



### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

#### PAUL THOMPSON JUDGES IN 2014 ABC AWARDS

Paul Thompson, Principal of IEI Architects, was invited to be a judge in the Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC) Eastern PA Chapter's yearly *Awards of Excellence* program. As a construction industry expert, this is Paul's second year invited to serve as a judge.

The judging panel tours and reviews numerous local area jobsites made up of a variety of projects, from sidewalk striping, to a large mechanical installation, to historic restorations of significant local properties. Points are awarded based on criteria, including general appearance, adherence to quality standards, and success in overcoming difficult or unique circumstances.



The projects selected for review and judging must demonstrate high quality construction. For example, one subcontractor installing mechanical and plumbing systems in a high-rise county court house used a Trimble system for accurately laying out duct and pipe hangers and coordinating locations with general construction. The majority of the systems were pre-fabricated based on the Trimble accuracy, resulting in a higher quality and faster installation bringing a value-added approach to completing a complex building.

Another noteworthy example is a small crosswalk project that used a stamped asphalt technology that virtually eliminated traffic disruption during installation. This technology can be an effective alternate to traditional cross walk striping methods.

The results of the competition will be announced at an awards banquet to be held in Norristown in November. For more information on the program, visit: [www.abceastpa.org](http://www.abceastpa.org).

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