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## **BOLT STAR® WINS PRESTIGIOUS EC&M PRODUCT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Sacramento, CA (March 23, 2014) – Construction Innovations LLC announced today that its BOLT STAR reusable bolt template is a category winner in the 2014 Product of the Year contest sponsored by EC&M magazine.

The EC&M Product of the Year competition was established in 2000 to honor excellence in new product development in the electrical industry. The prestigious awards program showcases the most innovative products that help electrical professionals do their jobs more efficiently and effectively. A record 200 entries received this year were reviewed and voted on by a panel of 16 judges selected by the EC&M editorial staff from the magazine's readership. The judges represented electrical professionals from the engineering, contracting and plant facilities/maintenance industries.

The innovative BOLT STAR tool is engineered to hold both the anchor bolts and electrical conduits needed to erect a light pole securely in place while supporting the rebar cage during the pour of a round concrete pole base. The structural bases are commonly specified for parking lot and outdoor area lighting, street lighting, security camera poles, street signs and flag poles.

BOLT STAR delivers many advantages over the conventional method of building pole bases, chief among them being the elimination of the labor intensive task of fabricating a "bolt template" out of wood for every pole base. The easy to install tool delivers a 57% more efficient

construction process that cuts set up time in half and ensures a consistent high quality base.

Other advantages of BOLT STAR: 1) gives crews the ability to trowel finish the entire top of the base immediately after the pour without removing the BOLT STAR template. This ensures that bolts are held securely in position while the concrete sets up, lowering the risk of costly rework due to bolts shifting out of alignment; 2) adjustable bolt slots giving contractors the flexibility to adjust to manufacturer's specification for a particular pole, in the field if necessary, and accommodating bolt sizes from 5/8" to 1" in diameter and up to 36" in length, and bolt circle patterns ranging from 7" to 14"; and 3) keeps the rebar cage centered in the concrete form.

"We are honored to be recognized as a Product of the Year category winner by the distinguished EC&M panel of judges. Our goal from the beginning was to eliminate a wasteful and inefficient construction process," says Ken Gregory, President of Construction Innovations. "When you consider saving 20-30 minutes on each pole base, reducing construction waste plus lowering the risk of bolts shifting out of alignment, it's no wonder that BOLT STAR is fast becoming the new industry standard for cast-in-place pole bases." BOLT STAR is made in the USA and is available in 18-inch and 24-inch sizes.

## **About Construction Innovations**

Construction Innovations LLC is dedicated to improving the construction industry through the creation of innovative products, tools, methods and services. Through its manufacturing division, Pole Position Tools, the company designs and manufactures tools for the construction of poles and pole bases. These tools are then distributed to contractors through a nationwide dealer network. The company also provides a complete line of specialized services to construction companies focused on increasing efficiency, including manufacturing and kitting services for electrical and low voltage systems, BIM coordination and construction layout services, and Lean manufacturing consulting services.

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