IAAP Industry Leadership Award to
Vulcan Materials Company’s Bartlett Underground

The goal of this award, now in its third year, is to recognize an IAAP Producer member mine site that has demonstrated leadership excellence within our mining industry. Leadership can be determined in large part by employee participation in IAAP activities and company/mine site recognition award and certificate programs as well as efforts to promote the image and wellbeing of the industry, company, mine site, and its employees.

Vulcan Materials mines in many communities in Illinois. Its employees actively serve on every IAAP member committee, chairing one committee now. Two years ago, the company was recognized with an Innovative Safety & Health Leadership award granted by the IAAP. That same year, this Vulcan stepped up with talent and resources to help host the MSHA Regional Stakeholders meeting with Joe Main and top MSHA officials. They volunteered countless hours towards outreach to area communities including introducing kids and their parents to mined products and rehabilitating nature through cooperative efforts with organizations and schools across Illinois. And they continue to contribute to industry outreach efforts by sponsoring teachers attending the IAAP’s Rocks, Minerals & Mining workshop and serving on the IAAP Board of Directors.

Bartlett Underground stands above the rest of the other eighteen operations in Illinois promoting the company’s image and the industry as a whole. This mine has been recognized with numerous IAAP awards including a Rock Solid Excellence in Safety award which is a testament to another major achievement: no lost time injuries in over 440,000 man-hours since 2011.

In an ongoing commitment to communities they serve, employees planted 500 trees to celebrate Earth Day at an event organized by the Kane County Forest Preserve. This mine, in partnership with another IAAP member company as well as State and local conservation groups, provides personnel, funding and technical assistance to restore and preserve the Bluff Spring Fen in Elgin, one of only a dozen fens left in Illinois.

And while the company gives support and resources, leadership comes from the actions of individuals. Now in the 29th year of his career, the plant manager, Kevin Huey holds high expectations for his employees by meeting weekly with technical services personnel to ensure consistent product delivered to satisfied customers. He creates innovative safety meetings using board games, toys, candy and the like keeping miners engaged in learning. He helped pilot the company’s “Industrial Athlete – Sprain & Strain Prevention Program” and staged a rigorous mock oil spill drill last December which was very true to life.

IAAP trusts you will agree Vulcan Material Company’s Bartlett Underground is an industry leader.