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Presentation of 2019 Contractor of the Year Awards

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Jim Derwinski .................................................................CEO and Executive Director

Chicago Department of Aviation
Frank Grimaldi .................................................................Acting Chief Development Officer
The Road Builder Charities’ Champion Award is being presented to Anne Wilson, Bigane Paving Co. Anne comes from a family of four generations of women who have attended an all-women’s high school. As an alumna, along with her four sisters, of Mother McAuley High School -- the oldest all-women’s high school in the city of Chicago -- she values the education, opportunities, and guidance that were provided to her and many students during its 170+ year history. McAuley continues to thrive and hasn’t had to change its mission to survive because it excels at educating and graduating women for lives of leadership, service, and impact. McAuley boasts 28,000 alumnae, representing a powerful network of influential women across a variety of industries.

In honor of her mother’s 80th birthday, Anne Wilson and her sister founded a scholarship in their mother’s honor to assist graduating seniors who needed financial assistance to complete their McAuley education. Anne served on the Board of Trustees for six years, four as Board Chair. She and her husband are currently the chairs of the Future-Ready Capital Campaign, which raises funds for capital improvements to its campus. By design, the updated spaces inspire teamwork and fuel reasoning, problem-solving, and adaptability. These skills make McAuley girls future-ready and the most desirable candidates for colleges and employers.

McAuley believes that for women to be the very best dynamic and engaging leaders of tomorrow, they require the resources and tools to become empowered learners of today. As one of the first girls’ schools in the country to be named part of the Amazon Future Engineers program, McAuley is fueling the pipeline that will advance the number of women in S.T.E.M. careers. S.T.E.M.-related courses, projects, and extracurricular activities encourage McAuley students to take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process.

Providing opportunities like these and many others, which advance young women’s intellect and potential, is a hallmark of a McAuley education. Anne Wilson is proud that Mother McAuley provides a lifetime advantage for its students, many of whom are daughters and granddaughters of alumnae, and Anne wants to see the next generation have the same experience that she was granted.

Road Builder Charities will be donating $1,000 to Mother McAuley High School on behalf of Anne Wilson.
FRIEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARD

Few people can be called legendary – for the road builders, George Krug is one such person. The industry was saddened at his recent passing, and it seems everyone has a George Krug story. George Krug not only led K-Five Construction Corp., he was a true transportation industry leader for decades. His business and political acumen proved to be an extraordinary combination that propelled the IRTBA to greater heights. George Krug served on the IRTBA Board of Directors, PAC Board, and Government Affairs Committee for decades. George was known by every Illinois political leader, and they all listened when he spoke. His steady leadership through sometimes turbulent times helped set the stage for the most robust transportation program the State of Illinois has ever experienced. On this occasion, the IRTBA bestows its “Friend of the Industry” award to George Krug posthumously. His impact was great, his leadership appreciated, his knowledge exceptional, and his impact profound. While George will be greatly missed, his memory will live on.

HONORARY STAFF AWARD

The Honorary Staff Award is bestowed by the IRTBA staff in recognition of the member who has devoted the most time, energy, and creativity in assisting the Association in the past year. This year’s recipient always goes the extra mile with his volunteerism and commitment to the Association. The IRTBA staff wants to thank the winner of this year’s Honorary Staff Award, John P. Bryan of Geneva Construction Co., for all of his time, volunteerism, and generosity bestowed upon the industry and IRTBA staff. Many of you know that JP served with distinction as Chairman of the IRTBA Board of Directors. What many of you may not be aware of, however, is his continued commitment to the road builders in other capacities. JP currently serves on the Government Affairs Committee, the Road Builders PAC Board, and the Road Builder Charities Board of Directors. As a member of the Government Affairs Committee, and as an industry leader and labor expert, John Bryan put in countless hours this year to prevent the enactment of a number of bills that would have had severe negative consequences on the industry. He traveled to Springfield on numerous occasions, often with little notice, to give testimony, educate legislators, and work with labor to craft compromises or oppose bad legislation. The IRTBA recognizes John P. Bryan for his continued commitment to improve the transportation industry in Illinois.
RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The IRTBA Board of Directors recognizes that membership is the lifeblood of this Association. This award is given annually to an individual or individuals of a member firm in recognition of their efforts to recruit and retain members to the association. This year’s winner always goes above and beyond to help retain members and recruit new members. The Recruiter of the Year Award goes to Dolan McMillan of Collins Engineers, Inc. Dolan has served on IRTBA’s Membership Committee for a short time, but has shown an incredible willingness to invest his time volunteering to recruit new members. He is also exceptionally diligent at following-up to retain current members and has shown leadership through his insightful contribution of ideas that have impacted IRTBA member relationships. While Dolan has only become recently very engaged with the IRTBA and its committees, his passion for the industry and the association makes him more than worthy of recognition. The IRTBA thanks Dolan McMillan for his volunteerism and for going above and beyond to help retain and further grow membership within the Association.

SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPION AWARD

The IRTBA Sustainability Council is awarding this year’s Sustainability Champion Award to Ozinga for their commitment to improving overall plant operations through Compressed Natural Gas Vehicles, Energy Star/Better Plants, an Energy Team, RNG/ Brokers, Carbon Cure, and sustainable Building and Construction Materials. Accepting the award is Ozinga’s Materials and Logistics Division President, Aaron Ozinga.

