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STI/ SPFA HONORS MEMBER COMPANIES WITH TANK OF THE YEAR AWARDS IN ALL CATEGORIES

Lake Zurich, IL – March 2, 2010 – STI/SPFA recognizes member companies within specific industry categories with its Steel Fabricated Product of the Year Awards. The 2009 awards were recently presented at its 2010 Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, CA. Photos of all award winners can be seen at <http://www.steeltank.com/Awards/tabid/63/Default.aspx>.

The award in the Elevated Steel Tank Category went to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. of Louisville, KY for constructing a 2 million gallon fluted-column elevated potable water storage tank in Milford, OH. The tank will be used for the county to add additional water pressure and capacity to their local water system. Over 700 tons of steel were used in the construction of the water tank and supporting tower. The tank incorporates a climate-controlled exhaust fan and louver within the shaft, a steel access tube platform inside the tank, and steel antennae mounts and perimeter ice deflectors on the roof.

In the Reservoir Category, Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc. of San Juan Capistrano, CA received recognition for its 12.5 million gallon AWWA reservoir tank. 1,232 tons of steel were used in the construction of the tank that stands at 32 feet straight shell with a 3 foot knuckle and 266 feet in diameter. The tank is located in a resort community, at La Quinta in Palm Springs, CA, on a golf course that has been host to four of the PGA Tour's LG Skins Games. "Shea Homes and Coachella Valley Water District wanted a contractor with a reputation for delivering quality tanks and emphasized the importance of the tank blending in with the surrounding residential community", says Doug Smith of Pacific Tank & Construction.

In the Standpipe Category, CB&I of Houston, TX was given the award for producing the world's tallest Thermal Energy Storage (TES) tank at a height of over 153' and a capacity of 8.75 million gallons. The welded tank was selected over a concrete tank alternative, because a steel tank could accommodate the owner's need for a large capacity tank to be installed on a tight site with poor soil conditions. A second welded steel TES tank is being considered at the same site.

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In the Special Fabrication Category, CBI Services, Inc. of Everett, WA was recognized for fabricating a 1.5 million gallon liquefied natural gas (LNG) tank. The first new field erected LNG tank in the state of California in over 20 years and the only one currently in service. It is also the first field erected LNG tank on the West Coast utilized solely for vehicular fueling applications. It is helping California to reduce its transportation carbon footprint by fueling multiple fleet clients in major metropolitan areas and helping to reduce the United State's dependency on imported oil. The tank is situated in Boron, CA in the Mojave Desert and was painted a white color to help mitigate ambient thermal and radiant energy in its desert environment. Tortoise protection was an additional environmental condition that was addressed in the construction of the tank.

The 2009 award for Fabricated Product of the Year in the Pressure Vessel Category was made to Brown-Minneapolis Tank – Northwest of Elma, WA, for the construction of three 3,000 cubic feet ASME Code Section VIII – Division 1 silos. The silos are vertical tanks with a dome roof and cone bottom, supported on pipe legs with a full-length skid.

Brown-Minneapolis Tank – Northwest was also recognized in the Shop Fabricated Atmospheric Tank category for their submittal of two 12,000 Gallon Fireguard tanks used for AVGAS. The tanks featured a connection of shrouds to portray one unit.

In the Special Fabrication Category, T BAILEY, INC. of Anacortes, WA was selected as the winner for their “Eye of the Wind Project”, located in North Vancouver, BC. It is British Columbia's first viable wind energy solution. It is also the first wind turbine in the world to incorporate a viewPOD observation deck at the top of the tower, which alone stands 213 feet tall and 13 feet in diameter. The tower and sleeve consist of over 250,000 pounds of steel plate ranging in thicknesses from 5/8” – 1.25”. The tower also features a first of its kind, state-of-the-art elevator, permitting the public to easily ascend the tower and experience the revolution taking place in the field of energy production, while they enjoy the view of the valley below.

T BAILEY, INC. was also recognized as the Product of the Year winner in the Pipe Fabrication Category. The “Aberfeldie Redevelopment Project”, a hydroelectric facility, included a new powerhouse, surge tower and switchyard, penstock, and improvements to the existing water intake, dam and access road. Over 1.2 million pounds of steel were used and the project spanned multiple years. The old powerhouse only allowed 20 percent of the annual

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river flow to be used to make energy, while 80 percent of the flow went over the spillway. With the new powerhouse, 80 percent of the flow is utilized, and only 20 percent goes over the spillway, allowing the dam and generating facility to produce enough energy to supply 10,500 customers annually.

In the Pipeline Project Category, Ameron International Water Transmission Group of Rancho Cucamonga, CA was awarded for their "Arrowhead Tunnel Liners Pipeline Project", located in Highland, San Bernardino, CA. The 164 inch to 168 inch in diameter steel tunnel liner with thicknesses varying from 0.3125 inches up to 0.75 inches and 10 to 12 inch concrete lining for the Arrowhead tunnels, up to 1,590 feet below the San Bernardino mountain range in CA, was designed for external head pressures up to 1,200 feet (520 psi) and maximum internal pressures of 100 psi. The two tunnels are 30,000 feet and 20,000 feet long, respectively and will double the water delivery capacity to Southern California. The steel cylinders were fabricated and tested in conformance with the ASME pressure vessel code. In addition to the hydro testing and destructive testing requirements of the weld seam performed in conformance with AWWA C200 Standard, 100 percent of the weld seams were radiographically tested to ensure water tightness of the steel cylinders. All steel was supplied by American steel mills.

The Affiliate Member New Product of the Year Award winner for 2009 was The Sherwin-Williams Company headquartered in Cleveland, OH. Recognized for their EuroNavy ES301 Coating, which can be applied to smooth, damp steel and will cure under cold, moist conditions. This coating was applied to the topside of the world's largest semi-submersible oil production drilling quarters that operates under extreme conditions in the Gulf of Mexico. The platform pumps oil and gas from a reservoir located three miles beneath mud, rock and salt water. Without the coating application, the damage sustained during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 would have required that the steel plate platform be replaced. Now its service life is expected to exceed ten years.

STI/SPFA also honored its member companies with Safety Awards. The Safety Award of Excellence, which recognizes companies that have experienced a "ZERO" (0.0) OSHA Total Recordable Incident Rate for 12 consecutive months, was given to 18 companies this year.

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The Safety Award of Achievement that acknowledges companies with a 10 percent minimum reduction in the Total Recordable Incidence Rate, with no fatalities in a calendar year, was awarded to 22 companies this year. For a complete list of winners, go to

<http://www.steeltank.com/Awards/Safety/2009/tabid/343/Default.aspx>.

Quality Awards were given to Member companies who fabricated a minimum of 20 Shop Fabricated Storage Tanks according to STI/SPFA specifications and without receiving any Non-Compliance or Variance Notice tags in 2009. For a complete list of winners, go to

<http://www.steeltank.com/Awards/Quality/2009/tabid/351/Default.aspx>.

Gallorage Awards were also given to Member companies who produced 200,000 plus gallon Shop Fabricated Storage Tanks in an individual technology, tanks with total gallons ranging from 1 to 5 million gallons and also recognized the top producers of each STI/SPFA tank technology.

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.

To view photos and descriptions, please visit the AWARD page on the web at

<http://www.steeltank.com/Awards/tabid/63/Default.aspx>.

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