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Welcome

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Agenda

5:00 p.m. **Social Hour and Dinner Station Reception**

Enjoy an open bar reception and a variety of dinner stations.

6:00 p.m. **Evening Program**

- Entertainment: **The Survey Game Show**
- 2026 Arthur W. Gruhn Excellence in Construction Awards, presented by the Connecticut Department of Transportation

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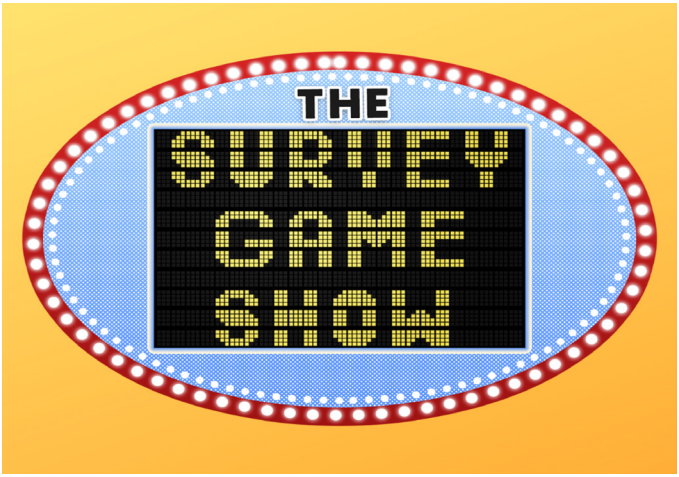
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PROGRAM INTRODUCTION





2026 ARTHUR W. GRUHN Excellence in Construction Awards

Arthur W. Gruhn Excellence in Construction Awards Program

Established in 2008 as a joint effort between the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the construction industry, the award program recognizes excellence in transportation infrastructure projects completed for the public benefit throughout Connecticut.

The award program honors Arthur W. Gruhn, a respected transportation construction leader, former CTDOT Chief Engineer, and advocate for excellence in road and bridge construction.

This year, eleven projects will be recognized, with awards presented to their respective contractors, CTDOT districts, and designers of record.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 ARTHUR W. GRUHN EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

Award Categories

Large Project

Small Project

Innovative Construction Methods Project

Challenging Project

Historic Preservation Project

Congratulations to the Winners!

Category: Large Project

CONTRACTOR
O&G Industries, Inc.

CTDOT
District 1 Construction

DESIGNER OF RECORD
WSP USA Inc.



Design-Build Interchange Improvements

I-91 NB, I-691 EB, and Route 15 Interchange

Meriden/Middletown, CT





Category: Large Project

CONTRACTOR
Empire Paving, Inc.

CTDOT
District 4 Construction

DESIGNER OF RECORD
CTDOT State Highway Design

Pavement Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

I-84 EB & WB
Exits 13–17

Southbury/Middlebury, CT







Category: Small Project

CONTRACTOR

Tilcon Connecticut, Inc.
A CRH Company

CTDOT

District 1 Maintenance



VIP Resurfacing of Route 15 NB & SB

Baldwin Avenue to Meriden-Berlin Town Line

Meriden, CT





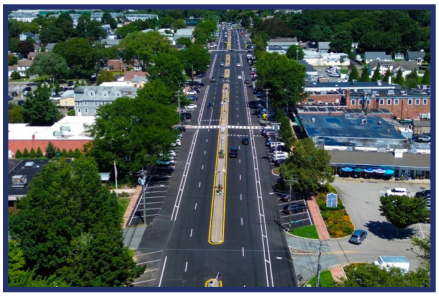
Category: Small Project

CONTRACTOR

Tilcon Connecticut, Inc.
A CRH Company

CTDOT

District 2 Maintenance



Mill and Fill of Route 154

Old Boston Post Road to Route 1

Old Saybrook, CT





Category: Small Project

CONTRACTOR
Manafort Brothers Inc.

