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Date: April 30, 2010
To: Local Government Public Works Officials
From: Richard J. Schreck, Executive Vice President
RE: Asphalt Pavement Awards Program for Local Government Work
cc: Michale Amyx (VML), Jim Campbell (League of Counties)

The fourth year of nominations for the Virginia Asphalt Association's new Asphalt Pavement Awards program is underway and includes projects funded by local governments that were built in 2009. The 2008 winners (first, second & third place) were announced and recognized last October at the 2009 Fall Asphalt Conference in Richmond. The winners for 2009 jobs will be chosen and presented at this year's Fall Conference that will be held on October 4, 2010 in Richmond at the Jefferson Hotel. The program's purpose is to provide companies and local governments and their personnel with the opportunity to be recognized for outstanding work funded and overseen by cities and counties. With VDOT's continuing problems in receiving adequate transportation funding, a larger percentage of the asphalt paving market is moving into non-state managed work. Clearly, if we wish to recognize excellence in asphalt paving in Virginia, we need to make these types of paving a high priority in our awards program.

2009 projects entries will be accepted from both contractors and municipalities. Entries must include digital photographs of the paving which will be used in conjunction with the other submittal information to narrow the entries to 3-4 final candidates. An independent rating team will visit these candidates and select the overall statewide winner. In order to assist you in identifying potential paving projects for possible submittal we have developed guidelines on what a winning paving project should include or not include (hint: evaluation is weighted toward degree of difficulty and project complexity). The attached pavement nomination forms and guidelines provide further information on pavement award program submittals.

As I travel the Commonwealth I see many examples of excellent paving projects in malls, shopping centers, office complexes and municipalities and other local jurisdictions. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the paving excellence demonstrated on these projects and to recognize those responsible. The winners of these awards can be proud of the benefits that these outstanding pavements provide to the tax paying public both for the smooth riding surface as well as the extended pavement life that comes with excellent paving practices.

If you have any questions regarding the VAA Paving Awards Program, please give me a call. **Please note: the deadline for 2009 paving candidate submittals is August 1, 2010.**