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**ELAM CONSTRUCTION and CDOT REGION 5 RECEIVE STATEWIDE
AWARD FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON US HIGHWAY 160**

Denver, Colo., (March 2010) – Elam Construction Inc. of Grand Junction and CDOT Region 5 have been awarded the 2009 "*Best in Colorado*" Asphalt Pavement Quality Award in the Smoothest Pavement Resurfacing Category. The award was in recognition for road improvements on US Highway 160, Shaw Creek to Del Norte in Rio Grande County.

Receiving the Award on behalf of Elam Construction was Tony Girodo-Highway Superintendent and Cody Dickson-Highway Paving Foreman. Receiving the award on behalf of CDOT Region 5 was Pat Murphy-CDOT Region 5 Materials Lab Manager and Cindy Stevens-Project Engineer (retired).

The project required approximately 14,700 tons of HMA and included a 1" leveling course and 2" overlay. This project, completed in 25 days, was identified by CDOT staff as the "smoothest project placed this year and one of the smoothest projects that they have ever had."

One interesting aspect of this project was that Elam Construction loader operator Phillip Johnston is the Elam Construction employee that testified in 2009 at the state Capital for road funding and stood behind Gov Ritter and next to a number of legislators on March 16 2009 at the signing of the SB 108 FASTER legislation.

The Colorado Asphalt Pavement "*Best in Colorado*" Quality Awards are presented annually to recognize the quality efforts of asphalt producers, contractors and agencies/owners in the State of

Colorado. Nominations are judged on overall quality and smoothness. The awards dinner was held in conjunction with the 37th Annual Rocky Mountain Asphalt Conference and Equipment Show at the Holiday Inn – DIA on February 24, 2010.

Project photos and photos of the award recipients are available upon request.

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