



Paving Award Nominations

Why Participate?

“Recognition” is often the #1 reward people seek in their jobs, and the Excellence in Paving Awards recognize crews and all their hard work. Receiving an award also motivates crews and keeps people enthused about their work. 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. Nominations are opened in late August and are due back in late September.
2. Projects are nominated by contractors or owner/agency representatives.
3. Projects are evaluated by rating teams in October and November.
4. Three places are awarded in eight different categories.
5. Winners are announced and presented with awards at the “Excellence in Paving” banquet at the Annual Paving conference held in February.

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 placing

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 critical for place in 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!