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WISCONSIN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS TAKE TOP HONOR

Lombardi Avenue and Wittman Regional Airport Project Earn National Awards

December 3, 2008 – The American Concrete Pavement Association named the recipients of its 19th Annual "Excellence in Concrete Pavement Awards," the concrete pavement industry's most prestigious recognition of quality in concrete pavement placement and rehabilitation.

The Awards recognize the contractors, engineers, and owners whose efforts yielded the best pavements in airports, highways, and street and road applications in 2007, as determined by an independent panel of judges.

The awards program cites Gold- and Silver-level projects for quality, efficiency, smoothness, reduced costs, and for minimizing road-user delays. Two projects from Wisconsin were Gold level recipients.

The Gold Winner for the Municipal Streets and Intersections (>30,000 SY) Category was the reconstruction of Lombardi Avenue in Brown County, Wisconsin, constructed in 2007. Honored for their excellent work on this project were (contractor) Vinton Construction Company of Manitowoc, Wisconsin; (owner) Brown County Highway Commission of Green Bay, Wisconsin; and (Consulting Engineer) OMNNI Associates, Inc. of Appleton, Wisconsin.

The Gold Winner for the Reliever and General Aviation Airports Category was the reconstruction of Runway 9/27 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, constructed in 2007. Honored for their excellent work on this project were (contractor) Lalonde Contractors, Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; (owner) Winnebago County and Wittman Regional Airport of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and (Consulting Engineer) OMNNI Associates, Inc. of Appleton, Wisconsin.

"These two projects are great examples of the quality of construction being done every year in Wisconsin," said Kevin

McMullen, President of the Wisconsin Concrete Pavement Association. “The quality of engineering and construction on these two award winning projects was excellent. I was very honored to accept the award on behalf of Brown County and Wittman Regional Airport, who could not attend the awards ceremony in San Antonio. I look forward to finding a venue in which to congratulate and honor their critical role and partnership in these successful projects with OMNNI Associates and our members Lalonde Contractors and Vinton Construction”, he further stated.

MUNICIPAL STREETS & INTERSECTIONS (>30,000 SY)

GOLD WINNER: Lombardi Avenue Reconstruction, Brown County, Wis.
Contractor: Vinton Construction Company, Inc., Manitowoc, Wis.
Owner: Brown County
Engineer: OMNNI Associates, Inc.

The goal of this project was to reconstruct the primary arterial to Lambeau Field under traffic, without disrupting scheduled Packer events. Complicating the situation was that the Packer season was set to kick-off with “Family Night”, an inter-squad scrimmage scheduled for the first weekend in August. The event fills the stadium and generates traffic similar to a regular season home game.

Under normal circumstances, the reconstruction would have begun in early May and lasted about five months, resulting in major traffic delays during stadium events. After strong considerations for constructing half of the project in the spring of 2007 and the remainder in the spring of 2008 to avoid disruption to stadium event traffic, Brown County decided to move forward with complete reconstruction in 2007 with an accelerated schedule. The unique twist to this project was that Vinton Construction and Brown County construction crews joined forces to complete the project in a cooperative public/private construction venture. Project construction began in early April, and the dedication of both parties resulted in project completion in less than four months, one week before Family Night and more than a month before the targeted final completion date.

RELIEVER & GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS

GOLD WINNER: Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, Wis.
Contractor: LaLonde Contractors, Inc., Milwaukee, Wis.
Owner: Wittman Regional Airport
Engineer: OMNNI Associates, Inc

A deteriorating asphalt east/west runway (9/27) at Wittman Regional Airport (OSH) required serious attention. OSH handles jet aircraft and is used by corporate aircraft from around the world. Also, during the last week in July, the airport becomes the busiest airport in the world as it hosts the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

annual fly-in, AirVenture. With 750,000 visitors and more than \$80-million in economic impact, the entire airport was needed that week, with no exceptions.

The project consisted of the total reconstruction of the west 4,647 feet of runway 9/27 with a 30 foot transition from new to existing. The resident engineer and contractor made several adjustments in the field, which saved more than \$83,000. The runway reconstruction was completed within budget and on time for the EAA event.

Winners and finalists for the Excellence in Concrete Pavement Awards were selected from more than 100 entries by a panel of industry experts and judged on the basis of overall pavement smoothness, quality-control measures, project complexity, and innovative construction solutions.

The ACPA is the national trade association for the concrete pavement industry. The Wisconsin Concrete Pavement Association (WCPA) is ACPA's local affiliated organization. ACPA and WCPA represent members in marketing/promotion, government affairs, and research/technical support associated with concrete pavements used for highways, airports, streets, and roads.

ACPA's and WCPA's members include paving contractors, cement companies, equipment manufacturers, material and service suppliers, ready-mixed concrete producers, allied associations/organizations, bonding and insurance companies, consulting firms, and other allied organizations and individuals.

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