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ASA Presents Prestigious Outstanding Service Award To ASA-Midwest Council's Tom McDonnell

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Subcontractors Association (ASA) honored Tom McDonnell, president, George McDonnell & Sons, Inc., St. Louis, MO, with the Outstanding Service Award, at a March 5 ceremony held in conjunction with the ASA Business Forum and Convention 2010 in San Diego, CA.

Tom personally spearheaded several fundraisers for the Midwest Council and spent countless hours to make the fundraisers successful.

The first fundraiser Tom organized was one for the Humane Society. With the economy in a downturn, many pet owners had to surrender their pets to the Humane Society because they were unable to care for them financially. Missouri also has many puppy mills that are operated unlawfully and inhumanely. With Tom's direction, the chapter contributed more than \$1,700 to the cause.

The second fundraiser Tom organized was Cardinals baseball "Tickets For the Troops" while soldiers were on leave during the July 4th holiday. Tom had organized a very successful fundraiser for the USO the previous year and asked for individually-wrapped food items and cash donations for the USO station in Lambert St. Louis Airport, which also raised \$1,700. He asked all members to contribute Cardinals baseball tickets for the week of June 26 – July 2 so that the troops on leave could enjoy some fun with their families. Some members contributed season tickets, while some purchased tickets, food vouchers and parking. Tom personally collected many of the tickets and then hand-delivered them to the USO with a letter from the Midwest Council asking them to send a picture, if possible, while they were at the game to share with our members. Tom was able to collect 146 tickets worth \$9,100. Please visit our website at www.asamidwest.com and click on the "Charity" tab for further details.

A past president of the ASA-Midwest Council, McDonnell consistently volunteers his time and energy at the local level as well as national level. He is a forward-thinker and a very gracious member of the Midwest Council. Because of his efforts, he has made the Midwest Council a better and more charitable association. Tom is not one who wants attention or recognition; he gets joy from helping others.

Founded in 1966, ASA amplifies the voice of, and leads, trade contractors to improve the business environment for the construction industry and to serve as a steward for the community. ASA's vision is to be the united voice dedicated to improving the business environment in the construction industry. The ideals and beliefs of ASA are ethical and equitable business practices, quality construction, a safe and healthy work environment, and integrity and membership diversity.

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