The Foundation of the Wall and Ceiling Industry (FWCI) has selected Donalco, Inc. of Toronto, Ontario as the recipient of the 1992 J.D. McNulty Award. Donalco was chosen in recognition of the company’s development of a decorative thin-film fireproofing for structural steel.

The Award was presented to Donalco’s Peter L. Berry at the Annual AWCI Awards Luncheon, March 24, 1992, in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Berry is owner/manager of Donalco, Inc., Donalco of B.C., Donalco Atlantic, and A/D Fire Protection Systems, Inc., a group of companies involved in the manufacture and contracting of interior and exterior sprayed fireproofing materials, intumescent fireproofing, fire-stopping and asbestos removal. He has been extensively involved in product development, fire testing and field applications.

Donalco’s ULC-rated product, A/D Firefilm, was developed to fill the need for a fireproofing product that is both aesthetic and functional. According to architect the appearance of painted steel.” The company retained a research laboratory in addition to internal R&D people. “European solvent-based intumescent paints were not “user friendly” with new environmental laws, Berry added. “Our research concentrated on developing a water-based product that would provide a two-hour fire rating.”

A/D Firefilm uses a top coat in a color selected by the architect and is applied by airless spray to a high quality finish. Under fire conditions, the product intumesces to form an insulating char up to several inches thick to provide a fire rating for the steel.

According to Mr. Berry, “In recent months, A/D Firefilm has generated remarkable interest from all segments of the North American construction industry, particularly the architectural community. Our project list is quickly growing, testimony to the bright spot A/D Firefilm is providing in what is otherwise a somewhat dismal period for the fireproofing industry.”

Mr. Berry joined Donalco, Inc. in 1978 when the late Don Little was President. After Mr. Little’s death in 1981, Berry took over running of the companies. Previously Mr. Berry was Business and Marketing manager of the Construction Products Division of W.R. Grace - Canada and Assistant to the Vice Presi-
dent, Building Products, Alcan Canada Products, Toronto.

Mr. Berry serves on the ASTM E5 and E6 committees. He is a Board member and former president of Interior Systems Contracting Association (Toronto), President of the Sprayed Fireproofing, Insulation and Acoustic Contractors, Board member of the Canadian Asbestos Council, and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry - International (AWCI).

The J.D. McNulty Award is given to 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 J.D. McNulty Award was first established in 1979 in memory of Joseph D. McNulty of Chicago, IL, a founder of the Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industries - International (AWCI). Past awards have been 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. Established in 1978, the Foundation conducts programs which contribute to technical advancement in construction. For further information about the Foundation, call: 703-548-0374 or write: FWCI, 1600 Cameron St, Alexandria, VA 22314.