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AJAX PAVING INDUSTRIES OF FLORIDA WINS TOP AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ASPHALT PAVING

Lanham, Md. — The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced that Ajax Paving Industries of Florida of Tampa, Fla. is a winner of its 2013 Larry H. Lemon Quality in Construction Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement. The winning companies received their awards on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at a ceremony during the association's 59th Annual Meeting in Boca Raton, Fla.

The Larry H. Lemon Quality in Construction 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 award is sponsored by *Asphalt Contractor* magazine.

"As an industry, asphalt pavement producers have devoted a great deal of time and effort to determining the best practices necessary to construct long-lasting, high-quality asphalt pavements that offer the durable performance pavement owners and the public value. The Quality in Construction Awards compare nominated pavements against best practices and standards, and honor those that exemplify excellence in construction standards," stated John J. Keating, 2013 Chairman of the NAPA Board of Directors.

Ajax Paving Industries of Florida won the award for its work on State Route 60, the Courtney Campbell Causeway, in Clearwater, Fla. The milling and overlay work began in April 2012 and had to be completed by the Republican National Convention in August 2012. Rainy weather, heavy traffic, and nighttime paving presented challenges over the course of the project. Ajax Paving used green paving techniques, incorporating reclaimed asphalt pavement into the asphalt mixes. The company produced a high-quality roadway within the tight time frame.

Projects submitted for a Quality in Construction Award are evaluated by pavement engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology who assign each project a numerical score based on how well the contractor met specifications and achieved density on the finished pavement. All the pavements that meet a benchmark figure earn

the QIC Award. The Larry Lemon Award honors the 10 highest-scoring projects, as determined in the NCAT review.

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

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The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) is the only trade association that exclusively represents the interests of the asphalt 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 members, was founded in 1955.