CTDOT
District 4 Construction

DESIGNER OF RECORD
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.



CTDOT # 95-258
Replacement of Bridge
No. 05263

Sand Road over the West
Aspetuck River

New Milford, CT





Category: Innovative Construction Methods Project

CONTRACTOR
Comer Contracting, Inc.

CTDOT
District 2 Construction

DESIGNER OF RECORD
CDM Smith, Inc.

Pavement Preservation

Route 156 and Route 201

Lyme/Old Lyme/North Stonington, CT







Category: Innovative Construction Methods Project

CONTRACTOR
Mohawk Northeast, Inc.

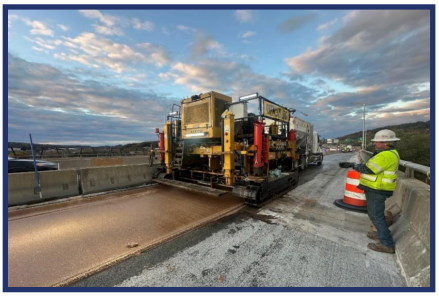
CTDOT
District 3 Construction

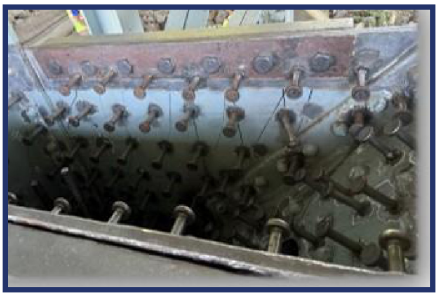
DESIGNER OF RECORD
CTDOT Major Bridges

Commodore Hull Bridge
Emergency Declaration

Route 8 over the
Housatonic River,
Exits 12A and 12B

Derby, CT







Category: Challenging Project

CONTRACTOR
ROTHA Contracting Co., Inc.

CTDOT
District 3 Construction

DESIGNER OF RECORD
CTDOT Bridge Design

Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00793A

Route 15 over the Quinnipiac River, Exits 58–61

Wallingford, CT







Category: Challenging Project

CONTRACTOR

Yonkers Contracting Company, Inc.

CTDOT

District 3 Construction

DESIGNER OF RECORD

KS Engineers, P.C.

Design-Build Auxiliary Lanes, Resurfacing, Safety Improvements

I-95, Exits 6–7

Stamford, CT







Category: Challenging Project

CONTRACTOR

Banton Construction Company, Inc.

CTDOT

District 5 Construction

DESIGNER OF RECORD

CTDOT Facilities Design

Building/Facility Construction & Upgrades

East Hartford Maintenance Facility and Signs & Markings Facility

East Hartford, CT







Category: Historic Preservation Project

CONTRACTOR
Arborio Corporation

CTDOT
District 2 Construction

DESIGNER OF RECORD
CTDOT Soils and Foundations

Emergency Declaration

SR 434 Adjacent to Devil's Hopyard State Park

East Haddam, CT







The Connecticut Road Builders Association

Something We All Can Be Proud Of...

Since 1933

Connecticut's roads and highways have generated unprecedented economic growth.

Our roadways have contributed to our national security, provided emergency response access during natural disasters, and fostered personal freedom and mobility. They play an important role in our daily lives and have helped establish the remarkable standard of living we enjoy today.

We can take pride in knowing that the roads, highways, and bridges we build are used every day by thousands of motorists and are critical to every aspect of society.

Today's road and highway network was built by generations of contractors, tradespersons, consultants, engineers, and mechanics—men and women who have left their mark on society by creating a transportation network that will serve as a foundation for the prosperity of future generations of Connecticut's citizens.

There are immense challenges facing the industry today, and the demands placed on our roads and highway systems are expected to continue to grow in the future.

From the Better Roads Program of the late 1920s to the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 and beyond, Connecticut's road-building industry has helped shape our transportation network. Since 1933, CRBA has been part of every mile of this magnificent journey.



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