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STI/SPFA HONORS MEMBER STEEL PIPE MANUFACTURERS—

2012 STEEL PIPE FABRICATION AND PIPELINE PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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Lake Zurich, IL—The Steel Tank Institute/Steel Plate Fabricators Association (STI/SPFA) is proud to announce the winners of its steel fabrication product awards in the steel pipe category. Members of the Steel Pipe Section submitted entries in late 2012, and all Steel Pipe Section Fabricator Members then has the opportunity to vote. Criteria on the ballot include promotional value of the entry to the steel fabrication industry; uniqueness of the project; design and engineering; and esthetic value.

The winners were announced at the STI/SPFA Steel Pipe Section's meeting on January 18, 2013, in San Diego, in conjunction with the Steel Water Pipe Manufacturers' Technical Advisory Committee (SWPMTAC) Winter Meeting.

Mid-America Pipe Fabricating & Supply, LLC, Scammon KS, received the 2012 Steel Pipe Fabrication Award. The company supplied the steel pipe for Phase II of the Lewis & Clark Regional Water Transmission Plant near Vermillion, South Dakota, including piping for the filter gallery in the lower level of the main plant building. More than 2000 feet of 54", 48", 42", 36", 30", 24" and 16" pipe is packed into the 170 foot long gallery.

Mid-America also provided fabricated reducers, elbows, saddles, harnessed sleeve couplings, mechanical couplings and reducing elbows. Pipe was furnished with zinc-rich primer and cement mortar lining. In addition to the interior pipe, Mid-America also furnished 2535 feet of 72", 54" and 30" buried pipe that is polyurethane coated and cement mortar lined.

American SpiralWeld Pipe Company, LLC, Birmingham AL, was awarded the 2012 Steel Pipeline Project of the Year Award. American SpiralWeld provided pipe to the Salt Lake City Terminal Reservoir Project in Salt Lake City UT. The pipe was welded, belled, hydrostatically tested, cement mortar lined, and polyurethane coated at the company's facility. Seven-hundred tons of steel was used to form 5,200 feet of pipe of various diameters.

The pipe was then loaded on railcars in South Carolina and began its journey to Salt Lake City. After traveling more than 2,250 miles via rail, the pipe had to be trans-loaded via flat-bed trucks in Denver CO to travel over the Continental Divide and comply with clearance restrictions in Salt Lake City, adding another 540 miles of travel to reach the job site. The piping material was delivered to the job site defect-free and installed successfully.

STI/SPFA Steel Pipe Section fabricators build steel water pipe that meets or exceeds the requirements of AWWA and ASCE industry recommendations for water transmission. The welded steel pipe built by members is available in diameters up to 180 inches under internal and external pressure. STI/SPFA members are involved in standards development activities and have written several design manuals.

STI/SPFA is a trade association whose members are fabricators of steel construction products and their suppliers. Member companies produce steel storage tanks, field erected steel tanks, pressure vessels and heat exchangers, and piping and pipelines used in the petrochemical, power generation, food, drug, fuel, wastewater, and water transmission industries.

STI/SPFA is a primary source of steel fabrication industry education, providing two conferences and several seminars and webinars each year. Our website at www.steeltank.com offers archived seminars and webinars and specialized e-learning modules.

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