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BOLT STAR® NAMED "BEST REUSABLE BOLT TEMPLATE" IN THE USA

Sacramento, CA (October 15, 2015) – Construction Innovations LLC announced today that its BOLT STAR reusable bolt template product was recognized as a winner in the 2015 Construction & Engineering Awards and named "Best Reusable Bolt Template" in the USA.

The 2015 Construction & Engineering Awards is an annual awards program of BUILD magazine, the go-to resource read around the world by 370,000 construction industry professionals, from CEOs to independent contractors, senior architects to materials and equipment suppliers. The awards program is designed to give recognition to the people behind the scenes of innovative products, the "unsung heroes," from managers to subcontractors, supply chain professionals to finance experts. The research was carried out by a team of 8 highly experienced industry professionals who reviewed some of the most innovative and successful products all over the world during the past 12 months, with the decision making process handled by BUILD's dedicated in-house judging panel. The teams worked closely to ensure that only the most deserving firms, departments and individuals were recognized.

BOLT STAR is an innovative tool designed to replace the somewhat antiquated method of constructing light pole bases, involving building wood "templates" to hold anchor bolts in place during the cast-in-place concrete pour of pole bases. These round structural bases are commonly specified for parking lot and outdoor area lighting, street lighting, tennis courts, signs, flag poles and security camera poles. Wood templates often end up in landfills as construction waste after a

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concrete pour, whereas, BOLT STAR is reusable a dozen times or more when properly cared for. Furthermore, BOLT STAR sits on the forming tube rim without supporting 2x4's studs, and eliminates the measuring, cutting and drilling of holes in fabricating each wood template.

Other advantages of BOLT STAR over wood templates include: 1) arched arms in the tool's patented design gives work crews the ability to trowel finish the entire top of the base immediately after the pour without removing the 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 for bolt circle patterns ranging from 7" to 14"gives contractors the flexibility to adjust to a manufacturer's specification for a particular pole, in the field if necessary; and 3) cage tie slots help keep the rebar cage centered in the concrete form, a benefit when it comes to passing inspections.

"Kudos to our entire design team for developing a tool that improves efficiency and eliminates the pain in the construction of light pole bases and round column forms," says Ken Gregory, President of Construction Innovations. "When you consider saving 20-30 minutes on each pole base, lowering the risk of bolts shifting out of alignment, and the reusability factor, it's no wonder contractors are abandoning wood templates for BOLT STAR." BOLT STAR is made in the USA and is available in 18-inch and 24-inch sizes. Versions to fit larger 30-inch and 36-inch diameter bases common in roadway lighting and traffic signals are currently under development.

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, the company designs and manufactures tools for the construction of poles and pole bases. These tools are then distributed to contractors through Graybar, HD Supply/White Cap, and a nationwide network of independent distributors. 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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