score based on how well the contractor met specifications and achieved density on the finished pavement. All pavements meeting a benchmark earn the QIC Award, with the 10 highest-scoring projects earning the Larry H. Lemon Awards.

The award is named after Larry H. Lemon of Haskell Lemon Construction in Oklahoma City. Lemon served faithfully on the NAPA Awards Committee for 18 years, before serving as NAPA Chairman in 2010 prior to his retirement. Lemon was instrumental in the creation of the rating system for the QIC Awards, which requires qualitative analysis using data and test results to determine the winners.

**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.