Phillip Drain Bridge Replacement Project Using 24 x 12 Precast Concrete Box Culvert, Huron County, MI
Photo: Northern Concrete Pipe Inc.

Box Culvert Section with Streambed Placed at the Bottom
Photo: Northern Concrete Pipe Inc.

Setting the 24 x 12 Precast Concrete Box Culvert
Photo: Northern Concrete Pipe Inc.
Every minute of everyday 24/7 infrastructure makes this a civilized world. It gets people to their destinations by plane, train, auto and safely back home again. It brings in economic development that brings jobs and adds to the tax base. In our world it safely removes stormwater from the roadways and directs it to the streams and detention systems. Everyday, the successful achievement of infrastructure projects involving precast concrete pipe and box culverts occurs. The ability of precast concrete products has become so familiar within the engineering community that it is often taken for granted. At the American Concrete Pipe Association, we are happy to know that when a strong, durable, and time-efficient product is required, precast concrete pipe and box culverts are considered common-place. However, much of what is considered common practice today was considered innovative many years ago; and today’s innovations are tomorrow’s standards of practice.

Albert Einstein once said, “The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” More often than not, a little bit of precast design and production knowledge can go a long way in making an imaginative concept a reality. The American Concrete Pipe Association celebrates the innovative application of precast products with its Project Achievement Award. It is our privilege to reward the pioneers of today, who are setting the standards for tomorrow.

Each year at the AASHTO Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures, the Project Achievement Award is presented to a DOT engineering team that demonstrates the most creative and innovative accomplishment through the use of precast concrete pipes or box culverts. We are excited to see what creative and imaginative ideas your engineering team has come up with in recent years. We hope that you will fill out the simple entry form in this flyer and submit your example of what innovations you are achieving.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Michael Kusch
Chairman of the American Concrete Pipe Association—Celebrating 107 years.
2016 Project Achievement Award Guidelines

Purpose:
To recognize state DOT Departments and leaders which have demonstrated creative and innovative accomplishments through projects that have been designed utilizing precast concrete pipe or boxes.

Promote public awareness of the activities and contributions of state DOTs and the ACPA and its members.

Eligibility:
Any state DOT may enter this Award Program. State DOT’s and ACPA members may submit projects jointly or separately. ACPA members submitting projects separately must obtain the signature of the state DOT on their Entry Form.

Schedule:
Application Packets/Entry Forms Due: March 1, 2016
Notification of Winners: April 15, 2016
Awards Presentation: During AASHTO Bridge and Structures Subcommittee meeting in Minneapolis, MN.

General Criteria:
All entries must involve a DOT project utilizing precast concrete pipe and/or four-sided box culverts and be submitted in accordance with the rules outlined in this document.

A state DOT or ACPA member may enter as many qualified projects as they wish.

Projects that have received awards from other organizations may be entered.

Projects must have been completed and in use between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2015.

Entries must comply with the Submission Guidelines section of this document. Failure to comply may disqualify an entry.

ACPA Awards Committee reserves the right to determine entry eligibility.

Judging and Judging Criteria:
A panel of qualified judges will evaluate entries for all projects based on the work completed by the entering organization(s). Finalists and winners are selected based on overall project excellence. Judges will evaluate and compare projects based on the following Judging Criteria:
- Public involvement and education
- Use of new materials or large diameter concrete pipe
- Use of new technologies
- Innovation
- Complexity
- Cost effectiveness
- Environmental benefits

Note: Projects may or may not involve all seven of the above criteria.

Submission Guidelines:
Each entry must include:
A completed Entry Form; forms must be signed by the state DOT having jurisdiction over the project.
A brief narrative describing the project as it relates to the Judging Criteria previously listed. The narrative should not exceed five pages. Submit at least 3 photographs. All photographs must be high resolution, 300 DPI or better. Additional photographs and other relevant material may also be submitted. The complete application packet must not exceed ten pages.

Due Date: March 1, 2016
Mail Application packets to:
Josh Beakley
American Concrete Pipe Association
8445 Freeport Pkwy., Suite 350
Irving, TX 75063

Public Relations:
The winning project will be honored during a special breakfast held by the ACPA in conjunction with the AASHTO Bridge and Structures Subcommittee Meeting in Minnesota. The winning project will be featured in an upcoming issue of Concrete Pipe News. The Awards Committee will issue a press release to publicize the Awards Program and the award-winning project.

Special Recognition:
Pictures submitted with the project applications will be incorporated into a running powerpoint slide show at the ACPA sponsored breakfast. Additionally, all project submittals will receive recognition in the Fall Issue of the ACPA Concrete Pipe News magazine.

Award Winner will be invited to make a brief slide presentation highlighting their project during the ACPA breakfast. Further information will be provided with the notification of award in April.

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2016 Project Achievement Award Program Official Entry Form

Due Date: March 1, 2016

Information supplied on this form will be used to print awards and/or certificates. Please type or print the project name and the names of firms EXACTLY as they should appear on the award.

Note: Suppliers must be ACPA Members to be listed on the award.

Project Name: (please do not exceed 45 characters):


Submitted By

Applicant's Name: ____________________________________________

Firm: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Project Engineer: _________________________________________________

Firm: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address: _________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________________________

Telephone: __________________________ Fax: __________________________

E-mail: __________________________________________________________

Contractor(s) (if any): ____________________________________________

Firm: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: __________________________ Telephone: __________________________

Supplier(s) (if any): ____________________________________________

Firm: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: __________________________ Telephone: __________________________

Other Firms or Individuals: _________________________________________

Firm: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: __________________________ Telephone: __________________________

State DOT’s Approval

I approve the submission of this project to ACPA’s 2016 Awards Program. To my knowledge, this entry meets all program requirements.

Name: ___________________________________________________________

Office: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________________

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