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ACPA Names Schwartz Outstanding Government Official

Skokie, Ill.—The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) recently presented its 2006 Outstanding Government Official award to Doug Schwartz, P.E., Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), for encouraging the research and implementation of specifications that keep the cost of concrete pavements in check while improving the overall quality and durability of concrete pavements.

Doug Schwartz was instrumental in implementing Mn/DOT's current 0.40 water-cement (w/c) specification, which improves the overall quality and durability of concrete pavement.

As a result of Mr. Schwartz's research and persistence, Mn/DOT changed their specifications from a method-type specification, where they supplied the paving contractor with the mix design, to a QA/QC specification requiring the contractor to supply their own mix design.

The idea of allowing a contractor to monitor his own work and be responsible for the outcome was a very new idea to the personnel in this area.

Schwartz also has been very active in other organizations during his career. In each instance he has served on conference planning committees, provided technical assistance, been a featured speaker, or otherwise helped to advance the interests of high-quality concrete paving.

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.

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For additional information, visit our websites:

- www.pavement.com ... ACPA's official technical and informational site.
- www.pavements4life.com ... A website aimed at satisfying the general public's requirement for the truth about highways, roadways, and airfields.

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