

# INDUSTRY AWARDS

## Triangle Plastering Systems Receives Top “Excellence” Award for Construction Project

AWCI contractor member Triangle Plastering Systems, Mesquite, Texas, received a top award from Associated Builders and Contractors for its exterior finish work at the Southlake Town Square in Southlake, Texas. Triangle received first place in the “exterior finish” category at ABC’s Excellence in Construction Awards program.

ABC’s awards program recognizes publicly the quality and innovation of merit shop construction and honors all the



Triangle Plastering Systems used 37 different colored EIF systems on the Southlake Town Square project.

members of the construction team, including the contractor, the owner and the design team responsible for the project. The winning projects were selected from entries submitted from across the country and were judged on the complexity, attractiveness unusual challenges, completion time, workmanship, innovation, safety and budget.

Triangle brought the vision of architect David M. Schwarz to life with its finish work on the 140-acre planned development Town Square. Triangle applied a myriad of detailed shapes and specialty decorative elements, including 37 different colored EIF systems to thousands of square feet of building throughout the development.

This marks the second top award for Triangle in the last three years. In 1998, the company was awarded ABC’s first place award in the “interior finish” category for their plaster work on the Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth, Texas.

## CertainTeed Honored by AIA

The American Institute of Architects has named CertainTeed, Valley Forge, Pa., as a recipient of the Continuing Education System Award of Excellence. CertainTeed was the honored company in AIA’s “Stakeholder provider” category, and won for its commitment to educational excellence featured in the Building Solution? program. CertainTeed was the first-ever recipient of the AIA award in 1998.

Benefits of the award include a year of promotion on AIA’s Web site, an article in **AIA Architect**, and a full-page announcement in **Architectural Record**.

Criteria for award selection involved a detailed analysis of the educational process and attention to quality management. There are 2,100 providers of continuing education within the AIA network. CertainTeed was selected as the award-winner from among 21 nominees.

## **EIMA Recognizes Excellence in EIFS Construction**

A St. Louis cement contracting office, a Myrtle Beach hotel sales reception center, a Myrtle Beach oceanfront vacation home and a San Diego-area casino were winners in the ninth annual Excellence in EIFS Construction awards competition sponsored by the EIFS Industry Members Association, Morrow, Ga.

The winning projects were selected from one of four categories of entries: Retrofit/Remodeling, Residential, New Construction Under 10,000 Square Feet, and New Construction Over 10,000 Square Feet.

The winner in the Retrofit/Remodeling category is Vee-Jay Cement Contracting Co of St. Louis, MO. The project entailed the installation of 2,200 square feet of EIFS, primarily along the front and sides of the office building, to simulate a heavy, limestone look. The EIFS contractor was Schilli Plastering Co. of St. Louis.

The winner in the residential category is the Waddle residence in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Some 8,500 square feet of EIFS and accent trim, along with 3,000 square feet of conventional stucco were applied to the new, Miami-style waterfront vacation home. The EIFS installer was Commercial Systems, Inc., Myrtle Beach.

In the category for new construction of less than 10,000 square feet, the winning project is the Grand Dunes Hotel Sales Reception Center in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The project called for 3,000

square feet of EIFS and trim and 6,500 square feet of conventional stucco. The EIFS installer was Commercial Systems, Inc. of Myrtle Beach.

In the category for new construction of more than 10,000 square feet, the winning project is the Sycuan Casino in El Cajon, Calif. Just slightly more than 100,000 square feet of EIFS and accent trim were applied to the exterior of the casino-theater complex owned by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. The applicator was the Brady Co. of San Diego.

Completed last year, the winning projects were selected by a panel of three EIMA judges. on the basis of the creativity of the installation, the uniqueness of the project, and adherence to standards and specifications that ensure long-term performance of EIFS.

## **Kessler Recognized as Plastics Innovator**

Moe Kessler, the founder and president of Outwater Plastics Industries, Inc., Wood-Ridge, N.J., was recognized as this year's recipient of the first annual TSI Plastics Innovator Award.

Kessler was chosen for the contributions he has made to the plastics industry over the course of his career. In recognition of his efforts, TSI made a \$1,000 donation in memory of Kessler's late wife, Sylvia to The Association for the Help of Retarded Children/Manhattan Chapter, a charity that she had supported for many years.

