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## GALLAGHER ASPHALT CORPORATION EARNS DIAMOND PAVING COMMENDATION

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

The Diamond Paving Commendation is a unique self-assessment program that focuses on training practices resulting in excellence in paving operations. As NAPA's Chairman Kurt Bechthold noted, "Earning the Diamond Paving Commendation shows that contractors are committed to excellence in asphalt pavement construction practices through well-trained, well-educated workforces that use best practices."

NAPA developed this program in 2010. The areas evaluated in the self-assessment process are Quality Control, Work Zone Safety Practices, Site Preparation and Planning, Paver Operations, Compaction, and Training. Earning the Commendation exemplifies the idea of a blueprint for excellence in paving operations.

The standard of excellence for the Diamond Paving Commendation is challenging, but the challenge can be met through genuine dedication to responsible practices and 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