Since 2011, Ozinga has started to implement compressed natural gas ready mix trucks in order to use cleaner equipment to contribute to a cleaner environment. Presently, Ozinga has almost 200 ready mix trucks and maintenance vehicles.

Ozinga partnered with the Department of Energy’s Better Plants program and the EPA’s Energy Star program to help reduce their energy intensity. Through the Better Plants program, Ozinga has committed to reduce its energy intensity by 20% from their 2018 baseline over ten years. Additionally, Ozinga registered their 20 largest production facilities with the Energy Star Challenge for Industry which involves a 10% energy intensity reduction at each location over five years.

Ozinga implemented a company-wide energy tracking system that allows them to measure their most and least efficient production facilities. They created an Energy Efficiency Team with operations and maintenance managers from around the company to take advantage of this data and share projects and best practices.
All employees are encouraged to be Energy Champions and reach out to the energy team with their ideas. One such project is identifying and repairing compressed air leaks. Ozinga has gone through 15 locations and identified over 180,000 kWhs/year in energy savings.

As of the Spring 2019, all Ozinga natural gas fueling stations pump renewable landfill gas. With RNG, their fleet will produce over 4,000,000 Kgs fewer well-to-wheels greenhouse gas emissions than a comparable diesel fleet every year. Additionally, Ozinga can now help other organizations make the switch to RNG.

Ozinga’s purpose is to make a positive impact on individuals, their families and the community for generations. One way the do that is by being stewards of the environment. Ozinga decided to partner with CarbonCure because adopting the CarbonCure technology enables them to reduce the carbon footprint of their concrete and gives them an opportunity to do their part for bettering the environment.

CarbonCure has proven to be a great fit for Ozinga; it makes sense that an industry leader would embrace an industry innovation with a positive environmental impact of this kind. Since first partnering with CarbonCure in 2016, Ozinga has produced upwards of 250,000 cubic yards of carbonated concrete, which has saved more than nine million pounds of carbon emissions from entering the atmosphere. To put that into context, that’s equivalent to nearly 50,000 acres of forest absorbing carbon dioxide for a year or taking 870 cars off the road for a year. Ozinga is proud to be able to provide their customers with the same high-performance concrete, but with a bonus: reducing their carbon footprint.

Ozinga is proud to offer many sustainable building materials using their supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs). Using byproducts such as fly ash and slag, they produce mixes with up to 70 percent recycled cementitious materials. Ozinga also uses fewer virgin materials and reduces the amount of waste products going to landfills. SCMs contribute to a more sustainable future and can help earn LEED certification without reducing strength or durability of roads and driveways.
BRIDGE CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Lorig Construction Company
Matt Custardo ..........................................................Senior Project Manager, Lorig Construction Company
Neal Howell ..........................................................Superintendent, Lorig Construction Company
Andrew Stirk ..........................................................Project Engineer, Lorig Construction Company
Holly Wilson ..........................................................IDOT Resident
In recognition of the reconstruction and widening of Monroe street bridge over I-90/94 in Chicago.

BRIDGE CONTRACTOR—REHAB OF THE YEAR
Sjostrom & Son, Inc.
Laird Hagmann ..........................................................IDOT Resident
In recognition of the construction of the sidewalks, curb & gutter, and driveway pavements as part of the reconstruction of the Cumberland circle in Des Plaines.

DBE CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
JG Demo Inc.
George Chavez ..........................................................President, JG Demo Inc.
Joe Anelli ..........................................................Secretary Treasurer, JG Demo Inc.
Eduardo Torres ..........................................................Foreman, JG Demo Inc.
Imad Shahatit ..........................................................IDOT Resident
In recognition of the structure rehabilitation and pavement reconstruction on Bay Road over Lily Lake Drain in McHenry County.

HOT MIX ASPHALT CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Peter Baker & Son Company
John Dosemagen ..........................................................Project Manager, Peter Baker & Son Company
Darral Newman ..........................................................Superintendent, Peter Baker & Son Company
Rick Zera ..........................................................Operations Manager, Peter Baker & Son Company
Dave Rushford ..........................................................QC Manager, Peter Baker & Son Company
Stan Masnik ..........................................................IDOT Resident
In recognition of 3.6 miles of HMA resurfacing and pedestrian ramp improvements on IL 132 in Gurnee and Waukegan.
OUTSTANDING SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Forsgren Construction Company LLC
A Subcontractor for Kenny Construction Company (A Granite Construction Inc. Company)
Eliana Forsgren .................................................................President, Forsgren Construction Company LLC
Alan Forsgren .................................................................Manager, Forsgren Construction Company LLC
Jack Canale .................................................................Project Manager, Kenny Construction Company
Stephen Sweet ..................................................Assistant Project Manager, Kenny Construction Company
Jim Roggemen .................................................................Project Engineer, Kenny Construction Company
Patrick Walsh .................................................................IDOT Resident

In recognition of work performed for the Elysian Field improvements as part of the reconstruction of the Van Buren Street bridge over I-90/94.

SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Triggi Construction, Inc.
Giovanni Difruscolo .................................................................General Manager, Triggi Construction, Inc.
Lien Dastgir .................................................................IDOT Resident

In recognition of sidewalk construction and ADA improvements on various routes in the village of University Park.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
Iroquois Paving Corporation
Curtis Luecke .................................................................Project Manager/Estimator, Iroquois Paving Corporation
Chuck Dallman .................................................................Superintendent, Iroquois Paving Corporation
Lien Dastgir .................................................................IDOT Resident

In recognition of construction of the San Ridge Trail from Sand Ridge Nature Center to the Green Lake Aquatic Center in Calumet City.

URBAN IMPROVEMENT AWARD
“D” Construction, Inc.
Jeff Gillan .................................................................General Superintendent, “D” Construction, Inc.
Ron Housman .................................................................General Superintendent, “D” Construction, Inc.
Andy Moore .................................................................Project Manager/Estimator, “D” Construction, Inc.
Jason Carlson .................................................................Superintendent, “D” Construction, Inc.
Phillip Gibson .................................................................IDOT Resident

In recognition of widening and resurfacing of IL 171 at IL 7 to add left turn lanes, traffic signal modernization and ADA improvements.
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL AWARD
Work Zone Safety, Inc.
A Subcontractor for Vixen Construction, Inc.

Pam Ackerman ......................................................President, Work Zone Safety, Inc.
Nick Bethune .......................................................Estimator, Work Zone Safety, Inc.
Ralph Ackerman ...................................................Sign Shop Manager, Work Zone Safety, Inc.
Silvano Ortiz ...........................................................Operations Foreman, Work Zone Safety, Inc.
Patti Arnold ..........................................................Operations Manager, Work Zone Safety, Inc.
Connie Venegas ............................................................IDOT Resident

In recognition of work zone traffic control for the bridge rehabilitation of Pulaski Road over the Stevenson Expressway in the city of Chicago.
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Illinois Tollway
PRESENTED BY
José Alvarez, Executive Director

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Walsh Construction Co.

Phil Griffith ..............................................................Senior Project Manager, Walsh Construction Co.
Danny Shull ...............................................................Project Manager, Walsh Construction Co.
Chris McNally ............................................................Project Manager, Walsh Construction Co.
Will Harris .................................................................Project Manager, Walsh Construction Co.
H. R. Green ...............................................................Construction Management
Cotter Consulting ........................................................Construction Management
Thomas Engineering Group LLC ...............................Construction Management
John Szabo .................................................................Project Manager, Illinois Tollway
Mustafa Hassan ..........................................................Project Manager, Illinois Tollway
Ron Quinsey ..............................................................Project Manager, Illinois Tollway

This award is presented to the firm that best exemplifies professionalism and performs the highest quality work while adhering to Illinois Tollway policies and procedures. The General Contractor of the Year Award is presented to Walsh Construction for successful completion of several high-profile projects this year. Walsh was an outstanding partner during the reconstruction of several ramps in the Oak Brook area, namely eastbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) to southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and northbound I-294 to westbound I-88, in addition to a 1.5-mile stretch of roadway between I-290 and York Road. These two complex projects required Walsh to perform work in a short timeframe and minimize disruption to Tollway customers while maximizing safety of motorists and workers. In addition to this project, Walsh reconstructed a section of the Edens Spur Tollway (I-94) near Northbrook/Deerfield. Collectively, these three projects involved coordination with nearly 125 subcontractors, including a dedicated effort to include small, diverse and veteran firms.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE YEAR
K-Five Construction Corporation

Patrick Burke ..............................................................Project Manager, K-Five Construction Corp.
Tim Lannon ...............................................................Concrete Superintendent, K-Five Construction Corp.
Ryan Rumchack ........................................................Superintendent, K-Five Construction Corp.
Dave Schmoe ............................................................Estimator, K-Five Construction Corp.
Gonzalez Companies LLC/J.A. Watts Inc. ............................Construction Management
Hope Garrett ..............................................................Project Manager, Illinois Tollway

This award is being presented to K-Five Construction for its commitment to quality and hard work. K-Five was a great partner with the Tollway. The construction manager focused on the rehabilitation and widening of the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) near the Cermak Toll Plaza in the Elmhurst/Hillside area. The K-Five team addressed the project and any associated changes quickly and professionally. The firm was instrumental in assisting the Illinois Tollway and subcontractors to complete work on schedule. Overall, the project was completed with excellent workmanship and minimal disruption to the Tollway customers.
ILLINOIS TOLLWAY

DBE CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Arteaga Landscapes & Erosion Control LLC
Julio Arteaga ............................. President, Arteaga Landscapes & Erosion Control LLC
D.B. Sterlin Consultants Inc. ............................................................... Construction Management
d’Escoto Inc./Burns & McDonnell Engineering Inc. JV ........................ Construction Management
Laura Thompson ................................................................. President, Illinois Tollway

This award is presented to Arteaga Landscapes & Erosion Control for its collaborative effort with prime contractors and dedication to successful project completion. Arteaga served as a DBE subcontractor to William Charles Construction/Rock Road Joint Venture and Curran Contracting/Geneva Construction Joint Venture on two roadway and bridge reconstruction projects along the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) from Sugar Grove to Rochelle. Prime firms specifically noted that Arteaga had significant staff available at all times along this 37-mile stretch of roadway. The Illinois Tollway would like to recognize Arteaga for its commitment and hard work.

