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### **HIGHWAY MATERIALS GROUP LAUDS INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK 2014**

May 12, 2014, WASHINGTON - The Highway Materials Group commends the sponsors of Infrastructure Week 2014, May 12-16. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, Building America's Future, the U.S. Council on Competitiveness and the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution have organized a full week of strategically placed high-level events and briefings, national and targeted regional media coverage and other activities convening business and policy leaders to articulate the national, regional and local challenges in maintaining, updating and developing new infrastructure across the United States. Infrastructure Week 2014 is designed to help build momentum and urgency to attract the attention of key policymakers and the larger community by telling the story of business, labor, industry and citizens dedicated to improving America's global competitiveness through investment in infrastructure.

The Highway Materials Group includes the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the American Concrete Pavement Association, the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, the Portland Cement Association and the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute.

NSSGA President and CEO Mike Johnson said on behalf of these organizations, "All of us in the Materials Group are thrilled to be joined by such a diverse group of broader business interests, labor groups and individual citizens in calling attention to America's critical infrastructure needs and the rapidly approaching Highway Trust Fund fiscal cliff. It is good when those of us in the business of building infrastructure talk about these important issues and even better when others who rely on that infrastructure to do their jobs, grow their businesses and improve their quality of life talk about them, too."

The Highway Materials Group has been meeting with members of Congress during the past months to educate lawmakers regarding the needs of America's transportation infrastructure. All Materials Group members have activated their grassroots to focus congressional attention on funding the surface transportation system and developing a comprehensive vision that will improve America's infrastructure and move it into the 21st century. During Infrastructure Week,

the Highway Materials Group will be coordinating a “Call to Action” for all the associations’ memberships to send emails and make phone calls urging Congress to address the Highway Trust Fund crisis immediately.

“There is no time to spare. Congress must address the needs of America’s aging infrastructure, which is the foundation of the nation’s economy and interstate commerce, and supports well-paying American jobs and the way of life Americans enjoy,” Johnson said.

In this effort to build momentum for action, the Transportation Construction Coalition, composed of 29 transportation and labor organizations, has scheduled a June 10-11 Fly-In. The third Rally for Roads is being held June 11 in conjunction with the TCC-Fly-In. More information on these events is available at [www.transportationconstructioncoalition.org](http://www.transportationconstructioncoalition.org) and [www.rallyforroads.org](http://www.rallyforroads.org).

For more information on Infrastructure Week 2014, visit the website at:  
[www.infrastructureweek2014.com](http://www.infrastructureweek2014.com)