

# 2010 (2009 Projects)

## Virginia Asphalt Association, Asphalt Paving Awards Program

### PAVING AWARD

### NOMINATION GUIDELINES

#### **Paving Awards Nominations**

Nomination Forms will be available April 30, 2010 for the next group of projects. Submittal deadline will be August 1, 2010. Forms will be mailed to asphalt contractors, associate contractors and local government officials and will be available for download at this site: [www.vaasphalt.org](http://www.vaasphalt.org)

Nominations may be made by owner/agency personnel and/or by contractors in two categories - Municipal jobs and Commercial work.

**Be sure to include detailed map and narrative along with digital pictures of the project.**

#### ***Why Participate?***

“Recognition” is often the #1 reward people seek in their jobs, and the Excellence in Paving Awards recognizes crews and all their hard work. Receiving an award also motivates crews and keeps people enthused about their work. Entrants also receive feedback on completed jobs – valuable information that can be used to continuously improve project management while making winning easier the next time! Finally, winning an “Excellence in Paving” Award shows commitment to quality. When winners display their awards, employees, customers, vendors, and even competitors realize just how important it is to always do an “excellent” job!

#### ***How Does the Program Work?***

1. Nomination packets are emailed in April and due back this year by August 1.
2. Projects are nominated by contractors or owner/agency representatives
3. Projects are evaluated by rating teams in August and September for presentation at the Fall Asphalt Conference in early October.
4. A winner for work completed in 2009 will be selected in both the municipal and commercial categories.

## ***How Do I Win?***

Each category is unique in some way. Most winners, however, do the following:

- **Pay attention to detail.** Even seemingly minor flaws sometimes are the difference between placing and not.
- **Ensure high-quality workmanship. Criteria include:**
  - Uniform texture – make sure there is no segregation
  - Smooth tight joints – both longitudinal and transverse
  - Smooth tight matches – on all intersections, curbs, and/or appurtenances
  - Ride! Smoothness is crucial to winning the competition
  - Overall appearance – layout and design will have an impact
  - Degree of difficulty – some jobs are tougher than others to build, and this is taken into consideration
- **Talk to crews and inspectors.** Discuss the project and how everyone can work together to get a high quality job suitable for nomination.
- **When in doubt – NOMINATE!** You can't win if you don't enter!

## ***Award Categories/Definitions***

- **Commercial** – Major commercial parking lots, entry roads, log sort yards, etc.
- **City/Urban** – 2 or more driving lanes with curb and gutter. These can include arterial, residential or business streets. There should also be turn lanes, intersections, catch basins, manholes, valve boxes or other utilities. The more complex projects will receive higher weighting by raters.