

## CoatingsPro Celebrates 2022 Contractor Award Winners



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**C**oatingsPro Magazine has officially announced the winners of its 2022 Contractor Awards Program! Contractor groups from five categories, along with the Contractor/Crew Most Valuable Player (MVP) award and the Work It Safe award, were honored during the inaugural AMPP Annual Conference + Expo on March 9, 2022, in San Antonio, Texas. Editor-in-Chief Stephanie Chizik hosted a special event celebrating our winners, which was the first in-person ceremony since 2019. That ceremony can be viewed in its entirety on the CoatingsPro website and at the magazine’s Facebook page.

This year’s CoatingsPro Editorial Advisory Group — consisting of industry experts — along with a safety expert and our Technical Editor Malcolm McNeil participated in the judgment of the contractor submissions, which exemplified the best projects in the field of high-performance coatings. Judging was conducted in two rounds, with each project and crew scored for safety, savings, and process. Additional points were given, as warranted, for going above and beyond.

Awards for first, second, and third place were given in the Commercial Concrete, Commercial Roof, Industrial Concrete, Industrial Steel, and Specialty Project categories. One winner was awarded in each of the Work It Safe and Contractor/Crew MVP categories.



And now, announcing CoatingsPro’s 2022 Contractor Awards Program winners!

### “Commercial Concrete” Category, Sponsored by Tnemec



First place for the Commercial Concrete category for 2022 went to Hardig Industrial Services for the “Elder High School Gym” project in Cincinnati, Ohio. On this job, a four-person crew worked a 15,000-square-foot (1,393.5 m<sup>2</sup>) project, including 75-year-old



Chamberlin Roofing & Waterproofing won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the “OU Research Parking Garage” project.



Hardig Industrial Services won 1<sup>st</sup> place for the “Elder High School Gym” project.

concrete bleachers and terrazzo. The team had to contend with the tight time crunch of summer break and coordinating between trades, along with a material shortage. They used smaller equipment to speed up the process of prepping the small seating areas before installing a Sherwin-Williams coating system in the school’s gray and purple. Kevin Kipp, co-owner of Hardig, worked personally with the architect to

develop the scope and budgeting.

Second place went to Chamberlin Roofing & Waterproofing for the “OU Research Parking Garage” project in Oklahoma City, Okla. This contractor worked over three months to install traffic coating and waterproofing materials that were not installed during the original construction. The 6–12 person crew dealt with high and low temperatures to install 107,000 square feet (9,940.6 m<sup>2</sup>) of pedestrian and vehicular traffic coatings to the working on-campus garage.

Finally, third place went to T.W. Hicks for “The Good Shed Hangar” project in Midland, Texas. This job featured a six-person crew working on a 33,600-square-foot (3,121.5 m<sup>2</sup>) slab at a privately owned aviation hangar. The submission stated that “This project is unique because this hangar will also



T.W. Hicks won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for “The Good Shed Hangar” project.

double as an event space for parties or gatherings. They needed a floor that would be safe, clean, and beautiful.” The crew prepped and installed a four-coat system from Tnemec over 13 days, working around “unbearable” summer heat.

## “Commercial Roof” Category, Sponsored by Gaco



First place in the 2022 Commercial Roof category was won by Gary Harvey and the Wedge Roofing crew for the “Quest” project in Novato, Calif. For this project, they worked on positive drainage, thermal protection, and clerestory window removal on a 60-year-old, 12,000 square-foot (1,114.8 m<sup>2</sup>) local church structure. They completed the project in two phases over nine days, installing a Huntsman system with Lucas #11 fire white granules.



Wedge Roofing won 1<sup>st</sup> place for the “Quest” project.

According to the submission, “Savings were incalculable both in a monetary terms and also time, because of the state of our industry at the time of this execution. Additional sloping systems are dependent upon tapered

insulation board stock, which, if available, would have meant months of delay... By utilizing Wedge Roofing’s tapered lumber system, availability was never an issue, and the cost, despite current marketing conditions, was significantly lower than other materials designed to perform similarly. Our estimation when pricing both tapered options illustrated a savings of over \$130,000 in tapering with lumber, versus board stock and tapered foam design.” One of the judges said, “In the age of supply problems, this team’s redesign and ingenuity, plus the cost savings, is near genius!” Check out the crew’s work on this project on page 52.



Spray-Tec, Inc. won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the “Ohio Theatre Renovation” project.

Second place in the Commercial Roof category went to Spray-Tec, Inc. for the “Ohio Theatre Renovation” project in Madison, Ind. After years of fundraising efforts, this restoration project brought about a major facelift to the historic community theater, where the 9,300-square-foot (864.0 m<sup>2</sup>) roof was leaking and damaged. A five- to six-person crew worked over the course of three weeks to get the roof down to the wood decking before building it back up again, using a coated spray polyurethane foam (SPF) system by Gaco. Despite coordination and accessibility challenges in downtown, the crew succeeded.

Spray-Tec, Inc. also won third place in the same category for the “Freight Company Roof Restoration” project in Louisville, Ky. On this job, a five-person crew worked on a degraded metal roof. According to the submission, the building owner had previously made multiple attempts to fix the issue but without any success.



Spray-Tec, Inc. won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the “Freight Company Roof Restoration” project.

The 16,880-square-foot (1,568.2 m<sup>2</sup>) roof was leaking, and the work included repairs of asphalt, urethane, silicone, and acrylic. As the submission said, “It was truly a Frankenstein’s monster of a roof!” After grinding and pressure washing the roof, the crew applied a Gaco system with 3M ceramic granules.

## “Industrial Concrete” Category, Sponsored by Tnemec



First place in the 2022 Industrial Concrete category was won by C.A. Reed Associates for the “Horst Engineering Facility Renovation” project in East Hartford, Conn. The client on this job was a company producing precision-machined components for aerospace and other high-tech industries.



C.A. Reed Associates won 1<sup>st</sup> place for the “Horst Engineering Facility Renovation” project.

On this 52,000-square-foot (4,831.0 m<sup>2</sup>) project, the crew took severely soiled concrete with spalling and cracking to an epoxy-coated finish. The submission said, “In order to complete the job in 12 days, we sent an 11-person crew, our 53-foot [16.2 m] tractor trailer, along with several other trucks and redundant equipment