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ACPA Recasts Presidential Award to Honor First Association President

2006 Award Presented to Koss Construction Company

Skokie, Ill.—The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) officially has recast its Presidential Award to honor the first president, as well as one of the founders, of the association, Harold J. Halm.

During the ACPA Annual Meeting, Gerald F. Voigt, P.E., President and CEO of ACPA, discussed Halm's legacy. In 1963, Halm was charged to lead an Association that would provide technical service, build the market opportunities for concrete pavement, and represent and advocate for concrete pavement use among elected and appointed government officials.

“it is fitting for us to change the tradition of the ACPA Presidential Award by formally recasting it as the ‘Harold J. Halm Presidential Award,’ and in doing so, we not only recognize his contributions, but also create a lasting tribute to the first man who gave his all to the work of the association,” Voigt said.

ACPA named Koss Construction Company as the first winner of the Harold J. Halm Presidential Award for its rich heritage and its contributions to the growth and development of ACPA and the concrete pavement industry.

One of the founding members of ACPA, the company also is credited with the construction of a number of famous firsts associated with the Interstate Highway system. Koss constructed US-66 (later I-44) in Laclede County, Mo., the first contract executed with funding from the 1956 Federal-Aid Highway Act. The company also participated in the US-40 (later I-70) project in St. Charles County, Mo., the first contract and the first paving work that actually began with funding from the 1956 act. Additionally, Koss constructed US-40 (later I-70) in Shawnee County, Kan., the first

paving project completed with funding from the 1956 act.

Since it was founded in 1912, this company has constructed thousands of miles of concrete pavements in the United States.

On hand to accept the award on the company's behalf was Christopher "Kip" Koss, who also shares a rich heritage with Koss Construction. Before turning to a career in aviation as an airline pilot, Kip was active in Koss from 1952 to 1964. He also currently serves on the Koss board of directors.

Kip is the son of Richard Koss, who is the son of company founder George W. Koss. Kip also is the nephew of George C. Koss, the second president of Koss Construction and the second chairman of the ACPA Board of directors in 1966. Kip's grandfather Ding Darling was a Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist credited with the creation of the moniker "Hard Roaders," used to describe Koss employees for many generations.

ACPA is the national trade association for the concrete pavement industry. ACPA's primary mission is to advocate for the use of concrete pavement in highways, airfields, and roadways throughout the United States.

To that end, ACPA and its network of affiliated regional chapters and state paving associations work together to promote the features and benefits of concrete pavements. ACPA's services generally fall into five discrete categories:

- Providing technical service and troubleshooting;
- Facilitating and conducting research, technology transfer, and technology implementation;
- Delivering educational, training, and outreach programs;
- Providing market development, measurement, and promotional support; and
- Using political advocacy and lobbying efforts to create a favorable business environment and to assure adequate funding.

These efforts are built upon a comprehensive portfolio of products and services that include technical and promotional information.

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