Kessler established Outwater Plastics



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Industries in August 1972. It was founded to provide small furniture and cabinet manufacturers with a source from whom they could purchase extruded plastic mouldings in quantities that actually reflected their requirements. The first product produced by the company was the Plastic Sliding Glass Door Track. After this ini-

tial success, Kessler began to manufacture other plastic extruded mouldings that, up until that point, had been available only in metal.

Today, Outwater Plastics and its corporate affiliate, Architectural Products by Outwater, with sales and warehouse facilities in New Jersey and Arizona, is an international supplier of nearly 40,000 standard and innovative component products essential to numerous industries.

## **Armstrong's Ceiling Recycling Program Honored for Environmental Excellence**

Armstrong World Industries received a Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence from the state of Pennsylvania for its

Ceiling Recycling Program, a first-of-its-kind program that offers recycling as an earth-friendly alternative to the disposal of old commercial ceiling tiles.

Established in 1996, the award honors Pennsylvania's leaders in innovative green technologies, environmental management and resource protection. Nominees are evaluated by an independent panel of judges who select winners based on a variety of criteria, including economic, environmental and social impact, innovation, transferability and educational efforts.

Headquartered in Lancaster, Pa, Armstrong's Ceiling Recycling Program enables building owners to quickly and easily ship old ceilings from renovation projects to an Armstrong ceiling plant as an alternative to landfill disposal.

Under the program, Armstrong pays freight costs for the ship-

ping of the old ceilings, which it uses as raw materials in the manufacture of new, high-performance acoustical ceilings.

It is estimated that the company diverted about 3 million square feet, or approximately 2 million pounds, of used ceiling tiles from landfills in 2000. The volume of recycled ceiling material is expected to at least double in 2001.

## **Murray Parker Receives TCA Courtois Award**

Murray Mervyn Parker, a well-known leader in the Canadian and American construction industries, has been posthumously awarded the Peter Courtois Memorial Award from the Tilt-Up Concrete Association, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Parker, 52, general manager/vice president of B.D. Stevens Limited, died on June 17, 2000, at his home in Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, Canada. Parker was a leader in the development and promotion of tilt-up concrete technology within Atlantic Canada and its use in commercial construction.

The Peter Courtois Memorial Award honors Peter Courtois, who died in 1992, after serving as senior vice president of engineering for Dayton-Richmond Concrete Accessories (formerly Dayton-superior Corporation), where he had been employed for 32 years. Courtois contributed immeasurably to the tilt-up industry through his association work: he served on seven ACI committees, most notably the ACI-551 Tilt-Up Construction Committee. In addition, he was a fellow of the American Society of Civ-

il Engineers and served on the first board and as initial president of TCA. He was made an honorary member of TCA in 1991.

With a diploma in engineering from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and an engineering degree from Nova Scotia Technical College, Parker joined the Stevens Group (Dartmouth, Nova Scotia) in 1972 as an estimator/project manager and became the general manager/vice president of B.D. Stevens Ltd., a division of The Stevens Group, in 1977. On the cutting-edge of the construction industry, Parker introduced the tilt-up construction method to the Atlantic areas of Canada in 1980 and was later the recipient of a TCA Achievement Award for the Patton Apartment Building in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Parker was past president and director of the Tilt-Up Concrete Association and a committee member of American Concrete

and Canadian Design-Build Institutes. He also was a member of the National Building Code Review Committee, as well as APENS, DCI, Nova Scotia Construction Association and the American Concrete Association. Personal volunteer activities included serving as a 4-H leader for more than 25 years.

## **Welding Innovation Earns 2001 T.R. Higgins Award**

Duane Miller of Lincoln Electric Welding, Chicago, has been selected as the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. 2001 T.R. Higgins Award winner. Each year the AISC Education Foundation and a selected jury reflecting a blend of professional insight, industry experience and academic excellence selects an outstanding lecturer and author whose technical

paper(s) are considered an outstanding contribution to the engineering literature on fabricated structural steel.

This year's Higgins Award is awarded based on the topic of structural steel welding, including appropriate levels of inspections and quality control for various applications, recent developments and/or changes in welding procedures and requirements, and "what the engineer needs to know about welding."

Miller was nominated for the Higgins Award based on his written papers on the subjects of the Northridge, Calif, earthquake and visual inspection of quality welding. After he presents his paper, "Effective Visual Inspection to Ensure Weld Quality for Structural Applications," at the 2001 NASCC, it will be presented at selected cities throughout the United States as a part of AISC's continuing education seminars. 