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## **AJAX PAVING INDUSTRIES WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR QUALITY IN ASPHALT PAVING**

Lanham, Md. – The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced today that Ajax Paving Industries of Troy, Mich., has won a 2013 Quality in Construction Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement. The company received its award on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at a ceremony during the association's 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Boca Raton, Fla.

"As an industry, asphalt pavement producers have devoted a great deal of time and effort in 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, such as the project completed by Ajax Paving Industries," stated John J. Keating, 2013 Chairman of the NAPA Board of Directors.

Ajax Paving Industries won the award for its work on Ford Motor Co.'s 2.2 mile oval test track located at their Arizona Proving Ground in Wittmann, Arizona. The work consisted of reconstructing the existing track which included removing the existing pavement, installing a new aggregate base course, laying a new 4 ½ inch thick asphalt pavement, removing and replacing guardrails and restriping the newly installed roadway. Unique challenges were met and overcome in constructing the aggregate base course and asphalt pavement due to the steep banked, parabolic design of the track which is used by Ford to test their vehicle performance and design. Strict requirements were followed regarding project scheduling, pavement mixture design, skid resistance and ride quality.

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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.