

ARDOT Newsletter

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Arkansas Department Of Transportation Wins Three 2021 Perpetual Pavement Awards, One Of Just Two States To Do So

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced that the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) has won all three Perpetual Pavement Awards for 2021. Arkansas and Washington State are the only two states to have received awards in all three categories.

In the PPA: By Performance category, ARDOT was recognized for its performance of Highway 9 in Stone County. This is ARDOT's 12th PPA: By Performance.

In the PPA: By Design category, ARDOT was recognized for its design of I-49 in Benton County.

In the PPA: By Conversion category, ARDOT was recognized for its pavement rehabilitation efforts on I-530 in Jefferson County.

This is the inaugural year for both the PPA: By Design and the PPA: By Conversion award categories.

"We appreciate the Asphalt Pavement Alliance for recognizing ARDOT in these three important areas," said ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor. "It is an honor for our work to be acknowledged by our industry peers."

For all three prestigious awards, the project must meet strict Perpetual Pavement criteria and demonstrate the characteristics expected from long-life asphalt pavements: excellence in design, quality in construction, and value for the traveling public.

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How to Advance Your Safety Strategy With Tech & See Bottom-Line Benefits to Your Operations

Investing money to save money

While heavy construction consistently ranks among the top industries for injuries and fatalities, the increased use of technology is helping to turn the tide and make jobsites safer.

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), in 2019, construction accounted for about one in five worker fatalities in private industry, despite construction representing just 8% of U.S. workers. Reducing worker injuries has taken on additional urgency following the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Many factors make the average jobsite potentially dangerous, including the use of large equipment, poor visibility, uncertain communication and continually changing terrain and related conditions. The constant push to meet project deadlines adds to the stress and often leads to an even more dangerous environment. Worker safety must be a priority for every heavy construction contractor if the industry is to reverse the trend.

Safety Is an Investment

A contractor's safety record is often a significant factor in determining who wins a contract. The jobsite safety record is poised to become even more important as state and local governments pull in money for projects, and a poor safety record is a direct hit to the bottom line.

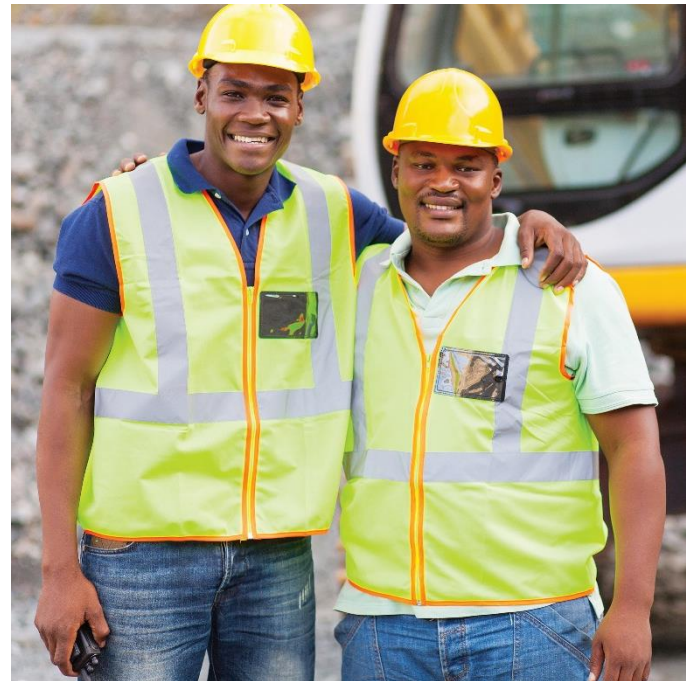
Contractors can make a modest investment on the front end and lower their costs. Research suggests that the average cost of an injury is \$15,000. Construction-related injuries nearly double that amount, totaling \$27,000 per injury. For every \$1 invested into high-quality safety programs, companies can expect to realize up to \$6 in savings, according to OSHA. The agency found that the cost savings derive from fewer illnesses, injuries and fatalities, all of which drive jobsite productivity.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the average cost of an occupational fatality is roughly \$990,000. That includes medical expenses, worker's compensation and civil litigation. Costs related to an injury or a fatality are just the beginning.

About The ARDOT

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on ARDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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