



2019 VIRGINIA'S BEST PAVING AWARDS (2018 Projects)

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Why Participate?

“Recognition” is often the #1 reward people seek in their jobs, and Virginia’s Best Paving Awards recognize 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 a “Virginia’s Best” Paving Award shows commitment to quality.

How Does the Program Work?

1. Nomination packets are emailed to company representatives and are due back by **May 31st**.
2. Projects are nominated by contractors or owner/agency representatives
 - a. *Comments from the owner/agency personnel will be considered during the rating process.*
3. Projects are evaluated by rating teams and awards will be presented at the Mid-Atlantic Asphalt Conference and Expo in early December.
4. A winner for work completed in 2018 will be selected; the winner and owner representative will be presented with an award in recognition of the best project in each category.
- 5. Late submittals will not be considered.**

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 being a contender or a winner.
- **Ensure high-quality workmanship. Criteria include:**
 - Uniform texture – make sure there is no segregation
 - 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

- **Tell the rating team what they should see to help you win.**
 - Provide details (written and photos) in the submittal to direct the evaluators why this project was submitted.
 - Discuss what challenges had to be overcome to complete the project.
 - **Include any QC/QA data.**
- **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

(each project can be submitted in only one category)

- **Commercial** – Private entities with major commercial parking lots, entry roads, industrial yards, etc.
- **Roadway** – Covers roadway paving projects not inspected or owned by VDOT. These projects include Military Facilities, Toll Roads, Parkways, etc. These roadways can include two or more driving lanes with ramps, intersections, turn lanes, etc.
- **Municipal** – Covers Subdivisions and Municipal Streets. These include arterial, residential or business streets with two or more driving lanes. Curb and gutter can also be present. There may also be turn lanes, intersections, catch basins, manholes, valve boxes or other utilities. The more complex projects will receive higher weighting by raters.
- **Airfield** – Airport paving can range from projects at Dulles Airport to local airfields including anything from a runway, apron, taxiway, etc. For this type of project to be evaluated, **access to the project site must be arranged by the party who nominates the project.** If access is not available, then the project may not be eligible for an award.
- **Green** – This will include VDOT projects as well as non-VDOT projects. The Green Project award goes to the contractor who utilized the most sustainable and/or greenest practices in a maintenance or construction project. The practices considered in this award category include: Earning LEED credits, Recycled Asphalt Pavement (used above the VDOT specification limit), Recycled Asphalt Shingles (used above the VDOT specification limit), Asphalt Binder rejuvenators or modifiers such as scrap tires, Permeable and Porous Asphalt Materials, Recycled Asphalt Base Materials (i.e. Cold In-Place Recycling or Cold Plant Recycling), other “waste” materials used for AC production or a project that was completed in an environmentally sensitive area (protected wetlands, etc.). Each criterion carries a rating factor. The project with the highest number of points and is exceptional in other quality indicators (i.e., ride quality, density, appearance, etc.) is the winning project.



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The more complete/detailed your submission, the better raters can evaluate the project. Include high-resolution pictures, videos, etc. (remember, photos of winning projects will be used for presentation).

Category: **Commercial** **Roadway** **Municipal** **Airfield** **Green**

Contractor: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Site Supervisor (if different): _____ Phone: _____

Name of Project: _____ County of Project _____

Detailed Location of Project (e.g. **bordering address or other markers**. *Evaluators are probably not locals and will be using a GPS or other means to locate project*): _____

Paving Limits From: _____ To: _____

OWNER/AGENCY PERSONNEL

Company/Agency: _____

Address: _____

Project: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Site Supervisor (if different): _____ Phone: _____

Type of Project: **New Construction** **Reconstruction/Rehabilitation** **Maintenance**

Facility Type: **Roadway** **Parking Lot** **Airfield** **Other** _____

Completion Date: _____ Aggregate Base Thickness: _____

Paving Thickness: _____ No. of Paving Lifts: _____

Type(s) of Mix: _____

Project Description (List all paving on the project, ex. a walking trail may be the difference in winning and second place): _____

Why (be specific) do you feel this project is deserving of an Award? What challenges were overcome during the project?

******* FOR GREEN CATEGORY ONLY *******

Pavement Information (complete for each applicable layer)

Layer	Mix Type	Thickness	Percentage of RAP	Percentage of RAS	Average Production Temperature	Binder Type and Additives
SM						
IM						
BM						
OTHER: _____						

Plant Fuel Used _____

What makes this project Green? Provide additional information to help raters evaluate this project.

Please use additional pages as needed to provide more description and photos.