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**NAPA Honors Asphalt Industry Leaders for Operational Excellence**

*Awards Celebrate Environmental Leadership, Community Involvement, Safety Innovation*

GREENBELT, MD—The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) honored recipients of its 2024 Operational Excellence Awards during NAPA’s Annual Meeting in Wailea, Maui, Hawaii.

“NAPA members strive for excellence beyond constructing high-quality asphalt pavements. The three categories of the Operational Excellence Awards — Environmental Leadership, Community Involvement, and Safety Innovation — recognize a company’s commitment to operations that make them good contractors, good industry ambassadors, and good neighbors,” said 2024 NAPA Chairman Brady Meldrem of Norris Asphalt Paving Co.

The winners and finalists in each category are:

2024 Environmental Leadership Award winner

* Tilcon Connecticut Inc., A CRH Co., of New Britain, Conn., for their New Branford Drum Plant

2024 Environmental Leadership Award finalist

* Sully-Miller Contracting Co., of Brea, Calif., for their Blue Diamond Materials - Inglewood Facility

2024 Community Involvement Award winners

* Callanan Industries Inc., A CRH Co., of Albany, N.Y., for their Callanan Cares program
* Lehman-Roberts Co./Memphis Stone & Gravel Co., of Memphis, Tenn., for their Community Engagement program
* O&G Industries Inc., of Torrington, Conn., for their Centennial Charitable Giving program

2024 Community Involvement Award finalists

* Barrett Paving Materials Inc., Liverpool Region., in Syracuse, N.Y., for their Community Outreach program
* Rieth-Riley Construction Co. Inc., of Goshen, Ind. for their Community Outreach program
* Rogers Group Inc., of Greer, S.C., for their Carolina SMA Community Involvement program
* Sully-Miller Contracting Co., of Brea, Calif., for their Sully-Miller Days of Caring program

2024 Safety Innovation Award winner

* N.B. West Contracting Co*.*,of Pacific, MO., for their protective guards for paving operators

2024 Safety Innovation Award finalists

* Gallagher Asphalt Corp.,of Thornton, Ill., for their Lockout/Tag Out – Confine Space App
* Lehman-Roberts Co./Memphis Stone & Gravel Co., of Memphis, Tenn., for their Hazardous Energy Control Program (LOTO)
* P.J. Keating Co., A CRH Co., of Lunenburg, Mass., for their Fall Prevention Platform System (FPPS) for Tankers

The Operational Excellence Awards honor leaders in the asphalt pavement industry for excellence in community outreach (Community Involvement Award), exemplary environmental and social stewardship (Environmental Leadership Award), and innovative attention and enhancements to worker safety (Safety Innovation Award).

These annual awards complement NAPA’s Quality in Construction Awards, which recognize high-quality asphalt paving jobs, demonstrating industry best practices and standards. The NAPA Awards Program recognizes and encourages continuous improvement in all aspects of paving and asphalt operations.

**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.