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SAFER ROADS: Smith-Midland Corp. seen here from above was honored recently for the concrete payment panels it supplied for the Interstate 66 project.

Smith-Midland wins prestigious award

The National Capital Chapter American Concrete Institute (ACI) on May 11 awarded Smith-Midland Corp. in Midland its Concrete Award in the category of heavy construction.

The company, which recently marked its 50th anniversary, received the award in recognition of its involvement in the Virginia Department of Transportation's Highways for LIFE project on Interstate 66.

Smith-Midland supplied the pre-stressed concrete pavement slab panels which replaced concrete pavement along 1,000 linear feet of westbound I-66 in all four lanes and a portion of the ramp to U.S. 50 in Fairfax County.

Highways for LIFE is a national program designed to advance longer-lasting highway infrastructure using innovation to accomplish fast construction of efficient and safe highways and bridges.

"The program has three goals: to improve safety during and after construction, to reduce congestion caused by construction and to improve the quality of the highway infrastructure," said Matthew Smith, vice president of sales and marketing for Smith-Midland.

The award is part of an annual recognition program sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of ACI. Judging is based primarily on the creative, innovative, aesthetic and imaginative use of concrete.

Smith accepted the award on behalf of Smith-Midland at an awards banquet May 11 in Tysons Corner.

Smith-Midland develops, manufactures and sells a broad array of precast concrete products for use primarily in the construction, transportation and utilities industries.