



**Pressure Vessel Category Winner**  
**Kennedy Tank & Mfg. Co., Inc. – Indianapolis, IN**

**Distillation Column** – this product was the largest and heaviest item our company has ever built and shipped. We had to build it in three sections and weld them together in our paint / blast building before shipment to northern Tennessee. When the lead trailer and push trailer were connected to the transport dolly system, the entire assembly was over 300 feet long, or better than an NFL football field! The shipping of this column proved to be a huge undertaking; it actually took eight weeks to arrive at its destination after leaving our plant.

This column was worth over one million dollars, and took over 10,000 man-hours to build. The shipping cost of this column was an additional three hundred thousand dollars. The route to the jobsite had to be changed over a dozen times; the original route was to take the column over the Ohio River in Louisville, KY, but because of a bridge failure, this column travelled over 900 miles out of the way to reach its destination. The column took a circuitous route through western Indiana, central Illinois, eastern Missouri, including St. Louis, and into western Tennessee. The final leg took the column back into southern Kentucky before it arrived in northern Tennessee.