



AI Field Engineer Mark Blow (right) shares the latest quality construction techniques with Elmendorf AFB personnel in Alaska.

NEW AI STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Alexander (Sandy) Brown is the new AI Canadian Field Engineer. A life-long resident of the Toronto area, Sandy's 30 years of asphalt experience includes extensive knowledge of pavement materials, asphalt mixes, road design, construction and evaluation. Sandy's office is located in Ontario. His position is shared with the Ontario Hot-Mix Producers Association.

The Institute welcomes **Jacqueline Goins** as AI's new Library Services and Resources Specialist. With extensive experience, as well as a degree in Library and Information Science, Jacqueline leads a variety of initiatives in the management and retrieval of AI resources.

Jonathon Oepping is AI's Division of Research and Laboratory Services' new Asphalt Materials Technician. He works in all aspects of the AI Laboratory with a focus on mix testing and analysis.

Becky Boston-Sharron is the new Communications Specialist in AI's Marketing Department. Becky works with AI's publications, seminars, promotional mailings and trade shows.

Barbara Day joins the AI staff as the new Asphalt Pavement Alliance Coordinator and Administrative Assistant in the Finance Department.

AI RESEARCH

AI and the University of Kentucky Transportation Center were recently awarded a federal research grant to study the relationship between good construction

practices and the long-term durability of asphalt pavements. "This will be an applied research study that will produce results that can be practically and directly used at all levels of the road transportation system," said AI President Pete Grass.

The Airfield Asphalt Pavement Technology Program, which is administered by Auburn University in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration, recently awarded the Asphalt Institute a research project to develop state-of-the-art guidelines for rubblization. The research team is composed of AI's Mark Buncher and Gary Fitts, along with consultants Roy McQueen and Tom Scullion.

WELCOME NEW AI MEMBERS

Asphalt Operating Services, LLC



Flint Hills Resources, LP



Lunday-Thagard Refining



Peoria River Terminal, Inc.



AI Field Engineer Bob Humer, AI Director of Research and Lab Services Mike Anderson, and Lab Technicians Mike Beavin and Shay Emmons recently conducted a training session for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in Sacramento on asphalt binder technology. Caltrans is implementing PG binder specifications and asked AI for training.

STATE ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS STAFF UPDATE

Longtime Plantmix Industry of Kentucky (PAIKY) Executive Director, **Dean Blake**, has accepted the position of Deputy Executive Director. **Brian Wood**, who has been PAIKY's Assistant Executive Director and Engineer for the last five years, is the new Executive Director.

Deanna Loveland is the new Executive Director of the Oklahoma Asphalt Pavement Association. She replaces Dr. Pat Jaynes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alabama Rubblization Workshop will be held December 5 – 6, 2005 in Montgomery, Ala. For more information, contact Mel Monk of the Alabama Asphalt Pavement Association at www.alasphalt.com or (334) 834-5314.

The National Pavement Expo 2006 will be held in Charlotte, NC, on February 15 – 18, 2006. For more information, visit www.nationalpavementexpo.com.

The second Asian bitumen conference, **Asian Bitumen 2006**, will be held in Singapore, February 23 – 24, 2006. For more information, visit www.cconnection.org/asianbitumenflyer.pdf.

The World of Asphalt 2006 Show and Conference will be March 13 – 16, 2006, in Orlando, Fla. For more information, visit www.worldofasphalt.com and see the ad on page 40.

PAVEMENT PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES

The AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways and the AASHTO Board of Directors has approved a three-year technical services program for pavement preservation. The program will be operated by the **National Center for Pavement Preservation** located at Michigan State University. An oversight group from the AASHTO Subcommittee on Maintenance will develop a specific work plan for the three-year effort.

Over the next two years, the **FHWA's Office of Asset Management** and their local Division Offices will offer state highway agencies the opportunity to have their pavement preservation program reviewed at no cost. The National Center for Pavement Preservation will conduct

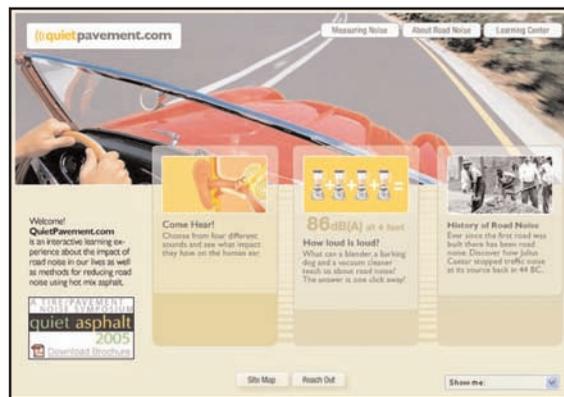
a program review and interviews with key personnel for each State Highway Agency that accepts FHWA's invitation. FHWA will then identify opportunities and make recommendations for improvements in the State's program. For more details on FHWA's involvement with pavement preservation, see the related article on page 18.

FOUNDATION FOR PAVEMENT PRESERVATION NEWS

The **Foundation for Pavement Preservation (FP²)** held their **first annual meeting** in Austin, Texas, on October 4, 2005. The meeting preceded the Associated General Contractors Trade and Equipment Show. The seminar had approximately 100 attendees who heard about the various methods used to extend pavement life.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the recognition of the City of Los Angeles for Excellence in Pavement Preservation. Nazario Saucedo, Assistant Director, and Bill Robertson, Director of LA's Department of Public Works, gave a presentation on their program.

The Foundation is committed to promoting pavement preservation activities and bringing together industry leaders and organizations to increase support and share technology. FP² invites TRB participants to their hospitality suite in January.



Quietpavement.com a Winner

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance web site *Quietpavement.com* continues to win major awards. In September, the site was named "Outstanding Web Site" by the Web Marketing Association, and in October, the Construction Writers Association gave the site an award for "Special Recognition for Website Interactivity." Earlier this year, *Quietpavement.com* was distinguished as "Webby Worthy" by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences in the 2005 Web Awards. ▲