

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE

2008 OPAL Awards Gala

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ASCE's executive director, Patrick J. Natale, P.E., F.ASCE, opens the ceremonies at the April 30 Outstanding Projects and Leaders (OPAL) gala.



"I am proud to be able to represent ASCE and the civil engineering profession and those who call themselves civil engineers," says the Society's president, David G. Mongan, P.E. F.ASCE, in his introductory remarks.

More than 500 guests attended this year's OPAL awards gala, the ninth installment of this annual event, which was held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport





William H. Luyties III, P.E., M.ASCE, accepts his OPAL award for lifetime achievement in construction.



John M. Dionisio, P.E., M.ASCE, accepts his OPAL award for lifetime achievement in management.



Gerald A. Galloway, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRI, Hon.M.ASCE, accepts his OPAL award for lifetime achievement in government.



Ernest T. Smerdon, Ph.D., P.E., Hon.M.ASCE, accepts his OPAL award for lifetime achievement in education.



Clyde N. Baker, Jr., P.E., Hon.M.ASCE, accepts his OPAL award for lifetime achievement in design.



Carl A. Strock, P.E., M.ASCE, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant general and a former commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, accepts the 2008 Henry L. Michel Award for Industry Advancement of Research, which was bestowed by the Civil Engineering Forum for Innovation.



Accepting the Award of Merit for the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in the competition for the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Awards (OCEA award) are representatives of the Washington State Department of Transportation, Tacoma Narrows Constructors—a joint venture of Bechtel Infrastructure corporation, of San Francisco, and Kiewit Pacific Company, of Omaha, Nebraska—and Parsons/HNTB, a joint venture of Parsons Transportation Group and HNTB