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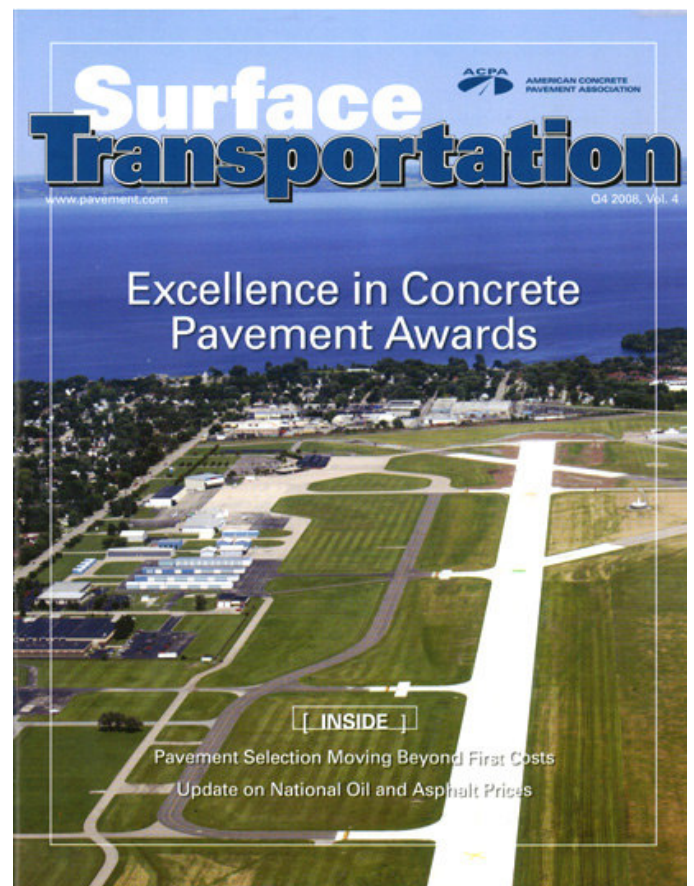
**“Wisconsin Transportation Projects Take Top Honors”
OMNI Associates Nationally Recognized for
Excellence in Engineering Design**

The American Concrete Pavement Association named the recipients of its 19th Annual “Excellence in Concrete Pavement Awards,” which included two Wisconsin projects:

Gold Winner: Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh WI

Category: Reliever and General Aviation Airports
Project Team: OMNI Associates, Engineer
LaLonde Contractors, Inc.

The Wittman Regional Airport project involved reconstruction of 4,647 feet of the badly deteriorating Runway 9/27—the airport’s primary runway for jet aircraft. The \$3.6 million project improved the ride of the runway by filling in low areas with pulverized asphalt pavement taken from the existing runway and paving it with new 10-inch thick concrete. The project also included all new storm sewer and underdrains, lighting and landscaping. Creative thinking on the part of the resident engineer and contractor saved the client \$83,000.



Gold Winner: Lombardi Avenue Reconstruction, Brown County, WI

Category: Municipal Streets & Intersections (>30,000 SY)
Project team: OMNI Associates, Engineer and
Vinton Construction, Inc.



The Lombardi Avenue Reconstruction project consisted of reconstructing the primary arterial to Lambeau Field under traffic, without disrupting scheduled Packer events. Complicating the situation was that the Packer season was set to kick off with “Family Night”, an inter-squad scrimmage scheduled for the first weekend in August which fills the stadium and generates traffic similar to a regular season home game.

Under normal circumstances, the reconstruction would have begun in early May and lasted about five months, resulting in major traffic delays during stadium events. After strong considerations for constructing, half of the project in the spring of 2007 and the remainder in the spring of 2008 to avoid disruption to stadium event traffic, Brown County decided to move forward with complete reconstruction in 2007 with an accelerated schedule. The unique twist to this project was that Brown County construction crews joined forces with Vinton Construction crews to complete the project in a cooperative public/private construction venture. Project construction began in early

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April, and the dedication of both parties resulted in project completion in less than four months, one week before Family Night and more than a month before the targeted final completion date.

Founded in 1968, OMNNI Associates is a full-service engineering, architecture, environmental and planning consulting firm. Headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin, the firm's transportation projects range from small resurfacing projects to the design of highways, interchanges, bridges, and airport runways.

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