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## GALLAGHER ASPHALT CORPORATION EARNS DIAMOND PAVING COMMENDATION

Lanham, MD — The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced that, Gallagher Asphalt Corporation of Illinois Office has earned NAPA's Diamond Paving Commendation.

The Diamond Paving Commendation is a nationally recognized program that focuses on training practices that result in excellence in paving operations. NAPA Chairman, John Harper stated, "Earning the Diamond Paving Commendation shows that contractors are committed to excellence in asphalt pavement construction practices through well-trained, well-educated workforces that puts best practices to use."

NAPA developed the Diamond Paving program in 2010. The areas evaluated through the self-assessment process are quality control, Work Practices, Site Preparation and Planning, Paving Equipment Operations, Compaction, and Training. Earning the Commendation is a mark of distinction, signifying a company that follows the blueprint for excellence in paving operations through continuous improvement.

The National Asphalt Pavement Association is the only trade association that exclusively represents the interests of the asphalt pavement material producer/contractor on the national level with Congress, government agencies, and other national trade and business organizations. NAPA supports an active research program designed to improve the quality of asphalt pavements and paving techniques used in the construction of roads, streets, highways, parking lots, airports, and environmental and recreational facilities. The association provides technical, educational, and marketing materials and information to its members; supplies product information to users and specifiers of paving materials; and conducts training courses. The association, which counts more than 1,100 companies as its members, was founded in 1955.

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