VETERAN CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Industria Construction Services
David Rambhajan ................................................................. President, Industria Construction Services
Dan Gil ................................................................. Senior Project Manager, Industria Construction Services
John Duich ................................................................. Preconstruction Manager, Industria Construction Services

Industria is being recognized by the Illinois Tollway for its excellent performance and subsequent growth since 2015, which includes construction design and inspection services, in addition to its core contracting work. Industria, a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business based in Des Plaines, has performed on a total of 14 Tollway projects since 2007. In business for more than 25 years, Industria provides general contracting and construction management services. Industria’s work at the Tollway has grown steadily since 2015. In fact, 12 of its 14 Tollway contracts were awarded after 2015, including eight active contracts. The firm has performed primarily as a subcontractor for the Tollway.
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

City of Chicago
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PRESENTED BY
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OUTSTANDING BRIDGE CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
ICC Group
Matt Eichen .................................................................Project Manager, ICC Group
Adam Tarmann ..........................................................General Superintendent, ICC Group
Lubica Benak .............................................................Project Manager, Chicago DOT
Eric Anderson ...........................................................Construction Manager, Chicago DOT
Nelson Dueck ............................................................Resident Engineer, AECOM

North Branch Riverwalk (Addison Underbridge)
The Chicago Department of Transportation has selected ICC Group as the Outstanding Bridge Contractor of the Year for their work on the North Branch Riverwalk (Addison Underbridge) project.

This project included construction of a new 1,010-foot long pedestrian bridge crossing the North Branch of the Chicago River. The bridge runs along the east bank of the river and under the existing Addison Street bridge and crosses the river. It provides direct access from Clark Park to California Park. The bridge is a key link to the City’s goal of creating a continuous, low-stress pedestrian and cycling route along the Chicago River.

The bridge was constructed on 15 cast-in-place drilled shaft piers to bedrock with an integrally poured superstructure and deck. The bridge features weathered steel railings with lighting. Sheet pile walls and Portland cement concrete path pavement ties the bridge into Clark Park and California Park. A temporary causeway in the river was utilized to drill the piers and construct the superstructure formwork.

The project included many challenges, including a complex permitting process, endangered species considerations, value engineered sheet pile walls, and design revisions to the piers and bridge bearings. The curvilinear bridge is the longest pedestrian bridge over the Chicago River in the city and will provide for an excellent view for runners, cycles, and recreational boaters for generations to come.

CDOT would like to thank ICC Group for their professional and efficient approach to successfully completing this project despite the extensive challenges.
OUTSTANDING SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

II in One Contractors, Inc.

Robert McGee .......................................................... President, II in One Contractors, Inc.
Gerry Olson ................................................................. Vice President, II in One Contractors, Inc.
Dan Cooney ............................................................... Project Manager, II in One Contractors, Inc.
Lubica Benak ............................................................. Project Manager, Chicago DOT
Eric Anderson ............................................................ Construction Manager, Chicago DOT
Nelson Dueck ........................................................... Resident Engineer, AECOM

North Branch Riverwalk (Addison Underbridge)
The Chicago Department of Transportation has selected II in One Contractors, Inc. as the Outstanding Subcontractor of the Year for their work on the North Branch Riverwalk (Addison Underbridge) project.

II in One Contractors served as the rebar installer for the complex cast-in-place bridge structure. The superstructure was poured integrally with the deck and included anchor bolts for the railing and geofoam within the superstructure.

The work, especially at locations where piers tied into the bridge superstructure, required several field modifications in order to accommodate the required rebar reinforcement. The railing anchor bolts were cast into the bridge deck and required precise installation in order to assure the proper fit-up of the railings. II in One Contractors’ responsiveness and flexibility allowed for the project to progress despite other factors that dictated the overall project schedule.

CDOT would like to congratulate II in One Contractors, Inc. for the successful completion of the unique and complex project.
City of Chicago
Department of Transportation

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OUTSTANDING MINORITY CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Pan American Construction Company
Angel Garcia ........................................Owner, Pan American Construction Company
Todd Cecchi ........................................Project Manager, Pan American Construction Company
Angel Garcia Jr. ...............................Project Superintendent, Pan American Construction Company
David Smith ........................................Project Manager, Chicago DOT
Eric Anderson ........................................Construction Manager, Chicago DOT
Matthew Champine ..........................Resident Engineer, Thomas Engineering

Chicago Streets for Cycling Phase IV- Project 3A
The Chicago Department of Transportation has selected Pan American Construction Company as the Outstanding Minority Contractor of the Year for their work on the Chicago Streets for Cycling Phase IV – 3A project.

The project included construction of greenway elements such as curb extensions, traffic circles, speed humps, raised crosswalks, pedestrian refuge islands, infiltration bumpouts, ADA sidewalk ramps, concrete barrier medians, pavement markings and new bike signal heads at six locations throughout the city.

Pan American Construction Company’s schedule flexibility while working through unanticipated utility conflicts and regular coordination with the alderman’s office enabled the contract work to progress smoothly on Polk Street from Clark Street to State Street. On the busy half mile stretch of Cortland Street between Damen Avenue and Ashland Avenue, on-site meetings with utility stakeholders allowed for design changes to sewer structures with minimal disruption to the project schedule. The project required the concurrent coordination of several different trades at multiple locations.

