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AWARDS

Contractors Awarded During World of Concrete Ceremony

CSDA hosted the second *Concrete Openings Awards* in the Las Vegas Convention Center during World of Concrete 2015 to recognize the most challenging and innovative projects completed by contractors in the past year.

The inaugural *Concrete Openings Awards* ceremony was held last year to showcase the best projects covered in CSDA's official magazine and recognize the contractors who performed the work. This year, seventeen job stories were split into three categories and put before a panel of judges. The panel scored each job based on its pre-planning, use of innovation, degree of difficulty and quality requirements. The project with the highest score in each category was declared the winner.

"It was quite an honor to be part of the judging panel for this year's awards," said Ted Johnston, CSDA Past President and owner of Di-Tech International, Inc. based in Winnipeg, Canada. "Revisiting these job stories and seeing the amazing work CSDA members do reminds me that we are in such a highly skilled industry. Congratulations to these worthy winners."

These winning projects are just some of the innovative and complex jobs being done by CSDA contractors everyday on jobsites around the U.S. and beyond. The association encourages all concrete cutting, breaking, polishing and imaging members to submit their best job stories for publication in the magazine, and to consider entry to this year's awards. Look out for more information about the *Concrete Openings* 2015 Awards later in the year.

To read any, or all, of these job stories in full, scan the QR Codes next to each winner. For more information about the winning projects, the awards or about CSDA, call 727-577-5004 or email rhitchen@concreteopenings.com.

And the winners are...



From left to right: Marty Wooten, Catherine Rudder, Chase Rudder and Tim Rudder of IDS, Inc.

Company: IDS, Inc.
Location: Montgomery, Alabama
Category: Building Construction

This winning contractor performed over 18,000 feet of concrete cutting during the construction of a new 20-story luxury hotel and casino in Wetumpka, Alabama. The project involved the cutting and removal of approximately one third of an existing four-story reinforced concrete parking garage, so that it could be connected to the adjacent hotel and casino building.

The contractor used flat sawing, hand sawing and wire sawing techniques to cut 6-inch-thick slab decks, 3-foot-square beams, columns and four stairwells while core drilling pick holes on all four levels of the garage. Also, operators exposed and detensioned a number of cables post-tensioned to 25,000 PSI before the start of the cutting work.

