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**STI/SPFA Honors Member Companies
with 2007 Tank of the Year Awards in all Categories**

Lake Zurich, IL – February 13, 2008 – STI/SPFA is an association serving companies that fabricate steel tanks, pipe, and pressure vessels for use in the petroleum, food, water and chemical processing industries. In addition to serving fabricators of steel tanks, pipe and pressure vessels, STI/SPFA provides certification and training courses for steel tank and pipe, performs quality assurance inspections, develops industry standards and specifications, produces safety manuals, and serves as a liaison to regulatory and code authorities.

STI/SPFA recognizes member companies within specific industry categories with its Steel Fabricated Product of the Year Awards at its Annual Winter Meeting. The 2007 awards were recently made in Scottsdale, AZ.

The award for Fabricated Product of the Year in the Pressure Vessel Category went to Kennedy Tank and Manufacturing Co. for a Fluid Bed Reactor produced for Dow Corning Corporation in Midland, MI.

In the Special Fabrication Category, The Fabricated Product of the Year award was made to MMI Tank of Mesa, AZ for a complex Steel Roofing Design constructed and installed on a 1929 tank in Signal Hill, CA. MMI Tank was also recognized in the Reservoir Category for a tank installation that provides potable water for campers in the Picacho Peak State Park in AZ.

T. Bailey, Inc. of Anacortes, WA received recognition in the Special Storage Systems category for its 17 biodiesel storage tank installation in Aberdeen, WA. The Aberdeen site is the largest biodiesel storage facility in the U.S.

In the Standpipe Category, CB&I Constructors, Inc. of Plainfield, IL received the award for installation of a 350,000 pound steel pipe in Darien, IL designed to

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look like a lighthouse with a coned roof, five pilasters, two balconies and 10 three-dimensional, simulated windows.

Winner of the award in the Elevated Steel Tank Category went to CB&I Constructors, Inc. They were recognized for a 2.5 million gallon water tank installation whose multi-function design makes it the centerpiece of a sports complex in Ripon, CA. The roof of the tank is painted to resemble a soccer ball.

The Atmospheric Tank Category of the Fabricated Product of the Year recognized seven 88,000 gallon tanks manufactured by Brown-Minneapolis Tank Co. of Albuquerque, NM as part of a processing system for gold spills at Nova Gold in Nome, AK. This unique design called for the tanks to be built in two sections in Olympia, WA, nested together and transported by truck for field assembly and later installed at the mine site in Alaska.

STI/SPFA also recognizes Pipeline Projects each year. For 2007, in the Pipeline Category, an award was made to Ameron International, Inc., in San Diego, CA for its Lake Hodges to Olivenhain Pipeline Project. The Project is part of a 40 megawatt pumped storage project linking two reservoirs as part of an emergency water storage system. American SpiralWeld Pipe Company, LLC was also recognized for its Dekalb County (GA) Public Works Department Project that carries raw water from an outside overflow structure to a pre-ozone structure.

The Affiliate Member Award winner for 2007 was The Sherwin-Williams Company for its DURA-PLATE UHS paint coating used first by the U.S. Navy and later in potable water tanks. In various evaluations, it was discovered that corrosion begins on the edges of submerged structures. DURA-PLATE UHS maintains its film thickness along edges, and service life is thereby extended on painted, submerged structures.

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