CDOT would like to congratulate Pan American Construction Company for the successful completion of the project.
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

City of Chicago
Department of Transportation

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OUTSTANDING STREETSCAPE CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Capitol Cement Company, Inc.

Dan Melnyk ................................................................. Executive Vice President, Capitol Cement Company, Inc.
Kevin Gustafson ................................................................. Project Manager, Capitol Cement Company, Inc.
Carlos Morelos ................................................................. Estimator, Capitol Cement Company, Inc.
Felicia Yauch ................................................................. Project Administrator, Capitol Cement Company, Inc.
Alisa Tilson ................................................................. Project Manager, Chicago DOT
Eric Anderson ................................................................. Construction Manager, Chicago DOT
Ralph Gomez ................................................................. Resident Engineer, AECOM

Blue Island Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project: W. 21st Street to W. 19th Street
The Chicago Department of Transportation has selected Capitol Cement Company, Inc. as the Outstanding Streetscape Contractor of the Year for their work on the Blue Island Avenue Streetscape Improvement project.

The project consisted of streetscape improvements including vaulted sidewalk abandonment and installation of sidewalk medallions, street furniture, lighting, sewer, landscaping and roadway work. The scope of work also included converting Blue Island Avenue to one way southbound from 19th Street to 21st Street, and reconfiguring the Laflin Street, Blue Island Avenue and Cullerton Avenue intersection.

During construction, project challenges included extensive sewer main connection modifications and coordination with agency owners of the existing utilities that conflicted with catch basin installation throughout the project limits. In addition, vaulted sidewalk abandonment and sidewalk construction required Capitol Cement to effectively communicate with property owners and schedule work accordingly to limit the duration of right of way impacts.

While the project completion is not scheduled until Spring of 2020, Capitol Cement Company, Inc. was able to complete all roadway work ahead of schedule in advance of the winter shutdown period, minimizing the use of temporary traffic control and inconvenience to the community.

Capitol Cement Company, Inc. has been an excellent partner with CDOT and was able to make this project a success.
City of Chicago
Department of Transportation

OUTSTANDING ROADWAY CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
M.A.T. Construction, LLC

Joe Haughey ................................................................. General Manager, M.A.T. Construction, LLC
Mike Byrne ................................................................. Project Manager, M.A.T. Construction, LLC
Eric Anderson ............................................................. Construction Manager, Chicago DOT
Sean O’Brien .............................................................. Resident Construction Manager, DB Sterlin Consultants
Jonathan Rualo ............................................................ Project Manager, Chicago DOT
Ed Lambrecht .............................................................. Resident Engineer, Ardmore Roderick

Arterial Street Resurfacing Project 81 – South Area: 55th Street – Payne Drive to Hyde Park Boulevard
The Chicago Department of Transportation has selected M.A.T. Construction, LLC as the Outstanding Roadway Contractor of the Year for their work on the Arterial Street Resurfacing Project 81 - South Area including work on 55th Street between Payne Drive and Hyde Park Boulevard.

The project consisted of resurfacing 55th Street between Payne Drive and Hyde Park Boulevard. The project included constructing ADA compliant ramps along the over mile-long stretch improving access to the community. Extensive parking buffers and bicycle lanes were installed to increase safety for bicyclists and pedestrians by creating more separation from vehicular traffic. Updated signage and striping plans aided navigation for cars and buses through the busy University of Chicago campus.

Coordination with the University of Chicago was key to the success of the project. Important events including the annual commencement ceremony and its festivities needed to be accommodated. M.A.T. Construction, LLC and their sub-contractor, Rulas Enterprises, worked with CDOT and its consultants to develop a scope of work and procedure to complete the necessary work within an aggressive timeframe.

CDOT would like to thank M.A.T. Construction, LLC for their efforts to successfully complete this project given the aggressive schedule and impacts to a wide range of stakeholders.
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Cook County
Department of Transportation & Highways
PRESENTED BY
John Yonan, Superintendent

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
MQ Construction Company
Vito Quaranta ................................................................. President, MQ Construction Company
Michael Quaranta ............................................................. Vice President, MQ Construction Company
Brent Taylor ................................................................. Project Superintendent, MQ Construction Company
Holly A. Cichy, P.E. ............................................................ Chief Engineer, Cook County DOT
Aaron Lebowitz, P.E. ........................................................ Supervising Engineer, Cook County DOT

Sanders Road – Milwaukee Avenue to Techny Road
MQ Construction Company is presented the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways’ Contractor of the Year Award in recognition of their work on the Sanders Road rehabilitation project in Northbrook.

The project provided concrete pavement rehabilitation, asphalt overlay and lane repurposing to convert the four-lane roadway with median to a five-lane cross-section. Work included removal of the center median, extensive pavement patching and joint repairs, removal of the distressed concrete surface by milling, and placement of an asphalt overlay. The finished pavement was then striped to delineate the new lane configuration, providing two lanes in each direction plus a center two-way left-turn lane.

This newly completed two-mile section of Sanders Road from Milwaukee Avenue to Techny Road provides improved ride-ability and traffic safety.

