



NPCA INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2005 GIMMICKS, GADGETS, & INNOVATIONS COMPETITION

The Gimmicks, Gadgets, & Innovations competition provides members an opportunity to showcase innovative and/or cost saving ideas or inventions being used in the precast concrete industry. Three categories will be judged: Production, Management/Marketing, and Safety.

2004's first-place award winning ideas include: Power Twister (Mayer Brothers Inc.), Performance Incentive Plan (Gainey's Concrete Products Inc.), and Safety Award Bucks (Colorado Precast Concrete Inc.)

Entry Guidelines

- There is no entry fee.
- Entries must be postmarked no later than November 30, 2004.
- All entries must be submitted with the NPCA Entry Form. Additional entry forms may be requested from NPCA by calling (800) 366-7731.
- Each entry participant must be willing to present his/her submission during the MCPX/NPCA Annual Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana February 10-14, 2005. Depending on the number of entrants the presentation time will be approximately 5-10 minutes with a short question/answer period afterward.

Eligibility

- To participate, entrants must be producer/branch members in good standing with NPCA.
- Each company will be limited to one entry per category.
- Ideas that have won previously are not eligible.
- Entries cannot utilize patented, proprietary systems or items for sale.
- All submission materials become the property of NPCA and will not be returned.
- Members of the Gimmicks, Gadgets & Innovations Task Force are not eligible for the competition.

Judging & Other Information

- Judging will be performed by those attending the Gimmicks, Gadgets, & Innovations competition.
- All written information and any photographs submitted with the entries will be photocopied and distributed to those in attendance at the competition.
- In the event more entries are submitted than can be presented during the allotted time; a preliminary judging may take place. Preliminary judging, if necessary, will be performed by the Gimmicks, Gadgets, & Innovations Task Force. Preliminary judging will be based on the entry form and any attached sheets or photographs submitted to NPCA. All entries will be judged in the condition and form in which they were received. The preliminary judging will only be used to obtain a workable number of presentations. If preliminary judging is required, the entrants will be notified pre-judging is taking place.
- All entrants that will be expected to present their submissions during the competition will be notified by NPCA no later than December 31, 2004.
- Participants must check-in one hour prior to the competition to confirm that all materials needed for their presentation are in order. Each entrant assumes the responsibility to have his/her materials ready for presentation at the designated time.
- In the event there are not enough entries submitted by the November 30th deadline; onsite entries will be allowed for the remaining allotted time. Onsite entries will be taken in the order in which they are received and will be eligible for awards.

Awards

Awards will be presented at the Salute to Excellence Awards dinner during NPCA's Annual Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on February 13, 2005. First and second place winners in each category will receive an award plaque; they will also be featured in *MC Magazine*, NPCA *UPDATE* newsletter, and other trade publications. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

Since the purpose of the awards program is to encourage new and innovative approaches in the precast concrete industry, NPCA shall have the right to publish any or all materials submitted as an entry or part thereof. This includes the right to publish all photographs and names of any and all entrants and projects submitted to the program without compensation.

For More Information

To view a list of previous winners or print additional entry forms please visit our website at www.precast.org. If you have additional questions please contact NPCA at (800) 366-7731 or email us at npc@precast.org.



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Category: Production Management/Marketing Safety
Name _____ Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code/Zip _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____ Email _____

Name of Entry _____

Brief Description of Entry _____

What events, needs or problems led to the development of this entry? _____

What does the entry accomplish? _____

I have attached _____ additional sheets. (List anything else you have included with your entry. NOTE: Photographs or other information will be beneficial if preliminary judging is necessary.)

I will require the following equipment for my presentation:

- Slide Projector
- Equipment for Power Point Presentation
- Overhead Projector
- VCR
- Blackboard/White Grease-board
- Flip Chart
- Table
- Other (please specify) _____

Presenter and company name as it should appear on the certificate of participation (please print):

Presenter Name

Company Name

Remember: Entries Must Be Postmarked By November 30, 2004

Fax entries to: Marti Harrell, Training Manager at (317) 571-0041
or
Mail entries to: National Precast Concrete Association
Attention: Gimmicks, Gadgets & Innovations Competition
10333 N. Meridian St. Suite 272
Indianapolis, Indiana 46290

Questions? Call NPCA at (800) 366-7731 or email npcaprecast.org