Joe Douglas Receives McNulty Award

The Foundation of the Wall and Ceiling Industry (FWCI) has selected Joe Douglas of Douglas Drywall, Lexington, Kentucky as the recipient of the 1991 J.D. McNulty Award. Mr. Douglas was chosen in recognition of his continued efforts to improve efficiency in the wall and ceiling industry, particularly for his inventions and improvements on existing techniques and equipment used in the drywall contracting business.

Mr. Douglas holds the patent for a gypsum board handling machine which he developed. In addition, he has a patent pending on a one-day, tapeless joint system which he believes may soon become an industry standard. A drywall scrap machine is also “in the works.”

Mr. Douglas says his inventions are the result of his desire to do his job better and more efficiently.

Joe Douglas has been in the drywall contracting business since 1950 when he began in Memphis. He relocated to Lexington, Kentucky in 1957 where he worked for another contractor. Seven years later, in 1964, he and his brother, Cleat, started their own business specializing in custom drywall work, residential and commercial.
Mr. Douglas is married, has four children and four grandchildren, and enjoys traveling.

The J.D. McNulty Award is given to individuals or contractors for excellence in research and development, education, and information dissemination in either a technical or business management field of the wall and ceiling industry. A panel of Foundation leaders select the award winner from nominations put forth by industry professionals who wish to see their peers rewarded for their efforts to improve our industry.

The Award was presented to Mr. Douglas at the Annual AWCI Awards Breakfast on March 22, 1991, in San Francisco, California.

The J.D. McNulty Award was first established in 1979 in memory of Joseph D. McNulty of Chicago, Illinois, a founder of the Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industries - International (AWCI). Past awards were given for inventions, special achievements in asbestos abatement, exterior insulation, panelization and employee relations.

The Foundation of the Wall and Ceiling Industry is a non-profit, research and education organization founded by leaders of the wall and ceiling industry. Established in the late 1970s, the Foundation works to improve the industry by conducting programs which contribute to technical advancement in construction.

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