The project’s late season start date resulted in a very tight schedule which became further complicated by the weather. Determined to stay ahead of any potential delay, MQ Construction immediately started the project, hired additional MBE subcontractors to double the crews, aggressively addressed all work and proactively handled every challenge. From start to finish, while working closely with Cook County, MQ Construction remained diligent in all its efforts and committed to ensuring that all activities were coordinated for optimal progress, materials and workmanship met or exceeded quality requirements, and traffic control was vigilantly maintained for public safety and work zone protection. MQ Construction’s overall execution of work, with exemplary cooperation, communication, and responsiveness throughout construction, proved invaluable to the successful completion of this project.

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways congratulates and thanks MQ Construction for a job well done.
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

DuPage County Division of Transportation
PRESENTED BY
Chris Snyder, County Engineer &
Director of Transportation & Operations

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
K-Five Construction Corporation
Ryan Scott .........................................................General Superintendent, K-Five Construction Corp.
Tony Bello ..............................................................Job Superintendent, K-Five Construction Corp.
Mike Brooks .............................................................Project Manager, K-Five Construction Corp.
Nick Eller ........................................................................Estimator, K-Five Construction Corp.
Steve Mlynarczyk ......................................................Project Engineer, DuPage County DOT
Andis Berzins .................................................................Resident Engineer, Stantec

2019 Resurfacing Program- South Region
The 2019 South Region Resurfacing Program improved approximately 40 lane-miles of roadway. The major challenge of this project was the maintenance of traffic and providing access during construction. Keeping access to schools, churches and the ramps to I-55 were all challenges that the contractor met while meeting a tight construction schedule. An unknown challenge occurred on one of the roadways where the edge of pavement was found to have advanced deterioration when the curb & gutter was removed. The contractor worked longer days in order to complete additional concrete pavement patching. Lane closures in this area were a challenge as the contractor had to contend with an adjacent barrier median.

K-Five was able to complete the work by the contract specified completion date and within the allotted budget.

It is for these reasons that the DuPage County Division of Transportation is proud to present our Contractor of the Year Award to K-Five Construction Corporation.
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Lake County Division of Transportation
PRESENTED BY
Shane Schneider, County Engineer & Director of Transportation

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc.

Chris Lepley ..................................................................................Project Manager, Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc.
Nicole Tinkoff .................................................................................Project Manager, Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc.
Mark Chanwongse .........................................................................Resident Engineer, H.W. Lochner, Inc.
Eric Norland ...................................................................................Resident Engineer, IDOT
Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. .........................................Phase 1 Planning led by Lake County DOT
Parsons Corp. ................................................................................Phase 2 Design led by IDOT

US Route 45 “Millburn Bypass” reconstruction on a new alignment and re-align Grass Lake Road to create a four-legged intersection with US 45 and Millburn Road in the Villages of Lindenhurst and Old Mill Creek
Following a year and a half of construction, the new concrete roadway with two lanes in each direction including turn lanes and raised landscaped median was opened to traffic this fall. Berger and their subcontractors overcame many challenges including utility conflicts and weather to promptly deliver this project. The project team met weekly to resolve job issues and coordinated well with nearby villages and Lake County concerning their roads and facilities.

The construction contract is $19 million with a total project cost, including land acquisition and engineering, of $31 million. Phases one and two of the project were funded with County and Federal dollars, while construction of the project was funded by Lake County through the 1/4% sales tax. The entire effort took 25 years of discussion, planning, and finally, construction of a realignment to drastically improve traffic flow in the area. Prior to construction, this area of US 45 was one of the most congested traffic spots in Lake County, which was often referred to locally as the “Millburn Strangler.” The bypass has been a regional priority for years, topping the list of meaningful congestion relief projects to their transportation system, as outlined in the State Highway Consensus Plan for Lake County.

Grass Lake Road was realigned to the south, eliminating the existing offset “T” intersections through the Millburn Historic District. A raised center median along US 45 enhances safety and provides water quality benefits, along with green space for plants and trees which also surround three new detention basins. The bypass accommodates a bike path on the west side and sidewalks on the east side.

To deliver a project of this scope required a true partnership between contractor, IDOT, engineering, villages and County. The Lake County Division of Transportation congratulates Berger Excavating for successfully completing this much anticipated project earning our Contractor of the Year Award.
Will County Division of Transportation  
PRESENTED BY  
Jeff Ronaldson, County Engineer & Director of Transportation  

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD  
“D” Construction, Inc.  
Kenneth Sandeno .................................................................President, “D” Construction, Inc.  
Todd Sandeno .................................................................Vice President, “D” Construction, Inc.  
Ricky Gaeta .................................................................Sr. Project Manager, “D” Construction, Inc.  
Orlando Duran .................................................................Safety Director, “D” Construction, Inc.  
Willett Hofmann & Associates ................................................Preliminary Study & Final Design  
T.Y. Lin International ...........................................................Construction Oversight  

C.H. 23 (Goodenow Road) Over Plum Creek  
The Will County DOT is proud to present this award to “D” Construction for structure replacements on Goodenow Road. Goodenow Road is a two-lane rural arterial with an average ADT of 6000 and crosses Plum Creek at two locations within 500 feet. The work consisted of removal and replacement of an outdated double barrel culvert as well as removal of an aged, single span, reinforced concrete girder structure. This second structure was replaced with a cast in place concrete triple barrel box culvert. Work also included 800 feet of full-depth pavement reconstruction with associated earth excavation, aggregate shoulders, pipe culverts, and landscaping.  

