Madison, WI. (January 3, 2014) – The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) has named its 2013 recipients of its Annual “Excellence in Concrete Pavements” Awards, which recognize quality concrete pavements constructed in the United States and Canada.

The awards program encourages high-quality workmanship in concrete pavement projects, and serves as way to share information about challenging and highly successful projects. Projects are evaluated and voted on by judges from across the country and represent various stakeholder groups in the transportation-construction community. The program recognizes contractors, engineers, and project owners who completed outstanding projects.

The awards fall into 13 categories applicable to construction and preservation of highways, roadways, airports, and industrial pavement facilities. The program requires projects to be completed in the calendar year prior to judging (2012).

The reconstruction of the USH 41 and Mason Street/STH54 interchange in Brown County won the Silver Award in the Divided Highways (Urban) Category. “This project is as difficult of a paving project as we have seen in Wisconsin with the multiple stages of construction, tight time frames and keeping all lanes open to traffic. Vinton Construction and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation project team did an excellent job and the result is a new interchange that will serve the Green Bay area for decades to come” said Kevin McMullen, President of the Wisconsin Concrete Pavement Association. “We look forward to honoring the Wisconsin DOT, Kapur Associates and OTIE engineering staff as soon as it can be arranged”, he further added.

**Divided Highways (Urban)—Silver Award**

**Project:** USH 41, Mason Street/STH 54 Interchange, Green Bay, Wisc.

**Contractor:** Vinton Construction Company

**Owner:** Wisconsin Department of Transportation

**Engineer:** Kapur & Associates and OTIE, Inc.
This highly complex project was completed early with high quality of workmanship under the constraints of a very aggressive schedule.

The $30 million reconstruction of one mile of USH 41 at the interchange with STH 54 in Green Bay, Wisconsin also included the reconstruction of all the ramps and one mile of STH 54, for a total of 111,000 SY of quality concrete pavement.

USH 41 was widened from four lanes to six and two collector/distributor lanes were added, both northbound and southbound. WisDOT required a very aggressive schedule on the project, much of it related to opening the interchange to traffic prior to the start of the Green Bay Packers preseason games.

The entire project, STH 54 and USH 41 mainline, was opened to traffic five days early, and Vinton opened the roundabout at the intersection of Mason Street and Taylor Street one month early.

While achieving these impressive schedule milestones, Vinton successfully met all the material requirements, including the rigorous constraints of the HPC Special Provision.

About the Excellence Awards
This year the awards represent 13 categories of construction and preservation of concrete pavements used for highways, roadways, airports, and industrial pavement facilities. In all, 31 awards were presented to 25 contractors.

The ACPA Excellence in Concrete Pavements awards are made possible, in large measure, because of the generous time commitment of independent judges from across the United States and Canada. The judges each spend many hours reviewing executive summaries, project details, photographs, and other details and aspects of project submittals.

ACPA presents awards in both gold and silver levels. Judging is based on a point system, with independent judges awarding points for quality construction, addressing unique and unusual challenges, innovation, traffic management, and other criteria. In the case of ties, award judges present awards to co-winners.

About the ACPA and WCPA
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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High resolution photos of award winners and projects are available on request.