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NAPA ANNOUNCES HONORS THE COUNTRY'S TOP ASPHALT PAVEMENTS WITH NATIONAL AWARD

Lanham, Md — The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced today the results for the 2012 Sheldon G. Hayes Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement. The award, bestowed annually since 1971, 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. The award recognizes the highest quality highway pavement in the country. The companies were recognized on Wednesday, Feb. 13th, during the association's 58th Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz.

All three projects demonstrated excellence in the construction of an asphalt pavement, and the final scores separating the winning project from the runners up were very close.

The winner of the 2012 Sheldon G. Hayes Award is The Shelly Co., Southern Division, an Oldcastle Materials Co., of Thornville, Ohio. It received the award for its work on 11 miles of I-70 in Licking and Franklin Counties in Ohio.

Runners up for the award are Norris Asphalt Paving Co. of Ottumwa, Iowa, for its work on US 34 in Adams and Union Counties, Iowa, and Knife River Corp. — Idaho Division of Boise, Idaho, for its work on the eastbound lanes of I-84 in southern Idaho.

The Sheldon G. Hayes Award finalists are determined through a two-year process. Any highway pavement project using more than 50,000 tons of asphalt is eligible for consideration. Initially, the project must win a Quality in Construction (QIC) Award, which is determined by numerical scores calculated by pavement engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) in Auburn, Ala., on the basis of how

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well the contractor met specifications and achieved density on the finished pavement. Each pavement that meets a benchmark figure receives a QIC award.

The year after a project wins a QIC Award, it may be considered for the Sheldon G. Hayes Award. The top-ranked projects from the previous year are tested for smoothness, and then visually inspected by an independent pavement consultant with many years of experience in the industry. For 2012, the evaluators praised all the contractors considered for high-quality construction practices that resulted in smooth, safe, and durable pavements.

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The National Asphalt Pavement Association 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 roads, streets, highways, parking lots, airports, and environmental and recreational facilities. The association provides technical, educational, and marketing materials and information to its members; supplies product information to users and specifiers of paving materials; and conducts training courses. The association, which counts more than 1,100 companies as its members, was founded in 1955.