Due to the excavation required and compressed work zone space, this project was completed under a full closure and detour. The contractor was tasked with protecting the adjacent waterways and taking reasonable measures to reduce the amount of debris from entering said waterways.  

The project was awarded to “D” Construction in October 2017. Construction began in May 2018 with the work schedule soon challenged by utility delays, extreme weather, and design revisions. A late start on one utility relocation and a miss-relocation of another caused several work stoppages, but the contractor remained vigilant to resume work once the conflicts were resolved. Heavy fall rains ruined the culvert floor forms on more than one occasion. The redesign of a wing wall due to utility and ROW issues also caused untimely work stoppages. Despite these challenges, “D” Construction pressed forward whenever possible to complete the project.  

The road was opened in October 2019 with the surrounding community appreciative that their main access to IL-394 had been reestablished.
Kane County Division of Transportation
PRESENTED BY
Carl Schoedel, County Engineer & Director of Transportation

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
Plote Construction, Inc.
Mitch DeBoer .................................................................Sr. Project Manager, Plote Construction, Inc.
Chuck Huffman ...............................................................Project Superintendent, Plote Construction, Inc.
Gabriel Flores .................................................................Project Manager, Plote Construction, Inc.

IL Route 25 Intersection Improvement
The Longmeadow Parkway at IL 25 intersection improvement project is part of the overall 5.6 mile Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor Improvement in northeastern Kane County. During the course of construction, staff at Plote Construction worked with the county and the RE consultant to streamline proposed MOT plans and add a reverse curve at the intersection of IL 25 and Bolz Road to make the staged construction work more efficient and increase safety. This value engineering saved over $30,000 to the contract cost. Plote’s senior staff was instrumental in coordinating with various businesses located along IL 25 near the work zone in order to reduce the impact of the work and allow for better customer access.

Aware of the County’s desire to complete this project within this construction season, despite this year’s record of heavy precipitation and foul weather, Plote Construction, Inc., led by their superintendent, Chuck Huffman, streamlined and increased efficiency to their operation in order to deliver the completed project within the allotted budget and revised schedule.
ENGINEERING FIRM OF THE YEAR
T.Y Lin International Group, LTD
Joseph Lorenzini ....................................................... Vice President, T.Y Lin International Group, LTD
Patricia Davidson .................................................... Senior Civil Engineer, T.Y Lin International Group, LTD

Auburn Park Station Design
Starting next year, Metra will be constructing a new station on the Rock Island Line in Chicago’s Auburn Park neighborhood. T.Y Lin International is the prime consultant managing a team of Architects and Engineers to design this station located at the intersection of West 79th Street and Lowe Avenue. Included in this project will be a large plaza area with a vendor building, bicycle racks, benches, trees, a living wall, and a canopy to welcome the commuters and residents to the station in a park like setting. The plaza will link the new parking and drop-off area to a pedestrian tunnel entryway connected to a headhouse. There will be a stairway and two (2) elevators to access the elevated track level 480 foot platform for the boarding of Metra Trains. The platform will feature a translucent canopy to provide shelter to the commuters and the platform will also incorporate a snow melt system which will eliminate the need to spread deicing chemicals. Furthermore, an additional entrance is currently being designed to provide access to the platforms from 78th street through an additional staircase. Adding to the complexity of this project, an existing building will be raised to make way for the new plaza as well as constructing the Metra portion of the CREATE EW-2 bridge lift where the platform will be constructed.

T.Y Lin International is coordinating with Metra and multiple stakeholders to create an approved forward-looking design that performs per Metra requirements and enhances the community where it is located.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR
Arcadis Inc.
Russell Randich, CCM ................................................................. Resident Engineer, Arcadis Inc.

Z-100 Bridge Construction Management
Arcadis is providing construction management for the replacement of Bridge Z-100 over the Fox River in Elgin. The improvement will replace the existing single-track bridge originally constructed in 1881 with a new double-track bridge made of weathering steel. The five existing stone masonry piers were replaced with three concrete piers reducing the obstruction to water flow in the river below. Arcadis worked closely with Metra, the IDNR and the contractor to relocate state threatened mussels from the river before construction began and to protect the river’s ecosystem during construction. Delays due to permitting and river flooding were overcome to deliver the first phase of the project ahead of schedule and under budget. Phase 2 of the project is currently underway.

Arcadis was tasked to manage the construction contract. The construction management services include: construction inspection, project documentation, schedule and budget management, interfacing and coordinating with other agencies while following Metra’s Quality Management Plan.
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Illinois Constructors Inc. (ICC Group Inc.)

David Kreuger .........................................................Project Manager, ICC Group Inc.
Tim Lampson .........................................................Superintendent, ICC Group Inc.

Z-100 Bridge Construction
The Metra Z-100 Bridge Reconstruction project involves the removal of the existing single-track Milwaukee District West bridge and the replacement with a double-track bridge built to modern standards. The five-span, 550-foot bridge carries 54 Metra trains and up to eight Canadian Pacific freight trains each weekday over the Fox River. When completed, the new double-track bridge will remove the delay-causing bottleneck and make it easier to schedule trains arriving at the bridge at the same time.

