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KOCH MATERIALS CO. RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD
FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Lanham, MD - The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced today that Koch Materials Co. of Wichita, Kan., is the winner of a 2000 Community Involvement Award. The company received its award at a special ceremony at the Association's 46th Annual Convention in Orlando.

NAPA presents its Community Involvement Award to Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) companies that serve their communities through outstanding programs and projects. "NAPA understands how important it is for the companies in our industry to participate in and support their communities," commented R. Wayne Evans, Chairman of the NAPA Board of Directors. "This award reflects the high priority that Koch Materials Co. places upon its relationship with its neighbors."

Koch Materials Co.'s subsidiary, Mesa PDC, and its partner, New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD), were honored for the program of public information during the widening of State Route 44.

Shortly after Mesa PDC won the contract for widening and enhancing the safety features on the 118-mile road, it sent out employees to visit each community, tribe, and pueblo along the route to explain how the project was set up and to provide them with details about timelines, design, and projected needs. Mesa PDC encouraged communities to give their input, ask questions, and get involved.

At these meetings, members of the communities told project managers that they wanted to be kept informed about the progress of the work. So Mesa PDC developed a newsletter called "Eye on the Road," and mailed it to homes and businesses in the

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