

COMPOSITE ADVANTAGE FRP DROP-IN-PLACE BRIDGE PRODUCT RECEIVES AWARD

DAYTON, Ohio - (February 20, 2009) – Composite Advantage LLC (CA) has received The Infinite Possibility Award for its drop-in-place prefabricated Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) composite bridge product.

The award is given to composite products demonstrating the potential to significantly increase the use of composites in existing or developing markets. The Infinite Possibility category is part of the Awards for Excellence (ACE) presented each



year at COMPOSITES+POLYCON, the American Composites Manufacturers Association's (ACMA) annual conference and trade show and is the composites industry's premier product award competition.

CA's product is the first integrated drop-in-place FRP bridge system. Unlike conventional FRP decks on steel or concrete beams, this bridge superstructure consists of prefabricated panels with integrally molded beams and deck, using a proprietary infusion process. This system eliminates the connection joints between deck and beams, reducing potential structural problems. Because the system prefabricates more bridge components into one piece, cost premiums for composites are reduced. Road closure times and detour costs are reduced since the system can be delivered and placed more quickly. The system may be used for vehicular, pedestrian or portable bridges.

The drop-in-place bridge product is also finding its way into less traditional markets like the mining and forestry industries. Built to support heavy equipment needing access to remote areas, CA's drop-in-place bridge system can be easily and quickly moved to different locations.

The ACE Awards were sponsored this year by AOC and Composites One. Hosted by ACMA, the ACE Awards recognize technology achievement, salute excellence in

composites manufacturing, and advancements in product development.

CA is a leading manufacturer of very large fiber reinforced composite parts, up to 52 feet, for structurally demanding applications and corrosive environments. Composite Advantage has developed ground-breaking processing techniques and combined them with efficient manufacturing processes to give customers products that solve technical challenges. The advanced materials company primarily serves the infrastructure and construction industries, fabricating large, complex parts that incorporate the finishing and assembly details customers need to reduce installation costs. Composite Advantage products range from vehicle and pedestrian bridges and bridge decks, large structural walls, roofs and panels, to high performance pads and mats.

For more information about Composite Advantage visit: www.compositeadvantage.com