The scope of work includes the demolition of the existing single-track bridge, including the bridge piers. One track was rebuilt on the same alignment as the existing track and a second track is being built immediately west, separated by 18-feet between the centers of the two tracks. The existing stone masonry piers were demolished and rebuilt using concrete. Six cofferdams were built within the Fox River to allow the construction of the concrete substructure. Because of site constraints, including the US20 Bridge overhead and power lines running through the work area, the structural steel bridge girders were pre-built off-site and moved into position with self-propelled movable transporters.

All work on this contract is being performed under an active rail line with minimal disruption to Metra’s ongoing track service.

DBE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR FIRM OF THE YEAR
Accel Construction Services Group, LLC.

Prairie Crossing Station
The $1.2 million project included the replacement of a temporary passenger waiting area with a permanent warming house. The new 480-square-foot masonry structure is fully enclosed and features decorative stonework and a wooden truss ceiling. The shelter is also equipped with a heating system and interior and exterior lighting. Station area improvements include new sidewalk connections from the warming house to the parking area and train platform as well as signage, landscaping, benches and other site furnishings.

This project was funded with federal capital dollars provided to Metra and allocated for station improvements. The completed project provides a safe and more attractive train station that will better serve existing riders and attract new ones.
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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FUELING SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR
Black Dog Petroleum, LLC
Amit Gauri .................................................................President, Black Dog Petroleum, LLC
Marc Whitaker ..........................................................Chief Marketing Officer, Black Dog Petroleum, LLC
Bob Stange ............................................................Operations Manager, Black Dog Petroleum, LLC
Greg Goetzke .........................................................Petroleum Manager, Black Dog Petroleum, LLC

Black Dog Petroleum is currently serving as the subcontractor to deliver fuel into the storage tanks at all five main fueling locations, Kinzie (UP), Western Ave., Wentworth, Canal Street (BNSF) and Pulaski (UP). In addition, Black Dog Petroleum is responsible for delivering fuel to our remote sites, BN (Aurora Hill), Rock Island (Orland Park, Blue Island & Joliet) and the Milwaukee District (Elgin, Fox Lake & Antioch). To service these locations, they are required to have their trucks equipped with the proper hoses and fittings to enable them to deliver the fuel into Metra’s inground fuel tanks.

It should be noted that during the 2019 Polar Vortex Black Dog assisted Metra by being the only partner that could deliver on a cold night to a remote tank location, that at the time, they did not normally service.
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Chicago Department of Aviation
PRESENTED BY
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Alex Leon, Deputy Commissioner of Design and Construction

PROJECT OF THE YEAR
Plote Construction, Inc.
Joe Weishaar ........................................................Sr. Vice President of Operations, Plote Construction, Inc.
Ben Steele ........................................................Sr. Project Manager, Plote Construction, Inc.
Jake Nollin ........................................................Project Superintendent, Plote Construction, Inc.

Central Deicer Facility
The deicing pad can accommodate up to 20 narrow body airplanes or five wide body airplanes at a time. A four-story ramp tower allows airlines the ideal vantage point to control their individual deicing operations. This facility is also equipped with a state-of-the-art lighting configuration that allows it to be used 24-hours a day, and to enhance visibility during snow events.

The facility is open for use by O’Hare’s airline, and is accessed by a new common-use taxiway system, Taxiway Zulu, connecting aircraft from the north to the south airfield. Once the aircraft are in the CDF, they are serviced in areas dedicated to their specific airline. Airlines have access to equipment, deicing fluid storage and other ancillary deicing functions.

The CDA first conceptualized the CDF in 2013. From start to finish, the $168 million project took only 20 months to construct, and supported an estimated 800 jobs during design and construction.

Two general contractors should be credited with the successful completion of this facility, including Plote and FH Paschen. Between the two, they poured close to 400,000 SY of concrete, moved over 2.5M CY of dirt, placed 90,000 CY of stone and installed miles of utilities and underground cable supporting this project.

The use of similar deicing facilities at other hub airports around the world subject to winter weather conditions has been proven to be an effective, efficient and cost-effective way to manage deicing operations. The facility will not only provide significant improvements during the winter months, but also will provide operational relief to operations during inclement weather conditions year-round, when aircraft may be subject to ground holds.

The CDF supports the airfield modernization efforts, called O’Hare Modernization Program (OMP), which has delivered new runways and a more than 50 percent increase to capacity since the program launched in 2001. Working with federal partners, including the FAA, the OMP has resulted in more flights in and out, new routes, better connections and fewer delays for passengers at O’Hare.”
Contractor of the Year Awards

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Contractor of the Year
F.H. Paschen
Tye Baasch ................................................................................................................Sr. Superintendent, F.H. Paschen
Zach Maskin ................................................................................................................Project Manager, F.H. Paschen
Frank Mullaghy ........................................................................................................Project Manager, F.H. Paschen

Central Deicer Facility Ramp Control Tower
The deicing operations at the new CDF required the construction of a new ramp tower. While generally a simple structure, this building had to be constructed concurrently with the deicing pad to ensure that these two facilities were commissioned simultaneously. The tower cab provides the necessary accommodations for three independent operations and management teams – two for the legacy carriers and the other one for the balance of the operating airlines.

The airlines, through a newly formed consortium, are advancing the systems provided by the “base building” by going forward with the implementation of a highly sophisticated deicing management system. This system will assist with the efficient and effective assignment of the parking positions, coordination with the deicing crews and interface with the lighting and signage systems to broadcast operational information to the ground and flight crews.

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